

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

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Deadline to submit events for April 9? Wednesday, April 4, 2012.

The **Champaign Community Unit School District #4 Board of Education is currently accepting applications.** The candidate filling this vacancy will complete the late Gregory Novak's term which **expires in April of 2013.** To be eligible for consideration, an applicant must be **at least 18 years old**, must have **resided within the geographic boundaries of the District for at least a year**, and **be a registered voter.** For full consideration, **applications are due no later than April 6, 2012.** Applicants selected for interviews will be notified by the Board of Education by April 10, 2012 and interviews for those selected will be held on the evening of April 16, 2012. Applications are available at the Mellon Administrative Center, 703 South New, Ch. or on website, www.champaignschools.org. Contact Board member Tom Lockman at lockmath@champaignschools.org for questions about the process.

Monday, March 26

DEADLINE - Champaign-Urbana Optimist Club's Children's Challenge Awards Nominations. An award certificate will be given to each child nominated. A \$50 cash gift will be awarded to the winner in each of the following categories Arts, science, humanities, fellowship, community service and courage. Students in all Champaign-Urbana elementary schools are eligible (lindergarten-5th grade).

Nomination forms available at www.cuoptimist.org.*

4:00pm – 5:00pm - Join the Booker T. Washington PTA and others after school for **Aesop's Animals!** a fun and engaging storytelling event is designed for **4-8 year olds.** Lauren Chenevert of the Center for Children's Books and Rachel Cohen of the Rare Book & Manuscript Library will be featured. Cookies and milk will be served. **Go to <http://go.illinois.edu/AesopsAnimals> to sign up - pre-registration is required** because space is limited! The event is co-sponsored by The Rare Book & Manuscript Library and The Center for Children's Books.

5:30pm – 7:30pm – FREE VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE (VITA) at Salem Baptist Church (500 E. Church St., C.). Monday, Friday, Saturday until April 21.

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

7:00pm – Urbana City Council Meeting

7:00pm – **“Christian Youth Stand”** (Ecclesiastes 12:1) **Youth Revival** at Antioch Missionary Baptist Church (530 W. Mound, Decatur, IL). For more information, call the church at 217-875- 1730.*

Tuesday, March 27

5:00pm – **Freedom from Smoking classes**

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. Bishop Mark DuBois will be the speaker. For more info, call 217-355-5008 or go to the website at: www.glorycenter.org.*

Tuesday, March 27 (cont'd)

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

Wednesday, March 28

1:00pm – 2:00pm - In Focus Group at the U of I Counseling Center is a six-week group (March 28 – May 2) that offers education and peer support for students who experience difficulties commonly associated with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD). Group meetings will be interactive and help students develop valuable skills for succeeding in school, career, and daily life. For more information and to register contact: Jodi Thomas at 333.3704 or email jmthomas@illinois.edu.

6:00pm – 7:00pm - Gal UP support group for women over the age of 25 at the UP (Independent Media Center), and have several social activities in between meetings. The group offers a casual, open atmosphere for a free-flowing conversation with the opportunity to view movies, discuss books and poetry, and participate in other creative activities. Contact one of the co-facilitators with any questions: Evelyne Tardy at Evelyne@unitingpride.org, or Jennifer Fowler at vylica.8@gmail.com.

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Thursday, March 29

10:00a – 1:00pm – **Job Fair for Older Workers** at the Urbana Civic Center 108 E. Water Street Urbana, IL. Experience Works, the nation’s largest nonprofit training and employment organization for older workers, is hosting this free job fair specifically for people over age 50. The event will offer information and resources for older individuals looking for work, a “dress to impress” fashion show and hands-on assistance developing resumes and completing on-line job applications. Local employers also will be on-site to accept job applications. Booth space is available. Interested employers should call 217-923-5793 to reserve a spot. For more information about Experience Works, visit www.experienceworks.org or call Stacey Par at 217-923-5793.

