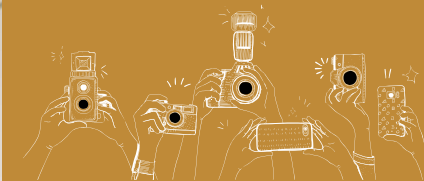


Kojo Kamu Cover Art Award Emmanuel Waston, 11 Grade, Whetstone High School

COMMUNITY THROUGH OUR LENS

Central Ohio Youth Photography Exhibition

poindextervillagemuseum.org



COMMUNITY THROUGH OUR LENS

Annual Poindexter Village Drum Circle

c/o Poindexter Village Museum & Cultural Center

Every second Saturday in August the James Preston Poindexter Foundation in partnership with Ohio History Connection hosts the annual Poindexter Village Drum Circle in Poindexter.

August

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Community Through Our Lens: Youth Photography Exhibition

This effort aims to share youth photography related to the black experience in Central Ohio. This is a juried competition. Eighteen photos have been selected for this exhibition and community calendar.

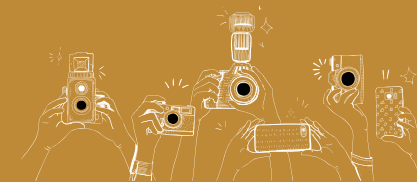
The exhibition will be hosted at Poindexter Village Annual Drum Circle event, and a calendar will be created for the 2023-2024 school year. A \$100 cash award will be presented to the student winners. One student winner has been selected as the cover photograph winner and will receive the inaugural Kojo Photo Excellence Award named after the legendary Columbus photographer, Kojo Kamau.

Kojo Kamau Award

This award is in memory of the renowned photographer, historian, teacher, mentor and visionary. Co-founder of Kojo Photo Art Studio and Art for Community Expression (ACE), a community organization created to nurture African American Artists and provide a venue to exhibit art. He devoted a lifetime photographing positive images of African Americans and people of color. He worked tirelessly to strengthen the bond between African American Artists and the broader Columbus Arts Community. Transcending boundaries and time, his photographs captured truth and portrayed integrity.

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6	7	8	9	10	11	12 Poindexter Village Drum Circle Community Through Our Lens Awards
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 Professional Development Day Students Not in Attendance	21 Professional Development Day Students Not in Attendance	22 First Day for Students	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

"Poindexter Village is as important to me as the Eiffel Tower" **Rita Smith**



COMMUNITY THROUGH OUR LENS

Love

Asalah Kamel, 10th Grade,
Davidson High School

It represents the growth of our
community.

September

International Underground Railroad Month

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**Congratulations to Our
Cash Prize Winners**

Charli Fisher
8th Grade
Gahanna Middle School East

Canden Hawkins
11th Grade
Afrocentric

Asalah Kamel
10th Grade
Davidson High School

Pau Lam Khai
10th Grade
Columbus Alternative High School

Alexandria Knox
11th Grade
Fort Hayes Career Center

Citlali Esmeralda Leon
10th Grade
Beechcroft

Taylor McKinnon
11th Grade
Columbus Downtown Highschool

Brooklynn Munford
7th Grade
Connections Academy

Aandrea Peavy,
8th Grade
Metro Early College Middle School

Emmanuel Watson
11th Grade
Whetstone High School

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10	11 Patriot Day or September 11th	12	13	14	15 First Day of Hispanic Heritage Month	16 Rosh Hashanah
17	18	19	20	21 Professional Development Day Students Not in Attendance	22	23
34	25 Yom Kippur	26	27	28	29	30

"A Change Is Gonna Come" is a song by American singer-songwriter Sam Cooke. Sam Cooke, was an American vocal entertainment, considered one of the most influential soul artists of all time, Cooke is commonly referred to as the "King of Soul" for his distinctive vocals, pioneering contributions to the genre, and significance in popular music.



