



## **More Than 100 Citywide Events Are Just the Start When Newark Celebrates its 350<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2016**

### **Newark Celebration 350 Committee Rolls Out Initial Plans for Year-Long Spectacular**

#### **Free Tickets, Parades, Festivals and Live Performances Are Some of the Special Attractions Offered to Residents and Visitors**

**NEWARK, NJ – October 14, 2015** – The first programming schedule for the City of Newark's 350<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, announced today by the Newark Celebration 350 Committee (NC350), spans more than a hundred events and countless activities, with the guarantee of more to come.

The talents and accomplishments of Newark citizens, the city's rich history and its vibrancy today are central to the festivities, which are being presented by a unique coalition of residents and community stalwarts, such as Essex County, Newark Public Library, Newark Museum, Rutgers University-Newark, New Jersey Symphony Orchestra (NJSO), the New Jersey Devils and New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC).

Here is a glimpse of the anniversary happenings outlined today:

- New Jersey Devils tickets, distributed free to 35,000 Newark residents
- Tickets priced at \$3.50 for select performances at NJPAC
- Outdoor fairs that reflect the cultures of Newark's diverse populations
- A holiday tour of Newark's most remarkable churches, decorated for the season
- A series of public conversations, ranging from Colonial-era Newark to the civil unrest of 1967
- A multimedia oral history project coordinated by WBGJ Jazz 88.3FM
- Jams with NJSO artists and local musicians throughout the city's wards
- Programs and activities promoting stewardship of the urban environment

The accompanying schedule is the first in a series of programming updates to come in the months ahead. Its release follows community idea sessions held recently in each of Newark's five wards.

On Saturday, Oct. 17, a free *Family Fun Festival* kicks off with the Creation Nation™ Art and Peace Parade at 11 a.m. in the newly renovated Military Park. The event, held until 5 p.m., heralds plans for 2016 and includes live concerts and performances, arts and crafts, and various demonstrations and activities.

"We are very excited with our first slate of NC350 programs for 2016. The community's response, interest and desire to be involved has been overwhelming. We have received many great ideas for programming and are thrilled with the direction of the year-long event," stated Junius Williams, the Chair of NC350. "An important factor to our programming has been the direct feedback we received from our Programming Committee and at each of our five community ward meetings. The turnout exceeded our expectations and we received great direction from the members of each of our diverse communities. We are starting this anniversary with strong community support, and look forward to seeing everyone this Saturday afternoon in Military Park."

NJPAC President and CEO John Schreiber, the Chair of the NC350 Programming Committee, stated, "Throughout the year we will be adding events that will be fun and informative, historical and forward-looking, for both young and old alike. NC350 will have something for everyone and we encourage residents of Newark and beyond to take advantage of the opportunity to learn more about their city and enjoy all that it offers."

"We are honored to be part of the 350<sup>th</sup> birthday by opening our doors to our neighbors and provide an opportunity to experience the thrill of live hockey," said New Jersey Devils President Hugh Weber. "This celebration will shine a spotlight on our city and our people, who will thrive in this special moment."

Additional proposals for NC350 programming events may be submitted online at [bit.ly/NC350event](http://bit.ly/NC350event). Visit the website at [nc350.org](http://nc350.org) for schedule highlights and special announcements.

The current list of NC350 events follows:

### **DISCOUNTS AND COMPLIMENTARY TICKETS**

#### **Prudential Center and the New Jersey Devils**

Prudential Center and the New Jersey Devils will offer 35,000 free tickets to Newark residents. Tickets for select games in 2016 will be available through online registration. Game dates and registration information will be announced in November for games taking place from January-April. Games available through this offer in September-December will be announced in August.

## **NJPAC: \$3.50 for 350**

A limited number of tickets for select performances will be available for \$3.50 at the box office only. Valid ID for Newark residents required, maximum two tickets per person. The offer is good for these performances, with more to be announced:

- ~~The Hip Hop Nutcracker (Dec. 19)~~
- ~~The Royal Philharmonic Orchestra (Jan. 8)~~
- Dance Theatre of Harlem (Jan. 15)
- Orchestre National de France (Jan. 29)
- *Disney's FANTASIA – Live in Concert* (Feb. 19)
- *Cinderella*, Russian National Ballet Theatre (March 10)
- Dodge Poetry at NJPAC: *Newark Voices* (March 18)
- San Francisco Symphony (April 15)
- Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater (May 6 and 7)

## **NJSO**

Through the Newark Neighbors Program, complimentary tickets will be available to Newark neighborhood and civic groups for a number of NJSO's concerts in 2016.

