

It's Going On! What's Going On? Champaign-Urbana Area Events/Meetings

*= Flyer/Information Available Upon Request (carlettadonaldson0713@gmail.com)

Deadline to submit events for Feb. 27? Wednesday, February 22, 2012.

Do you live in Champaign County, need to register to vote and/or change your name/address? Email to carlettadonaldson0713@gmail.com, register on-line at: champaigncountyclerk.com or go to the County Clerk's Office at the Brookens Building, 1776 E. Washington, U. (217-384-3724 no later than Tuesday, February 21, 2012. Upcoming 2012 Elections: Primary Election – March 20; General Election – November 6.*

Monday, February 13

ALL DAY – NAAPID (National African American Parent Involvement Day) – Check area schools' events for the day. **And be there!** You don't have a child/school to visit? Visit Booker T. Washington STEM Academy to read to and/or with a child **OR** visit a child at Urbana High School. Urbana Middle School will have an evening program **The Youth need YOU! NOT JUST TODAY, BUT EVERYDAY!***

12noon – 1:00pm - Access SUCCESS entrepreneurship lecture: Dwight Miller. Mr. Miller owns several McDonald's franchises in the Champaign-Urbana area and Decatur. Room L111 at Parkland College.*

6:00pm – Champaign Unit 4 School Board Meeting

6:00pm – 7:30pm - National African American Parent Involvement Day (NAAPID- at-Night) Program at Urbana Middle School in the cafetorium.

Reception immediately following the program. **FREE** and open to the public.

6:00pm – Don Moyer Boys and Girls Club's Learning Center Open House & Introduction of their enhanced **SMART Girls Program Partners**. Tours, hands-on tutorials, demonstrations, entertainment and refreshments. **Bring** your family, friends, neighbors and especially your **YOUTH**.*

7:00pm – Urbana City Council Meeting

8:00pm - "Slavery by Another Name," narrated by Laurence Fishburne, and produced and directed by Sam Pollard, premieres on PBS/WILLTV/Channel 12/Comcast Channel 13. History has repeated itself with the rate of incarcerations of this century!*

Tuesday, February 14 – VALENTINE'S DAY

11:30am – 1:00pm – For Colored Girls – Film Clips and Women's Discussion. Parkland female staffers lead female students in a discussion about respect, self-image, self-esteem, and relationships in Flag Lounge at Parkland College.*

6:00pm – Black History Month Film Series: Sanofa (1993) at the Independent Media Center (200 S. Broadway, Urbana/at the north end of Lincoln Square).

Admission: **\$3.00/proceeds** going to the IMC. The story follows Mona, a contemporary model, as she is visited by spirits lingering in the Cape Coast Castle in

Tuesday, February 14 (cont'd) – VALENTINE'S DAY

Ghana and travels to the past, where, as a house servant named Shola she is constantly abused by her slave masters. Nunu, an African-born field hand, and Shango, Shola's West Indian love interest, all continuously rebel against the slave system. For Nunu this means direct conflict with her son (whose father is a white man) benefiting from the system as a head slave. Inspired by Nunu and Shango's determination to defy the system, Shola finally chooses to fight back against her masters. For more information, contact: Carol Ammons: (217) 344-8820 or at carol.ammons@ucimc.org.

7:00pm – Champaign City Council Meeting - Study Session

Wednesday, February 15

11:30am – 1:30pm: Celebrate Black History Month with a special menu at the **Illini Union Ballroom** on from 11:30am - 1:30pm. Cost \$9.59 includes tax. **Menu:**
Soup/Salad: Chicken and Dumplings Soup, Traditional Vegetable Soup, Creamy Cole Slaw, Macaroni Salad; **Entree:** Whole Fried Catfish, Fried Green Tomatoes, Cabbage w/ Salt Pork, Creamed Corn, Neapolitan Spaghetti; **Dessert:** Peach Cobbler, and Sweet Potato Pie.

12noon – Food for the Soul: “Black Unity: Why We Can’t All Get Along” at the Bruce Nesbitt African American Cultural Program (708 S. Matthews, Urbana).*

4:00pm – 6:00pm – Teen Valentine’s Day Event at Champaign-Urbana Public Health District, 201 W. Kenyon Rd., Champaign. **FREE***

Thursday, February 16

1:00pm – 4:00pm – Voter Registration at Skelton Place, 302 N. Second St., C.*

5:00pm – 7:30pm – Wesley Evening Food Pantry Distribution at 1203 W. Green St., Urbana. Email info@wesleypantry.org for information or to volunteer.

6:00pm – 8:00pm – Family African American Read-In Night at Douglass Annex. Bring a **short passage** to read **written by** an African American. **FREE**

6:00pm – Informational Forum to discuss schools of choice, meet with staff members and learn about programs in all elementary schools at Barkstall Elementary School (2201 Hallbeck, Ch.) with parking on the east side of the school.*

Friday, February 17

Carlos Donaldson – Happy 78th Birthday – Carlos Donaldson

12noon – University of Illinois YMCA’s Friday Forum - **Wisdom on Wall Street** w/ Rev. Axel Gehrmann, Unitarian Universalist Church of Urbana-Champaign.*

5:00pm - Academy of African American Arts’ (AAAA) Movie Night: “Dead Presidents” at the Bruce Nesbitt African American Cultural Program (708 S. Matthews, Urbana).*

6:00pm – Rev. Dr. Claude Shelby and the **Salem Baptist Church Youth Ministry** hosting an ITVS - Community Cinema Series Film Screening of **“Daisy Bates: The First Lady of Little Rock”**, inspired by Illinois Public Media’s (WILL/TV/Radio) Film Screening on January 3 to continue the dialog in the community. Discussion moderated by Rev. Rickey E. Parks (Pastor of Pilgrim Baptist Church and Little Rock Native). For more information, contact Cynthia Williams at 217-356-3214*

Friday, February 17 (cont'd)

6:00pm - URBANA HIGH SCHOOL TIGERS VS. CENTRAL HIGH MAROONS BASKETBALL GAME. URBANA HIGH SCHOOL IS SELLING **HOOPIN' FOR HOPE T-SHIRTS** for **\$10.00 TO BLACK OUT THE GYM.**

Although Rivals on the Court, they are United in the fight on Breast Cancer. You may purchase shirts at Urbana home basketball games or in the school office.

