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Celebrate Black History Month in Downtown Dearborn

Engaging and informative events will honor Black history, culture, achievements, and ongoing efforts in the community

February 3, 2020 | DEARBORN, Mich. - Downtown Dearborn is hosting three special events in celebration of Black History Month, starting February 4. The events are slated to recognize the history, culture, diversity and inclusion of Black History Month. All events are family-friendly and free of charge.

“This is worth all the time, sweat and creativity. Seeing our community come together to celebrate Dearborn’s diversity and inclusion is an honor and privilege,” stated Julia Kapilango, East Dearborn Downtown Development Authority Board Director.

Downtown Dearborn’s Celebratory Black History Month Event Series:

- **Rosa Parks Day of Courage and Birthday Movie Screening**

Tuesday, February 4 | 6 – 8 p.m.

Arab American National Museum; 13624 Michigan Avenue

February 4, 2020 is the 107th birthday of Rosa Parks. Join the Motor City Freedom Riders, City Hall Artspace and Downtown Dearborn Development Authorities to watch "The Rosa Parks Story," an award-winning 2002 biopic starring Angela Bassett. Screening will begin promptly at 6:15 p.m.

This program is made possible in partnership with Motor City Freedom Riders, Arab American National Museum, Dearborn City Hall Artspace and East Downtown Dearborn Development Authority.

- **Homage to Black Excellence**

Friday, February 21 | 6 – 8 p.m.

The CONNECTOR at City Hall Artspace; 13600 John Nagy Drive

This event is an eclectic collection of visual arts, music and fashion. In celebration of Black History Month, Resident Artists have curated an exhibition honoring Red, Black and Green, symbolizing Black Excellence in leadership, economic development, arts, politics, entertainment and education. There will be a runway fashion show featuring

pieces from iconic brand Al Wissam, clothing creators that live in Dearborn City Hall Artspace. The program will also pay homage with a live discussion with renowned Detroit music producer Prevail on the impact and importance of Al Wissam's fashion in Hip-Hop and black culture, which are making their way into celebrities' wardrobes, such as 50 Cent. He will also provide the soundtrack for the night. In addition, State Rep. Jewell Jones will make a special presentation that highlights the community engagement of local resident artists of City Hall Artspace.

"I am so excited," stated Monica Feliciano, resident Artspace Artist. "We've been working pretty hard to get this event up and going. Several artists that live here are participating."

This program is made possible in partnership with Al Wissam Inc., Dearborn City Hall Artspace, East Downtown Dearborn Development Authority and D.A.A.C.C.F.

- **Sisters Cashing In**

Saturday, February 29 | 4 – 6 p.m.

The CONNECTOR at City Hall Artspace; 13600 John Nagy Drive

"Sisters Cashing In" is a gathering of black women entrepreneurs, boss ladies, musicians, chefs, athletes, scientists and creatives, who will meet in East Downtown Dearborn. Come and join the National Association of Black Women Entrepreneurs (NABWE) and Healthy Wealthy and Wise Change Agents for a social evening with a round table discussion and the opportunity to make new connections and network.

"It's so dope to be a part of something in Downtown Dearborn. We are literally making history," stated Kalette Willis, resident artist of Artspace.

This month's theme is Downtown Dearborn. Learn about the Black Dearborn population, federal and local incentives for economically disadvantaged/Black women businesses. Benefits include grant funding, leasing space and more to help you achieve your goals and transform your life.

More details on Downtown Dearborn's Black History Month events can be found on [Facebook](#) or at the Downtown Dearborn Downtown Development Authorities office.

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