

# THE LIGHT at the CORNER *of Mills & Carver*



## Why "Cultural Center?"

The Cultural Center will provide opportunities for Transylvania County African Americans and the Rosenwald neighborhood to tell their stories and to educate the public about the African influence that impacts their lives.

The word "culture" has a variety of definitions that relate to the purpose and goals of our Cultural Center.

- **The quality in a person or society that arises from a concern for what is regarded as excellent in arts, letters, manners, scholarly pursuits, etc.**

Programs and events will demonstrate these qualities through the outstanding people you will meet, the rotating exhibits that speak to your history and the skills and talents that have and still do exist in your communities.

- **Development or improvement of the mind by education or training.**

Education is the bottom line for the Cultural Center. It has been established, basically, for this sole purpose – to teach not only the members of the Black community but also the community-at-large about the African American experience, life before and after integration in the Rosenwald neighborhood, influential individuals (both Black and White) who have impacted the community and events that have mattered

in the lives of Black citizens in Transylvania County.

- **The behaviors and beliefs characteristic of a particular social, ethnic or age group.**

Gospel music comes to mind not to mention Soul food. We will go back as far as African symbols and Proverbs to live by that have always given direction as to behavior and beliefs..

- ***Anthropology: the sum total of ways of living built up by a group of human beings and transmitted from one generation to another.***

This one sums it all up but now we are attempting to share these experiences with everyone in a variety of ways. From Soul food to music, the art of African fabric to history, this Community and Cultural Center hopes to be both interesting and entertaining as well as extremely educational and maybe even eye opening!

Some of the community members will be trained to conduct tours of the Cultural Center, so that its impact can truly be felt. Do remember that some of the exhibits, both on the walls and in the cabinets, are scheduled to be changed approximately every 3 months so that we can keep the Center fresh and new. All of this will take volunteer help, so please consider where you would like to give your time. Go to the website, [marycjenkins.org](http://marycjenkins.org), to see the list of volunteer opportunities.

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## Construction Update

- The tiling of the ladies bathroom walls has been completed. The men's bathroom will be done with the same products.
- Flooring materials have arrived for the kitchen, the stage and the large community room.
- Trim on the outside of the building is finished.
- Grading has begun on the parking lot.

## Volunteer Opportunities

Which category(ies) are you most interested in?

- Education/Career Development
- Recreation/Fitness
- Arts
- Health/Wellness
- History
- Gardening
- General Center Support

The Board has work to do to coordinate events and programs and your ideas and willingness to get involved are essential to the Center's success. Go to [marycjenkins.org](http://marycjenkins.org) and then to the Volunteer tab. Check out the Volunteer Opportunities and then fill out an application. Please return to the Center when completed.

### In addition:

\* The Center needs a "Meal Prep/Cooking Team" that knows their way around the kitchen and can be available for some of the events that require food preparation. Jerome Howell and Victor Foster have agreed to serve as Kitchen Managers and will coordinate and train this team. The group will organize themselves as everybody will not be required for every event.

\*\* The creation of a Memorial Garden is on the agenda. Consider helping determine the focus and design and the installation of plants and amenities. Don't forget the watering, which might be the most intense job of all!



### Come and Celebrate with Us!!

Where: Silversteen Memorial Playground

When: Sunday June 19th

Time: 12:30p – 1:30p

### Enjoy Music, History, Food and Fun!

Sponsored by

The City of Brevard

Mary C. Jenkins Community Center

and the NAACP

\* Basketball Tournament to follow Celebration.