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YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS A THING THIS MONTH



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YOUR MONTHLY FBAAD NEWSLETTER

This is the **February issue** of our monthly newsletter.

Inside you will find: **Mark Your Calendar** info, **February birthday announcements**, **details on the Uncovering the Legacy Black History Month Celebration Events**, and more...

Don't forget to "like" us on Facebook and "follow" us on Instagram.

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Persistent Love

This holiday's origin story is quite the mystery. One of the many theories stem from a love poem by a 21-year old prisoner to his wife on February 14, 1415.

Another tells of a temple priest in the 1400s who helped Christian couples wed against Roman law. Though we are not sure how it all started, we can gather from these theories that Valentine's Day is rooted in **persistent love**. So, this month, try giving love fully, no matter what, and without looking for anything in return.



Emancipation Tree

In the summer of 1865, during the Civil War & rooted on the former Palmer Plantation, freedom rang out to the enslaved people under the branches of what is now esteemed as the **Freedom Tree**. Word of General Gordon Granger's Emancipation Proclamation announcement, first shared on June 19, 1865 in Galveston, Texas, reached them with much disbelief, jubilation, & praise. This historical landmark is still a huge part of annual BHM & Juneteenth celebrations in Missouri City. (location: 4219 Freedom Tree Dr.).

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

WEEK 1

- Feb 1** - First day of Black History Month
- Feb 3** - Art & Wine Tasting @ 6pm
- Feb 4** - Black History Month Kick-Off @ 9am
- Feb 4** - DTH performance prelude @ 1pm

WEEK 3

- Feb 14** - Valentine's Day
- Feb 18** - Black History Free Dance Day @ 10am
- Feb 18** - Black History Celebration Gala @ 6pm

WEEK 2

- Feb 10** - Jazz Night Out @ 7pm
- Feb 12** - MCTX @ Ensemble Theatre @ 2pm

WEEK 4

- Feb 24** - Celebration of Dance (Virtual) @ 7pm
- Feb 25** - Freedom Walk @ 10am
- Feb 25** - Culture of Movement (In-Person) @ 6pm

UnCovering the Legacy

A Black History Month-Long Celebration

WEEK 1



BLACK HISTORY ART & WINE EXHIBIT
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD



BLACK HISTORY MONTH KICK-OFF CELEBRATION!
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH

WEEK 2



TOUCH OF KEYS & EAF CELEBRATES LOVE WITH LIVE JAZZ
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH



MO CITY GOES TO ENSEMBLE THEATRE
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH

WEEK 3



BLACK HISTORY FREE DANCE DAY
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH



BLACK HISTORY CELEBRATION GALA
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH

WEEK 4



VIRTUAL SHOWCASE: BLACK HISTORY CELEBRATION OF DANCE
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH



MISSOURI CITY FREEDOM WALK
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH



UNCOVERING THE LEGACY: A CULTURE OF MOVEMENT
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH

UPCOMING EVENTS:



ART & WINE TASTING
Saturday, February 3rd @ 6pm

Come enjoy the sultry jazz sounds of Ms. Pat Dyer, our very own Ms. Lauren's mother.



Edison Arts Foundation Presents
DANCE THEATRE OF HARLEM
PERFORMANCE PRELUDE

Saturday, February 4th @ 1pm

Support our Afterschool Arts Academy as the concert's Prelude Performance.

Tickets available NOW!

www.performingartshouston.org

\$15 STUDENT TICKETS code: STUDENT15 (limited supply); \$34 GENERAL SEATING

BLACK HISTORY MONTH KICK-OFF

Saturday, February 4th @ 9am

Come support our Afterschoolers & our very own, Ms. Erica, as they usher in our month-long celebration.



BLACK HISTORY MONTH KICK-OFF CELEBRATION!
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH

Join our bus trip to the Ensemble Theatre for a showing of

PARADISE Blue

A dynamic, musically-infused show about a once-popular jazz club in Detroit and the challenges of building a better future

*PG-13 Drama - contains adult content & language

Part of Missouri City's Black History Month Celebrations

Sunday 12 February	The show begins at 3:00 pm. The bus will depart from the Recreation & Tennis Center at 2:00 pm. Call 281-403-8637 or go online to reserve your spot today! www.mctxparks.com	\$45 Bus + Ticket \$30 Ticket Only
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JAZZ NIGHT OUT

Friday, February 10th @ 7pm

Celebrate Black Love, featuring the soulful sounds of the Touch of Keys Band. Tickets [HERE](#).

