

KICK-OFF CELEBRATION

Saturday, January 28, 1 - 4 p.m.

Mattatuck Museum, 144 West Main Street

(203) 753-0381, x130 mattatuckmuseum.org

The museum and Granville Academy team up to present music, dance, poetry, and inspirational speeches.

CALLING ALL POETS (...AND POETRY LOVERS)

Wednesday, February 1, 6:30 p.m.

Silas Bronson Library, 267 Grand Street

(203) 574-8225 bronsonlibrary.org

Carl Dean, Jr. will read from his poetry accompanied by his djembe, an African drum.

IMAGES OF AMERICA: AMERICA'S DISTORTED IMAGES

Thursday, February 2, 6 - 7:30 p.m.

Silas Bronson Library, 267 Grand Street

(203) 574-8225 bronsonlibrary.org

Jeffrey Fletcher presents his African American collection of artifacts from the eras of slavery and segregation.

SISTERS TO SISTERS BOOK CLUB

Monday, February 6, 6 p.m.

Silas Bronson Library, 267 Grand Street

(203) 574-8225 bronsonlibrary.org

Discussion of *Underground Railroad* by Colson Whitehead. All are welcome to attend.

WOW/NRZ YOUTH COUNCIL 14TH ANNUAL

BLACK HISTORY CELEBRATION

Tuesday, February 7, 6 p.m. *Snow date: February 13*

WOW/NRZ Community Learning Center, 308 Walnut St.

(203) 591-1900

Guest speaker Jahana Hayes, honoree Desiree Parker.

KAY WYRICK LIBRARY DEDICATION CEREMONY

Thursday, February 9, 6 p.m.

Waterbury Career Academy High School, 175 Birch Street

(203) 574-6000

Dedication of the Career Academy's library in honor of Kay Wyrick; Board of Education meeting starts at 5:30.

WATERBURY CELEBRATES

BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2017

MUSIC FROM MOTOWN TO BROADWAY

Saturday, February 11, 1 p.m. *Snow date: February 25*

Silas Bronson Library, 267 Grand Street

(203) 574-8225 bronsonlibrary.org

Featuring local performer Moses Beckett & Friends.

BLACK MAYOR FOR THE DAY CEREMONY

Wednesday, February 15, 10 a.m. *Snow Date: February 22*

City Hall, 235 Grand Street

(203) 574-6712

Ceremony honoring Desiree Parker at City Hall.

LEST WE FORGET: MUSEUM OF SLAVERY TRAVELING EXHIBIT

Wednesday, February 15, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Naugatuck Valley Community College, 750 Chase Parkway

(203) 575-8040 nv.edu

Hosted by the Black Student Union. Includes two screenings of a documentary film followed by Q&A at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. at the Mainstage Auditorium.

A CELEBRATION OF THE AFRICAN DIASPORA

Wednesday, February 15, 12:15 p.m.

Crosby High School Auditorium

(203) 574-8061

This program is for Crosby students, staff, and families.

BLACK MAYOR FOR THE DAY RECEPTION

Wednesday, February 15, 6 p.m. *Snow Date: February 22*

Goodwill Elks Lodge, 238 North Elm Street

(203) 574-9694

Reception for Desiree Parker, Black Mayor for the Day.

All Month Long: Kay Wyrick / P.R.I.D.E. Cultural Center Exhibit

Silas Bronson Library Front Lobby, 267 Grand Street

BLACK STUDENT UNION FASHION / TALENT SHOW

Friday, February 24, 6:30 p.m.

Naugatuck Valley Community College, 750 Chase Parkway

(203) 575-8040 nv.edu

At the Mainstage Auditorium.

SATURDAY MATINEE: FREEDOM RIDERS

Saturday, February 25, 12 p.m.

Silas Bronson Library, 267 Grand Street

(203) 574-8225 bronsonlibrary.org

A screening of the two-hour documentary, *Freedom Riders: 1961 and the Struggle for Racial Justice*, followed by an open discussion.

ICONIC DELTAS IN LITERATURE, POETRY, & SONG

Saturday, February 25, 1 - 5 p.m.

Mattatuck Museum, 144 West Main Street

(203) 753-0381, x130 mattatuckmuseum.org

Historical information about iconic women who are also members of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

Admission: Bring women's personal items (soap, lotion, mouth wash, toothpaste, etc.) to benefit residents of Safe Haven of Greater Waterbury, Inc.

