



"Building our Future with a Spirit of Selfless Pride"
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African American Heritage Parade

Parade Purpose

To promote a positive venue that engages the community and is celebrated by the community.

Parade Mission

To create and build a positive parade for the sole purpose of educating the spectators and community on the rich history and legacies of the African American heritage.

Parade Vision

The **African American Heritage Parade** will be a positive and distinct presentation of authentic African American cultures; showcasing African American traditions, history and inspirations. This presentation will be the framework for future African American festivities.

The requirements for parade participants will be to:

- Display traditional African Heritage creativity that will spiritually enrich, educate and inspire.
- Display legends of the past and current
- Display positive African American cultural imagery
- Display vibrant colorful images
- Display an educational and Inspirational scene that promotes continued learning
- Display through spiritual and conventional creative arts (e.g.) creative music, creative dance, creative spoken word, creative artistry and creative theatrics.

Below are just a few examples of your presentation: (List is not inclusive, Be creative!)

Athletes:

Hank Aaron, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Muhammad Ali, Arthur Ashe, Charles Barkley, Wilt Chamberlain, Althea Gibson, Reggie Jackson, Michael Jordan, Jackie Joyner-Kersey, Sugar Ray Leonard, Joe Louis, Jesse Owens, Jackie Robinson, Tiger Woods

Authors:

Maya Angelou, Ralph Ellison, Alex Haley, Lorraine Hansberry, Langston Hughes, Zora Neale Hurston, Toni Morrison, Walter Mosley, Richard Wright

Civil Rights Leaders and Activists:

Ella Baker, Stokely Carmichael, W.E.B. DuBois, Medgar Evers, Marcus Garvey, Martin Luther King Jr., Malcolm X, James Meredith, Elijah Muhammad, Rosa Parks, Bobby Seale, Fred Shuttlesworth, Emmett Till, Ida Bell Wells-Barnett, Walter White, Roy Wilkins

Entertainers:

Josephine Baker, Halle Berry, Bill Cosby, Dorothy Dandridge, Sammy Davis Jr., Morgan Freeman, Gregory Hines, Lena Horne, James Earl Jones, Spike Lee, Eddie Murphy, Sidney Poitier, Richard Pryor, Will Smith, Denzel Washington, Oprah Winfrey

Inventors, Scientists, and Educators:

Archibald Alphonso Alexander, Patricia Bath, Bessie Coleman, David Crosthwait Jr., Mark Dean, Charles Drew, Matthew Henson, Mae Jemison, Percy Lavon Julian, Frederick McKinley Jones, Ernest Everett Just, Mary McLeod Bethune, Garrett Augustus Morgan, Charles Henry Turner, Madame C.J. Walker, Booker T. Washington, Daniel Hale Williams,

Politicians, Lawyers, and Other Government Leaders:

Ralph Bunche, Benjamin Oliver Davis Sr., Minnie Joycelyn Elders, Jesse Jackson, Daniel "Chappie" James, Thurgood Marshall, Kwesi Mfume, Colin Powell, Clarence Thomas, Andrew Young, Coleman Young

Singers and Musicians:

Marian Anderson, Louis Armstrong, Harry Belafonte, Chuck Berry, Ray Charles, Nat King Cole, Miles Davis, Duke Ellington, Aretha Franklin, Dizzy Gillespie, Jimi Hendrix, Billie Holiday, Michael Jackson, Robert Johnson, Diana Ross, Stevie Wonder

Quotes of African American Legends

Everybody can be great...because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love. - Martin Luther King Jr.

No one can degrade us except ourselves. - Booker T. Washington

Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world. - Harriet Tubman

If we lose love and self-respect for each other, this is how we finally die. - Maya Angelou

Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek. - President Barack Obama

The more you praise and celebrate your life, the more there is in life to celebrate. - Oprah Winfrey

There is in this world no such force as the force of a person determined to rise. The human soul cannot be permanently chained. - W.E.B. Dubois

Always turn a negative situation into a positive situation. - Michael Jordan

Ninety-nine percent of the failures come from people who have the habit of making excuses - George Washington Carver

Each person must live their life as a model for others. - Rosa Parks

Nobody's free until everybody's free. - Fannie Lou Hamer



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