6:00pm – 8:00pm – Jazz & Blues at the Refinery on Green, 51 E. Green St., Ch. **FREE.** For more info: 217-419-3996 or williebrownlee4@yahoo.com.*

8:00pm – 2:00am – Old School R & B at the Refinery, 51 E. Green St., Ch. **Cost: \$10.00.** For more information, 217-417-3996 or at williebrownlee4@yahoo.com.*

Saturday, February 18

9:00am – Central Illinois Jurisdiction, C.O.G.I.C. Department of Women Annual Prayer Breakfast – “Triumphant Through Prayer” at the Holiday Inn Conference Center (1001 Killarney St., Urbana). Featured Speaker: Dorinda Clark Cole.

Donation: **Adults - \$35/Children - \$15.** For more information contact Dr. Barbara Gillespie Washington at bggillespie@sbcglobal.net.*

10:00am – 12noon – St. Luke C.M.E. Church Food Pantry – 809 N. Fifth St., Ch.

4:00pm – Black Student Success Event: Shooting Contest. Shoot-out event occurs during half-time at the men's basketball game; prizes awarded. Event sponsored by the Counseling and Advising Center in the Parkland Gym.*

6:00pm – 8:00pm – Jazz & Blues at the Refinery on Green, 51 E. Green St., Ch. **FREE.** For more info: 217-419-3996 or williebrownlee4@yahoo.com.*

7:00pm – “From Tragedy to Triumph” Concert featuring Rose of Gospel Grammy Award Winner Dorinda Clark Cole, C.O.G.I.C. Queen of Gospel Chrystal Rucker and Noah Brown and Company at New Hope Church of God in Christ (911 W. Bradley, Ch.). **\$15 General Admission** in advance; **\$20.00 on the day of the event; \$20 meet and greet.** Doors open at 6:15pm. For more information, contact Ms. Kimberly Gillespie at 217-390-8152 or Ms. Pam Wilson at 217-649-3085.*

8:00pm – 2:00am – Old School R & B at the Refinery, 51 E. Green St., Ch. **Cost: \$10.00.** For more information, 217-417-3996 or at williebrownlee4@yahoo.com.*

Sunday, February 19

Immediately following 11am Morning Worship Service – Voter registration at Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church 1310 N. Sixth St., Champaign.

1:30pm – Salem Baptist Church Women's Day Committee Birthday Banquet.

Donation: \$7.00. You may dine in at the church or get your food to go.*

3:30pm – History of Gospel Music at St. Luke C.M.E. Church.

Monday, February 20 – President's Day

10:00am – 12noon - Voter registration at Helia Healthcare, 1915 S. Mattis, Ch.,

Monday, February 20 (cont'd) – President's Day

11:30am – 1:00pm – Brother Outsider™: The Life of Bayard Rustin film viewing in Flag Lounge at Parkland College. One of the first Freedom Riders, an advisor to Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and organizer of the 1963 March on Washington Bayard Rustin was nonetheless denied his place at the forefront of landmark events in the Black struggle due to his homosexuality. This fascinating biography of a multi-talented, essential figure in American radicalism reveals a new understanding of both progressive movements and gay life in 20th-century America. This film is being loaned from the LGBT Resource Center at the University of Illinois (Illini Union Room 323).*

6:30pm - U of I Women's Basketball vs. Northwestern – Assembly Hall*

Tuesday, February 21 – Last Day for Deputy Registrars to Register Voters

1:00pm – 2:00pm – Michael Fosberg: A One-Man Presentation on Racial Identity in Room D244 at Parkland College. Writer/performer Michel Fosberg is best known for his play Incognito, which tells the story of his discovery as an adult that he was black, his journey to discover his true heritage, and his uncovering of the history behind “the tragic American complexity of 'race'.” This presentation is co-sponsored by the University of Illinois Urbana Champaign Office of Equal Opportunity and Access.

6:00pm – Black History Month Film Series: “From DuSable to Obama” at the Independent Media Center. Admission: \$3.00 with proceeds going to the IMC. This is a great new documentary of Black History in Chicago. It is a Ken Burns-style documentary for PBS. Explore historical moments of triumph and challenge, and celebrate the heroic and unsung everyday men and women who have helped to mold Chicago's rich history. <http://video.wttw.com/video/1522918184/>*

6:30pm – Illinois Black Students Uncovered: A Discussion of the Facebook Forum @ Illini Union Rooms B&C.*

7:00pm – Champaign City Council Meeting

7:00pm – 2nd Community Conversations: an opportunity to learn, share, & discuss **Restorative Practices in Schools.** To be held at South Side Elementary School (712 S. Pine St., C.). Refreshments provided, free babysitting provided and hosted by the South Side PTA. Discussion will be led by Sara Balgoyen, parent of a South Side student and an advocate for restorative justice. For information, call Ms. Balgoyen at 217-778-3351 or email at sarab@ibarj.org.*