We Are Worth Defending

Brooklynn Munford, 7th Grade,
Connections Academy

IMPACT Safety founded We are Worth Defending: Empowerment Self Defense to help improve the lives of black women in the Columbus community by helping them build confidence, set boundaries and sharing safety strategies. I am super proud that my mother is part of the training team. The training is taught by black women for black women and girls.

October

2023

Breast Cancer Awareness Month / Domestic Violence Awareness Month

James Preston Poindexter Foundation

The James Preston Poindexter Foundation (JPPF), was founded in 2014 to ensure the preservation of Poindexter Village. It is the culmination of over a decade of effort from the community including former residents, preservationists, historians, activists and other partners working together to create a museum and cultural center to preserve Columbus black history.

We Were. We Are. We Will.

The James Preston Poindexter Foundation does its work through its committees, advocates, and volunteers.

Our Mission

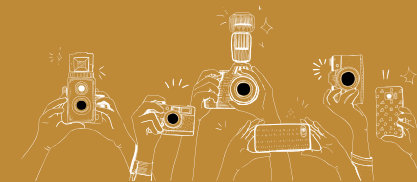
To create an appreciation for the lifestyle and material culture of African American community in historic Poindexter Village in Central Ohio in the 20th century.

Our Vision

To be the unique showcase for the preservation of African American documents, culture and tradition in historic Poindexter Village in Columbus, Ohio.

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8	9 Columbus Day Indigenous Peoples' Day	10	11 President Roosevelt Dedicates Poindexter Village in 1940	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 Professional Development Day Students Not in Attendance	21
22	23	24 End of Quarter 1	25 Records Day Students Not in Attendance	26	27	28
29	30	31 Halloween	September S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30		November S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	

President Franklin D. Roosevelt came through Columbus to mark the opening dedication Champion Avenue development project in 1940, one of the first public housing projects in the country. Poindexter Village and the area that surrounded the 35 apartment buildings on 27 acres on Columbus' Near East Side was a vibrant mix of Black families, businesses, places to worship, and culture, including emerging artists, musicians, and leaders.



COMMUNITY THROUGH OUR LENS

Adolescence

Alexandria Knox, 11th Grade, Fort Hayes Career Center

"Adolescence" represents the feeling of being a small child again. Finding the joy in things most people don't find joy in as an adult. As a little kid, the best thing you could run into at the park was a set of swings, one of those little things to put a smile on a small child's face. The park is where I developed my prime memories throughout my adolescent years.



November

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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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26	27	28	29	30		
	Cyber Monday					

James Preston Poindexter Foundation Executive Committee



Michael Roberts,
Chair



Patsey Ulmer,
Vice Chair



Reita Smith,
Co-Founder, Historian

"We can achieve our vision by linking our past to the present and developing a trailblazing future when community leaders know our history and lead by example" **Bettye Stull**



Remembrance

Brooklynn Munford, 7th Grade,
Connections Academy

My picture is a street that is named after my Late Pastor, Rev. Dr Charles E. Booth as a dedication to him and the marvelous impact he had in our community. He served as the Pastor at Mt. Olivet Baptist Church for 40 years.

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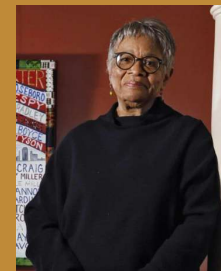
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Christmas Eve	Christmas Day	First Day of Kwanzaa/ Umoja (Unity)	Second Day of Kwanzaa/Kujichagulia (Self-Determination)	Third of Kwanzaa/Ujima (Collective Work and Responsibility)	Fourth Day of Kwanzaa/ Ujamaa (Cooperative Economics)	Fifth Day of Kwanzaa/ Nia (Purpose)
31	<p><i>"At one time we knew our neighbors, we respected our elders, we valued our music and our culture; now is the time to develop pride and appreciation and change our community"</i> Bettye Stull</p>					
New Year's Eve Sixth Day of Kwanzaa/ Kuumba (Creativity)						



