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**BAD to Revisit Golden Era of Southwest Atlanta Nightlife in Episode #3 with Mr. V's Figure 8 Nightclub Founder James Virgil**



**ATLANTA, GA** – Long before Atlanta became an internationally recognized entertainment destination, one Southwest Atlanta nightclub drew celebrities, politicians, athletes, and everyday residents to Campbellton Road for unforgettable nights of music, dancing, and community.

That story comes to life in Episode #3 of Black Atlanta Documented (BAD), premiering **10 a.m. Mon., June 1, 2026**, on [the Bad YouTube Channel](#). The episode features James "Mr. V" Virgil, founder of the legendary Mr. V's Figure 8 nightclub, in a candid conversation about entrepreneurship, perseverance, and the cultural impact of one of Atlanta's most celebrated nightlife destinations.

Hosted by leadership coach and speaker Simone Webster, the interview was filmed outside the former Westgate Shopping Center, where Mr. V's once stood as a beacon of Black entertainment and social life. The episode was produced by Atlanta media consultant and video producer Vince Bailey.

Now 85, Virgil reflects on building a nightclub empire that attracted an impressive cross-section of Atlanta society. During its heyday, Mr. V's became a gathering place for prominent figures ranging from boxing champion Muhammad Ali and music superstar Lionel Richie to Atlanta's first Black mayor, Maynard Jackson.

For many Atlantans, Mr. V's was more than a nightclub. It was a cultural institution that showcased Black excellence, entrepreneurship, and community pride during a transformative period in the city's history.

"I was 18 or 19 years old when I first came to Mr. V's because I remember they had just lowered the legal drinking age," Webster recalled. "Everyone came to Mr. V's."

## Preserving Legacy, One Interview at a Time

The interview continues Black Atlanta Documented's mission of capturing the firsthand stories of the individuals, businesses, institutions, and neighborhoods that helped shape Black Atlanta.

Through video interviews, photography, social media, and digital storytelling, BAD is creating an accessible archive that preserves memories often overlooked in traditional historical collections. By documenting these voices today, the project ensures future generations can learn directly from the people who experienced and influenced Atlanta's evolution.

Each episode serves as a permanent record of community history while highlighting the people whose contributions helped create the city known around the world today.

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