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UPCOMING EVENTS

PROJECT REENTRY ROUNDTABLE

June 30, 2019

2:00P.M. - 4:00P.M.

State Appellate Defender Office

645 Griswold St. Suite 3300

Detroit, MI 48226

Join us for a discussion based workshop on success and what success means to you. The roundtable will be led by Corey Bibbs and Demetrius Knuckles. Attendees will have the opportunity to share stories of success and failure, and seek or give advice to other community members.

FREE | Refreshments provided

JUNETEENTH SOULFUL MIXER

Sunday, June 16, 2019

4:00 PM - 10:00 PM

The Sweet Soul Bistro

13741 W. McNichols RD

Detroit, MI 48235

The Juneteenth Soulful Mixer is a free event offering professional networking opportunities, shopping, food, give-a-ways and much more! Come celebrate Black Independence Day with the Best Diverse Businesses in the metropolitan area.

FRIENDS OF ROYAL OAK TOWNSHIP

CELEBRATE JUNETEENTH

Saturday, June 22, 2019

1:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Royal Oak Charter Township Recreation Center

21272 Mendota St.

Ferndale, MI 48220

Come for a Juneteenth celebration put on by the Friends of Royal Oak Township, in partnership with Greater Detroit Association of Black Social Workers. Experience music, drum and dance, keynote speakers, health and wellness events, and refreshments. Email info@forot.org for more information.

NATION OUTSIDE: FLINT CHAPTER

MEET AND GREET

June, 26, 2019

6:00pm

Employment, expungements, empowerment, and community engagement

Questions? Call: 810-969-0449 or 810-201-4799

CELEBRATE JUNETEENTH: THE REAL DAY OF INDEPENDENCE

BY TAYLOR BONNER

Independence day celebrations began in 1776 and are often equated with independence and freedom from the British. This sense of freedom is commonly commemorated with fireworks, backyard barbecues, trips to the beach, and various displays of the American flag. What most people fail to realize is that black slaves were excluded from this sense of freedom. Even after President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation became official and supposedly ended slavery in January 1, 1863; it was not until June 19th, 1865 when Union soldiers led by Major General Gordon Granger, landed at Galveston, Texas with the news that the war had ended and all slaves were now free. The two and a half year delay was due to slave owners wanting to reap the benefits of one last cotton harvest before going to Texas to free the slaves.

This newfound status for black people in America was cause for celebration. In the 1870s a group of former slaves pooled together \$800 through local churches to purchase ten acres of land to create Emancipation Park where celebrations would be hosted in modern-day Houston. The celebration of June 19th was coined "Juneteenth" and grew with more participation from descendants. The celebration is a time for reassuring each other, praying, and spending time with family members. Traditional Juneteenth activities include: attending rodeos, fishing, barbecuing, drinking strawberry soda, baseball games, prayer services, pilgrimages to Galveston, Texas and focusing on education and improvement for the black community. In 1980 "Emancipation Day in Texas" became a legal state holiday in recognition of Juneteenth. However state offices do not completely close, as it is considered a "partial staffing holiday." Elsewhere, the holiday is also referred to as Emancipation Day, Freedom Day, and Black Independence Day.

Many can argue that given the current political and criminal-legal climate, America is not truly free and never has been. But those black lives who experienced their first taste of freedom by leaving that Texas plantation in 1865 are still worth celebrating. So this year, consider adding Juneteenth to your holiday calendar!

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

ASK A TECH!

Monday, June 17, 2019
10:30AM
Douglass Branch Library for Specialized Services
Douglass Technology Center - Detroit Public Library
3666 Grand River Avenue
Detroit, MI 48208
Receive individualized technology assistance on our public computer or your own device. Learn how to use a mouse, practice your typing/keyboarding skills, get assistance applying for jobs or assistance, create a resume, search the internet, send emails, or use MS Word.

WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND? MOCK INTERVIEWING WORKSHOP

Friday, June 21 and Friday, July 19, 2019
9:00AM
Michigan Works! Clinton Township
43630 Hayes Road
Clinton Township, MI 48038
Enter your next interview with the charisma and confidence needed to help you land your next job. Join us for this interactive workshop and get the real-life, practical experience you need to succeed in every type of job interview.