JAZZ Night Out

FEATURING TOUCH OF KEYS BAND

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 10TH 7:00 PM

Fort Bend Academy of Arts and Dance
 1959 Texas Pkwy
 Missouri City, TX 77459

TICKETS : \$20 Donation
Tickets are sold in donations in increments of \$5 (upward). Your donation goes toward benefiting the Alphabet Art Foundation Exhibition with TOK & EAT

Get Your Ticket via EventBrite: <https://tinyurl.com/jazzNightOutTickets>

DOOR PRIZES/ REFRESHMENTS

Missouri City Parks and Recreation & Edison Arts Foundation Present
A TRIP TO PARADISE BLUE

Sunday, February 12th @ 1:30pm

At only \$45 for the bus transportation & ticket, we will experience the original play, Paradise Blue.

Reserve your bus+ticket or ticket only [HERE](#) or by calling 281-403-8637.

FREE BLACK HISTORY DANCE DAY
WITH THE ONE AND ONLY
Lauren Anderson

LEARN FROM THE LEGEND

The Edison Arts Foundation is proud to present Ballet Master Classes with Houston's very own Lauren Anderson, a positive role-model and living legend. Ms. Anderson is one of the first African-American principal ballerinas for a major U.S. ballet company (Houston Ballet) and she has blazed a path for dancers of color. Don't miss this artistic, educational and cultural experience with the one and only Lauren Anderson.

February 18, 2023
10:00 AM - 11:30 AM
Intermediate/Advanced Level Only
Open to dancers, ages 12 to adults
For more information, visit EdisonArtsFoundation.org

Register for Class via Eventbrite
<https://tinyurl.com/FBFreeDanceDay>

H-E-B is proud to support Lauren Anderson Free Black History Dance Day. Media sponsorship by H-E-B

UPCOMING EVENTS (cont'd):

Edison Arts Foundation & FBAAD Free Saturday Present
LAUREN ANDERSON
BALLET MASTER CLASS
Saturday, February 18th @ 10am

Lauren Anderson danced with the Houston Ballet from 1983 to 2006, becoming one of the first African-American principal ballerinas for the company in 1990 - an important milestone in American ballet. Don't miss this artistic, educational, & cultural experience for ages 12 years old & up! REGISTER NOW via [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com) (click here)

BLACK HISTORY CELEBRATION GALA

Saturday, February 18th @ 6pm

Honoring Congressman Al Green during a night of fine dining, drinks, and entertainment, you don't want to miss what will undoubtedly be an experience to remember - held at the City Centre at Quail Valley.

Corporate & Table Sponsorships available. Get your tickets at [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com) (click here)

Black History Month Celebration Gala
HONORING CONGRESSMAN AL GREEN

PRESENTED BY
Edison Arts Foundation

SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

- \$10,000 - \$1,000 Title/Corporate Sponsor**
 - \$10,000 Title Sponsor
 - \$5,000 Food Sponsor
 - \$2,500 Arts/Entertainment Sponsor
 - \$1,000 Media Sponsor
 - For sponsorship & details contact Charity Center
- \$500 Business/Table Sponsor**
 - Table sponsor will be responsible for decorating their table of 10 seats to their taste, business, or theme of choice.
- \$55 Individual**
 - Register for individual tickets!
 - www.edisonartsfoundation.org
 - <https://tinyurl.com/BlackHistoryGala>
 - www.facebook.com/EdisonArts
 - www.instagram.com/EdisonArts

Table Decor should include but is not limited to:

- Centerpiece
- Table/Chair cover (optional)
- Tableware: EKG chairs, napkins, etc.

Tables will come ready with basic table cover and chairs only!

The Magnolia Ballroom will be transformed into a design and floral extravaganza to celebrate Black History Month. Businesses, organizations, interior designers and florists from the Fort Bend and surrounding areas are invited to decorate the tables and their theme of choice. Overall Table Design & Most Creative Table Design awards given.

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2ND ANNUAL FREEDOM WALK

SAT. FEBRUARY 25TH

COMMUNITY + POETRY + ART

10:00 a.m.
Community Park
(1700 Glenn Lakes Ln.)
to **Freedom Tree Park**
(4219 Freedom Tree Dr.)

FREEDOM WALK
Saturday, February 25th @ 10am
It's the 2nd annual walk from Community Park (1700 Glenn Lakes Ln.) to Freedom Tree Park (4219 Freedom Tree Dr.). No registration required.

