



Sparks for Arts: 55th Gala

**A virtual night of Celebrating Legacy, Honoring
Community, and Embracing Promise
in honor of Madison Park Development
Corporation's 55th Anniversary**

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DIGITAL PROGRAM BOOK**



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WHAT TO LOOK FORWARD TO TONIGHT!

Sparks for Arts VIP Reception
6:00 pm

APPEARANCES BY:

Leslie Reid, MPDC CEO
The Fred Woodard Trio
Alyssa Champagne, Urban Grape
Kay Mathew, MPDC Resource Development Manager

Sparks for Arts: MPDC's 55th Anniversary Gala
6:30 pm

APPEARANCES BY:

Leslie Reid, MPDC CEO
Haris Lefteri, Hibernian Hall Interim Program Director
Alondra Bobadilla, Boston's Inaugural Youth Poet Laureate
Javier Gutierrez, MPDC Director of Health Equity & Resident Engagement
Etai Belinky, 2021 Community Catalyst Awardee
Karleen Porcena, MPDC Board of Directors
Kai & Chris Grant, Black Market - 2021 Community Catalyst Award
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Leslie Stafford, MPDC Health Equity & Wellness Organizer
Amarilis Bereguete Familia, 2021 Edna V. Bynoe Community Champion Awardee
Yhinny Matos, MPDC Youth Workforce Manager
Abrigal Forrester, Executive Director The Center for Teen Empowerment
Lisa Morishanti, MPDC Board Chair
The Fulani Haynes Jazz Collaborative
Jeanne Pinado, Former MPDC CEO

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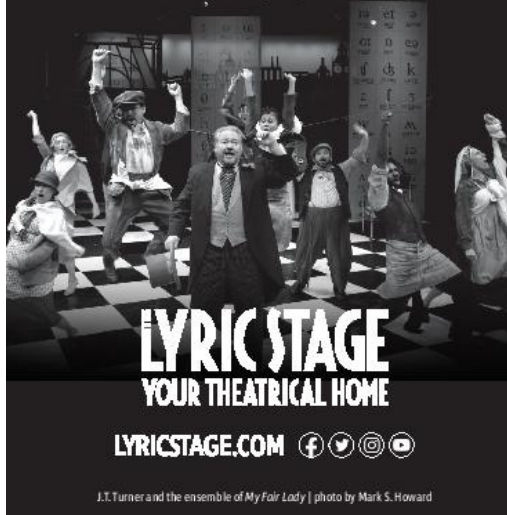
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COMMUNITY CATALYST AWARD

ETAI BELINKY



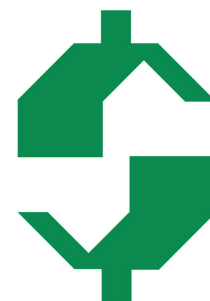
During the past six years as the Senior Community Coordinator at Madison Park Village, I learned so much from the proud residents of Madison Park Village. I learned that the key to forming community is by working together and it is evident that over the past 55 years Madison Park Village has had the hardest workers around. I truly enjoy coming to work everyday because no day is the same and I get to know so many diverse members of our community and their families. I would like to thank the Madison Park Development Corporation Leadership and Board members for the Community Catalyst Award. I would also like to thank the Madison Park Village Winn Companies Property Management team. They are a dedicated group of professionals from whom I have learned a lot from and appreciate their support in creating a community for everyone to enjoy.

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The Nubian Square Public Art Initiative is a newly launched initiative spearheaded by Black Market Nubian to develop a series of public murals and installations as a catalyst for neighborhood economic empowerment by the community, for the community. This effort aims to compensate local artists to collaborate on the envisioning of the square, which was recently renamed in 2019 as part of a larger effort to acknowledge the district as an Afro Centered community hub within Boston and the greater New England Region. The initiative officially kicked off on July 4-5th through the installation of the City's first Black Lives Matter street mural on the Washington Street corridor, led by local Roxbury Artist Lee Beard and Paul "Mar" Chapman with Christopher Grant as Lead Art Engineer. An estimated 1000 people have visited the mural during its creation.

EDNA V. BYNOE COMMUNITY CHAMPION AWARD

AMARILIS BEREGUETE FAMILIA



I am from the Dominican Republic and I came to the Ruggles Shawmut community in 2000. In 2005, I started as a community peer health leader together with Lisa Moris and Aneuris Melo. My first assignment was to promote healthy eating by providing community residents with weekly boxes of vegetables and fruits at an affordable price. I regularly make wellness checks on my neighbors and have been known to make delicious soups and share them with residents in need. I work weekly in the grab-and-go food pantry and the Hope Community Garden during the Summer months. I want to thank Madison Park Development Corporation for their great support and for the honor of receiving the Edna V. Bynoe Neighborhood Champion Award. I also want to thank all the people who work with me daily: Leslie, Javier, Chavella, Etai, Pauline, Stephanie, Janet, and Zulma.