WDSG STAFFING JOB FAIR

Tuesday, June 25, 2019
12:30PM – 3:00PM
Michigan Works! Wayne Service Center
35731 W. Michigan Avenue
Wayne, MI 48184
(734) 796 – 6872
DSG Staffing are hiring for Production Associates in Highland Park and Warehouse Workers in Belleville! Interested applicants can apply in person! Questions? Call us and ask for Juan.

DETROIT GET HIRED JOB FAIR

Friday, June 28, 2019
11:00AM – 6:00PM
MGM Grand Detroit, Grand Ballroom
1777 Third Street
Detroit, MI 48226
(248) 353 – 0735
The Detroit Get Hired job fair offers Detroit residents hundreds of entry-level jobs – some with no experience necessary. 40 companies will be hiring at the job fair including DTE Energy and MGM Grand Detroit. Well-paying, good jobs will be available and most jobs will be in Detroit. Companies will be hiring for full and part-time positions, as well as internships and apprenticeships. Job seekers must be at least 18 years old and have a high school diploma or GED. Many positions are background-friendly. Supporting services will be available on the day of the hiring fair. These organizations can connect you with the services and support you need to succeed in the workforce. There is no cost to attend the hiring fair, and parking is free.
(For free parking, please park in MGM Grand's self-parking structure on Third Street.)
Register in advance online or call The Engineering Society of Detroit to register by phone.

WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND? CAREER EXPLORATION WORKSHOP

Friday, July 12, 2019
9:00AM
Michigan Works! Clinton Township
43630 Hayes Road
Clinton Township, MI 48038
The path to personal and professional career satisfaction isn't as frightening as it seems. Whether you're preparing to enter the workforce for the first time or want to get a fresh start, we're here to help. After matching your interest to a career that makes sense for you, we will help you to create a clear outline for success that's both comprehensive and easy to follow.

**FOR ASSISTANCE APPLYING TO JOBS OR TO BE CONNECTED TO EVENTS AND RESOURCES IN YOUR AREA,
PLEASE REACH OUT TO PROJECT REENTRY.**

CITIZEN SPOTLIGHT

MICHAEL MCCRACKEN

CAME HOME APRIL 2019

HOMETOWN

Roseville, Michigan

HOBBIES AND INTERESTS

Fixing everything I can around the house and putting up bird houses for my mom for Mothers Day gifts

SUCCESS AFTER INCARCERATION

My successes have been learning how to use a smart phone and putting my skills learned on the inside to good use, like being resourceful by making little metal hooks on a piece of wood instead of going out and buying a bag of hooks.

STRUGGLES AFTER INCARCERATION

My struggles since release are not being able to meet people.



MESSAGE TO THE COMMUNITY

Be kind to people, respect people, and always share the life lessons hard earned with others. And LISTEN TO PEOPLE.

JUSTLEADERSHIPUSA EMERGING LEADERS TRAINING

June 20th, 2019

8:00AM-4:00PM

Wayne State University

495 Gilmour Mall

2nd Floor, Room F

Detroit, MI 48202

REGISTER BY JUNE 29TH

LINK TO REGISTER → bit.ly/el-2019

Attend this Leadership Training intended for those directly impacted by the Criminal Justice System. Content includes workshops on leadership, communication, professional relationships, interviewing and employment.

**SAVE
THE
DATE**

Bullying In America

By: Jerome Walker
Inside Since 1998



Did you know that 28% of U.S. students in grades 6-12 experienced bullying (1)? Also as many as 20% of U.S. students in grades 9-12 experienced bullying (1). Research shows that 49% of children grades 4-12 reported being bullied by other students at school at least once in recent months; whereas 30.8% reported bullying others at this time (2). Most bullying takes place on school premises or on school buses. Bullying also takes place wherever children are gathering in the community (2).

Our children experience many types of bullying at school. Bullying includes name calling, teasing, spreading rumors and/or telling lies, pushing or shoving, hitting, slapping, or kicking, being left out, being threatened, being stolen from, and unwanted sexual comments or gestures (2).

