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## **Bronzeville Week 2014 offers enrichment for the mind, body and soul**

*Festival set for first day of family-oriented and fun week of events in Bronzeville*

Art, history, commerce, community and culture rooted in a rich urban tradition comes together again starting Saturday, August 2 as the 2014 **Bronzeville Week** kicks off in Milwaukee, hosted by Friends of Bronzeville and **Alderwoman Milele A. Coggs**.

The celebration will kick off 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. 7<sup>th</sup> St. The festival will feature three stages with live performances, a kids' zone, and an array of vendors and food offerings.

The **2014 Bronzeville Week (August 2 – 9, 2014)** will be formally announced during a **news conference on Thursday, July 31 at 12:15 p.m. indoors at King Drive Commons Gallery & Studio, 2775 N. Dr. Martin Luther King Dr.** Alderwoman Coggs will be joined by **Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett, Ralph Hollmon**, Milwaukee Urban League (Bronzeville Advisory Committee Chair), **Elizabeth Coggs**, executive director of Career Youth Development, **Christopher McIntyre**, of CM Perceptions and **Kwabena Antoine Nixon (IKAN)** and representatives of Friends of Bronzeville.

The **attached** 2014 Bronzeville Week schedule includes descriptions of each day's events. The inaugural Bronzeville Week was held in August 2013 and saw good attendance at the week's mix of events – a positive start for the official City of Milwaukee event. With no **African World Festival** taking place this summer, Alderwoman Coggs said she believes there will be strong interest and attendance throughout 2014 Bronzeville Week.

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## **Bronzeville Week/ADD ONE**

“I am excited to be celebrating Bronzeville Week once again with neighbors, friends and business owners,” Alderwoman Coggs said. “Once again we have positive and enriching family-friendly activities and events that emphasize a hopeful future for the district and for the community. It is also the perfect opportunity to showcase Bronzeville’s businesses and business development opportunities, its music, contemporary art and culture, shops and its many destinations for visitors and tourists.”

Alderwoman Coggs said the 2014 Bronzeville Week features a variety of activities, including plentiful live music, Bronzeville Empowerment Sunday - August 3 (neighborhood meet-up/cleanup), 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.

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

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## 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.

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

Martin Luther King Heritage Health Center

2555 N Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Dr.

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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.

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

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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.