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Letter From The President

Its almost here-SPRING and the NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING.

I hope 2020 has been happy, prosperous and productive for each one of you.

Our Neighborhood Association is looking forward to our first meeting of the New Year. Please

come out and join us. We are working on preservation of history, culture and being able to move toward enhancing our relationships, keeping our neighborhood clean, safe and a welcoming place to live.

Your input and help is needed so come out and bring your neighbor with you.

Two majorly important issues are before us:

- 1. Taking the Census —Did you know that by not taking the Census many Federal funded programs can be affected—such as (Child and Adult Care Food Programs, Capital Assistance Programs for Elderly Persons and Persons with Disabilities, Emergency Shelter Grants Programs, Block Grants for Community Mental Health Services, Wildlife Restoration, WIA Dislocated Workers, Special Education Grants for Infants and Families) just to name a few, the list is long.

Please take the Census and encourage everyone to do so.

- 2. VOTING —Please, please, please go the polls and take many with you. We can not have input on the process if we are not involved in the process!!!

REGISTER TO VOTE, EDUCATE YOURSELF AND GO VOTE!!!

I will look forward to seeing you at the community meeting and the polls.

WE ARE BACK AND YOU ARE WELCOME!!

Renee' White, President

East End/Valley Street Neighborhood Association Meeting

Thursday, March 12—6:00 P.M.

Stephens-Lee Recreation Center

Meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of each month

The 2020 Census is Coming!

In mid-March, households will begin receiving official Census Bureau mail with detailed information on how to respond to the 2020

Census. By April 1, every home will receive an invitation to participate in the 2020 Census. You will have three options for responding: online, by phone, or by mail.

Participating in the census is required by law. The census provides critical data that lawmakers, business owners, teachers, and many others use to provide daily services, products, and support for you and your community. Every year, billions of dollars in federal funding go to hospitals, fire departments, schools, roads, and other resources based on census data.

The East End/Valley Street Neighborhood had a low census response rate in 2010. Let's make the response to the 2020 census 100% so that we can receive the community funding that we deserve!

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Together, we can ensure that our community receives the resources it needs.



Learn more at 2020census.gov.

EEVS Community Heritage Festival Committee Meeting

Thursday, March 26, 2020 at 6 P.M.

St. James AME Church Fellowship Hall
44 Hildebrand Street

Meetings held the 4th Thursday of each month (unless otherwise noted)

We need your help and input to make this a great festival!

FESTIVAL DATES: August 28, 29, and 30

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CENSUS DATA impacts funding for things like:

- > Head Start
- > School meal programs
- > Adult education grants
- > Historically Black colleges and universities
- > Public transportation and roads
- > Housing assistance
- > Emergency services
- > Medicare and Health Clinics
- > Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
- > Preventive health services

For more information, visit:
2020CENSUS.GOV

HUD Issues Request for Information on Eliminating Regulatory Barriers to Affordable Housing

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) published a Request for Information (RFI) seeking public comment on Federal, State, local, and Tribal laws, regulations, land use requirements, and administrative practices that artificially raise the costs of affordable housing development and contribute to shortages in America's housing supply. This RFI is a request for members of the public to share their knowledge and provide recommendations to HUD regarding regulations, and practices that unnecessarily impede housing supply and information on innovative practices that promote increased housing supply.

https://www.hud.gov/press/press_releases_media_advisories/HUD_No_19_171

Edible Park Community Workdays

Hello Neighbors!

"Join us for community workdays at the Dr. George Washington Carver Edible Park the **4th Friday of every month through June, from 3:30 to 6:30!**

We will be focusing on mulching perennials, clearing invasives, pruning, and planning a vegetable garden. We will have some extra tools for folks to use, but any gloves, loppers, pruners or weeding tools you can bring are much appreciated. There is more information and updates about workdays on the Dr. George Washington Carver Edible Park Facebook Page. Come give your time and support to Asheville's first edible forest ecosystem!"

Thank you for everything that you do!

Helen Lindberg

<https://www.facebook.com/Dr-George-Washington-Carver-Edible-Park-620672487948577/>
www.EastEndValleyStreet.org



Highlights of MLK Celebrations Held Throughout Western NC

Asheville Poetry Series and poet **Kevin Evans** presented the *I Have A Dream Slam-Jam* at The BLOCK off Biltmore Avenue in downtown Asheville. There was a partial reading of King's "I Have a Dream" speech and original poetry from local artists.

A peace march and rally presented by the **The Martin Luther King Jr. Association of Asheville and Buncombe County** was held with an 11:30 a.m. service at the former Berry Temple United Methodist Church in Asheville. Following the service, participants marched to City County Plaza, where speakers addressed themes of justice and peace.

The MLK Association also held a candlelight service at Central United Methodist Church.

Asheville GreenWorks held a MLK Jr. Day of Service roadside cleanup in the historic East End/Valley Street Neighborhood from 10-11:30 a.m. **Renee White**, president of the East End/Valley Street Neighborhood Association, spoke about the history and importance of the neighborhood prior to the cleanup.

Oralene Simmons, founder of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Association of Asheville and Buncombe County, spoke on Western Carolina University's 2020 King celebration theme, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Legacy of Connection: The Story of U.S.

Kenilworth Presbyterian Church hosted a potluck dinner and Environmental Injustice: Race, Class and Climate Change event. **William Barber III**, co-chair for the N.C. Poor People's Campaign's Ecological Devastation committee, was the keynote speaker.

Celebrating Black History

Building and Drugstore, established 1890s

The Young Men's Institute, or YMI, was a community facility that served Asheville's African American residents. In addition to the drugstore, the building contained a gymnasium, meeting rooms, and other shops. Commissioned by George Vanderbilt in 1892, the multilevel 18,000-square-foot Tudor-style structure was built by the several hundred African American craftsmen who helped construct Biltmore House.



Heritage of Black Highlanders Collection, UNC Asheville Ramsey Library



YMI Drugstore 1910 Heritage of Black Highlanders Collection, UNC Asheville Ramsey Library



1950-1960 Mrs. Irene O. Hendrick, sitting at her desk in the public area of Market Street Branch Library (#39 Market St S) in the Y.M.I. (Young Men's Institute) Building. Wall shelving at right and three ranged in the center. Lots of flowers. Five tables and chairs in view, including one round child-size at right. The library branch, first called the "Colored Library," opened in 1927 on Market St. South. Name changed to Market Street Branch of City Libraries in 1951. Branch moved to another part of YMI Building, facing Eagle St, in 1959. That branch closed in 1966.

Notable Quotes

A nation or civilization that continues to produce soft-minded men purchases its own spiritual death on the installment plan.
Martin Luther King, Jr.

Returning hate for hate multiplies hate, adding deeper darkness to a night already devoid of stars. Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.
Martin Luther King, Jr.

"Won't it be wonderful when black history and Native American history and Jewish history and all of U.S. history is taught from one book, Just U.S. history."
Maya Angelou

"You're not to be so blind with patriotism that you can't face reality. Wrong is wrong, no matter who does it or says it."
Malcolm X

"There are still many causes worth sacrificing for, so much history yet to be made."
Michelle Obama

"You've got to learn to leave the table when love's no longer being served."
Nina Simone

"Diversity is not about how we differ. Diversity is about embracing one another's uniqueness."
Ola Joseph

"Black history is American history."
Morgan Freeman