Ealnor Grey,
Treasurer



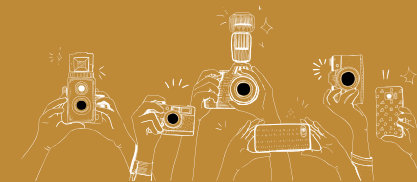
Sandra Jameson,
Secretary/ Historian



Bettye Stull,
Program Chair



Shelbi Toone,
Project Director



COMMUNITY THROUGH OUR LENS

All Are Welcomed

Mural Artwork led by beloved community artist
Richard Duarte Brown.

Brooklynn Munford, 7th Grade,
Connections Academy

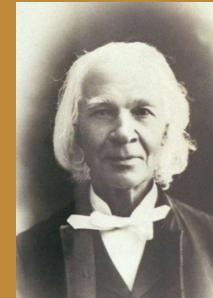
Blackburn Recreation Center,
Black History at Its finest. My first
picture is Black Burn Recreation
Center. Blackburn has been a
part of our community for years; I
thought it would be great to share
and celebrate the history of our
community & for everyone to know
that they are welcomed and loved!



January

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	1 New Year's Day Seventh Day of Kwanzaa/ Imani (Faith)	2 School Resumes	3	4	5	6
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14	15 All Schools Closed Martin Luther King Day	16 Professional Development Day Students Not in Attendance	17 Records Day Students Not in Attendance	18	19	20
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**Dr. Rev.
James Preston
Poindexter**

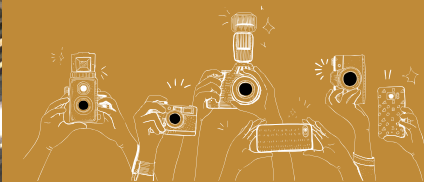
JPPF chose to represent the legacy of the Rev. Dr. James Preston Poindexter. Rev. Poindexter was an abolitionist,

civil rights activist, politician, barber, and Baptist minister who laid the groundwork for social progress in Columbus, Ohio. We are all significantly impacted by his extraordinary life and his tireless efforts in the realms of education, religion, and civil rights were a testament to his unwavering dedication to the betterment of his community.

Timeline of James Preston Poindexter

Journalist Richmond Enquirer:
March 14, 1819 – February 7, 1907
Member:
Underground Railroad (1841-1861)
Organizer:
Anti-Slavery Baptist Church
Candidate:
Ohio House of Representatives (1873)
Businessman:
Barber (White clientele, downtown Columbus)
Consultant/Delegate:
National Republic Convention
Founding Member:
Second Baptist Church (1858-1898)
Trustee:
State School for the Blind (1858-1883)
Member:
Ohio State Forestry Bureau (1887-1893)
Honorary Doctor of Divinity:
State University of Louisville (1887)
Trustee:
Wilberforce University (1896)

"If you don't know where you came from, you must look back in order to move forward" **Phyllis Ransom**



COMMUNITY THROUGH OUR LENS

Walkin'

Camden Hawkins, 11th Grade,
Afrocentric

I chose this picture because it captures the beauty of nature and tells a story of a black woman outside making it on her own.

February

Black History Month

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Extraordinary Columbus African American Women That Shaped History

- **Anna C. Bishop**
Educator, historian poet, songwriter, author "Beyond the Blackberry Patch."
- **Joyce Beatty**
United States Congresswoman, Chairwoman, Congressional Black Caucus
- **Lottie C. Blake**
Columbus first Black female physician
- **Edna L. Brice**
Florist, co-founder of the Mt. Vernon Ave. District Improvement Association.
- **Yvette McGee Brown**
First Black woman to serve on the Franklin Co. Court of Common Pleas Domestic Relations, and first and only second woman elected to this court. In 1992 she was the youngest judge elected in Ohio.
- **Jeanette R. Bradley**
First Executive Director of Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority.
- **Ellen Walker Craig**
First elected mayor of an American municipality, Urbancrest
- **Liz Evans**
One of the first pioneers, Community Affairs Director for WTVN-AM, WLWQ-FM radio, founder of African American Cancer Support Group.