BY ANGE BILLY @ YOUNGBOYZ

Edison Arts Foundation Presents
BLACK HISTORY CELEBRATION OF DANCE
You Take Virtual Showcase. Visit [EdisonArtsFoundation.org](https://www.edisonartsfoundation.org) for Live Event!
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH | 7:00 PM

A CULTURE OF MOVEMENT
A Live Event at the Missouri City Community Center
7533 Texas Parkway | Missouri City, TX 77489
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH
6:00 PM | FREE ADMISSION

Register via Eventbrite | <https://tinyurl.com/BBM2Dance>

Edison Arts Foundation Presents
CELEBRATION OF DANCE & CULTURE OF MOVEMENT
Friday, February 24th @ 7pm & Saturday, February 25th @ 6pm

In honor of Black History Month, the Edison Arts Foundation has curated a showcase featuring various dance companies, studios, schools, & local artists to unite, celebrate, & pay tribute to African American trailblazers. Join us for a virtual showcase on February 24th & in-person event on February 25th.

Virtual: visit www.edisonartsfoundation.org for link
In-Person: 1522 Texas Parkway Missouri City, TX 77489

ON THE FBAAD 



We are gearing up to add more adult-centered classes to the dance floor, and want to know if you'd join us! Add your name to the interest sheets [HERE](#) or at the front desk during your next visit. Introduction classes, class schedules, and start dates **COMING SOON!**



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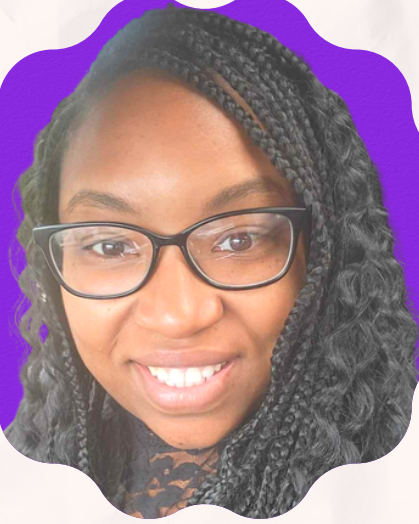
120 days until our **SWEET 16**

It's been 16 years at 1959 Texas Parkway, and we want to look back at all we've been able to do while here. Great things are ahead, but there is so much greatness behind us too!
For our Sweet 16-themed concert, we'll celebrate some FBAAD originals by remixing their brilliance!

2023 Spring Concert
June 2nd, 2023 at 6:30pm

Spring Concert Performance Fees are DUE March 10th*
*The performance fee is \$50/individual student & \$75/ family participating in our annual Spring Concert.

INSTRUCTOR SPOTLIGHT



MRS. LATASHA GOINES
Tap

She's not only our amazingly talented tap instructor, but she works tirelessly by day as an Adoption Prep Caseworker. For her commitment and continued sacrifice in the social work field, she's been recognized this month as a **CPS Mentor Star** within her region. We salute and applaud you, Ms. LaTasha!



MS. LAUREN BURKE
Creative Movement & Ballet 2

Joining the Urban Souls Dance Company for their **Movement For Black Lives** Concert, our very own, Ms. Lauren, will be hitting the stage on February 11th @ 8pm for a night of unforgettably powerful dance performances. Join us in supporting her at MATCH Theatre! Buy your tickets [HERE](#).

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CPS MENTOR STAR - 6B

LATASHA GOINES

Protege V. Stubblefield Nominated
Ms. Goines with the below submission:



I am nominating Latasha Goines as being the ideal mentor and teacher due to her wonderful skills and assets. Latasha is insightful about policies and procedures in adoption to which she can relay the information in layman's terms. She provides positive feedback and adapts to your specific learning style to ensure you have a clear understanding. Latasha is patient and supportive in expanding your knowledge about the department and its process. She demonstrates integrity in each interaction with her clients, caregivers, school officials and other coworkers. Latasha motivating and builds self-confidence through her feedback that makes you feel you have made the correct career choice. She is a great listener when needed and creates a caring and helpful environment. Latasha is organized and has a wealth of information to share. Her ability to adjust to her client's needs for permanency is remarkable. I had the ability to watch her transform from not having any children for National Adoption Day in November to getting six children adopted to their forever families within a few weeks for Brazoria County's National Adoption Day. She is an amazing adoption worker and has still extended assistance to me beyond her mentoring time. Latasha is truly an adoption worker that I aspire to be.

