

Join Brighton200 for an afternoon celebrating 200 YEARS of

BLACK HERITAGE IN BRIGHTON

"Struggle Toward Freedom"

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23 at 3 P.M.

Alumni and Advancement Center Auditorium
University of Rochester
300 E. River Rd.

Featuring a special performance by
Garth Fagan Dance School Ensemble

PRESENTERS:

Jerry Bennett

Local Underground Railroad Specialist

Mary Jo Lanphear

Town of Brighton Historian

Dr. David Anderson

Storyteller

Community Scholar

in Residence

Nazareth College

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FOR MORE INFORMATION: brighton200.org

Town of Brighton's Bicentennial Celebration

2014 Calendar of Events

January:

Town Proclamation to be issued by the Brighton Town Board during the first meeting of the year at 7p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 8. The proclamation will designate 2014 as the bicentennial of the town.

February:

In recognition of **Black History Month**, Brighton will present "Struggle Toward Freedom," a celebration of Black Heritage in Brighton at 3 p.m. on Sunday, February 23 at the University of Rochester's AAC Auditorium (300 E. River Rd.) that will commemorate the town's role as a stop on the Underground Railroad. This event is free and open to the public.

April: A Re-enactment of the First Town Board Meeting will take place at the actual location where history was made in 1814. Historic Brighton, one of the Town's Bicentennial partners, will present this historic re-enactment every 30 minutes from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 5, at the Stone-Tolan House (2370 East Avenue). In addition, attendees can enjoy a Plowman's Lunch and tours of the historic house and grounds. Reservations required; visit brighton200.org for pricing and more info.

May:

In conjunction with the **Spring Clean Sweep** event on Saturday, May 3, there will be a Community Clean-up at the old Brighton Cemetery located on Hoyt Place off Winton Rd. S. in the historic former Brighton Village. **The Brighton Historic Landmark Bus Tour** Sunday, May 4 led by Brighton Historian Mary Jo Lanphear and Arlene Wright Vanderlinde of Historic Brighton, will take participants to many of Brighton's historic structures and other sites relevant to town history. A **Memorial Day** event takes place Monday, May 26, at the Veterans Memorial in Buckland Park. This event will have special meaning as the community looks back 200 years with honor and gratitude for those who have served in our nation's wars.

June:

On Sunday, June 1, a **Bicentennial Community Picnic** will be held in Buckland Park, 1341 Westfall Rd. Brighton Neighbors United and the Brighton Kiwanis Club, two of the Town's Bicentennial partners, will combine Brighton's individual annual neighborhood picnics to produce the largest picnic in the town's history. There will be food, games, and entertainment for all ages.

July:

The **Annual 4th of July Celebration** held in Meridian Centre Park will celebrate the bicentennial with a 5K race, children's activities, amusement rides, food, live entertainment, nighttime fireworks display and more.

August:

A **Canal Day Celebration** will recognize Brighton's rich history as a stop and lock on the Erie Canal. On Sunday, Aug. 10, residents will gather at Lock 33, located off Edgewood Avenue, to enjoy boat rides, a demonstration of the Canal lock, and other Canal themed activities.

September/October:

Brighton Homecoming 2014 will be presented by the Brighton Central School District, with the Town of Brighton and the Brighton Chamber of Commerce as partners. Featured will be a parade, food vendors, and live entertainment at 12 Corners Memorial Park.

October:

A formal **Bicentennial Gala Reception** will conclude the yearlong celebration and will feature entertainment, food and beverages. Location and pricing is yet to be determined.

Visit www.brighton200.org and www.townofbrighton.org for the most up-to-date information on all events.