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4	5	6	7	8 Groundhog Day	9	10
11	12 Lincoln's Birthday	13 Mardi Gras	14 Ash Wednesday Valentine's Day Freedom Fighter Fredrick Douglass born - 1817	15	16 Lunar New Year	17
18	19 Presidents Day Washington's Birthday All Schools Closed Compensatory Day for Parent Conferences	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29		

FEBRUARY 2014

The James Preston Poindexter was foundation founded.



Make Mount Vernon Great Again

Emmanuel Watson, 11th Grade,
Whetstone High School

The photo theme's really evoked a lot of emotion within me to create and choose where I was going to create my art, it was truly hard picking one theme as all of them apply to my art. "Make mount Vernon great again" is way more than just a picture, it is a piece that tells about the past and present of a true black microeconomic, right here in central Ohio. I took a panoramic lense photo on Mount Vernon Ave, in Columbus Ohio, I made sure to get Shiloh Baptist Church into the picture Because it was a quintessential corner stone of what once was one of the most successful black communities in the Midwest. As the photo continues there lies a finished apartment building, though this building was not the exact demise of Mount Vernon Ave, it is what the building represents that matters. Gentrification, white infiltration, and so much more. Lastly, the name "Make mount Vernon great again" is a play on the inherently racist phrase coined by former President Donald trump "Make America Great Again". I chose to play off of that phrase because I enjoyed the irony of it all, it felt like it really fit the piece well. I hope you enjoy!

March

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Women's History Month

Extraordinary Columbus African American Women That Shaped History

- **Helen Jenkins Davis**
"Dean of Columbus Teachers"
- **Naomi J. Evans**
First black nurse employed by Columbus Public Schools.
- **Jessie Stevens Glover**
First Black woman graduate from OSU.
- **Janet E. Jackson**
First woman and African American, Director of United Way, city attorney and Franklin County judge
- **Mayme L. Moore**
The 'Mother of the Columbus NAACP and the Mayme Moore Park at the King Arts Complex named after her.
- **Barbara R. Nicholson PhD**
Executive director of King Arts Complex, the National Endowment of the arts named her as the "outstanding champion of multicultural access to the best in the arts."
- **Aminah B. Robinson**
Mac Arthur Art Genius Award. Created art and depicting the history of the eastside.
- **Yolanda S. Robinson**
Host, "All in the Family" talktainment radio and author, There is Magic in the Blackberry Patch.

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3 Richard Allen founded the African Methodist and Episcopal Church - 1773	4	5	6 Professional Development Day Students Not in Attendance	7	8 International Women's Day	9
10 Daylight Saving (Start)	11 First Night of Ramadan	12	13	14 James Preston Poindexter Birthday	15 End of Quarter 3	16
17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19	20 Records Day Students Not in Attendance	21	22	23
24 Palm Sunday	25 Holi	26	27	28	29 Spring Break All Schools Closed Good Friday	30
31 Easter	Rev. James Preston Poindexter was born on March 14, 1819, in Rockbridge County, Virginia. Rev. Poindexter was a trailblazer who fearlessly championed the rights and aspirations of the Black community. In recognition of his contributions to the community and education, the Poindexter Village public housing complex in Columbus was named after him. The complex, opened in 1940, was one of the first of its kind in the nation and provided affordable housing for African Americans.					



COMMUNITY THROUGH OUR LENS

Long Street Cultural Wall

Community Through Our Lens Judge



c/o Shellee
Fisher,
Shellee Fisher
Photography &
Design

As a full-time professional freelance photographer, I have the wonderful opportunity to work with all types of people and organizations to create memories or stir actions. It's more than making a living for me; it's putting my passion to work for the joy and success of myself and others. It has been an honor to help select the photographs for this calendar.