**(WAITING DETAILS-JJ)**

## **Newark Museum**

Free family membership for every household in Newark. Includes unlimited free admission, discounts and special programs. Sign up at the museum.

## **MUSIC**

### **2016 "Ward Jams" and Free Concerts – Email and call made to Susan Stucker. Forthcoming. (do not list yet on calendar)**

#### **NJSO**

During 2016, ensembles from the NJSO join with jazz musicians to perform several "Ward Jams," bringing live music to Newark's most historic neighborhoods. The orchestra's 2016 free concert in Branch Brook Park in Newark, funded by Essex County, will include musicians and musical groups from Newark.

### **Newark Boys Chorus Annual Spring Concert**

Sunday, June 12, 2016, 3 p.m.

Newark Museum

Free

Known as Newark's "Musical Ambassadors," the Newark Boys Chorus performs throughout the world with a diversified repertoire that includes traditional and classical music, spirituals, folk music and jazz. The spring concert will include a specially arranged medley of songs, featuring the music of some of Newark's arts luminaries, to celebrate the 350<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

### **Essex County Free Summer Music Concert Series**

Summer 2016

Free

The concert series brings a diverse group of musicians and entertainers to perform at locations throughout the historic Essex County Park System and allows residents to enjoy a leisurely evening in Newark parks. For a complete schedule, available in May 2016, call (973) 268-3500 or check [essexcountynj.org](http://essexcountynj.org).

### **Jazz in the Garden**

Newark Museum

Thursdays, June-July 2016, 12:15-1:45 p.m.

Free

One of the nation's longest running jazz festivals, *Jazz in the Garden* is held in the museum's Alice Ransom Dreyfuss Memorial Garden. Some of the notables who have performed are Jimmy Guiffre, Carrie Smith, Houston Person & Etta James, Ron Carter, Cedar Walton, David Murray, Lou Donaldson, TS Monk and Dee Dee Bridgewater.

### **Lincoln Park Music Festival and Music Speaks- Music Festival July 29-31; Music Speaks details are forthcoming.**

Lincoln Park Coast Cultural District

July 2016 (time TBD)

Lincoln Park and ward sites TBD

Free

In honor of Newark's anniversary, Lincoln Park Coast Cultural District's *Music Speaks* program will highlight its 11th annual *Lincoln Park Music Festival* season. This interactive lecture, music and multimedia arts series, which will take place in each of Newark's five wards, promotes appreciation for the arts, music and dance.

### ***FIVE* by Anthony Davis**

Trilogy: An Opera Company

November 20, 2016

NJPAC (time TBD)

This opera is about the five young black and Latino men who were wrongly accused of raping and assaulting a white jogger in Central Park in 1989. The opera explores the public's perception of their guilt and revisits the long road to their exoneration.

### **FILM**

#### **Newark 350 Film Festival (do not list yet on calendar)**

Dates TBD

Venue TBD

Free

A festival of classic, contemporary and historical fiction and documentary films that celebrate the spectrum of cinematic talent generated by the city. These films, which tackle social justice, race and celebrity, will be presented with post-screening discussions with Newark personalities. Curated and hosted by Emmy-nominated, award-winning Newark filmmakers Marylou and Jerome Bongiorno. Featuring the following films:

- *On the Waterfront* (1954) featuring actress Eva Marie Saint (born in Newark)

- *Revolution '67* (2007) filmmakers Marylou & Jerome Bongiorno
- *Do the Right Thing* (1989) cinematographer Ernest Dickerson (born in Newark)
- *The Rule* (2014) filmmakers Marylou & Jerome Bongiorno
- *Fruitvale Station* (2013) actor Michael B. Jordan (Arts High School alumnus)
- *The King of Comedy* (1983) actor Jerry Lewis (born in Newark)

### **NewWork: Newark in 3D**

Newark Museum

January 13-December 2016

Newark filmmakers Marylou and Jerome Bongiorno's acclaimed city symphony film in 3D captures the vibrancy of what's endured in Newark, from the city's bustling business districts, port, airport and transit hubs to its treasured landmarks, parks, grand public monuments, places of worship and impressive iron bridges. The film features poetry and music from Newark-based artists and musicians, including Jon Curley of NJIT, Newark Boys Chorus School, Arts High School and the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart Choir.

