

# BLACK HISTORY



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Greeting Friends and Supporters,

Can you believe we blinked our eyes and we are now into 2019 and another Officer/Administrative election for the Greater Mondawmin Coordinating Council. Thank you for your support. We are kicking off our first Round Table discussion with reviewing anticipated projects, programs and initiatives to enhance the expansion of GMCC. We have excited, professional and interested new officers that are eager to bring growth into the community.

I know you want GMCC to be the Best of the Best, and we have a professional team to make that happen. Please welcome our 2019 team.....

- President, Adeline Wheless- Hutchinson
- Vice President, Rev. Keith Bailey
- Treasurer, Tyrone McNeill
- Secretary, Karen Carter
- Member –at-Large, Mario Chang
- Member-at-Large, Dr. Daniel Hindman

Coordination is under way for our first 2019 fundraiser event as a Benefit Breakfast, to support a Summer Youth Reading program, along with support to the GMCC Operations. We’ve reached out to one of our neighboring Elementary schools and students of CSU. Full details of this and other upcoming programs will soon be available on our newly developed website, which will be shared for your overview.

The GMCC Strategic plan was laid out during our previous Retreat and the only way we can put this into practice is implementation. We’ve identified a chairman and we are reaching out for other volunteers to support its success. If you are interested in volunteering, we are regularly looking for people to help out in a variety of capacities.

Residents, we have a 21<sup>st</sup> Century school (Robert W. Coleman Elementary School), designated for redevelopment this year. The rebuild/redevelopment of this school will enable the Greater Mondawmin Community an opportunity for growth with the utilization of the INSPIRE (Investing in neighborhoods and Schools to promote Improvement, revitalization, and Excellence) program. This program focuses on the neighborhoods within a quarter-mile of the designated school. We have already reached out to a prospective interested party that just maybe interested in investing within the community.

We look forward to seeing you at as many events as you can make this year!

Notice and flyers, will be provided to all regarding support for our Summer Youth Reading program, Benefit Breakfast.

The GMCC is very excited about its upcoming programming year, and the tremendous opportunities for networking, growth and development of a neighborhood that seems to have been overlooked since 2015. Don’t forget, it is your participation and feedback that makes this an excellent organization!

*Adeline Wheless-Hutchinson*

President, GMCC

1/22/2019



## ROBERT W. COLEMAN FEBRUARY COMMUNITY NOTES

Happy New Year to the residents of the Robert W. Coleman Community Organization (RWCCO)

RWCCO's prior meeting was held January 8, 2019 and Ms. Vernice Turner, Healthy Neighborhoods Coordinator was our special guest. Ms. Turner, provided information regarding home loans, Block projects and Housing Upgrades to Benefit Seniors that is available to residents of the RWCCO.

Parents, Mrs. Knight brought the good news to our meeting, regarding our New Robert W. Coleman will be coming real Soon!!! Parents, please attend the upcoming school meetings. Robert Coleman Elementary has waited a long time for a new school. Please come out and be a part of the decision process. Your school will be closing in August for renovation/rebuild.

Our New School is Coming! I am as excited as the students.



### Community Greenery Spring Projects

We are looking for your ideas. Come out and update our existing green spaces or decide on another you would like to see within the community. Mt. Lebanon Church, members will be reaching out asking for your assistance for improvements to the RWCCO.

The 40<sup>th</sup> District Night in Annapolis will be Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, please keep your eyes on a message coming out extending an invitation for you to attend. For those of you whom attended previously, remember that a bus will most likely be available at the

**Mondawmin Mall for transportation.** Now that we've voted our representative in office, please take the time to learn what is being proposed for your District by the Senator and Delegates.



Please join us, February 5, for our upcoming meeting. We've invited a member of DPW to address Various request.

Submitted by  
A. Hutchinson

# MONDAWMIN NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

MNIA hosted a Hat, Coat, and Glove drive on January 21st from 11 - 2 pm at 1709 Gwynn Falls Pkwy office.