April

National Poetry Month

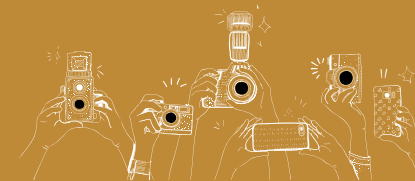
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Extraordinary Columbus African American Women That Shaped History

- **Esther Walker Tyree**
A leading lady at Shiloh Baptist Church.
- **Charleta R. Tavartes**
First woman to serve as State Representative 22nd House District in Ohio House of Representatives.
- **Alberta Banner Turner**
Ph.D, first to receive honor in psychology from OSU. Civil rights activist.
- **Carolyn Glover Utz**
Music teacher, Columbus City Schools, and string bass player in Columbus Symphony Orchestra.
- **Blanche M. Vanhook**
Society columnist for two black weekly newspapers, the Ohio State News and the Ohio Sentinel.
- **Ann B. Walker**
Trailblazer, first woman from Columbus to receive a White House appointment and bestowal Queen Mother of Muzano Village in Ghana, West Africa.
- **Coral Jordan White**
Director of the Blue Triangle Branch YWCA, forerunner of the Ohio Civil Rights Commission.
- **Catherine Willis**
Educator, activist and founder of Urban Strings of Columbus Youth Orchestra.

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	1 Easter Monday April Fool's Day	2	3	4	5 School Resumes	6
7	8	9 Eid al-Fitr Paul Roberson, activist, singer, scholar and freedom fighter born - 1898	10	11	12	13
14	15 Tax Day	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 Passover Earth Day	23	24 Professional Development Day Students Not in Attendance	25	26	27
28 Duke Ellington, famous musician and composer, born - 1899	29	30	March S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	May S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31		

"Poindexter Village was the seed which many branches grew" - **Jimmi Love**



COMMUNITY THROUGH OUR LENS

Beauty At The End

Pau Lam Khai, 10th Grade,
Columbus Alternative Highschool

I gave this picture "Beauty at the end" because every day, sunset is what ended the day into night and it is the most beautiful time of the day to sit and enjoy the sunset with friends and families. The sun may be really hot during the day but it was worth it to suffer through and watch it go down every day. Just like in life there would be struggle before it gets better. The struggle that we went through our life would be worth it for the reward at the end. My hope was that this art would represent not just my community but community all over the place. Each person may live in a different city, but they look at the same sunset. It represents the peace in my community.

May

Mental Health Awareness Month

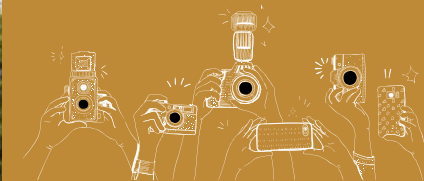
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Extraordinary Columbus African American Men Who Paved The Way

- **Halroy C. Williams**
Actor NBC sitcom *227*, *Sanford and Son*, *The Waltons* and movie *Star*.
- **Bernie Casey**
Actor, artists, poet and pro-football player.
- **William "Bill" Williams**
Empennurual Co founder of *Glory Foods*, owner of *The Marble Gang Restaurant*.
- **William "Bill" Nelson**
Professor that was instrumental in the creation of the Black Studies Department at the Ohio State University and served as director.
- **Frank Hale**
Vice provost The Ohio State University, civil rights pioneer, Frank Hale Black Culture Center named after him.
- **George Miller**
Entrepreneur, African American Art Consultant, owner of Black Art Plus.
- **Baba Shongo Obadina**
Owner and operator of the William H. Thomas Art Gallery, the oldest art gallery in Columbus. Supported by the urban Cultural Arts Foundation
- **Robert J. Stull**
Emeritus educator, artist, chairman of the Art Department; Associate Dean, College of the Arts at The Ohio State University.

