



AFRICAN AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER
CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH

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News Release

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COMMUNITY FALL FESTIVAL OCTOBER 5TH 2019 *Hosted by The African American Cultural Center Virginia Beach*

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA (August 26, 2019) — The public is invited to attend a free Community Fall Festival celebrating cultural history, featuring family fun and uplifting entertainment on the site of the future home of the **African American Cultural Center** on the **corner of Newtown Road and Hampshire Way** Saturday October 5th, 2019 from 12 noon to 4 pm. The festival will include viewing of the public art installation, **"Portraits from a Place of Grace" by Richard Hollant**, clothing designers, artists, story teller's, games, exhibits, food trucks and other attractions.

This is one of a series of community events presented by the African American Cultural Center to inform, educate and enlighten the Hampton Roads community of the contributions and rich legacy of the African American community in Hampton Roads, Virginia Beach and the Commonwealth of Virginia.

"As we work to raise the funds to build the Center on the land which has been deeded to us, we continue to produce events and inform the public of the cultural offerings provided for and by the African American community to all people residents and visitors," said Dr. Amelia Ross-Hammond Founder and Chair of the AACC Board.

Recently along with the placement of the "Portraits from a Place of Grace" public art piece in partnership with the Virginia Beach Office of Cultural Affairs, the AACC presented "An Evening with Frederick Douglass" at Zeiders American Dream Theater, and was a sponsor of the Community Shark Tank Competition at the Something In the Water music event at the Virginia Beach Convention Center. The Center plans a major theatrical event in February 2020 at the Z.

For Festival information including vending opportunities, sponsorships or directions call 757-593-8562 or visit aaccvb.org

ABOUT THE AFRICAN AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER OF VIRGINIA BEACH

The mission of the African American Cultural Center, Inc. is to collect, preserve, interpret and celebrate Hampton Roads, Virginia Beach/Princess Anne County and the Commonwealth of Virginia's African American history, culture and communities from the mid 1600s to the present, and to inform and educate the public about African Americans' achievements in business, politics, religion, civic organizations and the Arts, and include regional African American History.

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