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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, string beans, coleslaw, spaghetti, bread and dessert. For tickets, contact: Brother Reuben Greene at 309-360-5949 or Brother DaJuan Warren at 248-640-9439. Cost: **8.00 if 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.*

4:00pm – “**Justice, Self-Respect and the Culture of Poverty**” presented by Tommie Shelby (Harvard University Departments of African and African American Studies and Philosophy) at the Knight Auditorium in the Spurlock Museum (600 S. Gregory, Urbana). It is free and open to the public. For more information, contact the Center for Advanced Study at 217-333-6720 or at cas.illinois.edu.

Friday, March 30 (cont'd)

5:30pm – 7:30pm – FREE VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE (VITA) at Salem Baptist Church (500 E. Church St., C.). Monday, Friday, Saturday until April 21.

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. Pastor Jamal Bryant will be the speaker. For more info, call 217-355-5008 or go to the website at: www.glorycenter.org.*

9:00pm – 12:00am – Studio 2C Club Night Fundraiser at 114 S. Neil St., Ch. Support **Community**, Support **Children**, Support **Art**, Support **Music**, Support **Boldness**, Support **Dreams**. Local artist Muhammad Ahmad will showcase his “**Dreams**” series. Performers include: Soul/R&B guitarist Kevin Cory, DJ Chris Hampson, Abril Edwards & Kenneth Thompson of W.O.R.D. and Jenny Costello (spoken word). For more information, contact ccfreeart@gmail.com or call 217-419-8789.

Saturday, March 31

9:00am - CCNAACP ACT-SO Youth Competition at Urbana Middle School. Community youth will showcase their talents! Come out and support our youth. Beginning in 1978, ACT-SO (Academic, Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics Program) was developed to enhance and exhibit the academic and artistic achievement of African-American high school students.

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.*

9:00am – 12noon - Quarterly STAR Leadership Institute, at the Champaign Public Library. Participants will engage in dynamic workshops on the City's 2012-13 budget process and how citizens can be involved; Intelligence-Led Policing as a crime prevention strategy for neighborhoods; and property maintenance ordinances and how the City can partner with neighbors to maintain neighborhood livability. Register early, as seating is limited! Nominations for Star Awards Expo deadline is April 2. For more information, call 217-403-7070.*

10:00am – 2:00pm - Perfect Prom Project Boutique at the **University YMCA** (1001 S. Wright St., Ch.). **FREE Prom Dresses. FREE**

1:00pm – 5:00pm – FREE VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE (VITA) at Salem Baptist Church (500 E. Church St., C.). Monday, Friday, Saturday until April 21.

9:00pm – JazzStep Entertainment presents **30 & Over Jazz Saturdays** in the new addition of the Arrowhead Bowling Lanes (1401 N. McKinley, Ch.). Grown Folks Affair (for those 30 and older). DJ Master Blaster playing R & B, Old School, Jazz and Steppin' Music. Cost: \$5.00.*

April - Child Abuse Prevention AND Sexual Assault Awareness month.

Sunday, April 1 – Palm Sunday

2:00pm – **The Taste of Pilgrim**” sponsored by Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church as part of their 87th Church Anniversary Celebration at the Urbana Civic Center.

Sunday, April 1 – Palm Sunday (cont'd)

TBA – Community Summit Part II hosted by Rose & Taylor Barber Shop. More information to come.

4:00pm – Palm Sunday Tea & Fashion Show at St. Luke C.M.E. Church

Monday, April 2

DEADLINE to submit nominations for the 2012 Star Awards Expo sponsored by the City of Champaign Neighborhood Services Department at the I-Hotel. For more information, call 217-403-7070.*

5:30pm – Champaign Human Relations Commission Meeting

5:30pm – 7:30pm – FREE VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE (VITA) at Salem Baptist Church (500 E. Church St., C.). Monday, Friday, Saturday until April 21.

