

Community Calendar

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July 18-Aug 31, 2008

SHAPING THE EARTH: A PHOTO EXHIBIT ON EARTHEN ARCHITECTURE

The Baobab Cultural Center celebrates its Summer of Sustainability with a special photo exhibit, film screening and artist's talk on Africa's rich cultural heritage of earthen architecture. Opening night is Friday, July 18, 6 PM to 9 PM. Exhibit runs through Aug. 31. at the Baobab Cultural Center, 738 University Ave., Rochester, N.Y. The event is free and open to the general public. Light refreshments will be served. For more info, please contact baobab.center@yahoo.com

July 20, 2008

"MISS CARIFEST" CULTURAL TEEN PAGEANT

Young women of Caribbean descent/heritage between the ages of 10-12 are eligible to compete for the "Jr. Miss Carifest" title, young women between the ages of 13-15 are eligible to compete for the "Teen Miss Carifest" title, and young women ages 16-18 are eligible to compete for the "Miss Carifest". The ladies crowned will represent CARIFEST at the 2008 Carifest Festival - The German House 315 Gregory Street Rochester, NY 14620. For more info, please visit www.rwifo.com.

July 20, 2008

ROCHESTER INTERNATIONAL JAZZ FESTIVAL ON PBS-HD

The captivating sights and sounds of the 2007 Rochester International Jazz Festival return to PBS in high definition on WXXI-HD (cable 101.1/DT21.2) and PBS-HD stations across the country beginning Sunday, July 20, 2008 at 7 p.m. Log on to wxxi.org for more information about our services and programs.

July 21-26, 2008

MUSIC YOUTH CAMP '08

World famous Salter's Christian Music of Buffalo will present "Vessels of Worship," a Christian summer youth music camp for youth ages 4-25, this July 21-26 at Roberts Wesleyan College, 2301 Westside Dr. in Rochester, New York. The popular, multi-cultural camp will feature a Tuesday night concert by Martha Munizzi and a Thursday night concert by Kurt Carr & The Kurt Carr Singers. Tickets for the concerts are \$25 each and available at Bender's Christian Supplies in Buffalo and Alpha & Omega Bookstores in Rochester. For more information about the camp and its concerts, call 716-882-1876 or visit www.BuffaloChristian.com.

July 26, 2008

LISTENING TO AMERICA PLATFORM ISSUES MEETING

Join us for a Listening to America Platform Meeting and share your thoughts on the issues that are important to you and your community and

for the Democratic platform for change: SATURDAY, JULY 26, 2008 - 10:00AM - 12:00 Noon - ROCHESTER FAITH COMMUNITY FOR OBAMA CAMPAIGN HQ - 262 Arnett Blvd. (West Main Street to Genesee Street to Arnett - Corner of Wellington). To RSVP to our Local RFCFO Listening To America Platform Meeting or for more info, please contact: Rev. Gwendolyn Dorsey or Kristin Skarie at (585) 235-2390.

July 26, August 2, August 9, 2008

"YOUTH SUMMER OF EDUCATIONAL THOUGHTS"

Youth ages 10-19 will have the opportunity to participate in a (3) session educational course, "Steps To Put Positive Thoughts Into A Booklet." The sessions will take place Saturday, July 26, Saturday, August 2, and Saturday, August 9, 2008, from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. (each session). It will be held at Mood Makers Books (Village Gate Shopping Plaza) 274 N. Goodman Street, Rochester, NY 14607. \$25.00 (covers all three educational sessions, motivational presentation by former World Light Welterweight Boxing Champion Charles Murray, journal, and youth booklet). For additional information contact Gracious Hands Literary Company at (585)235-2976.

July 28, 2008

WOMEN IN SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Risego will start the Second Women in Social Entrepreneurship Co-hort on July 28, 2008. The series has two formats. An intensive 5 week Certificate Series or Individual Workshops. The series is designed to challenge women to be Social Entrepreneurs or if they simply want to sharpen their business skills. The next co-hort (Certificate Series) starts July 28th at Risego Inc, 336 Arnett Blvd. Rochester, NY 14619. For additional info, please call 585-413-3388 or e-mail risegoinc@yahoo.com.

July 29, 2008

CITY TO HOLD PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING FOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON MIDTOWN RISING PROJECT

The City will conduct a public scoping meeting on the Midtown Rising Project, 6:30 p.m., Tues., July 29 in City Council Chambers at City Hall, 30 Church St. The purpose of the meeting is to seek comments from the public about what should be included in the contents, or "scope," of an environmental impact statement (EIS) currently being developed for the project under the N.Y. State Environmental Quality Review Act. For more information, contact City Deputy Communications Director, Michael Keane at 428-6064 or Katie Kraczyk, Communications Director, Upstate Empire State Development at 716-856-8123 ext. 247.