The Protege's Leadership Confirmed:

"Latasha agreed to mentor a new adoption prep protégé in Conroe, Texas even though the distance would be an obstacle. She was personable, attentive and readily available when needed. Latasha took a hands-on approach and helped Veronica throughout the process. She had a positive attitude during weekly ITP meetings, offered praise and assistance where needed and was flexible with scheduling. Latasha was an asset to Veronica becoming case assignable and provided necessary resources and tools to help Veronica in her new role as an adoption prep worker." - Supervisor Kari Adams

Ms. Goines's Leadership Confirmed her with the below:

"LaTasha is an absolute joy to have. LaTasha is one of those people you are always able to depend on to get the job done. Regardless as to what she is going through LaTasha will always greet you with a smile. I have been working with LaTasha a short period of time but I have seen her go out of her way to help others. LaTasha is a great mentor as she is one of those that is always open and willing to answer questions. LaTasha would be an asset to any team and I am so grateful that I get the bragging rights to have her as a part of mine."

- Supervisor Myra Williams

"There are no words to describe how awesome of a worker, mentor and overall person that LaTasha is. She goes above and beyond in working with the children on her caseload, her coworkers, as well as her coworkers. She maintains a positive attitude and is ALWAYS willing to go the extra mile to help when needed. She is knowledgeable in her role as an Adoption Prep caseworker, as well as her role in her teaching style. She is a great worker and asset to the Kickstart program and she truly is a ROCK STAR!"

Ms. Goines Shared:

I have been with the agency for 8 years. I began my journey as an Intercountry caseworker for Fort Bend County. After 5 years I felt that I wanted to be on the lighter side of CPS and help our children in care reach permanency and connect them with their forever families. Love Adoptions and love working with children. I have a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology with a Disting. Honor from The University of Houston. I am a Seattle native, but I love Texas and have lived here for 12 years. I have been blessed to have great leadership in my life and people who have helped guide me to be the woman and worker I am today. I want to do the same for others who share the desire to learn. The mentor program has allowed me to fulfil that by training others to do the work that we are destined to do. This job can be challenging at times but I believe there is nothing in our life that allows us to be there for the youth and families we serve.

A little about me is that I love spending time with my family and friends, traveling, shopping, and dancing. I have been part of the performing arts community since I was 12 years old and have had the opportunity to teach children and adults Tap dancing. I have participated in Tap Nationals and shows in cities throughout the US.



Congratulations LaTasha!

If you see Ms. Goines please congratulate her on this well deserved achievement!

URBAN SOULS DANCE COMPANY PRESENTS

FEB 11
8PM

Movement
FOR BLACK LIVES

A NIGHT OF DANCE HONORING BLACK HISTORY AND CULTURE WITH URBAN SOULS AND FRIENDS.

PERFORMING COMPANIES
URBAN SOULS DANCE COMPANY · SON KISS'D DANCE CONCEPTS · TRENT D. WILLIAMS JR. · DONNA CRUMP & GOOD DANCE SINCE 1984 · SOCIAL MOVEMENT CONTEMPORARY DANCE THEATER · KOUAMANKE'LE AFRICAN DANCE AND DRUM ENSEMBLE · DIFE' YOUTH ENSEMBLE

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Ask us about our summer programs!



INTEREST SHEETS
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REGISTRATION OPENS
MARCH 2023!

**SUMMER
DANCE
CAMP**



For ages 7-17 years old, **S.T.A.R. (Summer Theatre Art Repertory)** provides two four-week sessions of performance & technical training, all culminating into two stellar musical theatre productions.

\$500 per session + one-time \$50 registration fee (scholarships available)

Session 1

June 5 - June 30
Matilda The Musical

Session 2

July 10 - August 4
TBD

Summer Dance Camp is for ages 5-12 years old and begins June 12, 2023. Comprised of eight week-long sessions, it is full of wholesome, healthy, and artistic experiences. From 9am to 4pm daily, Campers engage in sports, dance, arts, academia, and field trips.

\$99 per weekly session + \$25 registration fee

REMINDER:

Monthly FBAAD Tuition is due on the 1st of each month. A \$20 late fee applies after the 10th. You may check your balance, pay tuition & recital fees, & stay up-to-date on the studio happenings/important dates on the **FBAAD Parent Portal**. Login is your email address & a self-set password.

**TAP
HERE**



February Birthdays

- ◆ Azyiah Boykins - 02/07
- ◆ Paisley Flemings - 02/10
- ◆ Morgan Webber (front desk) - 02/13
- ◆ Payton Wright - 02/13
- ◆ Isabella Agina - 02/13
- ◆ Kelis Wilson - 02/21
- ◆ Paisley Henderson - 02/22
- ◆ Zyana Igwegbe - 02/23





THAT'S ALL FOR NOW



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Visit the FBAAD Parent Portal for class schedules, contact information, and additional studio details.

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