7:00pm – Urbana City Council Meeting

Tuesday, April 3

1:00pm – Rev. Lundy Savage Street Dedication near Mt. Olive Baptist Church

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, he returns to North Carolina & his devoted wife to fight pain, addiction, & the terrifying normalcy of life at home.” **FREE.***

6:00pm - Parent Cafe - Love Is Not Enough to Keep Your Family Strong - at the Don Moyer Boys & Girls Club (201 E. Park St., Ch.). For more information or to **RSVP** to Melissa Neely, call 217-721-7514. To learn more about keeping your family strong, visit: www.keepyourfamilystrong.org.*

7:00pm – Champaign City Council Meeting

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

Wednesday, April 4

5:15pm – Check-in time for **Recess for Adults** at Huff Gym//**start sweating at 5:45pm**. Ten (10) instructors take you through a 1½ hour workout/fitness class with 500 plus participants. Donation: **\$2.00** per person and all proceeds benefit the American Diabetes Association.*

6:00pm - Community Movie Night on LGBT Issues in Schools/Free Anti- Bullying Film Screenings at the Champaign Public Library, Robeson Rooms A & B (200 West Green Street, Ch.). **FREE** event sponsored by the East Central Illinois Safe Schools Alliance and co-sponsored by the ACLU, The University of Illinois LGBT Resource Center, Parkland College, PCA Diversity Committee and Ally Team, the McKinley Foundation, Urbana Area PFLAG, and the UP Center of Champaign County. **Three films - That's a Family** (recommended for adults and students in grades K – 8) from **6:00pm – 6:35pm**. This film explores what it's like to grow up in a family with parents of different races or religions, divorced parents, a single parent, gay or lesbian parents, adoptive parents, or grandparents as guardians. **Let's Get Real** (recommended for adults and students in grades 5 – 9) from **6:45pm – 7:20pm**. This film examines a variety of issues that lead to taunting and bullying including racial differences, perceived sexual orientation, learning disabilities, religious differences, and sexual harassment, and it gives a voice to targeted kids and also to the bullies themselves.

Wednesday, April 4 (cont'd)

Bullied (recommended for adults and students in grades 6 – 12) from **7:30pm – 8:10pm**. This film chronicles one student's ordeal at the hands of anti-gay bullies and offers an inspiring message of hope to those fighting harassment today. It is intended to help all students understand the terrible toll bullying can take on its victims in hopes that students will stand up for classmates who are being harassed. **Discussion of all three films: 8:10pm – 9:00pm.**

7:30pm - Stylenprestige Entertainment presents **Comedy on Broadway at 88 Broadway** (south end of Lincoln Square Mall in Urbana) featuring **Jay Harris and friends Sydney Adeniyi (U of I Alumni) and Ben Bergman**. For more information, contact 217-550-3635. **Tickets: \$15.00/person or \$25.00/couple.** VIP is also available upon request.

Thursday, April 5

7:00pm – S.P.E.A.K. Café at the Krannert Art Museum (500. E. Peabody, Ch.). Bring works by and/or about the **late musician/author/poet Gil Scott-Heron** to speak/sing.

7:00pm – 9:00pm - Rape Advocacy, Counseling, and Education Services (RACES) invites you to learn more about our interactive child abuse prevention programs at... **Keep Our Kids Safe Child Abuse Prevention for Parents & Children** at indi go Artist Co-Op (9 E University Avenue, Champaign). Donations at the door appreciated. **Keep Our Kids Safe** is just one of several events RACES is sponsoring during April, which is both **Child Abuse Prevention month and Sexual Assault Awareness month**. For more information on all our April Events, visit our web site at www.cu-races.org, or contact us at admin@cu-races.org or 217/344-6298.

7:15pm – Champaign County NAACP Meeting at the Champaign Public Library, Robeson Pavilion Room B.

Friday, April 6 – GOOD FRIDAY

DEADLINE to submit an application for the **Champaign Unit 4 School Board Member Vacancy**. Applications are available on the District website, www.champaignschools.org, or at the Mellon Administrative Center, 703 South New in Champaign. Questions about the application process should be directed to Board member Tom Lockman [at lockmath@champaignschools.org](mailto:at_lockmath@champaignschools.org).

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 & Environmental Engineering, U of I.*

5:30pm – 7:30pm – FREE VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE (VITA) at Salem Baptist Church (500 E. Church St., C.). Monday, Friday, Saturday until April 21.

7:00pm - **"The Seven Last Words of Jesus Christ"** at New Free Will Baptist Church, 601 East Grove Street, Ch. This **Good Friday Program** is sponsored by The Ministerial Alliance of Champaign-Urbana & Vicinity. For more info contact: 217-714-2435.