7:30pm – Urbana School District #116 Board Meeting

Wednesday, February 22

TODAY until March 13 – Grace Period Voting at the Brookens Building (1776 E. Washington, U.) for those who need to **register to vote and/or change their name or address.** You will register to vote and will be mailed a ballot which must be **returned postmarked no later than midnight on Monday, March 19.***

10:00am – 1:00pm – African American Wellness Fair at Parkland College in the Gallery and Flag Lounges. Health screenings, demonstrations, and information from various vendors will be available.*

Wednesday, February 22 (cont'd)

11:00am – 1:30pm – Soul Food Luncheon in the South Lounge at Parkland College. Back by popular demand! Sample an excellent array of African American dishes! Tickets are \$7 for faculty/staff/students. Proceeds will benefit the Black Student Association, Sister to Sister, and Brother to Brother activities.*

12noon – Food for the Soul: “Black Artistry with Dr. Ollie Watts Davis” at the Bruce Nesbitt African American Cultural Program (708 S. Matthews, Urbana).

NOTE: Today is the day to dress like your favorite Black Artist.*

6:00pm – Dinner Dialogue about Body Image & Healthy Eating at the Bruce Nesbitt African American Cultural Program (708 S. Matthews, Urbana), co-sponsored with the Counseling Center. **FOR WOMEN ONLY.***

Thursday, February 23

5:00pm – 6:30pm - DISCOVER YOUR STRENGTHS: with the Illinois Leadership Center at the University YMCA's Wahl Room (2nd Floor) Take the StrengthsQuest style assessment learn about your personal leadership strengths and how to capitalize on them. This program requires advance **registration no later than February 17.** All participants must **take the StrengthsQuest assessment by February 21** to participate. Additional Information will be sent once information is complete. **DINNER** will be provided. **Registration requested by Friday, February 17.**

5:30pm – 7:30pm – 7th Annual Innovation Celebration and Awards Ceremony sponsored by the Champaign County Economic Development Corporation and the Champaign County Tech Community at Beckman Institute for Advanced Science and Technology. **FREE. RSVP requested, though not required.***

6:00pm – Swahili Day Celebration with a lecture, food and music at the Bruce Nesbitt African American Cultural Program (708 S. Matthews, Urbana), co-sponsored by the Department of Linguistics.*

6:00pm – 8:00pm – 23rd Annual Steak-N-Burger Dinner to benefit the **Don Moyer Boys and Girls Club at the Holiday Inn Convention Center. Tickets: \$75.00.** For information, call 217-355-5437.

7:00pm – Champaign County Board Meeting

Friday, February 24

12noon – University of Illinois YMCA's Friday Forum – From Structural Adjustment to the Post-Washington Consensus and Beyond: Paradigm Shifts in Development Aid by Matthew Winters, Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Illinois.

5:00pm – Academy of African American Arts' (AAAA) Movie Night: “Soundtrack for a Revolution” at the Bruce Nesbitt African American Cultural Program (708 S. Matthews, Urbana).*

6:00pm – 8:00pm – Jazz & Blues at the Refinery on Green, 51 E. Green St., Ch. **FREE.** For more info: 217-419-3996 or williebrownlee4@yahoo.com.*

6:30pm – Sista Circle of The Church of the Living God presents **Read-In 2012** with spoken word, singing, praise dance and a Soul Food Sample (\$8.00 donation).*

Friday, February 24 (cont'd)

7:00pm - "When God's Glory Fills The House" at New Generation Christian Fellowship (306 Tiffany Ct., Ch., west of Staley Rd., off Springfield Ave., Ch.) where Apostle Larry and Kim Simmons are the Pastors. Guest speaker: Prophetess Mary Jackson, from God's Center of Deliverance Church" in Kankakee IL. Come out and be blessed. For more information, contact: Judy Grant at JudyGran6@aol.com.

7:00pm – Salem Baptist Church Laymen Ministry's Annual Brotherhood Banquet. FREE. Contact President L.C. Owens at 356-8176 or 328-3005 for info.

8:00pm – 2:00am – Old School R & B at the Refinery, 51 E. Green St., Ch. **Cost: \$10.00.** For more information, 217-417-3996 or at williebrownlee4@yahoo.com.*

Saturday, February 25

9:00am – 12noon – Church of the Living God presents **The Love Clinic** at the TLC Annex (310 E. Bradley. Cholesterol and diabetes screenings, health assessment survey, temporary prescription refills (bring medication bottles/no pain medication) and \$5.00 gift cards for everyone who is served. Sponsored by Provena Covenant Hospital, Dr. Christina Medrano, Mrs. Wamaitha Sullivan, the Love Corner and Gibson City Memorial Hospital. For more information, call 217-359-6920.*

5:00pm – Welcome Reception for Mt. Olive Baptist Church Pastor Keith Thomas and Family at the church.

6:00pm – 8:00pm – Jazz & Blues at the Refinery on Green, 51 E. Green St., Ch. **FREE.** For more info: 217-419-3996 or williebrownlee4@yahoo.com.*

8:00pm – 2:00am – Old School R & B at the Refinery, 51 E. Green St., Ch. **Cost: \$10.00.** For more information, 217-417-3996 or at williebrownlee4@yahoo.com.*

Sunday, February 26

LAST DAY – In-person absentee voting at the Brookens Building (1776 E. Washington, Urbana). You must already be registered to vote at your current address.