*Congratulations!*

On Jan 30st, community member Darryl Almond received a KAGRO MD Annual Scholarship at the 24th KAGRO MD Annual Scholarship Banquet. He was 1 of 8 candidates to re-



# Little Known Black History Facts

## Esther Jones was the real Betty Boop!



The iconic cartoon character Betty Boop was inspired by a Black jazz singer in Harlem. Introduced by cartoonist Max Fleischer in 1930, the caricature of the jazz age flapper was the first and most famous sex symbol in animation. Betty Boop is best known for her revealing dress, curvaceous figure, and signature vocals “Boop Oop A Doop!” While there has been controversy over the years, the inspiration has been traced back to Esther Jones who was known as “Baby Esther” and performed regularly in the Cotton Club during the 1920s.

Baby Esther’s trademark vocal style of using “boops” and other childlike scat sounds attracted the attention of actress Helen Kane during a performance in the late 1920s. After seeing Baby Esther, Helen Kane adopted her style and

began using “boops” in her songs as well. Finding fame early on, Helen Kane often included this “baby style” into her music. When Betty Boop was introduced, Kane promptly sued Fleischer and Paramount Publix Corporation stating they were using her image and style. However video evidence came to light of Baby Esther performing in a nightclub and the courts ruled against Helen Kane stating she did not have exclusive rights to the “booping” style or image, and that the style, in fact, pre-dated her.

Baby Esther’s “baby style” did little to bring her mainstream fame and she died in relative obscurity but a piece of her lives on in the iconic character Betty Boop.

# † Christian Liberty Church †

We Continue to Pray, in the name of Jesus, for a Year of Hope and Peace in Baltimore as we all seek to COVER OUR CHILDREN AGAINST VIOLENCE in 2019!

**1<sup>st</sup> CLC NEW YEAR'S EVE WORSHIP & YOUTH SPECTACULAR!**

**Monday, December 31, 2018 at Frederick Douglass High School with...**

*Skating-Laser Tag-Virtual Reality-Food-Fellowship and 200 Coats given away!*



*and ...*

***\*SAVE the DATE!... Tuesday, April 30, 2019 from 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm.\****



2019 Imagine Me Ministries Spring Celebration Dinner

Our theme this year is ***"I Can Only Imagine! Plans...Prosperity...Safety...Hope...Future... Yes!"***

Ticket Cost is \$100.00 and the event will be held at the Delta Hotels Marriott, 245 Shawan Road Hunt Valley, MD 21031. Tickets are now on sale...Contact 410-523-5683 for additional information

## Christian Liberty Church

Worship Services are held each Sunday at 10:00 am in Auditorium of Frederick Douglass High School  
2301 Gwynns Falls Parkway, Baltimore, MD 21217

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# In 2018, 13 of Baltimore's babies died while sleeping.

3 of these deaths happened in December.

**All 13 babies were in an unsafe sleep environment.**



- None were sleeping in a crib
- Most were sharing a bed with a family member
- Several were not placed to sleep on their backs
- Most were not living in a smoke-free home

## Not one more, Baltimore.

Our hearts are broken for these families who will not get to celebrate birthdays, first days, and other milestones.

There are steps everyone can take to make sure that no other family goes through this.

**When putting babies to sleep, make sure they SLEEP SAFE**

Help keep babies safe by following these rules, every night and every nap.



### Alone.

Most sleep-related deaths occur when babies sleep with an adult or another child, or in an adult bed or on a sofa. Share your room with your baby, but not your bed.



### Back.

The safest position for a baby to sleep is on their back. Babies are not more likely to choke while laying on their backs.



### Crib.

Your baby's sleeping place should be clean and clear. No blankets, pillows, stuffed animals, Boppy, or crib bumpers. Just a tight-fitting sheet on a firm mattress.