Saturday, April 7

DEADLINE to donate body lotions to give to women at the Dwight Prison for Mothers' Day. For more information, call Evangelist Eloris Nash at 217-390-2813. Donated lotions may be dropped off at the Independent Media Center (200 S. Broadway, U.).

Saturday, April 7 (cont'd)

8:00am – 10:00am – Listen **LIVE** to **Higher Ground** on **WEFT/90.1FM Radio** or on-line at **WEFT.org**, hosted by Aaron & Carol Ammons. Listen in and/or call in to 217-359-5483 or 217-359-6545 for comments and/or questions.

1:00pm – 5:00pm – **FREE VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE (VITA)** at Salem Baptist Church (500 E. Church St., C.). Monday, Friday, Saturday until April 21.

Sunday, April 8 – Easter Sunday

6:00am – Bethel A.M.E. Church/St. Luke C.M.E. Church **Joint Easter Sunrise Service** at St. Luke C.M.E. Church (809 N. Fifth St., Ch.)

Monday, April 9

12noon - North First Street Association Meeting at Land of Lincoln Legal Assistance, 302 N. First Street.

5:30pm – 7:30pm – **FREE VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE (VITA)** at Salem Baptist Church (500 E. Church St., C.). Monday, Friday, Saturday until April 21.

6:00pm - Champaign Unit 4 School Board Meeting

7:00pm – Urbana City Council Meeting

Tuesday, April 10

8:30am – 1:30pm – **IT/Telecom Symposium** hosted by the Illinois Department of Central Management Services (CMS) at the Center for Performing Arts at Governors State University (1 University Parkway, University Park, IL). This symposium will educate and engage the IT/Telecom vendor community on the services CMS provides for Illinois. Register on-line at www.Illinois.gov/CMS/Symposium.*

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

DEADLINE to register for the **Alzheimer's Disease Challenges & Choices** Conference hosted by the Illiana Alzheimer's Fund of the Provena United Samaritans Medical Center Foundation at the Beef House Banquet Center in Covington, In on Wednesday, April 25. Cost: \$20 for caregivers, certified nursing assistants, the public and students with student identification and \$80.00 for professionals; includes lunch. For more information or to register, call 217-442-6583 or go to the Provena United Samaritans Medical Center Foundation at 801 W. Fairchild St. in Danville*

Friday, April 13 (cont'd)

DEADLINE to register at: <https://illinois.edu/fb/sec/8897628> for the Office of Equal Opportunity & Access at the University of Illinois' **6th Annual Inclusive Illinois Women's Leadership Program** to be held in Illini Rooms A, B & C of the Illini Union. The event will include roundtable discussions (10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.); a complimentary lunch (11:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.); a panel of campus and community women leaders (12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.); and a networking segment (1:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.). This is a **free** campus event, and is open to women faculty, staff, and students at the University of Illinois.

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.*

5:30pm – 7:30pm – **FREE VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE (VITA)** at Salem Baptist Church (500 E. Church St., C.). Monday, Friday, Saturday until April 21.

9:00pm – 1:00am – **R & B and Soul Night** at JonEB's Bar & Grill (123 S. Mattis Ave., Suites 15-16, Ch./Country Fair Complex). "The Generic DJ" – Bobby Pearson. For more information, call 217-359-2177. **NO COVER CHARGE.***

Saturday, April 14

1:00pm – 5:00pm – **FREE VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE (VITA)** at Salem Baptist Church (500 E. Church St., C.). Monday, Friday, Saturday until April 21.

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

TBA – **Champaign Urbana Schools Foundation's Annual Gala** to honor several public school alumni at the Illinois Terminal Building's Cityview Banquet Center: J. Steven Beckett, John David Mooney, Mike Armstrong, Troy Armstrong, Tom Coleman and Carol Scharlau. For tickets or more information, call 217-398-2873 or go to CUSchoolsFoundation.org and click on "2012 Gala Event."

7:00pm - **Second Saturday Men Choirs' Fellowship** at Jericho Missionary Baptist Church (1601 W. Bloomington Rd, Ch.)

