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10th annual Bronzeville Week continues with events highlighting art, music and more

The 10th annual **Bronzeville Week** continues with a wide variety of virtual and in-person events for the entire family that will highlight art, music, wellness and more. All events throughout the week can be viewed on the Bronzeville Week Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/BronzevilleWeek>. Events will also be available for playback on the Bronzeville website at milwaukee.gov/bronzeville.

“Bronzeville Week looks a little different this year again due to COVID-19, but I am thrilled that we can still enjoy events that showcase the rich history of the Bronzeville District and African-American community and its culture,” said founder and host **Alderwoman Milele A. Coggs**. “I want to thank all the sponsors, members of the community and everyone else who has helped make Bronzeville Week a success thus far. It has taken a great amount of creative thinking and a true team effort to make this a reality.”

Today’s events (Monday, August 9) begin with the **Lit With Lay**, a (virtual) dance workshop led by Kalaya Tatum beginning at 12 p.m. The day continues with A **Virtual Nail Art Demonstration** at 2 p.m. which will feature creative designs and give participants an opportunity to learn to create beautiful gel nails and is led by Tokara Bijou Henry. The day will conclude with a virtual dialogue of **The History of Bronzevilles Across the Country** at 5 p.m. hosted by **Lashawndra Vernon, Creative, Curator** in partnership with America’s Black Holocaust Museum including panelist **Dan Duster**, Financial Advisor, Speaker & Grandson of Ida B. Wells (Chicago) **Sharon Morgan**, Genealogist, Author & Founder of Our Black Ancestry (Macon, Mississippi), and **Patricia Diggs**, Executive Director Old Streets Milwaukee Society.

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At 10 a.m. tomorrow, Tuesday, August 10, a virtual conversation, **Buy and Build the Block**, moderated by **Jasmine Johnson** with panelists **James Phelps**, President JCP Construction, **Brandon Rule**, President Rule Enterprises, **Kevin Newell**, President/CEO Royal Capital, will take place. This event will provide residents an opportunity to be introduced to African American developers and city staff members.

Tuesday afternoon features two creative events. First, at 2 p.m. a virtual celebration of children's literacy and theater will occur with the **Readapiece Theater Milwaukee Public Library**. Afterward, the afternoon rolls on with **Artist Eats** hosted by **Kennita Hickman** and featuring **Ray Nitti**. The virtual event takes place at 4 p.m.

The day moves into in-person events at 5:30 p.m. with **No Seat Belts presented by Heal the Hood**. This event will be taking place at On The Bayou located at 2035 N. Dr. MLK Jr. Dr. The day concludes with a social event – **Friends of Clinton Rose Park**. The event will take place at 6 p.m. and provide an opportunity to meet with neighbors, explore resources and have some fun located at 3045 N. Dr. MLK Jr. Dr.

Wednesday, August 11th begins with a **Bronzeville Business Breakfast, sponsored by Historic King Drive BID #8, Greater Milwaukee Foundation, and VISIT Milwaukee** at 8:30 a.m. Participants must pre-register for this event. **Around the Word with Donna Washington** kicks off virtually at 2:00 p.m. with stories to be told from around the world. The day concludes with **An Artful Reflection** at 6 p.m. The virtual event will allow for conversation with **Della Wells** and **Mutope J. Johnson**.

The Presenting Sponsors for Bronzeville Week are the City of Milwaukee, the Historic King Drive BID #8, American Family Insurance, and the Milwaukee County Office On African American Affairs. The full schedule of events for 2021 Bronzeville Week can be viewed at city.milwaukee.gov/BW2020Schedule. Additional information can also be found on the Bronzeville District website at milwaukee.gov/bronzeville.

Space is limited for all in-person events, and COVID-19 safety protocols will be practiced (masks will be encouraged for outdoor events and required for all indoor events).