August 2, 2008

2ND ANNUAL AFRICAN-AMERICAN FESTIVAL

Rochester A.B.O.V.E. is anxiously awaiting its 2nd annual African-American festival! On August 4, 2007, we drew in an attendance of 2700 people!! We are confident that this year's event will be just as successful. The festival is to be held on Saturday, August 2, 2008 at the Genesee Valley Park Tupelo, Dogwood, Red Creek and Hawthorne sites. There will be lots of entertainment (including, music, dancing, step-shows, African art and fun activities for kids. We are now accepting applications for vendors for this event. For those interested in volunteering, please contact Sonya Sizer directly at (585)576-2471. For more information, visit www.rochester-above.org.

August 4, 2008

MOVING BEYOND RACISM BOOK DISCUSSION: THE GRAVEDIGGER'S DAUGHTER

The book, The Gravedigger's Daughter, by Joyce Carol Oates. will be featured Monday, August 4, 2008 from 7-8:30. Discussion will be held at Barnes & Noble Pittsford Plaza - Upstairs Community Room. For more info, please call (585) 872-6276.

August 9, 2008

CHARLES H. ROTH HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI REUNION

This is an "All Class" reunion which is open to all alumni, friends and family of every class of Roth High, (1976 through 1987). The reunion will take place in the form of a cookout/picnic gathering (food, drinks and extras provided). The reunion will be held on Sat. August 9th, from 1:00 to 5:00 pm at Roth Middle School (formerly Roth High School), located at 4000 E. Henrietta Rd. Single Registration: \$20 / Family Registration (max of 5 total): \$50. For additional information, contact James Nesmith by phone at (585)414-4901 or by e-mail at jimmyja-ma@yahoo.com.

August 11-15, 2008

LOTT CAREY BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSION CONVENTION

An estimated 3,000 people, including some from foreign countries, will be in Rochester in August for the 11th annual national session of the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention. Aeon Baptist Church is the host church for the 5-day gathering, Aug 11-15, 2008. Sessions will be held at the Rochester Riverside Convention Center and downtown hotels. "Called to Be a Blessing to the World" is the theme of the convention. A musical program, prayer and worship services, workshops, clergy seminars, and mission education classes are among the events on the convention schedule.

August 29-31, 2008

WOODSTOCK MUSEUM 9TH ANNUAL FREE FILM & VIDEO FESTIVAL

Woodstock Museum is a non-profit educational institution. You can attend free screenings & workshops at the film and video festival. This year's theme is Freedom. View & critique alternative films, meet the filmmakers enjoy live music & dance. The event will be held at Woodstock Town Hall, 76 Tinker St., in Woodstock, NY on Labor Day weekend. Opening ceremony is at 8:00 pm August 29. Event will start at 2:00 pm August 30-31.

August 30, 2008

FREE ANNUAL EMPOWERMENT ZONE CARNIVAL

New Born Fellowship church will host its First Annual Carnival on Saturday, August 30, 2008 at 1550 N. Clinton Avenue. The Carnival will include: Free Food, Free book bags, Free Hair cuts, with games, prizes and fun for the entire family. Vendor Registration forms are available. The purpose of this event is to invite the community and organizations to come out fellowship with each other. For more information on this *blessed event*, please contact Cassandra Kelley at (585) 342-5020 or 503-3457.

August 30, 2008

AFRICAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR

Action for a Better Community Inc., in partnership with WellCare, Unity Health System, BLCA, and Faith Community Alliance will be hosting a Health fair targeted to the African-American resident. The event will be held Saturday, August 30, from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm in the outdoor parking lot at Unity Health System's Genesee St. Campus. For more information, e-mail lynnrob@hotmail.com.

September 13, 2008

"YOU HAVE THE POWER: VOTE!" COMMUNITY FORUM

This event will take place Saturday, September 13, 2008 from 1 pm - 3 pm at the School #19 auditorium, 465 Seward St. (corner of Reynolds St.). Discussion topics include voting rights of convicted felons, the power in your individual vote, and many others. This is a FREE event. Please register at 234-2200.

September 16-17, 2008

THE MINORITY COUNCIL'S 30TH ANNUAL EXPOSITION & DIVERSITY BUSINESS FAIR

This is a business fair being held by The Upstate New York Minority Supplier Development Council. Network and build relationships with corporate procurement officers, minority business enterprises, and government officials. Learn and become inspired by our-renowned keynote speaker, world class presenters, plenary session and seminars, and so much more. Join us on at the Adam's Mark Hotel in Buffalo, NY. For more information please visit info@unyrmpci.org.