Sunday, April 15

TBA – **Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church's 87th Church Anniversary**

12noon – 5:00pm – **TRiO Talent Search Day** at the Douglass Community Center, 512 E. Grove St., Ch. Complete registration by email triotalentsearch.uiuc@gmail.com or by calling 217-333-0054. Complete an application for the new University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign TRIO Academic Talent Search College Prep Program & return or fax to information on application cover sheet. Applications are in schools, select community agencies, select churches, call 217-333-0054 and have the application mailed to you or on the website: <http://www.omsa.illinois.edu/collegeprep/illinoiscollegeprep.html>. We will pick-up **completed** applications only – just call or email us for this option. If you *have not* completed an application before the event, bring the following with you and *we will help you* apply at the event: 1) latest report card (middle school students) or latest high school transcript and 2) signed copy of most recent U.S. federal income tax form **or** other proof of income **or** proof of free and reduced lunch **or** completed financial aid application. For more information about the event or program, contact Alexis Gwin, John Williams, or Curtis Blanden by phone at: [217-333-0054](tel:217-333-0054) or fax: [217-244-3949](tel:217-244-3949).*

Monday, April 16

5:30pm – 7:30pm – FREE VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE (VITA) at Salem Baptist Church (500 E. Church St., C.). Monday, Friday, Saturday until April 21.
7:00pm – Urbana City Council Meeting

Tuesday, April 17

6:00pm - Parent Cafe - Love Is Not Enough to Keep Your Family Strong - at the Don Moyer Boys & Girls Club (201 E. Park St., Ch.). For more information or to **RSVP** to Melissa Neely, call 217-721-7514. To learn more about keeping your family strong, visit: www.keepyourfamilystrong.org.
7:00pm – Champaign City Council Meeting
7:30pm – Urbana School District #116 Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 18

5:00pm – 7:00pm – American Legion Post 24 Auxiliary Unit is having an **“All You Can Eat Homemade Chicken and Noodle Dinner”** w/ mashed potatoes, green beans, bread and butter, and desserts. The cost is **\$7.00 for adults** and **\$3.00 for youth under 10 years old**.

Thursday, April 19

10:00am – 2:00pm - The Office of Equal Opportunity & Access at the University of Illinois is hosting the **6th Annual Inclusive Illinois Women's Leadership Program**, in Illini Rooms A, B & C of the Illini Union. Roundtable discussions (10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.); a complimentary lunch (11:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.); a panel of campus and community women leaders (12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.); and a networking segment (1:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.). This is a free campus event, and is open to women faculty, staff, and students at Illinois. Register by April 13 at: <https://illinois.edu/fb/sec/8897628>.
5:00pm – 7:30pm – Wesley Evening Food Pantry Distribution at 1203 W. Green St., Urbana. Email info@wesleypantry.org for information or volunteer opportunities.
6:30pm – 8:30pm –Dave Ramsey's **Financial Peace University** – a 13-week biblically based program that teaches you to eliminate debt and leave a lasting legacy at the Glory Center (606 Country Fair Dr., Champaign). **Registration: \$50.00**. Register on line at www.glorycenter.org/ramsey.html. For more information, call the Admin. Office at 217-255-5008 or visit www.daveramsey.com. Ends Thursday, June 28.*
7:00pm – Champaign County Board Meeting

Friday, April 20

5:30pm – 7:30pm – FREE VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE (VITA) at Salem Baptist Church (500 E. Church St., C.). Monday, Friday, Saturday until April 21.
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.
7:00pm – 10:00pm – SAVE THE DATE – for **“Sankofa”** poetry. More information to follow at the Independent Media Center (200 S. Broadway, Urbana). **Cost: \$7.00/\$5.00 for students**.
9:00pm – Illinois Public Media's Community Cinema Series Film **“Revenge of the Electric Car”** on WILL-TV/Radio (channel 12/channel 13 on Comcast).*

Saturday, April 21

8:00am – 10:00am – Listen LIVE to **Higher Ground** on **WEFT/90.1FM Radio** or on-line at **WEFT.org**, hosted by Aaron & Carol Ammons. Listen in and/or call in to 217-359-5483 or 217-359-6545 for comments and/or questions.

