

THE LIGHT at the CORNER *of Mills & Carver*



There's something new on the horizon!! Join us.



*The African American Journey
Transylvania County and Beyond*

WHAT? **LEGACY** is a story of new beginnings and endings, of suffering and celebrations, of hope and disappointment, of challenges and success. It is the history of African Americans told through a 6 month series of programs that each cover different topics and is designed to encourage conversation, interaction and self-reflection. Led by Black and white Transylvanians with an emphasis on local African American history, it's a unique way to tell the honest story and to deliver an understanding of the culture and accomplishments of our Black citizens.

WHY? One of the priorities of the **Mary C. Jenkins Community & Cultural Center** is to tell the African American story, in general and, especially, locally. We have found that it is not only white people that we should impact but also the younger Black generations who have had limited opportunities to learn their own history. The Center is now collaborating with the **NAACP** and the **TC Library Rowell Bosse NC Room** to create and implement the delivery of this course.

WHEN? An Orientation is scheduled for August 24, 2023 and a Closing Session in January. Each program session will be held on every other Thursday beginning at either 5:30 p.m. or 7:00 p.m. at the Mary C. Jenkins Community & Cultural Center.

HOW? Applications are available at the MCJCCC. We are seeking participants representing different life experiences and will consider ethnicity, age, education employment, etc. – in other words, a diverse class.

COST? \$100. **LEGACY** is offering a sponsorship to support and fund those interested in committing to the **LEGACY** Course who would find the cost a barrier to participation.



Speaking of horizons....*the facility is getting ready to grow, just a little.*

- We are adding a washer and dryer – this will serve us well with all of the tablecloths we use. It will be great to have that task in house so we don't have to haul them home.
- A storage shed on the backyard side of the building will allow us to relieve the pressure our limited number of closets are experiencing. It will also hold the rocking chairs, the grill , gardening tools and outdoor games in the winter.
- Bricks have been placed at the front of the back patio, sort of framing it. Be sure to come and take a peek. Named bricks will be substituted when they arrive.
- Karen will be creating a beautiful area for peace and reflection at the very back of the yard. There will be a canopy pagoda with 2 seats and cushions, so plan to grab a book from Edith's Library and go out and relax a bit.

All of these projects will be completed over the course of the next few weeks. We will let you know the date soon of the shed construction in case we need a community team to help Habitat for Humanity. Thanks to them for taking the time to coordinate this project for us.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Poetry Celebration** – May 6
4-6
- **Annual Mothers' Day Tea**
May 20, 1:00 – 4:00
- **Comedy Night** – May 20
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- **Mixed** - May 24, 5:30-9:30
- A documentary with Leena Jayaswal. *It explores biracial identity & the legacy of interracial marriage.*
- **Pinco** - May 27



Mary C. Jenkins
Community &
Cultural Center

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!**

**WE NEED
HELP NOW:**

Special Events!
Exercise Activities (Classes)
Gardening (Beginning in Spring!)

**BECOME A
VOLUNTEER**

Call us at (828) 376-9303 or
send us an email at:
info@MaryCJenkins.org
Looking forward to your help!

Info & register:
marycjenkins.org/volunteer

A visit with...

Author Carole Boston Weatherford, her son Jeffery Weatherford, Edith Darity (seated), Wilma Lewis, Sheila Mooney and Ella Jones