



**UNITY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
UNITY CENTER FOR WORKING FAMILIES DAVE EVANS CAMPUS**

Hosts



African American Heritage Picnic & Parade



“BUILDING OUR FUTURE WITH A SPIRIT OF SELFLESS PRIDE”

PICNIC DATE: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2013, 11:00 AM – 6:30 PM

PARADE DATE: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2013, 2:45 PM Sharp!

“A NEW DAY”



2013 African American Heritage Festivities



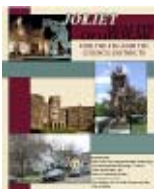
Black Pride Inc is an organization co-founded by the Late Dave L. Evans in 1987 to promote the positive aspects of the African American community. Over the last 24 years, Black Pride has sponsored parades, recognition banquets, essay contests, youth activities, and gospel concerts. During 2011 Black Pride had 112 units in the parade, which made it one of the largest parades in Will County.

The activity of the **African American Heritage Family Picnic** is to bring your family to meet vendors, share your African and African American recipes, enjoy authentic African and African American entertainment, and take advantage of free health screening, register to vote and meet new friends across our African and African American culture. The picnic will be held on Saturday, September 21, 2013, 10:00 AM to 6:30 PM at Nowell Park, 5 Mills Road Pavilion, Joliet, IL 60433

The 25th Annual **African American Heritage Parade** will be a distinct presentation of our authentic African and African American cultures. This presentation will be the framework for future African and African American festivities. Participant requirements will be to create a positive cultural image that aligns with our African and African American heritage.

All residents are invited to participate in these activities. Your participation is welcome, as long as the activity promotes positive and cultural aspects.

In an effort to enhance the level of community pride, the Unity Community Development Corporation and National Hookup Black Women, Joliet Chapter will coordinate the 5th Annual African American Heritage Picnic held Saturday, September 21, 2013 held at Nowell Park corner of Chicago Street (Route 53) and Mills Road and the 25th Annual African American Heritage Parade held Sunday, September 22, 2013. The registration entry fee for the parade is \$50.00. The Picnic Merchandise vendor entry fee is \$50.00.



Picnic and Parade registration fees (\$50) are due now! Visit www.unitycdc.org for more information

Unity Community Development Corporation is a non-profit organization, which was incorporated in 2007. Unity was created as a direct result of a study done by the City of Joliet in conjunction with a number of community organizations from an underrepresented area of Joliet located on the East and South sides of the city. These areas are located in the 4th and 5th Council Districts of the City and are referred to as the Planning Area for the purposes of the Quality of Life Study. The Quality of Life study was undertaken in order to measure holistically how the residents in the Planning Area were living in comparison to other city, county and state residents.

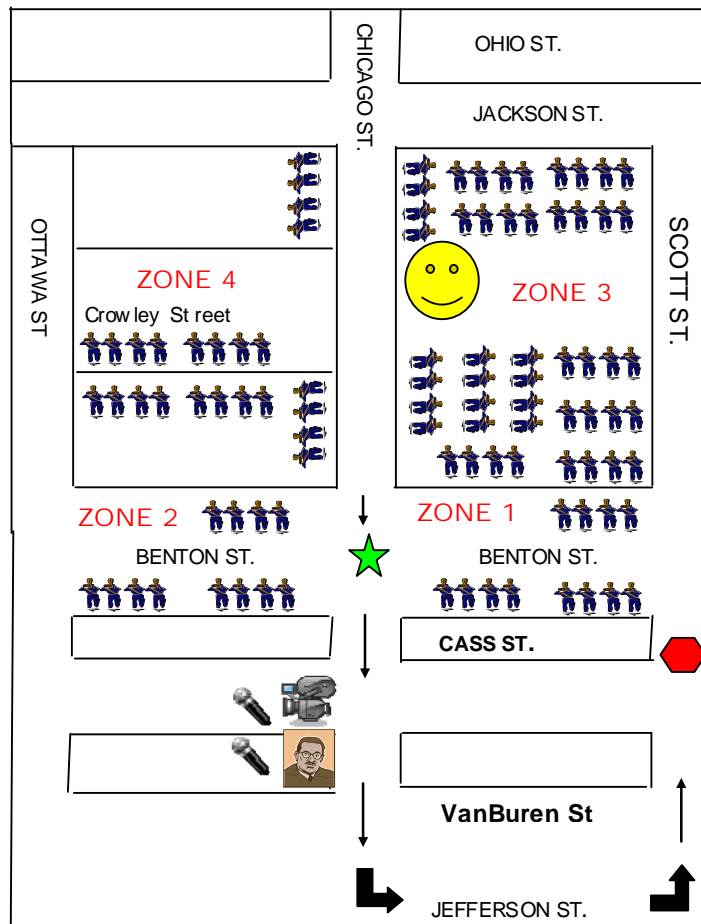
Parade Route (Downtown Joliet)