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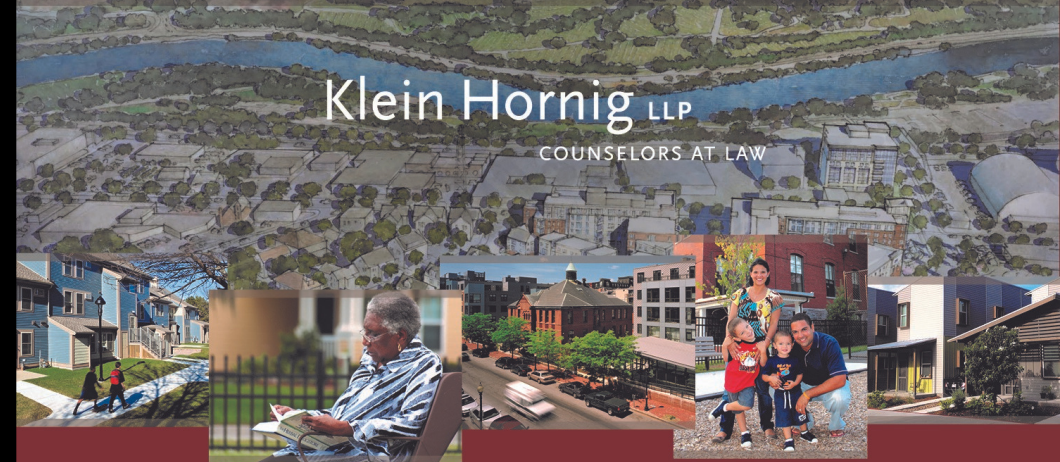


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ELMER FREEMAN



Elmer Freeman has 35 years of experience in Boston's communities of color as a community organizer, healthcare clinician, administrator, and more recently as a community researcher. Elmer is a recognized expert in the application of community-based participatory research principles. His research areas of interest are primarily in the social, economic and political determinants of the health status of minority populations. He is a member of the External Advisory Board of the Michigan Institute for Clinical and Health Research; and co-founder of the Community Health and Academic Medicine Partnership. In 2011 he was selected for the prestigious Barr Foundation Fellowship. Elmer is Executive Director of CCHERS (Center for Community Health Education and Research Services) and the founder of the Edward M. Kennedy Academy for Health Careers.



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FRED WOODARD COLLECTIVE



Fred Woodard has led his own jazz bands since 1988. His current band, "The Fred Woodard Collective," has been together for over a decade. The quartet consists of Fred himself (guitar), his son, Frederick Woodard (violin), Melvin Graham (bass), and Matthew Williams (drums). They've performed throughout the New England area and their musical genre consists of a mix of original and standard jazz compositions, often drawing on other musical influences in their jazz format.

ALONDRA BOBADILLA



Alondra Bobadilla is an 18-year-old student and spoken-word artist from the Boston area. She was recently named Boston's first-ever Youth Poet Laureate in January of 2020. Alondra uses her writing to highlight social issues that impact her and the community that surrounds her. Through her work, she demonstrates how creative expression can be a powerful tool for youth to find their voice and speak up about the changes they'd like to see for their future.



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FULANI HAYNES JAZZ COLLABORATIVE



Fulani M. Haynes has been an immaculate vocalist, musical director, and performer that has electrified audiences in clubs, theaters, and other performance venues in the Boston area for more than four decades. Her depth of musical & theatrical experience has given Fulani a rich foundation to draw upon in performances and collaborations with notable recording artists such as Earl Lawrence and Patricia Adams. Fulani has demonstrated dedication to giving back to Boston in many ways and continues to do so through her work with community organizations.

STIGGITY STACKZ WORLDWIDE



Ashton Lites, also known as Stiggity Stackz, is regarded as one of Boston's most renowned veteran freestyle dance specialists. With 15+ years of intensive training in many different street style and classical dance forms, Ashton has established himself as a professional dancer, creative inspiration specialist, life coach, and a vibrant presence in the Boston community. Ashton has also dedicated much of his time to improving artists' finances, purpose, & creativity. He believes that if artists can succeed in these aspects of their own lives, they can be of better service to their communities.



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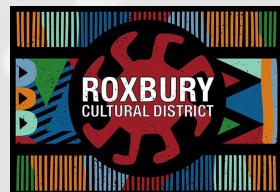


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