

MARYLAND AFRICAN AMERICAN TOURISM ALLIANCE

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Today's Topics, Updates, Events, Membership.

The next meeting of the MAATA will be held on February 9, 2024, during MD TOURISM DAY in Annapolis, MD.

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Maryland General Assembly (MGA) SESSION 2024: TOP AFRICAN AMERICAN TOURISM PROIRITY ISSUE

Creation of a State of Maryland-Division of African American & Multicultural Tourism with a \$5.5 million annual designated budget with 20% (\$1 million) set-aside to establish a statewide African American Tourism Development and Enhancement Grant Fund. See list of tourism reforms and recommendations, page 3 & 14 in the 2023 **MD Minority Tourism Report**. To download a copy of the 26- page report go to www.bdxlive.biz.

State your support by writing Governor Moore, Lt Gov Miller, Treasurer Davis, Comptroller Lierman, your State Senator and Delegates.

VIP Meeting: Tourism Day in Annapolis, February 9, 2024, between 9am-6pm, Rsvp: atasteofsoul443@gmail.com.

Annual Membership in MAATA: \$55yr, enroll at www.bdxlive.biz.

Recent News:

The 2024 print and digital version of **A TASTE OF SOUL**, MD Restaurant, Retail and Entertainment Tourist Guide is available at www.atasteofsoul.biz. In addition to Baltimore, several Maryland counties tourism offices placed an advertisement in this edition. Big thanks to tourism leaders: MD Dept of Commerce, Office of Tourism, Visit Baltimore, Cruise MD, Talbot, Calvert, Anne Arundel, Worcester, and Howard counties. To place your ad, send an email to: atasteofsoul443@gmail.com.

RJY Chick Webb Council is accepting advertisements for their souvenir booklet documenting the 75th anniversary of founding of the historic William "Chick Webb" Memorial Recreation Center in east Baltimore. It is located near Baltimore's famed Dunbar High School.

Black Men Unifying Black Men held their annual MLK breakfast recently at the recently renovated Arch Social Club. Guest speaker was Bob Wallace, CEO of the BITH Group. Bob is a democratic candidate for Mayor of Baltimore city. See photos and videos on my facebook page.

Dr. Joanne Martin and staff held the 40th Anniversary of the founding of the National Great Blacks in Wax Museum. The program was held at Baltimore's Black owned hotel: The Radisson Inn at Johns Hopkins. The Reginald Lewis Museum was scheduled to hold their annual meeting this past Thursday.

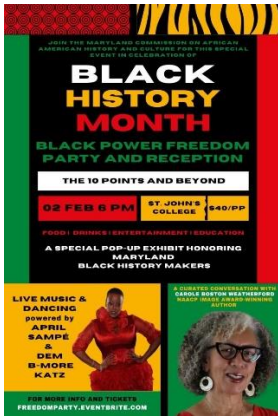
Upcoming Events:

FEBRUARY 1, 2024: CELEBRATE DR. CARTER G. WOODSON, founder of Black History Month

Carter Godwin Woodson (December 19, 1875 – April 3, 1950) was an American historian, author, journalist, and the founder of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH). He was one of the first scholars to study the history of the African diaspora, including African-American history. A founder of *The Journal of Negro History* in 1916, Woodson has been called the "father of black history." In February 1926, he launched the celebration of "Negro History Week," the precursor of Black History Month. Woodson was an important figure to the movement of Afrocentrism, due to his perspective of placing people of African descent at the center of the study of history and the human experience.

Born in Virginia, the son of former slaves, Woodson had to put off schooling while he worked in the coal mines of West Virginia. He graduated from Berea College, and became a teacher and school administrator. Earning graduate degrees at the University of Chicago, Woodson then became the second African American, after W. E. B. Du Bois, to obtain a PhD

degree from Harvard University. Woodson is the only person whose parents were enslaved in the United States to obtain a PhD in history. Largely excluded from the uniformly-white academic history profession, Woodson realized the need to support and promote the institutions which support scholarship in Black history and Black historians. Woodson taught at historically black colleges, Howard University and West Virginia State University, but spent most of his career in Washington, D.C., managing the ASALH, public speaking, writing, and publishing. Source: Wikipedia.



Feb 2, 6pm-10pm. MCAAHC presents Black Power Freedom Party & Reception. St. John's College, Annapolis. Email: Leron.herbert@maryland.gov.

Feb 5, 11am-1pm, MCAAHC, public meeting. Lewis Museum, 830 E. Pratt St, Baltimore, MD. Rsvp: leron.herbert@maryland.gov. This is a vital meeting for everyone to attend. Free,

Feb 5, 6pm: Meet Frederick Douglass, Nina Simone, Dick Gregory, House of Chiefs Restaurant & Meeting Place (4603 York Rd, Baltimore City). The **Mooney Twins** will bring their unique brand of comedy to the House of Chiefs on March 15-17, 2024. For tickets contact Ertha Harris at 443-655-7198 or email: erthaharris@gmail.com .

FEB 9 is TOURISM DAY in Annapolis, MD. Rsvp: atastofsoul443@gmail.com .

BLACK GIRLS VOTE event: Saturday, **February 10, 2024**, 9am-1pm, Northwood Elementary School (Loading Dock Area) 5201 Loch Raven Blvd, Baltimore, Maryland 21239. *On-site voter registration will be available*. Black Girls Vote will collect donations of essential hygiene items for women in transitional centers on Saturday, February 10, 2024. Donations can be dropped off in person at Northwood Elementary from 9 am until 1 pm at Northwood Elementary School, located at 5201 Loch Raven Blvd in Baltimore, MD.

Feb 17, 3PM, FREDERICK DOUGLASS 206th Birthday Celebration: Avalon Theater, Easton, MD. FMI-email: info@fdhill.org. copy me at bbhtours@gmail.com if you need hotel accommodations and other info.

Feb 20 is Buffalo Soldier Day in MD

Visit Baltimore is hosting their 3rd CIAA Men's and Women's Basketball tournament at the Baltimore CFG Arena on **Feb 26-March 2, 2024**. For ticket information, go to www.baltimore.org. A limited number of discounted vendor spaces are available at the CIAA Fanfest at the Baltimore Convention Center. Reply to atasteofsoul443@gmail.com.

Feb 22, 530pm-830pm, MWMCA hosts their 11th Annual Black History Month Program at Live Casino.

MARCH 10th is HARRIET TUBMAN Day in Maryland.

March 16, Harriet Tubman: The Woman behind the Legacy. Bannaker Douglass Museum, Annapolis, MD. Rsvp: leron.herbert@maryland.gov.

April 25-27, 5th Charm City Tourism Awards & Symposium honoring the Ladies of Tourism and the Doormen of Baltimore. Location TBA. Rsvp: atasteofsoul443@gmail.com .

TUBMAN-DOUGLASS Underground Railroad Tour Bus Trip. Maryland to-Niagara Falls, Canada, **Sept 9-14, 2024**. Reserve your space: bbhtours@gmail.com. HARRIET TUBMAN coins released by US Dept of Mint.

[previous MAATA meeting](#)

Date: January 8, 2024, 12-230pm

Location: House of Chiefs, 4603 York Rd, Bmore, MD 21212

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