



Week of February 5, 2018

## From The Desk of Mayor Don Ryan

In recognition of Black History Month there are a variety of events taking place in and around our Village you might be interested in. The following provides a brief overview of many of these activities. More details can be found by visiting the Village website at: [www.villageofhempstead.org](http://www.villageofhempstead.org). There are so many accomplishments that African-Americans have made in numerous fields of endeavor spanning science to art to government to education to athletics and more. I encourage all residents of Hempstead Village to pay tribute to Black History Month by learning about the numerous contributions that black men and women have made to American Society. Participating in some of these events is a great way to do so.

### HEMPSTEAD PUBLIC LIBRARY

#### Black History Month Jazz Concert featuring The Don Hanson Quartet

**Saturday, February 10, 2018 – 2 p.m.**

Come and enjoy the smooth sounds of The Don Hanson Quartet. This FREE performance is open to the public and will take place at the Hempstead Public Library, 115 Nichols Court. For more information visit [www.hempsteadlibrary.info](http://www.hempsteadlibrary.info) or call 516-481-6990.

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#### Documentary Screening of “Hip-Hop Evolution” (Episodes 1 and 2)

**Wednesday, February 21, 2018 – 6:30 p.m.**

Explore the early beginnings and transformative evolution of the Hip-Hop culture, music and lifestyle through the lens of this fascinating documentary. The screening will take place at Hempstead Public Library, 115 Nichols Court. For more information visit [www.hempsteadlibrary.info](http://www.hempsteadlibrary.info) or call 516-481-6990.

### VILLAGE OF HEMPSTEAD STREET NAMING CEREMONY FOR CIVIL RIGHTS LEADER GENERAL JOSEPH A. MCNEIL

**Tuesday, February 27, 2018 – 10:30 a.m.**

As part of the Village of Hempstead’s 375th Anniversary celebration I will be joined by Village Trustees and other distinguished dignitaries and guests during an Honorary Street naming ceremony of Angevine Avenue to General Joseph A. McNeil Avenue (corner of Angevine Avenue and Greenwich Street). All are welcome but those interested in attending should RSVP by calling 516-478-6414.

*Retired Major General Joseph A. McNeil is a Decorated United States Air Force Veteran, Hempstead Village Resident and National Hero. McNeil founded “The Greensboro Four,” responsible for a series of nonviolent, sit-in protests in Greensboro, North Carolina, in 1960, which led to the Woolworth Department Store chain removing its policy of racial segregation and catapulting the Civil Rights Movement in the south into the national spotlight. We will be paying tribute to General McNeil for his role in changing the course of American history and for impacting the lives of African Americans for generations.*

*Immediately following the honorary street naming ceremony there will be a building dedication at Franklin Street School located at 335 South Franklin Street in honor of General McNeil on behalf of the Hempstead Union Free School District.*

### VILLAGE OF HEMPSTEAD’S BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION

**Tuesday, February 27, 2018 – 6 p.m.**

All village residents are invited to attend the Village of Hempstead’s Black History Month Celebration on Tuesday, February 27, 2018 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Kennedy Memorial Park, 335 Greenwich Street. This year's theme is "African Americans In Time of War" and will be centered on that topic. The event will also feature poetry, mime presentation, music and dance. For more information please call: Juanita Hargwood at 516-478-6286.

There are also a variety of Black History Month activities being presented by Hofstra University ranging from art exhibits, plays, films, lectures and musical performances. Of note is an exhibit of the works of artist Romare Bearden that will run through August 17 and a series of discussions exploring the works of celebrated novelist James Baldwin.

Many events on Hofstra’s campus, especially lectures and museum exhibitions, are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted. Due to limited seating, some events require advance registration. For an up-to-date listing of events, times, and locations, please visit the Hofstra events calendar at [www.events.hofstra.edu](http://www.events.hofstra.edu)

Sincerely,

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Don Ryan  
Mayor of the Incorporated Village of Hempstead