

out on a weekly basis. If you are interested in getting a copy, please send a forwarding email address to:
harfordcampaign42@gmail.com.

The first few pamphlets will be introductory in nature in order to establish the parameters of the project.

Why

This continuing series of history pamphlets is being provided to document history and to show that African Americans have made a significant contribution to the social, cultural & economic well-being of Harford County and its municipalities. As such, the African American Community deserves a proportional number of elected positions within these jurisdictions.

Thanks

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Everyone is invited to participate in this project, regardless level of expertise or time commitment. Let us know how you would like to get involved. Email us at:
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Monthly Meetings – 7 PM
1st Monday of the Month
Police Station
Havre de Grace

3rd Thursday of the Month
McFaul Center
Bel Air

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African American History of Harford County, Maryland

Introduction

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Who

My name is Jerome Hersl, Jr. and I have organized a grass roots movement called Harford Campaign 42. The purpose of the campaign is to have women, African Americans and other minorities achieve political parity in our system of representative Government. In order to do so, we ask voters in Harford County to consider diversity as an important issue when they vote.

What

This pamphlet is the introduction to a project of Campaign 42. The project is to compile, update, expand and publish the African American History (AAH) of Harford County.

But first, much credit and gratitude must be given to the people and the organizations that have already written, and continue to write, the AAH of Harford County. Such credit is given to the news papers: The Aegis, The Record and The Baltimore Afro-American for their articles and the Harford

Historical Bulletin for their issues relating to AAH. The individual authors will be given full credits in later pamphlets.

In addition, credit is also given to book authors Constance Beims, Christine Tolbert, Clayton Stansbury, Reginald Bishop, and Peter A. Jay along with Marcus Stansbury, Bobby Parker, Geraldine Cox, Percy V. Williams, Sara Roye, Alma Dorsey Nelms and Lehman Spry Their books will be discussed and borrowed from in future publications.

Other contributors to AAH of Harford County include Iris Barnes (museum curator), Bobby Parker (photographer) and Shelley Dolan (Harford's Black Heritage - a scholarly paper). Their works will also be brought to light in this project.

If I have forgotten anyone, please forgive my absent - mindedness and by all means drop me a note.

How

This AAH Project is initially being put together with a continuing series of weekly pamphlets that are free to the public. The plan is that these short stories will be later used to form a more significant history that will be published as a website and later as a book. The public is invited to participate.

Currently, scores of people throughout the county have been interviewed and contributed to this project. Their names and stories will be told in later pamphlets. Books, files, pictures, articles, obituaries, census records and other data have been compiled. But the most important information remains in the minds and attics of the people that are connected to that history. If you already haven't done so, please share your stories and pictures with the project.

When

The pamphlets will be distributed by email only. It is anticipated that the pamphlets will be sent