The African American Heritage Parade will start at Benton Street & Chicago Street. Travel south on Chicago Street to Jefferson Street, turn east on Jefferson to Scott Street, turn north on Scott Street. Take Scott Street to Cass Street where Parade will end.

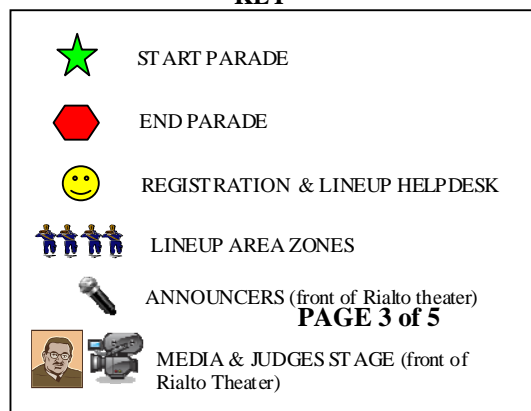


BLACK PRIDE PARADE DOWNTOWN ROUTE & LOGISTICS

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KEY



Parade Schedule

- Lineup time: 2:00 PM
- Step off Time: 3:00 PM Sharp! No exceptions!

Registration Verification & Lineup Assistance

See page 3 attached for Registration and lineup locations. The registration table will be setup on the east side of Chicago Street between Jackson Street and Benton Street. At this table you will pickup your lineup number and flag. Lineup numbers will be ready for immediate pickup.

- Parade participants will pick up a number that must be put in the front of their entry so that the Media, Announcers, and Parade Startup Marshalls will know who you are.

Safety

- Only people walking may pass out candy. Do not throw candy from floats or any moving vehicle. PLEASE WATCH OUT FOR CHILDREN.

Volunteer Positions Needed:

- Need 30 Volunteers for parade flow control
- Street Markers – Mark location numbers on the street
- Registration Table Worker - Assist parade entries with line up locations
- Parade Marshal - Assist parade entries to find assigned locations
- End of Parade worker - Help remove reviewing stand, and help bands at the end of the parade route
- Courier - Take information between registration table and Media truck
- Reviewing Stand Worker - Decorate reviewing stand

FLOAT COMPANY INFORMATION

The African American Heritage Team is aware of two float companies for parade. We are providing this information as a courtesy. We do not recommend any company. We have been informed that because of a high demand for floats; you should place your order early to ensure delivery.

Rendel's Inc (Trans Vehicle)
40 Mills Rd.
Joliet, IL 60436
Email: Mike.polcyn@rendelsgmc.com
Website: <http://www.rendelsgmc.com>

Mr. Mike Polcyn
PH: 815-740-4560

Associated Attractions (Floats)
4834 S. Halsted St.
Chicago, IL 60609
Email: allfloats@aol.com
Website: www.paradefloat.com

Mr Chuck Huser
PH: 773-376-1900
Cell:708-670-0752

ABC Parade floats (Floats)

Tom Neary