What is more alarming is the negative effect being bullied has on our children's emotional development. According to studies by Yale University, bullying victims are 2 to 9 times more likely to consider suicide than non-victims (3).

For every suicide amongst young people, there are at least 100 suicide attempts. Over 14% of high school students have considered suicide, and almost 7% have attempted (3). Suicide is the third leading cause of death among young people; resulting in about 4,400 deaths per year, according to the CDC (3). A study in Britain found at least half of suicides among young people are related to bullying. 10-14 year old girls may be at an even higher risk for suicide according to the above study (3). Bully-related suicide can be connected to any type of bullying, including, physical, emotional, and cyber bullying. According to statistics by ABC news, nearly 30% of students are either bullies or victims of bullying, and 160,000 students stay home from school everyday because of fear of being bullied (3) .

1. tylerclementi.org/bullying-stats
2. stopbullying.gov
3. theorganicagency.com/blog/life-death-consequences-cyber-bullying/

READ/WATCH/LISTEN BY ELIZABETH NESBITT



THE OTHER WES MOORE BY WES MOORE

The Other Wes Moore is an example of how environment plays a major role in a person's development over their lifetime. It is the true story of two men named Wes Moore who grew up in the same city at the same time, but had very different life experiences. The author uses the story to illustrate how privilege and oppression work together to change people's lives beyond their control.



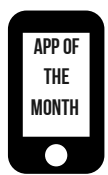
KNOCK DOWN THE HOUSE

This documentary follows four women running for Congress as progressive Democrats. It highlights how identity impacts who is awarded political office. Each woman details how they came to run for office and what it would mean for their community to have representation.

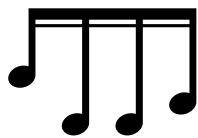


RUNNING FROM COPS

David Taberski, a former reality TV producer, gives the insider perspective on the ways that the popular TV shows Cops and LivePD take advantage of low-income people and people of color for the sake of entertainment. Taberski discusses the unprecedented access these shows are given to law enforcement, as well as how those featured are affected.



SPOTIFY



Spotify is a music streaming app that you can download for free on a smartphone or access from a computer. You can listen for free if you don't mind a few ads, but there are paid memberships available if you'd rather skip them.

On a smartphone: Go to your app store and download Spotify. Click "Sign Up Free." You'll be prompted to enter an email and then create your profile.

On a computer: Type "open.spotify.com" into your web browser address bar and click "Sign Up Free," then create your profile.

You can search artists that you already know or use features like customized playlists and the "Discover" tab to find new music to enjoy. Spotify also has podcasts and poetry available.



COOKIE BARS

BY: JEROME WALKER

INGREDIENTS

18oz (about 2 cups). of creamy peanut butter
1 cup granulated sugar
3/4 cup non-dairy creamer
1/2 cup of crushed salted peanuts
1 cup Swiss Miss hot cocoa mix
3 packs of 14oz Duplex cookies

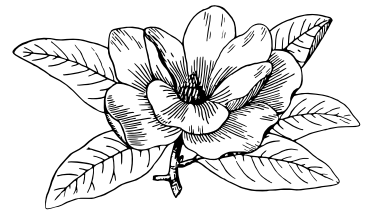
DIRECTIONS

1. Spray a 3x3 inch pan with non-stick spray or line with parchment paper.
2. Take the cream out of the center of each cookie and set aside.
3. Crush cookies up in large mixing bowl and add peanuts. Mix well and set aside.
4. Add 3/4 cup sugar, 1/2 cup of non-dairy creamer, and 3/4 cup of Swiss Miss to 1.6 quart mixing bowl or large plastic bag and mix well.
5. Add a 1/2 cup of water to the mix, or use top of peanut butter jar to measure two top-fulls of water.
6. Stir until mix looks gritty. Add more water if needed.
7. Place mixture into microwave and heat until it rises to the top of the bowl 3 times.
8. Add a spoon full of peanut butter to the mix and microwave for 30-35 seconds.
9. Spread mixture onto greased or lined 3x3 pan. Spread evenly and let harden.
10. Spread remaining peanut butter on hardened chocolate.
11. Place cream from cookies into a bowl with the remaining sugar and non-dairy creamer. Add two spoon fulls of water and heat in microwave until mixture becomes liquid.
12. Spread mixture over peanut butter layer.
13. Add 1/2 cup water to remaining Swiss Miss mix and heat in microwave for 1 minute. Pour over crumbled cookies and mix.
14. Spread cookie mixture evenly on top of peanut butter layer.
15. Cover with parchment paper and flatten until even.
16. Let sit for 45 minutes to an hour.
17. Flip cookie onto wax paper, cut into bars, and enjoy.