3:30pm – St. Luke C.M.E. Church Black History Program

4:00pm – Safe House Winter Benefit Concert at the First United Methodist Church (210 W. Church St., Ch.). Special Guests: Chancel Ringers of First United Methodist Church, Community Choir of Champaign-Urbana & the U of I Black Chorus. Admission: **FREE** but a free will offering may be given at the concert.*

4:00pm – Installation Service for Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church Pastor Keith Thomas at the church.

Monday, February 27 – First Day for Early Voting (for March 20 primary)

6:00pm - Champaign Unit 4 School Special Board Meeting

7:00pm – Urbana City Council Meeting

Tuesday, February 28

1:00pm – 2:00pm – Bring Your A-Game: Video and Men's Discussion at Parkland College in the Flag Lounge. Students are invited for the free viewing and discussion of a 22-minute film focusing on the importance of education in the lives of urban youth, Bring Your A-Game. The event is cosponsored by the Brother to Brother campus group and the Black Student SUCCESS Project.*

Tuesday, February 28 (cont'd)

6:00pm – Black History Month Film Series: “**Documentary: Diary of A Decade: The Story of a Movement**” at the Independent Media Center. Admission: \$3.00 with proceeds going to the IMC. This film is the story of a cultural legend as told by the innovators of an important, and in some cases overlooked, era in Black culture. Spanning the late 1980's through to the early 2000's, this story goes deep into the fabric of soul music, its definitions, its pioneers, its offspring, its movements, the challenges with the “mainstream” industry and the evolution of the FunkJazz Kafé, a music and arts movement born of Atlanta's diverse musical heritage. The film covers the decade when Atlanta's underground music scene became established on the world stage and a new generation of soul singers and musicians emerged.

<http://funkjazzkafe.com/diary-of-a-decade-movie/>

6:00pm – “**An Artifactual Journey of African American Women Across America**” @123 David Kinley Hall. Dr. Phillip J. Merrill, Nanny Jack & CO.*

6:00pm – 8:00pm - Champaign Unit 4 conducting **Open House and School Tours at All 11 Elementary Schools***

7:00pm – Champaign City Council Meeting - Study Session

Wednesday, February 29 – LEAP YEAR

12noon – **Food for the Soul: “Black Thoughts on Moving Forward”** at the Bruce Nesbitt African American Cultural Program (708 S. Matthews, Urbana).*

Thursday, March 1

DEADLINE to purchase \$20.00 tickets for the Gamma Upsilon Psi Society's event celebrating the **Cotillion Ball's 40th Year with a Debutante Reunion** at the I-Hotel and Conference Center on Friday, April 13. For questions/information, contact Gamma President Katrina Kindle.

Grand Prairie Museum in Mahomet, formerly the Early American Museum in Mahomet opens to the public **through December 31, 2012**. Call today to book your youth group/organization's tour or visit the website: museumofthegrandprairie.org.

8:00pm – **Community Women's Choir Rehearsal** for Annual Women's Day at Salem Baptist Church on Sunday, March 25 at 3:30pm. If you have questions, call Audrey Keaton-Mock at 217-649-6087.*

Friday, March 2

12noon – **YWCA Leadership Luncheon** – For more information, go to www.ywca.org/universityofillinois.

12noon – University of Illinois YMCA's Friday Forum - **Assisted Development: Foreign Aid in the New World** with Ashwini Chhatre, Professor, Department of Geography, University of Illinois.*

5:00pm – Academy of African American Arts' (AAAA) **Movie Night: “Blacking Up Hip Hop's Remix of Race and Identity”** at the Bruce Nesbitt African American Cultural Program (708 S. Matthews, Urbana).*

6:00pm – 8:00pm – **Jazz & Blues** at the Refinery on Green, 51 E. Green St., Ch. **FREE**. For more info: 217-419-3996 or williebrownlee4@yahoo.com.*

Friday, March 2 (cont'd)

8:00pm – 2:00am – Old School R & B at the Refinery, 51 E. Green St., Ch. **Cost: \$10.00.** For more information, 217-417-3996 or at williebrownlee4@yahoo.com.*

Saturday, March 3

8:00am – 12noon – empty tomb, inc. **Mega Work-A-Thon.** Contact empty tomb, inc. at 301 N. Fourth St., P.O. Box 2404, Champaign, IL 61825-2404, call 217-356-2262 or email them at coor@emptytomb.org for more information. Churches, organizations and/or individuals will work **constructing and/or delivering Clothes Cupboards for Children.** You can also sponsor someone to work by pledging a monetary gift per/hour (gifts to empty tomb are tax-deductible). **Rain or Shine.***

9am – 12noon – Champaign County Clerk's Office (Brookens Building, 1776 E. Washington, Urbana) open for early voting/grace period registration.

2:00pm – 6:00pm – “Stomp for Excellence” Step Show at the Douglass Community Center. All ages. The fee is **\$6.00.**

6:00pm – 8:00pm – **Jazz & Blues** at the Refinery on Green, 51 E. Green St., Ch. **FREE.** For more info: 217-419-3996 or williebrownlee4@yahoo.com.*

7:00pm – **Southern Sons in Concert** at Freewill Missionary Baptist Church. Doors open at 6 pm.

8:00pm – 2:00am – **Old School R & B** at the Refinery, 51 E. Green St., Ch. **Cost: \$10.00.** For more information, 217-417-3996 or at williebrownlee4@yahoo.com.*

Sunday, March 4

9am – 12noon – Champaign County Clerk's Office (Brookens Building, 1776 E. Washington, Urbana) open for early voting/grace period registration.