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5 Cinco de Mayo Orthodox Easter	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Mother's Day	13	14	15	16	17 Armed Forces Day	18
19 Pentecost	20 Pentecost Monday	21	22	23 Ohio Black Expo	24 Ohio Black Expo	25
26 Ohio Black Expo	27 All Schools Closed Memorial Day	28	29 Last Day for Students	30 Records Day Students Not in Attendance	31	

"I hope the work that all us us are doing will not be in vain, I have faith in the children and I have faith in families...in the parents and their awareness in giving the children the tools which will make them prepared. There the ones who's gonna rule the world... eventually" **Aminah Robinson**



COMMUNITY THROUGH OUR LENS

Black Girls Celebrating Together

Aandrea Peavy, 8th Metro Early College Middle School

These photos show Black girls of different ages and the community celebrating girls and being full of joy together. This picture is taken at The Maroon Arts Group (MAG) MPACC Box Park is an outdoor event venue located at 925 Mt. Vernon Ave in the King-Lincoln/ Bronzeville District.


June

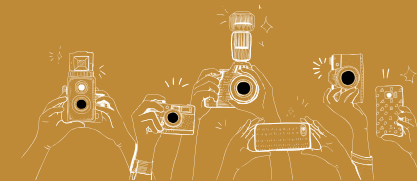
2024

LGBTQ+ Pride Month / Juneteenth

Extraordinary Columbus African American Men Who Paved The Way

- **Judge Robert Duncan**
First African American to serve in the Ohio Supreme Court and decided on the historical Columbus Desegregation Case.
- **Amos H. Lynch**
Founder of African American newspapers, businessman, journalist, civil rights leader referred to as "The Godfather of the press."
- **Will Haygood**
Journalist, author of (7) his books *The Butler was made into a movie. Visiting Professor at Miami University.*
- **Dr. Earl Sherard**
Tuskegee Airman. Director on Neurosurgeon, Children's Hospital.
- **Nimrod B. Allen**
Founder of the Columbus League for Justice and director for 40 years.
- **Jerry Hammond**
First African American President of City Council, public servant, mentor, leader.
- **Ray Miller**
Senator, Ohio State Senate, "Father of Headstart Funding", African American Leadership Academy, African American News Journal.
- **Rev Leon L. Troy Sr**
Pastor of Second Baptist Church

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16 Father's Day Denmark Vessey led slave rebellion in Charleston, South Carolina - 1822	17 Eid al-Adha	18	19  All Schools Closed	20	21 Flag Day	22
23	24	25	26 Paul Lawrence Dunbar, poet and novelist, born - 1872	27	28	29
30	Naming this complex Poindexter Village served to honor this man and in turn allowed generation of African-American families to grow up in what many would consider a true "village". In the words of Aminah Robinson , A STREET CALLED HOME					



COMMUNITY THROUGH OUR LENS

Red, White, and Color

Citlali Esmeralda Leon, 10th Grade,
Beechcroft

This picture was taken on the day of Red, White, and Boom. Here in downtown Columbus. I call it Red, White, and Color due to the fact that it unites Central Ohio together with people from many backgrounds, many cultures, many races, and many nationalities. This represents my community by showing diversity and showing that we can unite and enjoy something peacefully. In this photo you can see the John Glenn Columbus International Airport.

July

2024

Poindexter Village: A Place Called Home

Poindexter Village was first Ohio public housing development in Columbus, Ohio and one of the first in the country. The new construction replaced an area known as the "Blackberry Patch" Operated by the Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority it was home to 1800 persons residing in 425 apartment located in 33 red brick building on the east side of the city.

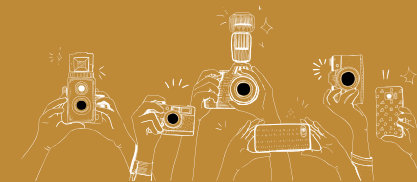
Named after Reverend James Preston Poindexter, the minister of Second Baptist Church for forty years, businessman, underground railroad conductor and the first black man to serve on the Columbus City Schools Council, Columbus City Council, Ohio State Forestry Bureau, State School for the blind, and a Trustee at Wilberforce University the residents were proud to fulfill their dreams in a "place called home."