Reentry Poetry

by Robert Hogans

Inside Since 1990



This is your moment and right now is your time
To embrace your freedoms and use your mind
As you reenter society you've got to always realize
Never mind the distractions and keep your eyes on the prize

Take responsibility for you while being sure to own your space
No longer blaming it on others, race or a face in that place
You know the place, the one that had you in a cell
Some call it the "joint" but most just call it hell

Don't get frustrated while looking for a job or a place to stay
Welcome the challenge of making it happen each and everyday
Never forget to examine and weigh each and every decision
Whatever you do stay out there and never return to prison

Don't be afraid to ask for help if things get hard to bear
When you reach out have the faith that someone is always there
You have the strength so dig down deep and find it within
Remember you're no longer a convict so think like a citizen



SAVE THE DATE

Silent Auction for Redeeming Kimberly.
All proceeds will go towards people
coming home from prison.

June 22nd
1pm-4pm
Church of Messiah
231 E. Grand Blvd.
Detroit, MI 48207



HOW TO CONTRIBUTE



If you would like to donate a gift to
the silent auction in support of
Redeeming Kimberly or know of an
organization that would, please
contact Project Reentry at 313-256-
9833 or Kim at 313-957-1410.

THANK YOU



Thank you, Karlos Harris and Detroit School for Digital Technology team for presenting at last month's workshop and to everyone who came out to fellowship! And a special thanks to Super Greenland Market for donating a beautiful fruit tray. If interested in facilitating a workshop or donating refreshments, please contact Marilena David-Martin at mdavid@sado.org

WORK AT THE NEW FIAT CHRYSLER ASSEMBLY (FCA) PLANT

When FCA opens the application process, Detroit at Work will be where residents can find the latest information on the FCA job application process, with a four-week window available for Detroiters to apply early. Applicants must live in the City of Detroit and meet FCA job criteria to apply during this time. The application process for hiring at the FCA plant is expected to begin in late summer or early fall. In June, Detroit at Work will start holding a series of FCA information sessions across the city to help Detroit residents make sure they meet all the minimum qualification to be hired at the plant. Residents that may not meet all minimum qualifications will be offered assistance through Detroit at Work to help them become eligible by the time the early application window for Detroiters begins.

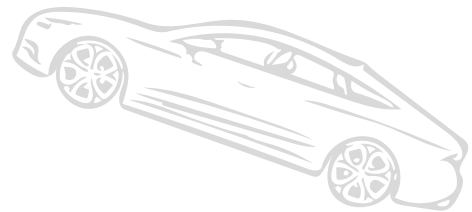
Today, Detroit residents can fill out an interest form at www.detroitatwork.com that will alert them via text when the pre-registration process officially begins.

In order for Detroiters to get on the FCA priority application list, residents must:

1. Pre-register at detroitatwork.com
2. Attend one of the information sessions, expected to begin in June
3. Meet the minimum FCA hiring requirements, available at detroitatwork.com

Information and support services are available at the city's three current Detroit at Work Career Centers:

- Samaritan Center, 5555 Conner
- SER Metro, 9301 Michigan Avenue
- Northwest Activities Center, 18100 Meyers