Monday, March 5

5:30pm – Champaign Human Relations Commission Meeting

7:00pm – Urbana City Council Meeting

Tuesday, March 6

2:00pm - Highway Construction Careers Orientation. FREE 10-week Training Program starts April 23 – Monday – Thursday from 8:30am – 4:30pm. For more information or to register for orientation, contact R.J. Rowland, Program Manager at 217-353-2122 or rrowland@parkland.edu.*

6:00pm – “**Revenge of the Electric Car**”- Illinois Public Media's (WILL/TV/Radio) Community Cinema Series film screening and discussion at the Champaign Public Library. “Filmmaker Chris Paine takes his film crew behind the closed doors of Nissan, GM, and the Silicon Valley start-up Tesla Motors to chronicle the story of the global resurgence of electric cars. Without using a single drop of foreign oil, this new generation of car is America's future: fast, furious, and cleaner than ever.” **FREE***

7:00pm – Champaign City Council Meeting

7:30pm – Urbana School District #116 Board Meeting – Study Session

Wednesday, March 7

2:00pm - Highway Construction Careers Orientation. FREE 10-week Training Program starts April 23 – Monday – Thursday from 8:30am – 4:30pm. For more information or to register for orientation, contact R.J. Rowland, Program Manager at 217-353-2122 or rrowland@parkland.edu.*

Thursday, March 8

2:00pm - Highway Construction Careers Orientation. FREE 10-week Training Program starts April 23 – Monday – Thursday from 8:30am – 4:30pm. For more information or to register for orientation, contact R.J. Rowland, Program Manager at 217-353-2122 or rrowland@parkland.edu.*

8:00pm – Community Women’s Choir Rehearsal for Annual Women’s Day at Salem Baptist Church on Sunday, March 25 at 3:30pm. If you have questions, call Audrey Keaton-Mock at 217-649-6087.*

Friday, March 9

12noon – University of Illinois YMCA’s Friday Forum - Comparing Religions in the Anthropocene w/Robert McKim, Professor, Department of Religion and Department of Philosophy, University of Illinois.*

6:00pm – 8:00pm – Jazz & Blues at the Refinery on Green, 51 E. Green St., Ch. **FREE.** For more info: 217-419-3996 or williebrownlee4@yahoo.com.*

8:00pm – 2:00am – Old School R & B at the Refinery, 51 E. Green St., Ch. **Cost: \$10.00.** For more information, 217-417-3996 or at williebrownlee4@yahoo.com.*

Saturday, March 10

9am – 12noon – Champaign County Clerk’s Office (Brookens Building, 1776 E. Washington, Urbana) open for early voting/grace period registration.

3:00pm – 4:00pm - Douglass Seniors “Tom Thumb Wedding” Play Rehearsal

6:00pm – Phoebe Lenear’s Debut Gospel CD Release Concert at Salem Baptist Church.*

6:00pm – 8:00pm – Jazz & Blues at the Refinery on Green, 51 E. Green St., Ch. **FREE.** For more info: 217-419-3996 or williebrownlee4@yahoo.com.*

7:00pm - Second Saturday Men Choirs’ Fellowship – Location to be determined.

8:00pm – 2:00am – Old School R & B at the Refinery, 51 E. Green St., Ch. **Cost: \$10.00.** For more information, 217-417-3996 or at williebrownlee4@yahoo.com.*

Sunday, March 11

9am – 12noon – Champaign County Clerk’s Office (Brookens Building, 1776 E. Washington, Urbana) open for early voting/grace period registration.

Monday, March 12

6:00pm - Champaign Unit 4 School Board Meeting

7:00pm – Urbana City Council Meeting

Tuesday, March 13

LAST DAY - Grace Period Voting at the Brookens Building (1776 E. Washington, U.) for those who need to **register to vote and/or change their name or address.**

You will register to vote and will be mailed a ballot which must be **returned postmarked no later than midnight on Monday, March 19.***

7:00pm – Champaign City Council Meeting - Study Session

7:00pm – **Glory Center International's 7th Annual Ministry Celebration – “Commemorating, Celebrating, Embracing Our History. Our Now. Our Destiny”** at 606 N. Country Fair Drive, Ch. For more info, call 217-355-5008 or www.glorycenter.org.*

Wednesday, March 14

5:30pm – Urbana Human Relations Meeting

Thursday, March 15

LAST DAY to early vote for March 20 primary at permanent early voting locations.

5:00pm – 7:30pm – Wesley Evening Food Pantry Distribution at 1203 W. Green St., Urbana. Email info@wesleypantry.org for information or volunteer opportunities.

Friday, March 16

TODAY – March 19 - In-person absentee voting at the Brookens Building (1776 E. Washington, Urbana). You must already be registered to vote at your current address.

6:00pm – 8:00pm – Jazz & Blues at the Refinery on Green, 51 E. Green St., Ch.

FREE. For more info: 217-419-3996 or williebrownlee4@yahoo.com.*

8:00pm – 2:00am – Old School R & B at the Refinery, 51 E. Green St., Ch. **Cost: \$10.00.** For more information, 217-417-3996 or at williebrownlee4@yahoo.com.*

Saturday, March 17

TODAY – March 19 - In-person absentee voting at the Brookens Building (1776 E. Washington, Urbana). You must already be registered to vote at your current address.

8:30am – 12noon - Champaign County Clerk's Office (Brookens Building, 1776 E. Washington, Urbana) open for early voting/grace period registration.