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

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4:00pm – **Aaron & Carol Ammons renewing their wedding vows** at Salem Baptist Church. **All Community Event** – African celebration (attire, food, etc.). Reception immediately following at the Independent Media Center (200 S. Broadway, Urbana).

7:30pm – University of Illinois Black Chorus' **Annual Mom's Day Concert** – **"Jubilation – A Shout-Out for Mom"** & **Celebrating the 30th Anniversary Year with Dr. Ollie Watts Davis** as Music Director and Conductor. Tickets: \$11.00/Senior Citizens: \$10.00//Students: \$8.00. In the Foellinger Great Hall of the Krannert Center for Performing Arts.*

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

Wednesday, April 25

8:00am – 4:00pm – **"Alzheimer's Disease Challenges & Choices" Conference** hosted by the Illiana Alzheimer's Fund of the Provena United Samaritans Medical Center Foundation at the Beef House Banquet Center in Covington, In. Registration begins at 7:30am (CST) and includes lunch. Cost: \$20 for caregivers, certified nursing assistants, the public and students with student identification. The cost is \$80.00 for professionals. For more information or to register, call 217-442-6583 or go to the Provena United Samaritans Medical Center Foundation at 801 W. Fairchild St. in Danville. **Registration deadline is April 13.***

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Thursday, April 26

6:00pm – 7:15pm – **"Women Helping Women Win - In the Spirit of Enriching Women's Lives and Supporting Women in Business"** - an inspiring event that will introduce you to local women entrepreneurs and women-owned businesses at the Holiday Inn (1001 Killarney, Urbana). Enjoy refreshments, fun and prizes. Each business will have room for a display and an opportunity to promote their business. Contact Event coordinator: Shanell Pharr-Williams (Mary Kay Independent Beauty Consultant) at shanellmk@sbcglobal.net or by phone at **309-648-4448** to sign up or for more info.*

Friday, April 27

CHRISTIE CLINIC'S ILLINOIS MARATHON

8:00pm – Upscale evening with a **Comedian and Live Jazz** at Cityview (downtown Champaign on the 4th floor of the M2 Building) sponsored by Rose & Taylor Barber Chris Williams. **Doors open at 7:00pm. Tickets are \$25.00** and can be purchased at Rose & Taylor Barbershop from Chris Williams or Carla Small Jones.

Saturday, April 28

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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.*

10:00am – Fun Day sponsored by The Heavenly Seven at the Urbana Neighborhood Connections Center (1401 E. Main St., Urbana). For youth – toddlers to age 13. To contribute, to participate or for more information, email: sndrlee@aol.com.

11:30am - CCNAACP ACT-SO 10th Year Celebration Awards Ceremony at the Holiday Inn I Urbana. Special Honorees – Dr. Preston Williams and Dr. Willie T Summerville for their supportive roles since the first ACT-SO event. **Tickets: \$35.00.** For more info or to purchase tickets contact Chris Hamb at chris.hamb@gmail.com.

12:30pm – Champaign County Anti-Stigma Alliance's **Art Exhibit and Sale** at Community Elements on Park Street, Ch.*

2:00pm – **“Reflections in the Mirror: Mothers and Daughters’ Relationships.”** A dramatization to be held at Parkland College Theater to benefit the Urbana Neighborhood Connections Center, Inc. (UNCC). Freewill donations accepted. For more information, contact: mknightjr1@aol.com or cwestle@uillinois.edu.*

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Sunday, April 29

3:30pm – 4:15pm – **Mo’Betta Music’s FREE Concert** at the Ebert Film Screening Virginia Theater Tent.*

4:30pm – **FREE** screening of **“Antwone Fisher”** sponsored by the Champaign County Anti-Stigma Alliance at the Virginia Theatre.*

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

7:15pm – Champaign County NAACP Meeting at the Champaign Public Library, Robeson Pavilion Room B.

Saturday, May 5

8:00am – 10:00am – Listen LIVE to **Higher Ground** on **WEFT/90.1FM Radio** or on-line at **WEFT.org**, hosted by Aaron & Carol Ammons. Listen in and/or call in to 217-359-5483 or 217-359-6545 for comments and/or questions.