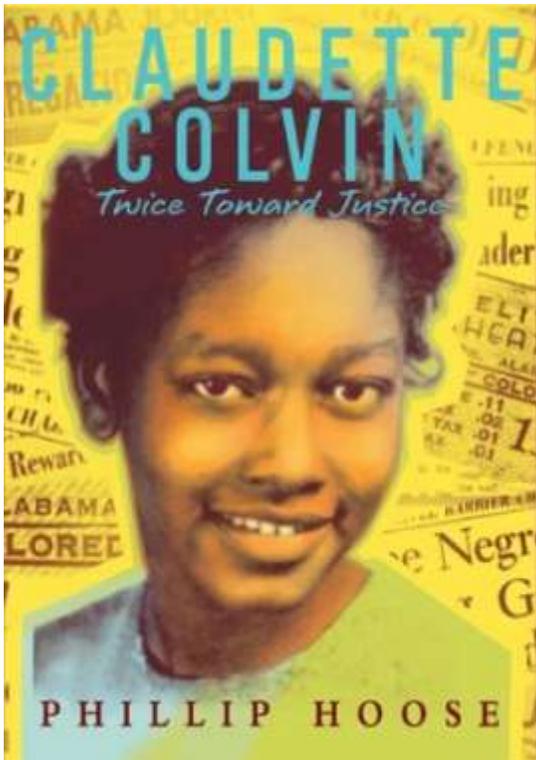


### Don't Smoke.

Never smoke cigarettes or marijuana in a home with babies, young children, or pregnant women. Smoke in the home makes it harder for babies to breathe well.

# Little Known Black History Facts

## Before there was Rosa Parks, there was Claudette Colvin.



Most people think of [Rosa Parks](#) as the first person to refuse to give up their seat on a bus in Montgomery, Alabama. There were actually several women who came before her; one of whom was Claudette Colvin.

It was March 2, 1955, when the fifteen-year-old schoolgirl refused to move to the back of the bus, nine months *before* Rosa Parks' stand that launched the Montgomery bus boycott. Claudette had been studying Black leaders like Harriet Tubman in her segregated school, those conversations had led to discussions around the current day Jim Crow laws they were all experiencing. When the bus driver ordered Claudette to get up, she refused, "It felt like Sojourner Truth was on one side pushing me down, and Harriet Tubman was on the other side of me pushing me down. I couldn't get up."

Claudette Colvin's stand didn't stop there. Arrested and thrown in jail, she was one of four women who challenged the segregation law in court. If *Browder v. Gayle* became the court case that successfully overturned bus segregation laws in both Montgomery and Alabama, why has Claudette's story been largely forgotten? At the time, the NAACP and other Black organizations felt Rosa Parks made a better icon for the movement than a teenager. As an adult with the right look, Rosa Parks was also the secretary of the NAACP, and was both well-known and respected – people would associate her with the middle class and that would attract support for the cause. But the struggle to end segregation was often fought by young people, more than half of which were women.

Registration opens February 1 for summer session



Come learn with us this summer at the **PEABODY PREPARATORY**. Summer programs and workshops are offered for students of all ages in chamber music, creative leadership, dance, early childhood, guitar, music theory, piano, strings, and voice.

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# Black History Month Word Search Game

Find the words pertaining to African-American history and the civil rights movement.

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- CIVILWAR
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- FREEDOM
- INTEGRATION
- JIMCROW
- JUSTICE
- KWANZAA
- MARCH
- NAACP
- NORTH
- OPPRESSION
- PROTEST
- RIGHTS
- SEGREGATION
- SHARECROPPER
- SLAVERY
- SOUTH
- SUFFRAGE
- TUBMAN
- VOTE

# *His Dream Lives On*

Today is a day we all sing  
In honor of Martin Luther King

Wherever people fight to be free  
His name is remembered with dignity

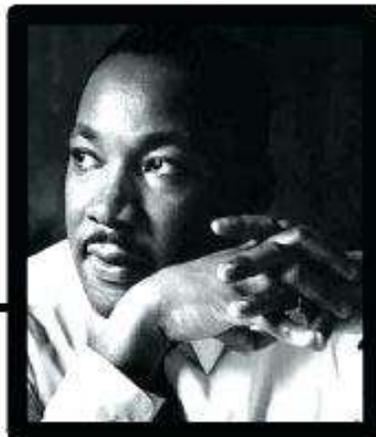
When black people weren't treated right  
He stood strong to lead the fight

He fought with love, not guns or darts  
He changed peoples' minds and their hearts

But some people didn't like his words  
He was taken away, to a better world

Yet his dream lives on, that all can be free  
When we knock down the walls between you and me

Martin Luther King's life did not last  
But his dream and his spirit are free at last



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## GMCC NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS

### Fulton Heights Community Association

Rev. Keith Bailey, President, 443-500-2149

### Liberty Square Community Organization

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Wanda Freeland, President, 410.383.9532

### Parkway Community

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### Robert W. Coleman Community Organization (RWCCO)

Adeline Hutchinson, President, 410.669.0063

### Whittier-Monroe Community Neighborhood Association

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Daniel Hindman

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March Newsletter submissions are due

February 19, 2019 .

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Thank you.

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