10:00am – 12noon – St. Luke C.M.E. Church **Food Pantry** – 809 N. Fifth St., Ch.

3:00pm – Champaign Park District Douglass Seniors will be hosting a **“Tom Thumb Wedding”** at the Douglass Community Center with youth age 5- 17. Tickets are **\$5.00** in advance and include the reception.

6:00pm – 8:00pm – Jazz & Blues at the Refinery on Green, 51 E. Green St., Ch.

FREE. For more info: 217-419-3996 or williebrownlee4@yahoo.com.*

8:00pm – 2:00am – Old School R & B at the Refinery, 51 E. Green St., Ch. **Cost: \$10.00.** For more information, 217-417-3996 or at williebrownlee4@yahoo.com.*

Sunday, March 18

10:45am – Bethel A.M.E. Church 149th Anniversary

1:00pm – Jericho Missionary Baptist Church **Ushers and Greeters Salad Spread** immediately following the morning worship service.

Sunday, March 18 (cont'd)

5:00pm – Rev. Dr. Craig Melvin Smith, Senior Pastor of the Freedom Baptist Church (Hillside, IL) celebrating **40 years in the Ministry** at Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church. Rev. B.J. Tatum to deliver the message. For more information, contact Audrey Keaton-Mock at 217-649-6087.*

Monday, March 19

LAST DAY for In-person absentee voting at the Brookens Building (1776 E. Washington, Urbana). You must already be registered to vote at your current address.

7:00pm – Urbana City Council Meeting

Tuesday, March 20 – REMEMBER TO VOTE!!!

6:00am – 7:00pm – General Primary Elections – **REMEMBER TO VOTE!!!**

7:00pm – Champaign City Council Meeting

7:00pm – Glory Center International's 7th Annual Ministry Celebration – “Commemorating, Celebrating, Embracing Our History. Our Now. Our Destiny” at 606 N. Country Fair Drive, Ch. For more info, call 217-355-5008 or www.glorycenter.org.*

Thursday, March 22

TODAY – Tuesday, October 9 - Voter Registration for those: who will be 18 on or before the General Election on Tuesday, November 6; those who have never registered; those who need to change their name and/or address.

7:00pm – Champaign County Board Meeting

8:00pm – Community Women's Choir Rehearsal for Annual Women's Day at Salem Baptist Church on Sunday, March 25 at 3:30pm. If you have questions, call Audrey Keaton-Mock at 217-649-6087.*

Friday, March 23

6:00pm – 8:00pm – **Jazz & Blues** at the Refinery on Green, 51 E. Green St., Ch. **FREE.** For more info: 217-419-3996 or williebrownlee4@yahoo.com.*

8:00pm – 2:00am – **Old School R & B** at the Refinery, 51 E. Green St., Ch. **Cost: \$10.00.** For more information, 217-417-3996 or at williebrownlee4@yahoo.com.*

Saturday, March 24

2:00pm - Community Women's Choir Rehearsal for Annual Women's Day at Salem Baptist Church on Sunday, March 25 at 3:30pm. If you have questions, call Audrey Keaton-Mock at 217-649-6087.*

6:00pm – 8:00pm – **Jazz & Blues** at the Refinery on Green, 51 E. Green St., Ch. **FREE.** For more info: 217-419-3996 or williebrownlee4@yahoo.com.*

8:00pm – 2:00am – **Old School R & B** at the Refinery, 51 E. Green St., Ch. **Cost: \$10.00.** For more information, 217-417-3996 or at williebrownlee4@yahoo.com.*

Sunday, March 25

11:00 am – ALL DAY – Men & Women's Day at Jericho Missionary Baptist Church (1601 W. Bloomington Rd., Champaign)

Sunday, March 25 (cont'd)

11:00am and 3:30pm – Salem Baptist Church **Annual Women's Day Celebration.** Mrs. Montrula Shelby – 11am worship service speaker and Mrs. Carolyn Savage 3:30pm worship service speaker. Community Women's Choir to sing (rehearsals: Thursday, March 1, 8, 15 & 22 from 8pm – 9pm and Saturday, March 25 at 2pm at Salem Baptist Church).*

Monday, March 26

6:00pm - Champaign Unit 4 School Special Board Meeting

7:00pm – Urbana City Council Meeting

Tuesday, March 27

7:00pm – Champaign City Council Meeting - Study Session

7:00pm – **Glory Center International's 7th Annual Ministry Celebration** – “**Commemorating, Celebrating, Embracing Our History. Our Now. Our Destiny**” at 606 N. Country Fair Drive, Ch. For more info, call 217-355-5008 or www.glorycenter.org.*

7:30pm – Urbana School District #116 Board Meeting

Friday, March 30

11:00am – 3:00pm – **Omega Fish Fry (Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Sigma Xi Graduate Chapter)** at the Urbana Civic Center (108 Water St., U.). Catfish fillet, stringbeans, coleslaw, spaghetti, bread and dessert. For Dinner tickets, contact: Brother Reuben Greene at 309-360-5949 or Brother DaJuan Warren at 248-640-9439. Cost: **\$8.00 – pre-ordered** before March 30 or **\$9.00** walk-in. **Free delivery for 10 or more orders.***

12noon – University of Illinois YMCA's Friday Forum - **Can Globalization Promote Human Rights?** Rhoda Howard- Hassman, Canada Research Chair in International Human Rights (2003); Professor Wilfrid Laurier University.*