In 1940 fourteen families moved into their dream home that symbolized the inspiration and honor of this great statesman. On October 12, 1940 the housing project was dedicated by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. The Columbus Recreation and Parks leased the facility from CHA and operated a center with programs and a playground for families that supplemented the Beatty Recreation Center.

The James Poindexter Foundation founded in 2014 and in 2016 partnered with the Ohio History Connection to become the 59th site of the Ohio History Connection to change the two remaining buildings into the James Preston Poindexter Museum and Learning Center, the first African American Museum and Learning Center for the City of Columbus, Ohio.

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It's time to tell our own story about the black experience in Columbus. – Venica Miller



COMMUNITY THROUGH OUR LENS

At Peace

Taylor McKinnon, 11th Grade,
Columbus Downtown Highschool

I gave the photo its title because when you look at it, it gives you peace of mind and shows how pretty nature can be.

August

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Facts and Quotes

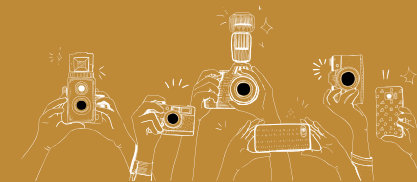
Poindexter Village was a historic public housing complex in the King-Lincoln Bronzeville neighborhood of Columbus, Ohio. Poindexter Village was the first public housing project in Columbus, and one of the first in the United States. Today, the remaining two buildings are set to become the Poindexter Village Museum and Cultural Center.

Sen. Hearcel F. Craig announced the passage of his legislation to designate Columbus' Poindexter Village as a historic site, Senate Bill 192. "Poindexter Village is a prominent part of Columbus' vibrant history," said Craig. "By designating this neighborhood as a historical site, we are preserving the extraordinary leadership and dedication of James Preston Poindexter, the influence of FDR's New Deal in our community and – most importantly – the memories and the people that Poindexter Village produced."

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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 Nat Turner, freedom fighter, led rebellion in Southampton Virginia -1831	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

"What I know is Poindexter Village symbolized something much greater—it represents a neighborhood with roots planted long before the buildings were erected—the Great Migration birthed the Blackberry Patch. We are on sacred land."

Shelbi Toone



COMMUNITY THROUGH OUR LENS

Love

Asalah Kamel, 10th Grade,
Davidson High School

It represents the growth of our
community. This photo is taken in
downtown Columbus.



September

International Underground Railroad Month

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 Labor Day	3	4	5	6	7
8 International Literacy Day	9 Grandparents Day	10	11 Patriot Day or September 11th	12	13	14
15 First National Negro Convention began in Philadelphia- 1830	16	17	18 Congress passed Fugitive Slave Act as part of the Compromise - 1850	19	20	21
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JPPF Quotes

"We all remember we had a good, safe life. We could count on anybody's parents if we had any problems...It was a good neighborhood, good neighbors. We know each other well, and we see each other now. Somebody will come up and say 'The Village, right?'"

PATSEY ULMER

JAMES PRESTON POINDEXTER
FOUNDATION BOARD MEMBER, AND
FORMER RESIDENT

"So originally...[we had] all of these other Black communities, not just one region...the Hilltop area, the South area, you had American Addition...Mount Vernon and Long Street Black businesses became successful because of all of these Black communities."

REITA SMITH

JAMES PRESTON POINDEXTER
FOUNDATION BOARD MEMBER, AND
FORMER RESIDENT

"I always felt safe in the village because there was always someone looking out for us young people and always giving advice that stuck with me all these years" **Mike Roberts**



COMMUNITY THROUGH OUR LENS

Beauty is Pain

Charli Fisher, 8th Grade, Gahanna Middle School East

Beauty comes in many different forms. Just because you don't look like how they show on social media and in photos, doesn't mean you aren't beautiful. This black woman is not less beautiful because she sleeps on the street. Everyone is beautiful in their own way. Photo taken on N. High Street Columbus.

