Every year I look forward to celebrating African-American achievements during Black History Month in February. Everyone is aware of Black History Month, but few people know the origins of it’s history.

The history of Black History Month begins in Chicago with Historian Carter G. Woodson. Woodson formed the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History and urged black civic organizations at the time to promote the achievements that researchers were uncovering. The resoundingly positive response led to the creation of Negro History and Literature Week in 1924, which was later renamed Negro Achievement Week.

Negro History week lasted about 40 years until the ’70s when several black educators at Kent state started the tradition of celebrating black history all month. That tradition caught on and Black History Month is now celebrated worldwide, predominantly in The US, Canada, The UK, Ireland, and even the Netherlands.

You may be asking why, celebrate Black History Month in February? Well, February is the month that both Abraham Lincoln and Fredrick Douglas were born. Both men were highly celebrated by the black community in the 19th century. The birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass are actually in the same week. This was the reason Carter G. Woodson chose the third week of February to be celebrated. Black history is important, it’s American history. If it wasn’t for Carter G Woodson our ancestor’s life work and achievements might not be recognized to the extent that they are today.

You don’t have to be in February to celebrate black history and culture. Click through to a couple of my favorite websites for information on experiences year round.

Black Cultural Events
California African American Museum
Public Health Recommendations for Vaccinated Persons

While RNA COVID-19 vaccines have demonstrated high efficacy at preventing severe and symptomatic COVID-19, there is currently limited information on how much the vaccines might reduce transmission and how long protection lasts. In addition, the efficacy of the vaccines against emerging SARS-CoV-2 variants is not known.

At this time, vaccinated persons should continue to follow current guidance to protect themselves and others, including wearing a mask, staying at least 6 feet away from others, avoiding crowds, avoiding poorly ventilated spaces, covering coughs and sneezes, washing hands often, following CDC travel guidance, and following any applicable workplace or school guidance, including guidance related to personal protective equipment use or SARS-CoV-2 testing.

Although the risk of SARS-CoV-2 transmission from vaccinated persons to others is still uncertain, vaccination has been demonstrated to prevent symptomatic COVID-19; symptomatic and pre-symptomatic transmission is thought to have a greater role in transmission than purely asymptomatic transmission.

Fully vaccinated persons who have been exposed to an infection still watch for symptoms of COVID-19 for 14 days following exposure. If they experience symptoms, they should be clinically evaluated for COVID-19, including SARS-CoV-2 testing, if indicated. In addition, vaccinated persons should continue to follow current guidance to protect themselves and others.

To make an appointment for the vaccine go to VaccinateLACounty.com or call 833-540-0473 between 8a -7p. For additional information, please visit: County of Los Angeles: covid19.lacounty.gov
HONORING FORMER COUNCILMAN

Ralph Franklin

On February 3, 2021, I was thrilled to participate in Crenshaw Imperial Plaza's Ribbon Cutting Ceremony honoring former District 4 Councilman Ralph Franklin with a bench and "Koi Pond." Thank you NewMark Merrill Companies for honoring Former Councilman Ralph Franklin's almost 18 years of service to the City of Inglewood and its residents.

ADD A CAT TO YOUR FAMILY!

Adoption fees for cats are reduced to $14 for the entire month of February. This will include adoption, spay/neuter, vaccination, and microchip fees, but not trust or license fees (if applicable). Note: Trust fees are for animals that for one reason or another cannot be spayed/neutered at the time of adoption. Adopters will instead pay a deposit and be given a date to return, upon which they will be refunded the deposit.

Please share this information with your family and friends that are interested in expanding their family by getting a cat.
The Inglewood Grocery Outlet located in Crenshaw Imperial Shopping Center is a wonderful District 4 resource! The well-stocked store boasts fresh produce, many specialty and organic foods, fresh plants and flowers and a well-stocked wine section... all at great prices. The store owners, Patricia White and Nessan Gill describe it as the "TJMaxx of grocery stores." They say if you find something you like, you should stock up because next week may bring new wonderful finds. For Valentine's Day they featured heart shaped rib eye steaks!!

The Inglewood Grocery Outlet Bargain Market exists to save you money. They measure their success by how much you save and they’re fanatical about it. How do they keep our prices so low? (1) A producer has excess inventory like packaging changes or manufacturing overruns, so Patricia & Nessan will get a call. (2) They help their manufacturer partners by buying their excess inventory and moving it quickly into the store. (3) They buy these excess products at a huge discount, and pass that savings on to the customers. That’s why they have such amazing deals every day! (4) And unlike the big chains, the Inglewood Grocery Outlet store is independently owned and operated by Patricia & Nessan, a local family, which gives store has its own local personality.

Senior citizens get a 10% discount on Tuesdays! Ask about other discounts and promotions on your next trip to the store.

Watch the interview with the owners on our Facebook page: https://fb.watch/3P-V8Xn3Xw/

**COMING SOON**

**Little Free Libraries**

Little Free Libraries are popping up around Inglewood. These little units have been built installed and stocked by the Rotary Club of Inglewood for residents to access books and magazines for their reading pleasure.

The objective is to provide an accessible local space for residents to find and experience literature. Keep a book that you love, return a book if you wish, or share books that you no longer want.

Two of these units have been reserved for our district. If you would like to have one installed at your home, please contact suzettegoddard_1@hotmail.com for further information.
LOOKING FOR A NEW JOB OR CAREER?

Check here for recent employment notices that have been sent to our office.

If you are looking for more personalized assistance or up to the minute information on job opportunities please visit our local community resource:

www.SouthBay1Stop.org and SouthBayOneStop

One Stop Business & Career Center services adults and teens. The center is committed to developing job skills, abilities and attitudes essential for participation in today’s workplace.

If you have an employment opportunity that you would like us to share, please reach out to our office with the details, lpenix@cityofinglewood.org.

INGLEWOOD ONE-STOP
110 South La Brea Ave.
Inglewood, CA 90301
Phone: (310) 680 - 3700

El Camino Small Business Development Center

The mission of the Small Business Development Center hosted by El Camino College is to be the number one service provider of no-cost, expert entrepreneurial consulting, education and access to capital assistance to the small business community in the greater South Bay and Los Angeles area. They are part of the Los Angeles Regional SBDC Network, which assists small business owners throughout the Los Angeles, Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties.

The El Camino College SBDC team is pleased to offer consulting services in English and Spanish, as needed. Please contact them at 310.225.8277 to schedule your appointment. Click to view and sign up for their webinars and newsletter.
CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Click [here](#) on Tuesdays at 2pm to watch the Inglewood City Council meetings LIVE on Facebook.

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