6:00pm – 8:00pm – **Jazz & Blues** at the Refinery on Green, 51 E. Green St., Ch. **FREE.** For more info: 217-419-3996 or williebrownlee4@yahoo.com.*

7:00pm – **Glory Center International's 7th Annual Ministry Celebration** – “**Commemorating, Celebrating, Embracing Our History. Our Now. Our Destiny**” at 606 N. Country Fair Drive, Ch. For more info, call 217-355-5008 or got the website at: www.glorycenter.org.*

8:00pm – 2:00am – **Old School R & B** at the Refinery, 51 E. Green St., Ch. **Cost: \$10.00.** For more information, 217-417-3996 or at williebrownlee4@yahoo.com.*

Saturday, March 31

9:00am – 12noon – Church of the Living God presents **The Love Clinic** at the TLC Annex (310 E. Bradley. Cholesterol and diabetes screenings, health assessment survey, temporary prescription refills (bring medication bottles/no pain medication) and \$5.00 gift cards for everyone who is served. Sponsored by Provena Covenant Hospital, Dr. Christina Medrano, Mrs. Wamaitha Sullivan, the Love Corner and Gibson City Memorial Hospital. For more information, call 359-6920.*

Saturday, March 31 (cont'd)

6:00pm – 8:00pm – Jazz & Blues at the Refinery on Green, 51 E. Green St., Ch.
FREE. For more info: 217-419-3996 or williebrownlee4@yahoo.com.*

8:00pm – 2:00am – Old School R & B at the Refinery, 51 E. Green St., Ch. **Cost: \$10.00.** For more information, 217-417-3996 or at williebrownlee4@yahoo.com.*

COMING IN APRIL

TBA - Don Moyer Boys and Girls Club's 3rd Annual SMART Girls Conference

Monday, April 2

5:30pm – Champaign Human Relations Commission Meeting

7:00pm – Urbana City Council Meeting

Tuesday, April 3

6:00pm – “Hell and Back Again” - Illinois Public Media's (WILL/TV/Radio) Community Cinema Series film Screening and discussion at the Champaign Public Library. “U.S. Marine Sergeant Nathan Harris, 25, leads his unit to fight a ghostlike enemy in Afghanistan. Wounded in battle, Harris returns to North Carolina and his devoted wife to fight pain, addiction, and the terrifying normalcy of life at home.”
FREE.*

7:00pm – Champaign City Council Meeting

7:30pm – Urbana School District #116 Board Meeting – Study Session

Friday, April 6

12noon – University of Illinois YMCA's Friday Forum - **The Making of a Successful Multilateral Environmental Agreement: Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer and its Montreal Protocol** w/Sotiria Koloutsou-Vakakis, Lecturer and Research Scientist, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, University of Illinois.*

Monday, April 9

6:00pm - Champaign Unit 4 School Board Meeting

7:00pm – Urbana City Council Meeting

Tuesday, April 10

6:30pm – 8:30pm –Open House and opportunity for families of Champaign Unit 4 fifth graders to visit Jefferson Middle School, 1115 S. Crescent, Ch.

7:00pm – Champaign City Council Meeting - Study Session

Wednesday, April 11

5:30pm – Urbana Human Relations Meeting

6:30pm – 8:30pm – Open House and opportunity for families of Champaign Unit 4 fifth graders to visit Franklin Middle School, 817 N. Harris, Ch.

Thursday, April 12

6:30pm – 8:30pm - Open House and opportunity for families of Champaign Unit 4 fifth graders to visit Edison Middle School, 306 W. Green St., Ch.

Friday, April 13

12noon – University of Illinois YMCA's Friday Forum - **Debts and Deficits: Combating Recession in the U.S., Latin America, and Eurozone** w/Mark Weisbrot, Co-Director, Center for Economic and Policy Research.*

7:00pm – 10:00pm - Gamma Upsilon Psi Society's celebrates the **Cotillion Ball's 40th Year with a Debutante Reunion** at the I-Hotel and Conference Center. Semi-Formal Attire. Tickets \$20.00 per person until March 1, then \$25.00 (cash only) at the door. For questions/information, contact Gamma President Katrina Kindle.

Saturday, April 14

6:00pm - Gamma Upsilon Psi Society's **40th Annual Cotillion Ball** at the I-Hotel and Conference Center.

7:00pm - Second Saturday Men Choirs' Fellowship – Location to be determined.

Monday, April 16

7:00pm – Urbana City Council Meeting

Tuesday, April 17

7:00pm – Champaign City Council Meeting

7:30pm – Urbana School District #116 Board Meeting

Thursday, April 19

5:00pm – 7:30pm – Wesley Evening Food Pantry Distribution at 1203 W. Green St., Urbana. Email info@wesleypantry.org for information or volunteer opportunities.

7:00pm – Champaign County Board Meeting

Friday, April 20

6:00pm – 10:00pm – **Bid Whiz Tournament** at Douglass Annex for those aged 50 and older. Cost \$10 per team. Prizes awarded to the top 4 teams. Call 217-398-2572 for more information.

Saturday, April 21

10:00am – 12noon – St. Luke C.M.E. Church **Food Pantry** – 809 N. Fifth St., Ch.