SECOND ANNUAL BLACK EXCELLENCE BALL

Saturday, February 25, 8:30 p.m.

Post University Leever Center, 800 Country Club Road

(347) 600-3204 blackexcellenceball2017.eventbrite.com

Post University Black Student Union; highlights past and future leaders in our community; keynote speech, live band, fashion show, spoken word, dancing, catered food, & more!

General Ticket Price: \$45

NAME THAT (OLD SCHOOL) TUNE

Tuesday, February 28, 3 p.m.

Silas Bronson Library, 267 Grand Street

(203) 574-8206 bronsonlibrary.org

Finish up Black History Month with your knowledge of music from the 1960s, 1970s, 1980s, and 1990s. For teens and young adults.

WATERBURY PIONEERS: CHESHIRE COUNTRY CLUB

Thursday, February 16, 6 p.m.

Silas Bronson Library, 267 Grand Street

(203) 574-8225 bronsonlibrary.org

Learn the hidden history of the country's first African American country club, founded by Waterbury residents in 1917.

LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD

Saturday, February 18, 3 p.m.

Silas Bronson Library Children's Room, 267 Grand Street

(203) 574-8225 bronsonlibrary.org

A day for youths to have their voices heard through spoken word, songs, and other art forms.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH JEOPARDY & GAME NIGHT

Tuesday, February 21, 7 p.m.

Post University Library Boardroom, 800 Country Club Road

(800) 660-6615 post.edu

THE LIFE OF ASA PHILIP RANDOLPH

Wednesday, February 22, 6 p.m.

Silas Bronson Library, 267 Grand Street

(203) 574-8225

Robert Wright will discuss the life of this influential leader in the Civil Rights and Labor movements.

BLACK HISTORY'S GREAT MINDS: YOUTH SOCIAL CHANGE

Wednesday, February 22, 6 p.m.

Walsh School, 55 Dikeman Street

(203) 419-8397 Contact: Erika Cooper, NHS of Waterbury

CARIBBEAN ZUMBA

Wednesday, February 22, 7 p.m.

Post University Eagles Nest, 800 Country Club Road

(800) 660-6615 post.edu

Located in the lower level of the Leever Student Center.

FEBRUARY 2017

WATERBURY CELEBRATES BLACK HISTORY MONTH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
Saturday, January 28, 1 - 4 p.m. KICK-OFF CELEBRATION			6:30 p.m. CALLING ALL POETS (...and poetry lovers)	6 p.m. IMAGES OF AMERICA		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	6 p.m. SISTERS TO SISTERS BOOK CLUB	6 p.m. WOW/NRZ YOUTH COUNCIL CELEBRATION		6 p.m. KAY WYRICK LIBRARY DEDICATION		1 p.m. MUSIC FROM MOTOWN TO BROADWAY
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
			10 a.m. MAYOR FOR THE DAY <hr/> 10 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. LEST WE FORGET <hr/> 12:15 p.m. AFRICAN DIASPORA <hr/> 6 p.m. GOODWILL RECEPTION	6 p.m. WATERBURY PIONEERS		3 p.m. LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
		7 p.m. JEOPARDY & GAME NIGHT	6 p.m. THE LIFE OF A. PHILIP RANDOLPH <hr/> 6 p.m. GREAT MINDS <hr/> 7 p.m. CARIBBEAN ZUMBA		6:30 p.m. FASHION / TALENT SHOW	12 p.m. <i>FREEDOM RIDERS</i> <hr/> 1 p.m. ICONIC DELTAS <hr/> 8:30 p.m. BLACK EXCELLENCE BALL
26	27	28	All Month Long: Kay Wyrick / P.R.I.D.E. Cultural Center Exhibit Silas Bronson Library Front Lobby			
		3 p.m. NAME THAT (OLD SCHOOL) TUNE				

WATERBURY CELEBRATES BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2017

Please join us for a city-wide, month-long celebration of Black History Month.

Participating Groups and Organizations

African American Mayor for the Day Committee

City of Waterbury Mayor's Office

Crosby High School

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority

Granville Academy

Mattatuck Museum

Naugatuck Valley Community College Black Student Union

Post University Black Student Union

Silas Bronson Library

Waterbury Career Academy High School

Waterbury Observer

Waterbury Ole Skool Committee

Waterbury Police Explorers

WOW/NRZ Community Learning Center

WOW/NRZ Youth Council