

City of Cleveland
Black History Month Planning Committee
Presents

EMPOWERING A PEOPLE: AFRICAN AMERICANS AND THE RIGHT TO VOTE

Nana Dr. Okatakyi Amanfi VII, (Front, Right);
Nana Obokese Ampah I, (Left, Back).

CITY OF CLEVELAND
Mayor Frank G. Jackson

Dr. William H. Myers

2020 Black History Month Calendar of Events

Sat., February 1st

ANNUAL FLAG-RAISING CEREMONY

Assembly 11:30 A.M.

Front Steps of Cleveland City Hall

601 Lakeside Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44114

Celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Red, Black & Green flag. Sponsoring groups include The Underground Railroad, U.N.I.A., RNA (Republic of New Africa), African American Cultural Gardens, and a host of community organizations. (Free, Open to Public)

Mon., February 3rd

OPENING CEREMONY LUNCHEON

"Empowering A People: African Americans and the Right to Vote"

12 Noon, City Hall Rotunda

Honoring Nana Dr. Okatakyi Amanfi VII, Paramount Chief Asebu Traditional Area and Nana Obokese Ampah I, Chief Apagyahen of Asebu Traditional Area. Representing Ghana, West Africa. (Invitation Only)

Mon., February 3rd

PANEL DISCUSSION - "Remembering the Past, Celebrating the Future & Reconnecting with the Motherland"

6 P.M. - 8 P.M., Karamu House,
2355 E. 89th St., Cleveland, OH 44106.

Panelists include Dr. Okatakyi Amanfi VII, Paramount Chief Asebu Traditional Area; Dr. David Whitaker; Cleveland Poet and activist Honey Bell Bey; Cleveland Photographer & Poet, Vince Robinson; and Cleveland Hairstylist & Author Ladoshia Wright. Focus, doing business in Ghana; Ghana as a vacation destination; continuing the year of the return.

(Free, Open to Public)

Wed., February 5th

FIRESIDE CHAT - "The Importance of Local Elections in the Black Community"

12 Noon - 1:30 P.M., City Hall Rotunda

Panelists include Jennifer Lumpkin, Cleveland Votes; Khalida Sims, Cuyahoga County Public Defender's Office; Kayla Griffin, Esq., NAACP Cleveland; Donte Gibbs, Donte's Gift Express; and Brian Bruce, B&B Class, LLC.

(Open to Public)

Thur., February 6th

CITY OF CLEVELAND BLOOD DRIVE

8:30 A.M. - 2:30 P.M., City Hall Rotunda

Held in conjunction with Black History Month to bring attention to the importance of developing a diverse pool of donations. Representatives from LifeBanc and Kincaid's Kindred Spirits will be on-hand to educate about organ donation and SickCell. To make an appointment use sponsor code "clevcityhall" or call 1-800-RED-CROSS.

(Free, Open to Public)

Tues., February 11th

FILM SCREENING - TOXIC: A Black Woman's Story, Racism, Toxic Stress, Birth Outcomes.

12 Noon Film Screening

12:30 P.M. - 1 P.M. Panel and Film

Discussion, City Hall Rotunda

Presented by First Year Cleveland's Pregnancy and Infant Loss (Pail) Initiative in partnership with The Healthy Neighborhoods Committee of Healthy Cleveland. (Free, Open to Public)

Wed., February 12th

SHOWCASE - "Remembering the Dream"

12 Noon - 1:30 P.M., City Hall Rotunda

Featuring performances by Joe Billups and Dion Barksdale. (Free, Open to Public)

Tues., February 18th

PANEL DISCUSSION - "The Media's Role in Elections"

12 Noon - 1:30 P.M., City Hall Rotunda

Honoring the Greater Cleveland Association of National Black Journalists & Harry Boomer. Invited panelists include Kevin "Chill" Heard, Rhonda Crowder, Russ Mitchell, Gregory Lockhart, Leon Bibb, Sandra Bishop, and Nate Paige.

(Free, Open to Public)

Thur., February 20th

PASTOR'S BREAKFAST

10 A.M. - 12 Noon, Cornucopia Place,
7201 Kinsman Ave., Cleveland, OH 44104

Honoring Rev. Dr. R.E. Hedgeman, Senior Pastor, Bethany Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

(Invitation Only)

Thur., February 20th

GO RED FOR WOMEN

11 A.M. - 2 P.M., City Hall Rotunda

Heart health information, vendors, health screenings, and Guest Speakers. For more information, contact Sandy Wood at 216.857.7474. (Free, Open to Public)

Sun., February 23rd

SALUTE TO GOSPEL MUSIC

5 P.M. - 7 P.M., The Word Church,
5900 Kinsman Rd., Cleveland, OH 44104

Honoring Jerome "Jae the Gospel Kid" Williams. (Free, Open to Public)

Mon-Thur., February 24th - 27th

ART EXHIBIT

Continuous, During Business Hours,
City Hall Rotunda

Featuring the work of Cleveland Visual Artist Curtis Avant. (Free, Open to Public)

Tues., February 25th

A SALUTE TO ENTERTAINMENT

12:15 P.M. - 1:15 P.M., CITY HALL
ROTUNDA

Theater Production, Central's Lyrics, written & directed by Cornell Calhoun III. Introducing Aliyahna Nicole Small as Lyric, Dedicated to playwright Dominique Morisseau (Ain't too Proud - The Life and Times of the Temptations). Honoring Karamu Interim Technical Director/Actor Prophet D. Seay. (Free, Open to Public)

Fri., February 28th

BLACK HISTORY MONTH CROWNING EVENT

12 Noon - 2 P.M., City Hall Rotunda

Honoring Dr. William H. Myers, recently retired Director of Black Church Studies Program at Ashland Theological Seminary, and pastor at New Mount Zion Baptist Church.

(Invitation Only)