Monday, April 23

6:00pm - Champaign Unit 4 School Special Board Meeting

7:00pm – Urbana City Council Meeting

Tuesday, April 24

7:00pm – Champaign City Council Meeting - Study Session

Saturday, April 28

9:00am – 12noon – Church of the Living God presents **The Love Clinic** at the TLC Annex (310 E. Bradley. Cholesterol and diabetes screenings, health assessment survey, temporary prescription refills (bring medication bottles/no pain medication) and \$5.00 gift cards for everyone who is served. Sponsored by Provena Covenant Hospital, Dr. Christina Medrano, Mrs. Wamaitha Sullivan, the Love Corner and Gibson City Memorial Hospital. For more information, call 359-6920.*

2:00pm – **From the Directors of “BACK IN THE DAY” and Co-Directors of “SECOND CHANCE” - “Reflections in the Mirror: Mothers and Daughters’ Relationships.”** “Take a look at yourself, and then make that change.” A dramatization to be held at Parkland College Theater to benefit Urbana Neighborhood Connections Center, Inc. (UNCC). **Freewill donations accepted.***

7:00pm – **From the Directors of “BACK IN THE DAY” and Co-Directors of “SECOND CHANCE” - “Reflections in the Mirror: Mothers and Daughters’ Relationships.”** “Take a look at yourself, and then make that change.” A dramatization to be held at Parkland College Theater to benefit Urbana Neighborhood Connections Center, Inc. (UNCC). **Freewill donations accepted.***

Tuesday, May 1

6:00pm – **“Strong”** - Illinois Public Media’s (WILL/TV/Radio) Community Cinema Series film screening and discussion at the Champaign Public Library. “Cheryl Haworth is a young woman with a big dream: to be the strongest woman in the world. As the 300-pound U.S. Olympic weightlifter prepares for Beijing 2008, she struggles with injury, confidence, and her place in a world where larger women are not readily accepted.” **FREE.***

7:00pm – Champaign City Council Meeting

7:30pm – Urbana School District #116 Board Meeting – Study Session

Thursday, May 3 – Saturday, May 5

Baptist General State Convention of Illinois’ Pearl Beatrice Singleton Woman’s Auxiliary Retreat – **“Women of Faith Moving Forward”** at the Crowne Plaza Hotels & Resorts in Springfield, IL*

Saturday, May 5

6:00pm – 9:00pm – Jericho Missionary Baptist Church **Black & White Ball** at Round Barn Banquet Centre. Pre-Anniversary Celebration honoring Pastor Lekevie Johnson and family. For tickets, contact the Church office at 217-355-3328.

Sunday, May 6 – Saturday, May 12

TBA - Children’s Mental Health Awareness Week (CMHAW) 2012

Monday, May 7

5:30pm – Champaign Human Relations Meeting

7:00pm – Urbana City Council Meeting

Tuesday, May 8

7:00pm – Champaign City Council Meeting - Study Session

Wednesday, May 9

TBA - ACCESS Initiative/Community Elements' National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day.

5:30pm – Urbana Human Relations Meeting

Saturday, May 12

7:00pm - Second Saturday Men Choirs' Fellowship – Location to be determined.

Monday, May 14

6:00pm - Champaign Unit 4 School Board Meeting

7:00pm – Urbana City Council Meeting

Tuesday, May 15

7:00pm – Champaign City Council Meeting

7:30pm – Urbana School District #116 Board Meeting

Thursday, May 17

5:00pm – 7:30pm – Wesley Evening Food Pantry Distribution at 1203 W. Green St., Urbana. Email info@wesleypantry.org for information or volunteer opportunities.

Saturday, May 19

10:00am – 12noon – St. Luke C.M.E. Church **Food Pantry** – 809 N. Fifth St., Ch.

Monday, May 21

6:00pm - Champaign Unit 4 School Special Board Meeting

7:00pm – Urbana City Council Meeting

Tuesday, May 22

7:00pm – Champaign City Council Meeting - Study Session

Thursday, May 24

7:00pm – Champaign County Board Meeting

Sunday, May 27

3:00pm – Urbana High School Class of 2012 Graduation – Assembly Hall

Monday, May 28 – Memorial Day – We Shall Not Forget!

Tuesday, May 29

7:00pm – Champaign City Council Meeting - Study Session

Monday, June 4

5:30pm – Champaign Human Relations Meeting

Monday, June 4 (cont'd)

7:00pm – Urbana City Council Meeting

Tuesday, June 5

7:00pm – Champaign City Council Meeting

7:30pm – Urbana School District #116 Board Meeting – Study Session

Saturday, June 9

6pm – 6am - American Cancer Society's Relay for Life of Champaign County at Centennial High School. For more information, call 217-356-9076 or go to the website at www.relayforlife.org/ChampaignIL.

7:00pm - **Second Saturday Men Choirs' Fellowship** – Location to be determined.

Monday, June 11

7:00pm – Urbana City Council Meeting

Tuesday, June 12

7:00pm – Champaign City Council Meeting - Study Session

Wednesday, June 13

5:30pm – Urbana Human Relations Meeting

Saturday, June 16

10:00am – 12noon – St. Luke C.M.E. Church **Food Pantry** – 809 N. Fifth St., Ch.

Monday, June 18

7:00pm – Urbana City Council Meeting

Tuesday, June 19

7:00pm – Champaign City Council Meeting

7:30pm – Urbana School District #116 Board Meeting – Study Session

Thursday, June 21

5:00pm – 7:30pm – Wesley Evening Food Pantry Distribution at 1203 W. Green St., Urbana. Email info@wesleypantry.org for information or volunteer opportunities.

7:00pm – Champaign County Board Meeting

Monday, June 25

7:00pm – Urbana City Council Meeting

Tuesday, June 26

7:00pm – Champaign City Council Meeting - Study Session

Friday, July 13 - GUESS WHO IS TURNING 50? “Praise God From Whom ALL Blessings Flow!”