

JULY 2023

COMMUNITY CENTER NEWS

A newsletter for the Railroad Depot, French Broad Community Center & Mary C. Jenkins Community & Cultural Center



French Broad Community Center Events



FEATURES

1. ADA ACCESSIBLE
2. CHAIRS
3. MEETING ROOMS
4. PARKING
5. RESTROOMS
6. TABLES

BREVARD DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday (Weekly)

Time: 9:00AM - 5:00PM

Contact info: Pam Harpootlian - (803) 237-3816

THIS FACILITY IS AVAILABLE
FOR CIVIC GROUPS &
ORGANIZATIONS ON A FIRST
COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

Tuesday & Thursday (Weekly)

Time: 6:00PM - 8:30PM

Contact info: Shelly Simmons - (828) 384-5188



ALCOHOL ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

Monday & Wednesday (Weekly)

Time: 4:30PM - 7:00PM

Contact info: Karen Cibella - (828) 553-0240



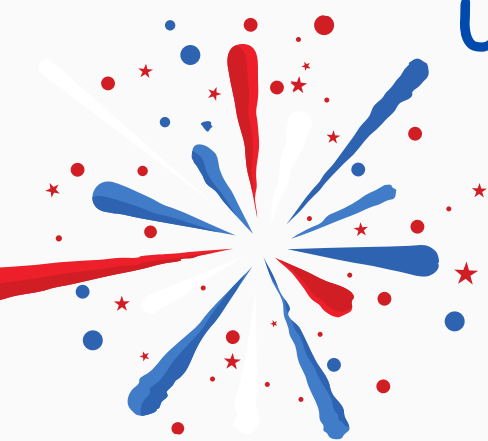
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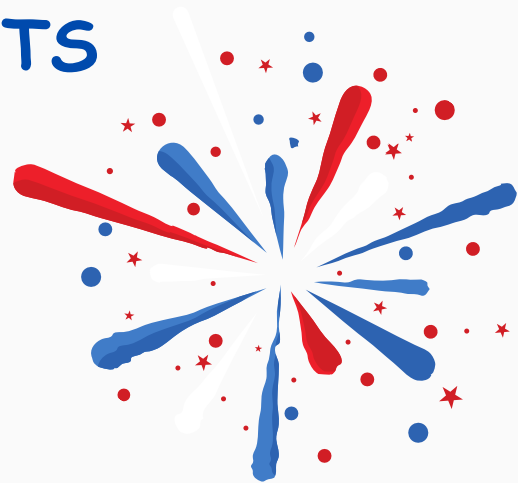


Mary C. Jenkins Community & Cultural Center

UPCOMING EVENTS



JULY



BINGO NIGHT!

July 22nd, 6:30PM - 8:00PM

Highland Books Presents:

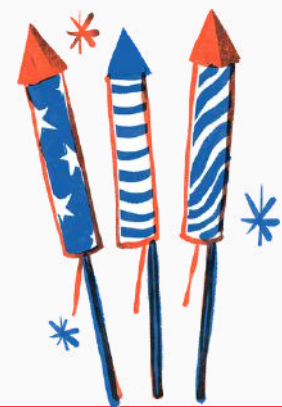
Tara A. Bynum

"Everyday Black Living in Early America"

July 29th, 2:00PM - 4:00PM

Comedy Show!

July 29th, 6:00PM - 8:30PM



THE LIGHT at the CORNER

of Mills & Carver

Unity in Community

As we have recently celebrated Juneteenth at the MCJCCC and July 4 is on the horizon, it reminds us of the fact that Juneteenth, like Independence Day, is a piece of American history, not just a celebration for Black people. Through our Cultural Center exhibits we often refer to African American culture, which while unique, has had a tremendous impact and influence on American culture. Do not other ethnic groups in America also identify with rock n' roll, jazz and other genres of music? Are we not all amazed by the beauty of African-styled clothing with its bright and beautiful colors?

The LEGACY Course, (*The Africa American Journey Transylvania County and Beyond*) demonstrates over and over just how integral African American history is to American history. We all are impacted or involved in our country's ongoing history – Black Americans, white Americans, Brown Americans, all Americans. So, since community unity is essential in that process of creating and maintaining successful communities, Mary C. Jenkins Community and Cultural Center will always serve as a multi-cultural, multi-purpose and multi-generational facility. We want everyone to learn and enjoy!



“The Community Center, since opening, has given many individuals and organizations the platform to showcase their skills and successes not only to their close colleagues but to the greater community

Tyree Griffin, Center Director

The first 8 months of operations for the Mary C. Jenkins Community & Cultural Center has been amazing! We have opened our doors to many local and national organizations to come in and use our space and at the same time share their knowledge with the greater community. Please take a look at some of the organizations we have come in and out of the Community Center:

- *Brevard Rotary Club*
- *Transylvania Habitat for Humanity*
- *Highland Books*
- *NAACP*
- *The Haven of Transylvania County*
- *Sharing House*
- *Blue Zones Project*
- *. AAUW Brevard*
- *Transylvania County Democratic Party*
- *Brevard Youth Football*
- *Brevard Academy*
- *Destiny Church*
- *Rise & Shine*
- *Moore-Blanchard Funeral Home*
- *Calvary Baptist Church*
- *AstroBrevard*
- *Katog Choling*

Juneteenth



Youth Explosion



“One of our future priorities is to get our young people and teenagers involved by having programs and events that target them, in hopes of creating a positive environment for them to come out and enjoy what we offer and to take advantage of volunteering opportunities.”

Randy Lytle, President

Have you heard?

“I am totally amazed at the accomplishments that we have done in the first few months since opening. Being able to provide the various events and activities for the community and citywide is beyond words. I am hopeful that the community will “show-up” and take advantage of this wonderful facility and create memories that will last a lifetime.”

Randy Lytle, President

“I am so proud of what MCJCCC has done for the community but also what it continues to do for me in my life. It has given me the confidence to go out and be happy and thrilled to work at a place that just blows my mind everyday!”

Tyree Griffin, Center Director

The MCJCC opening has been a long time coming! All the intense, extensive meetings through the years, all the hours of planning and critiquing the design, have paid off, and it has been well worth the effort just knowing it was becoming a reality for our community. Having the Center open with all the artwork and pictures that capture our history has been very powerful for me and many others who have expressed their heartfelt reviews. Watching folks in the community embracing the community center brings joy to us all as members of the Board of Directors. I have received calls from people who live in surrounding counties asking to come visit and contribute to our programs.

The collaboration between the City and the MCJCCC Board has been awesome. This relationship is mending bridges and relationships severed over the years. Having Tyree Griffin as our Center Director is a prayer answered. He has the unique task of working with the Board of Directors and the City of Brevard and has been doing a wonderful job. His working relationship with the City helps us all in complex matters because his roots are in the community and he has his hand on the pulse of this community.

Victor Foster, Vice President



Depot Railroad Avenue Park

Features

1. **ADA Accessible**
2. **Internet**
3. **Multi-Use Path**
4. **Parking**
5. **Party/Event Rental**
6. **Pavilion**
7. **Picnic Tables**
8. **Restrooms**

Located at 390 Railroad Avenue, The Depot Railroad Avenue Park has a large public parking area allowing easy access to the Estatoe Trail system.

The Depot Park includes a 13-foot whimsical Ballerina sculpture and a native plant garden featuring over 30 different species of native plants and shrubs.

The Depot building includes public restrooms and indoor/outdoor multi-use areas that can be reserved by the public for events. Please see the Depot Railroad Avenue Park Use Policy & Rental Agreement for Current Fee Schedule.

