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Busy and festive opening weekend on tap for Bronzeville Week 2014

Festival launches week-long celebration in Bronzeville

The week-long celebration in Bronzeville gets started in an active and fun way with the **Bronzeville Arts & Cultural Festival on Saturday, August 2 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.** on North Ave. between N. Dr. Martin Luther King Dr. and N. 7th St. The festival will feature three stages with live performances, a kids' zone, and an array of vendors and food offerings.

Hosted by **Alderman Milele A. Coggs** and the Friends of Bronzeville, the **2014 Bronzeville Week (August 2 – 9, 2014)** activities and events will be richly infused with music, culture, art, commerce, history and more. There will be an **opening ceremony** held at noon Saturday by the Friends of Bronzeville.

A list of Saturday's entertainers for each stage is attached. In addition to the Heal the Hood stage, there will be a **Friends of Bronzeville stage** near N. 4th and W. North Ave., and a **Core DJs stage** near N. Dr. Martin Luther King Dr. and W. North Ave.

Alderman Coggs, who spearheaded the successful effort to have Bronzeville Week made an official City of Milwaukee initiative last year, said community excitement and anticipation for the week's events is high. "The inaugural Bronzeville Week (held in August 2013) was successful and gave us a strong start, and with African World Festival being canceled this year, there is a pent-up desire in the community for a chance to come together in celebration and unity," she said.

On Sunday, August 3, the second **Bronzeville Empowerment Sunday** will provide an opportunity for the community to come together for a neighborhood beautification effort. Members of Bronzeville area churches and neighborhood organizations will gather at 12:30 p.m. at N. 4th and W. North Ave.

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Opening Bronzeville Week/ADD ONE

On Monday, August 4, there will be **A Discussion: Bronzeville Past, Present & Future** – beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the BMO Harris Community Room, 2745 N. Dr. Martin Luther King Dr. (lower level).

The **attached** 2014 Bronzeville Week schedule includes descriptions of each day's events.

Other events scheduled for 2014 Bronzeville Week include a 'Paint-n-Sip' event where people create artwork while socializing (Thursday, August 7), a panel discussion on the history of Bronzeville, MKE Business Now - Bronzeville Business Resource Seminar (Tuesday, August 5), featured poetry and spoken word events, Health Screenings, guided trolley tours of Bronzeville, a "Night in Bronzeville" hosted by Kwabena Nixon on Wednesday, August 6, and much more.

Bounded by Garfield Avenue to Center Street, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Drive to 7th Street, the Bronzeville Cultural and Entertainment District is wholly located in the 6th Aldermanic District.

The Bronzeville Cultural and Entertainment District is a City of Milwaukee redevelopment initiative inspired by Milwaukee's original Bronzeville, and it is striving to revitalize the area of Milwaukee where African-American culture has been a mainstay. The Bronzeville Redevelopment Plan seeks to create economic development in a predominantly African-American neighborhood in a way that recaptures the enthusiasm and attractiveness of the original Bronzeville District.

BRONZEVILLE WEEK

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2

Bronzeville Cultural & Arts Festival – 10:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Dr. & North Avenue

**A festive celebration of Bronzeville, Milwaukee's Black art and cultural district. Vendors, an array of food offerings, a kids' zone and three stages will feature a variety of live entertainment.

Sponsored by Friends of Bronzeville, Core DJs and Heal the Hood.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3

Bronzeville Empowerment Sunday – 12:30 p.m.

Bronzeville Clean-Up Meet up at 4th and North Ave.

MONDAY, AUGUST 4

A Discussion: Bronzeville Past, Present & Future – 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

BMO Harris Community Room

2745 N. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Dr. (lower level)

**A lively and insightful panel discussion of local historians, artists and residents about Bronzeville.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 5

Bronzeville Business Resource Seminar MKE Business Now– 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Milwaukee Urban League, 435 W. North Ave.

**Workshop series focused on small and new businesses interested in locating in Bronzeville.

Guided Trolley Tours of Bronzeville- 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

(Meets at 642 W. North Ave.)

**Guided tours of Bronzeville area.

Health Screenings – 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Martin Luther King Heritage Health Center, 2555 N Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Dr.

**Free information, blood pressure screenings, vision, hearing and stress tests.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6

A Night in Bronzeville –hosted by Kwabena Antoine Nixon 6:30 p.m.

2200 N. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Dr.

**A night of entertainment hosted by Kwabena Nixon. Will include renowned spoken word artists, live music, art and food.

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BRONZEVILLE WEEK

THURSDAY, AUGUST 7

Paint –N-Sip - 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Best Friendz Klubhouse

2722 N Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Dr.

**Artistically social experience that incorporates paint, canvases, wine and people while creating artwork.

Led by local artists who provide tips while attendees create works of art.

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 8

Bronzeville Arts Ensemble Performance-7:00 p.m.

King Drive Commons Gallery & Studio

2775 N. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr.

**An evening of poems, monologues, songs, and scenes inspired by the Bronzeville jazz era.

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 9

Bronzeville Art Walk 5:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive between Garfield & North Avenue

**Self-guided outdoor tour featuring art from local artists at various locations along N. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Dr.

Bronzeville Arts & Cultural Festival

Saturday, August 2, 2014

Stage line-ups are as follows:

Core DJs Stage (near N. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Dr. and W. North Ave.)

12:15 p.m. – J. Vocal
12:35 p.m. – Joe Jordan
1:00 p.m. – G Womack
1:20 p.m. – Patrice Walker
1:40 p.m. – Ozara Odé
2:00 p.m. – Essential and OW Griffin & the Exhalers
2:15 p.m. – Kiara Griffin
2:30 p.m. – Kevin Gates
2:45 p.m. – Tae Spears
3:00 p.m. – Kateri Bluford
3:15 p.m. – Elzie Flenard
3:30 p.m. – Serita Campbell
3:45 p.m. – Legacy Musik
4:00 p.m. – Randy Brown
4:15 p.m. – Shamicka Govan
4:30 p.m. – Gifted
4:45 p.m. – Carlita Marie
5:00 p.m. – Mark Harris
5:15 p.m. – Bryanna Hill
5:30 p.m. – Diante Harris and Pure Worship
5:45 p.m. – Shon Kidd

Friends of Bronzeville Stage (near N. 4th St. and W. North Ave.)

12:00 p.m. – Friends of Bronzeville Welcome
12:30 p.m. – Milwaukee Flyers
2:00 p.m. – The Paradigm Drumline of Nei Phi Neph Mentoring Program
2:30 p.m. – Janus College Preparatory and Arts Academy Dancers
3:00 p.m. – Mario the Poet
3:15 p.m. – Genesis Renji
3:30 p.m. – Summer of Peace
4:00 p.m. – Broken Genius
4:30 p.m. – Mark Evans

Heal the Hood Stage (near N. 7th St. and W. North Ave.)

10:00 a.m. – Opening Ceremony: Nation of Islam
10:45 a.m. – Brent Tyner Vocal Performance
11:00 a.m. – Zumba Instruction/Class

11:30 a.m. – Dizz Flatline Poetry Set
12:00 p.m. – Dasha Kelly Poetry Students
1:00 p.m. – Running Rebels Performance
1:30 p.m. – Kristane Grey Genius Thrower
1:45 p.m. – Strong Hearts
2:00 p.m. – Cesario Evans Poetry Performance
2:30 p.m. – Cree Myles Vocal Performance
3:15 p.m. – Holy Hill Steppers
3:30 p.m. – 2014 Juneteenth Girls performance showcase
4:00 p.m. – Hip Hop Set
5:00 p.m. – African Drumming and Dancing Set