

### National Negro Anthem

Lift every voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring; ring with the harmonies of liberty. Let our rejoicing rise, high as the listening skies, let it resound loud as the rolling sea. Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us. Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us; facing the rising sun of our new day begun, let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod; felt in the days when hope unborn had died. Yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet, come to the place for which our fathers sighed? We have come over a way that with tears has been watered; we have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered. Out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last; where the white gleam of our bright start is cast.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears; Thou who has brought us thus far on the way. Thou who has by thy might, led us into the light, keep us forever in the path, we pray. Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee. Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee. Shadowed beneath Thy hand, may we forever stand, true to our God, true to our native land.

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*On behalf of the Louisville Metro Council we extend our heart filled congratulations and sincere thanks to all of the honorees who have been recognized today. Our city appreciates your efforts and has truly benefited from your tireless and unselfish works in "reaffirming our diverse culture"! (Please join us for light refreshments, in the 1<sup>st</sup> floor conference room, immediately following the benediction.)*

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Louisville Metro Council Community Affairs Committee: Barbara Shanklin (D-2); Kevin Triplett (D-15) Jessica Green (D-1); Pat Mulvihill (D-10); Marilyn Parker (R-18); Stuart Benson (R-20) & David Yates (D-25)

## 18<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL BLACK HISTORY MONTH PROGRAM



### *"Reaffirming Our Diverse Culture"*

Thursday, February 20, 2020  
Metro Council Chambers  
12:00 P.M.

Sponsored by:  
Louisville Metro Council Community Affairs, Health & Education  
Dr. Barbara E. Shanklin, Chairperson (District 2)  
Kevin Triplett Vice Chairperson (District 15)

PROGRAM

Welcome/Opening Remarks	Councilman David James Metro Council President
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National Negro Anthem (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> verses) Everyone

Invocation: Wanda Mitchell Smith

**Musical Selection:** Theresa Durham  
Shelia O'Bannon

Recognition of District Honorees:  
Caleb Howard  
Legislative Assistant - Metro Council District 2

Recognition of Special Community Honoree:  
Dr. Barbara E. Shanklin - Metro Council District 2

Musical Selection Theresa Durham  
Shelia O'Bannon

Closing Remarks Dr. Barbara E. Shanklin  
Metro Council District 2

**Benediction: Wanda Mitchell Smith**

## HONOREES

District	1	Lawrence F. Montgomery
District	2	Nicole Adell
District	3	Beverly Chester-Burton, Ed. S.
District	4	Queenie Averett
District	5	LaVon Clack
District	6	Marie Clay
District	7	Robert Henderson
District	8	Darnell Ferguson
District	9	Lavel D. White
District	10	Wanda Mitchell-Smith
District	11	James Lanier
District	12	Joseph Marshall II
District	13	Geoffrey James
District	14	Mary Phaire
District	15	Ruth Cowherd
District	16	Ricky Owens
District	17	Andrew Terry
District	18	John Taylor, Jr.
District	19	Rev. Warren Muir
District	20	Patrick McKinney
District	21	Dr. Renee Campbell
District	22	LaShawn M. Marshall
District	23	Denise Bentley
District	24	Hallie Rice
District	25	Lad Dillard
District	26	Lynn Beckham

## ***Special Community Honoree:***

### ***Newburg Senior Citizens***

*Previously known as the “Jolly Joyful Seniors”, the Newburg Seniors Citizens meet weekdays at the Newburg Community Center, located at 4810 Exeter Avenue in the Newburg Community.*

*Under the directorship of Metro Parks employees Steve Edwards and Robin Johnson, these “seasoned” attendees participate in numerous learning experiences, including, but not limited to bingo, arts and crafts, exercise and everyday “what’s happening” talk sessions.*

*These Seniors also hold an annual Derby Fashion/Luncheon Show; and, recently hosted a Valentine’s Brunch in which our community youth helped to prepare the meal.*

*The Newburg Seniors support numerous community endeavors such as the annual Newburg Weekend Festival, Light-up Newburg, and the R.S.V.P. programs.*

*To insure that the youth in our community receive a nutritious evening meal, these seniors also participate in the Kids Café program, to serve this daily meal.*

*For additional information on the Newburg Seniors calendar of events, please contact the community center on 502-456-8122.*

***Theresa Durham*** is a Louisville, Kentucky native and a member of Peace Presbyterian Church, located at 4210 E. Indian Trail in the Newburg Community.

*In addition to singing in her church choir, she sometimes provides congregants with a “message from God”, aka the church sermon in her upcoming pastoral role; and, actively supports the church’s missions, including the food pantry and healthy living advice. She is always wearing a “contagious smile” and willingly provides help wherever needed.*

*She is the proud mother of one daughter; and, the proud grandmother of a five year old grandson.*

*Theresa is a Registered Nurse; a Seminary Student and a Health and Wellness Coordinator for the Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary as part of her Field Education requirements.*

*Theresa enjoys reading, listening to music, spending time with family and working out.*

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***Shelia O’Bannon*** has over 30 years of experience in the instruction of voice, piano, public speaking and the theatre arts. Her instruction ranges in diverse areas of music such as Rock, Country R&B, Gospel, Broadway, Classical and Opera. She has assisted with student recording preparation for such companies as Disney and Sony.

*She is an accomplished and published playwright having produced and directed several plays across the country and local venues such as the Kentucky Center for the Arts. She is truly gifted and talented in numerous ways serving as Regional Judge for the Fox Network’s American Idol Program; in addition to, being the Minister of Music for Peace Presbyterian Church.*