11TH ANNUAL SILENCE THE VIOLENCE MARCH

Saturday June 29th, 2019

10:00AM

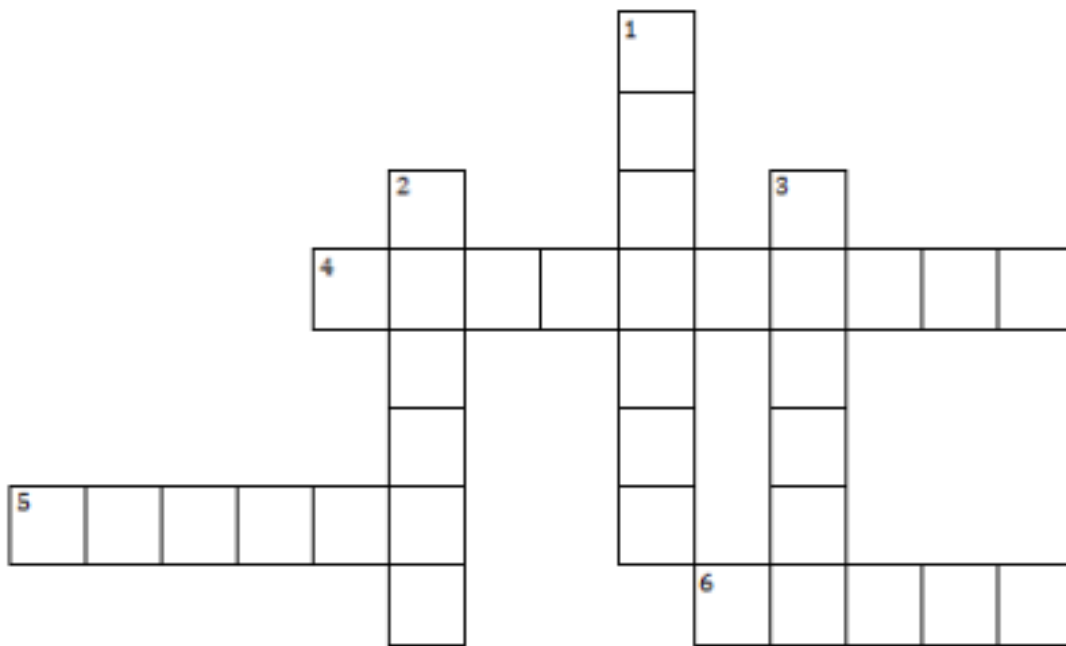
Church of the Messiah

231 E. Grand Blvd.

Detroit, MI 48207

Church of the Messiah has held the *Silence the Violence March* with a rally following to shed light on the effects of gun violence to young people, specifically in urban communities. While gun violence is the march's focus, it will also shed light on other forms of violence that affect youth in Detroit including: domestic violence, psychological abuse, human sex trafficking and all forms of sexual abuse. Young people of color, especially, have been left out of the conversation surrounding gun violence, and Church of Messiah is active in empowering their voices. For more information contact Rev. Barry Randolph at (313)-633-5331
*information directly from Church of the Messiah flyer.

JUNE CROSSWORD



ACROSS

4. The celebration that commemorates the abolition of slavery in the US.
5. Tech company that will be expanding in Detroit.
6. The birthstone for June birthdays.

DOWN

1. A beach you can visit in downtown Detroit is found at Campus _____.
2. June 21st is the first day of _____.
3. Detroit will host a _____ for the Democratic Presidential candidates in July.

To see past versions of The Drum,
visit www.sado.org/go/drum
Follow SADO on Facebook, Instagram,
and Twitter @SADOmich
HAVE QUESTIONS OR SOMETHING TO CONTRIBUTE?
CALL (313) 256-9833
AND ASK FOR A PROJECT REENTRY TEAM MEMBER
OR EMAIL US AT
REENTRY@SADO.ORG
OR SEND A LETTER TO
PROJECT REENTRY
STATE APPELLATE DEFENDER OFFICE
645 GRISWOLD, SUITE 3300
DETROIT, MI 48226



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PRESENTS

KEYS TO SUCCESS WORKSHOP

Join us for a roundtable discussion led by formerly incarcerated individuals, Demetrius Knuckles and Corey Bibbs. This roundtable will provide a space for open dialogue on the meaning of success and how people coming home from prison can achieve their own success.

**SUNDAY JUNE 30, 2019
2:00-4:00 PM
645 GRISWOLD ST
33RD FLOOR
DETROIT, MI 48226**

ALL ARE WELCOME. SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED. PLEASE RSVP
TO MARILENA DAVID-MARTIN AT MDAVID@SADO.ORG OR
313-670-0309