October

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Breast Cancer Awareness Month / Domestic Awareness Month

Facts about Poindexter Village

- In 1940, the Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority completed the construction of Poindexter Village, the city's first affordable public housing project and one of the earliest in the nation. The 400-unit low-rise apartment complex was built exclusively for Columbus' Black population.
- By the 1940s, Columbus' Near East Side was a popular migrant destination and a flourishing hub for Black businesses, churches, social organizations, and other community institutions.
- Early residents of Poindexter Village formed a diverse community of doctors, professors, and lawyers mixed with factory workers, domestic servants, chauffeurs, and merchants. Poindexter Village offered its residents a place to call home.
- For generations, Poindexter Village was a place where neighbors looked after one another and elders were revered and respected.

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6	7	8	9	10 Rosh Hashanah	11	12
13	14 Indigenous Peoples' Day Columbus Day	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31 Halloween		

"I have not been able to separate the religion or spiritual aspect of my life from the other parts of my life" **Aminah Robinson**



COMMUNITY THROUGH OUR LENS

Home

Alexandria Knox, 11th Grade, Fort Hayes Career Center

These images represent places I grew up around and are known places around my area. There have been many events in these places that I've seen people come together for and saw a lot of people just enjoying their time and smiling. These represent happy memories of people coming together. I gave them these names because it relates to having the feeling of being at home with peace of mind.

November

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Facts and Quotes

- Poindexter Village thrived through the 1960s. The community nurtured its residents, producing many successful individuals.
- Public investment in affordable housing declined, resulting in a cut to services and maintenance in older public housing units. Many vacant units, too costly to repair, were boarded up. Due to this disinvestment, public officials called for the demolition and redevelopment of Poindexter Village.
- A coalition of former residents and preservationists fought to protect and restore the buildings, but of the thirty-seven buildings that once made up this thriving community, only two were saved. With new construction neighboring these older sites, Poindexter Village is now beginning a new chapter. Once restored, the two remaining buildings will house a museum and learning center. This historic site will share the story of a thriving early-twentieth century African American community and the legacy of the Great Migration in Columbus.

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Daylight Savings (End)	Election Day				Diwali	Day of the Dead
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Veterans' Day.					
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
			Thanksgiving	Black Friday		

"The Village...Truly a family experience" **Maurice Alfred**



COMMUNITY THROUGH OUR LENS

Kwanzaa at Ohio History Center

c/o Poindexter Village Museum & Cultural Center

Spreading the teachings of Kwanzaa is a goal of the James Preston Poindexter Foundation. JPPF supports Ohio History Connection and TAWI Family Village as they partner in hosting an annual Kwanzaa celebration that features African drumming, music, dance, storytelling and hands-on art activities.

December

2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 Cyber Monday	3 Giving Tuesday - JPPF annual meeting	4	5	6 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day.	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26 First Day of Kwanzaa/ Umoja (Unity)	27 Second Day of Kwanzaa/ Kujichagulia (Self-Determination)	28 Third of Kwanzaa/Ujima (Collective Work and Responsibility)
29 Fourth Day of Kwanzaa/ Ujamaa (Cooperative Economics)	30 Fifth Day of Kwanzaa/ Nia (Purpose)	31 New Year's Eve Sixth Day of Kwanzaa/ Kuumba (Creativity)	November S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30			January S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31

Kwanzaa: Created in 1966 by Maulana Ron Karenga, Kwanzaa is an African American and Pan-African holiday that celebrates history, values, family, community, and culture. The ideas and concepts of Kwanzaa are expressed in the Swahili language, one of the most widely spoken languages in Africa. The seven principles which form its core were drawn from communitarian values found throughout the African continent.

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