1:00pm – Mo'Betta Music Fundraiser at Salem Baptist Church (500 E. Park St., Ch.)

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

Happy 18th Birthday Blake!

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.

Sunday, May 13 – Happy Mothers' Day

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.

Friday, May 18

TBA – Star Awards Expo at the I-Hotel, sponsored by the City of Champaign Neighborhood Services Department. Nominations for the Star Awards will be accepted until April 2. For more information, call 217-403-7070.*

Saturday, May 19

8:00am – 10:00am – Listen **LIVE** to **Higher Ground** on **WEFT/90.1FM Radio** or on-line at **WEFT.org**, hosted by Aaron & Carol Ammons. Listen in and/or call in to 217-359-5483 or 217-359-6545 for comments and/or questions.

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

11:00am – National Council of Negro Women presents the 2012 Living Legends Brunch – “**Silent Thunder: Honoring Female Community (S)heroes 80+ years of age**” at the Hawthorne Suites. Tickets: \$25.00.Adults and \$12.50/Youth 12 and under. Call 217-359-3840 or email champaign_ncnw@hotmail.com for tickets or information. **Mo’ Betta Music** will provide music.*

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

Saturday, May 26

1:00pm – 2:00pm - **Mo’ Betta Music Closing Recital** at Salem Baptist Church.

TBA – SAVE THE DATE FOR DEHRIZZ ENTERTAINMENT

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

Saturday, June 2

8:00am – 10:00am – Listen **LIVE** to **Higher Ground** on **WEFT/90.1FM Radio** or on-line at **WEFT.org**, hosted by Aaron & Carol Ammons. Listen in and/or call in to 217-359-5483 or 217-359-6545 for comments and/or questions.

Monday, June 4 – Saturday, June 9

9:00am – 2:30pm – **Mo’ Betta Music Premier Camp** targets high school students and is a small ensemble and improvisation camp. The camp registration fee is \$125.00 and scholarships will be offered to free and reduced lunch eligible families. Contact Nathaniel Banks at nathlbanks@gmail.com for more information.

Monday, June 4

5:30pm – Champaign Human Relations Meeting

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

Thursday, June 7

7:15pm – **Champaign County NAACP Meeting** at the Champaign Public Library, Robeson Pavilion Room B.

Saturday, June 9

6pm – 6am - American Cancer Society's **Relay for Life** of Champaign County at Centennial High School. For more information or to make a donation, 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 – Saturday, June 16

9:00am – 12noon – **Mo'Betta Music's Developing Artists' Camp** features small group lessons in guitar, winds, strings, and keyboard. This camp will serve students with less than two years playing experience. The camp registration fee is \$125.00 and scholarships will be offered to free and reduced lunch eligible families. Contact Nathaniel Banks at nathlbanks@gmail.com for more information.

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

8:00am – 10:00am – Listen **LIVE** to **Higher Ground** on **WEFT/90.1FM Radio** or on-line at **WEFT.org**, hosted by Aaron & Carol Ammons. Listen in and/or call in to 217-359-5483 or 217-359-6545 for comments and/or questions.

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

Sunday, June 17 – Happy Fathers' Day

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

Saturday, June 30

8:00am – 10:00am – Listen **LIVE** to **Higher Ground** on **WEFT/90.1FM Radio** or on-line at **WEFT.org**, hosted by Aaron & Carol Ammons. Listen in and/or call in to 217-359-5483 or 217-359-6545 for comments and/or questions.

Thursday, July 5

7:15pm – **Champaign County NAACP Meeting** at the Champaign Public Library, Robeson Pavilion Room B.

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

Friday, August 10 – Sunday, August 12 – Champaign-Urbana Day Weekend

Friday, August 10

SAVE THE DATE - DehrIzz Entertainment (ETC) is hosting another fantastic event.

Saturday, April 18

SAVE THE DATE – Heavenly Seven sponsored **Back to School Give Away** at the Urbana Neighborhood Connections Center (1401 E. Main St., Urbana). More information to come.

*****Next Update – April 9. Deadline to submit events/meetings: April 4*****