

An invitation to bring healing and community change in response to tragedy

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The Friends of the Philando Castile Community Peace Garden Renewal Committee would like to thank all of our donors and volunteers. Your generous donations and time have allowed us to maintain and improve on this historical landmark. The memory of Philando will continue to live on and inspire our community to promote peace, work together with law enforcement, and improve the lives of all.

Victoria Monét: First Black Woman to Earn Best Engineered Album Grammy

After the shootings across the U.S., including the shooting of Philando Castile, Monét released the song “Better Days” with Ariana Grande. The lyrics are soulful and give hope of societal change. Victoria Monét has recently made history as she won the award for Best Engineered Album at the Grammy’s. Monét’s work is inspirational for including lyrics that empower, promote self-love and resilience.

Better Days
“…So how we gonna stop the violence, stop the hurting?
Stop the hatred, stop the murders
We’re all human, that’s for certain
Come together, we deserve it
What kind of life will our babies have
If we don’t change up and make it last?
It starts right here, starts right now
We’ll love and hope for
Better days, better days…”

Songwriters: Thomas Brown / Ariana Grande / Victoria Monet Mccants / Tayla Parx

Better Days lyrics © Taylor Monet Music



A Day in History

April 8 marks the 50th anniversary of Hank Aaron breaking Babe Ruth’s home run record. Aaron played 23 seasons in Major League Baseball (MLB), actively speaking out against racism and breaking racial barriers which would pave the way for future players to have equal rights not only when playing baseball, but also in life.

Hank Aaron’s 2012 commencement speech at Marquette University:

“The Spring season of the year is the perfect time for the rebirth of dreams. Like nature itself, Spring gives us new hope and a new beginning.”

Springtime is the perfect time to visit the Peace Garden while everything is starting to bloom new life!



Event: The Black Market Spring Fest II

Coming up on April 13 at 2PM will be this month’s Black Market. This free and open to the public event is a marketplace for black-owned businesses to come together and create. The event has shopping from local vendors, live music, food, and connecting with your local community. The Black Market hosts a market every second Saturday of the month, so mark your calendars!

For more information, visit their Facebook event page.
www.facebook.com/events/

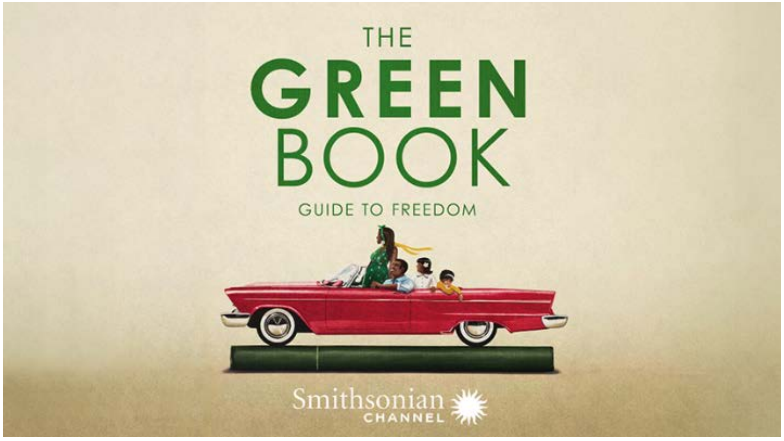


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Event: “The Green Book: Guide to Freedom” Film & Discussion

On Saturday, April 27 from 1:00-2:30PM, the Minnesota History Center will host a screening of the documentary, The Green Book: Guide to Freedom and a panel discussion following. The Green Book was published 1936-1966 as a resource for Black travelers to have a guide of which businesses did not discriminate against color. This publication not only gave African Americans a safety guide for traveling across the U.S., but also helped advocate for civil rights. For more information, visit: www.mnhs.org/events/

The Meaning Behind the Sculptures

Have you walked through the Philando Castile Peace Garden and noticed the large metal sculptures? These sculptures are actually West African Adinkra symbols. Each symbol represents its own guiding principle, and most commonly signify a tribute to Philando. Here are two examples, and more will be featured in future newsletters.

Each symbol, carefully selected and constructed holds a powerful message of healing and unity, the mission of the garden.





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