### **7th Annual Women's History Month Film Festival**

Women In Media-Newark

March 29-April 6, 2016

Paul Robeson Campus Center, Rutgers University-Newark

Newark's *7th Annual Women's History Month Film Festival* will screen an international collection of films by and about women that examine jazz as musical expression, as well as a metaphor for women's work. As part of the *Cell Phone Cinema Contest*, students ages 16-24 use their cell phones to create three- to seven-minute films about global issues facing women. Visit [wim-n.com](http://wim-n.com) for details. The festival is held in collaboration with community partners, including Rutgers University-Newark, the City of Newark and WBGO.

### **The Power of Words: Amiri Baraka – Forthcoming (do not list yet on calendar as Newark venue and dates TBD)**

April-May 2016

The students of the Paulo Freire Charter School, in conjunction with the Tribeca Film Institute, will film a short documentary to interpret the poetic words of the late Amiri Baraka of Newark. The film will screen at the *Tribeca Film Festival* in May.

### **Newark Black Film Festival**

June 29-Aug. 3, 2016

Newark Museum and CityPlex 12

The *Newark Black Film Festival*, among the most prestigious black film festivals in the U.S., presents a diversity of viewpoints in black film history, presentation and progress. It is celebrating its 42nd year of exploring the black experience through cinema. On Aug. 3 at 4:30 p.m., the festival will host its biennial Paul Robeson Awards to recognize excellence in independent filmmaking. The Robeson Awards honors the revered activist, performer and athlete.

## **350 over 12: 12 Highlights from the Newark 350th Celebration**

RobynRyli Concepts

Newark media producer Robyn Leigh Butler will document highlights of the Newark celebration in 12 webisodes to be produced throughout the year. Find them (**DATES TBD**) on YouTube and at [nc350.org](http://nc350.org).

### **FESTIVALS**

#### **Three Kings Day Celebration**

First week of January

Immaculate Conception Parish, 372 Woodside Ave.

~~The *Three Kings Day Celebration* marks the day the Magi brought gifts to the child Jesus. This centuries-old tradition is told through song and storytelling. Completed~~

#### **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**

Newark Museum

Jan. 18, 2016, noon-5 p.m.

~~Film, spoken word, performance and family activities explore what it means to serve the community and commit to the power of social change. (on new release 1.12.16)~~

#### **40th Annual Essex County Cherry Blossom Festival**

Essex County Department of Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Affairs

April **TBD** 2016

Branch Brook Park

Free

~~Spring arrives amid a setting of pink and white cherry blossoms in Branch Brook Park. More than 5,000 Japanese cherry blossom trees will bloom from mid- to late-April throughout the park, which has one of the largest collections in America. Among festival events are the *Cherry Blossom Challenge Bike Race*, *Cherry Blossom 10K Run* and *Bloomfest!* Call (973) 268-3500 or visit [essexcountynj.org](http://essexcountynj.org).~~

#### **Portugal Day**

União de Clubes Luso-Americanos (UCLAN)

June 10-12, 2016

Ferry Street

~~*Portugal Day* historically attracts more than 300,000 people over three days to celebrate Portuguese culture in the city's Ironbound neighborhood. Ferry Street eateries dish out the best in cuisine and folk dancers and Portuguese recording artists take the stage. June 10 marks the anniversary of the death in 1580 of Luis Vaz de Camoes, who wrote the Portuguese epic *Os Lusíadas* and was a patriotic soldier.~~

#### **Ironbound July 4th Fireworks**

July 4, 2016, 4-9 p.m.

Riverfront Park

~~Live music and family activities run until 9 p.m., when fireworks start over the Passaic River.~~

### **11<sup>th</sup> Annual Newark Pride Week**

Newark Gay Pride

July 11-17, 2016

This year, Newark Pride focuses on new, dynamic programming to increase its visibility and make Newark one of the nation's most LGBTQ-friendly locations. Newark Pride Week will include a flag-raising ceremony, networking events, happy hours, art exhibitions, panel discussions, family events, youth activities and more, culminating in a parade and festival.

### **Festival de la Familia – ~~Forthcoming. Waiting on permit from the city.~~**

La Casa de Don Pedro

July 24, 2016

Broadway between Bloomfield Place and Broad Street

Free

Since 2007, *Festival de la Familia*, organized by La Casa de Don Pedro, has been an annual family celebration of Newark's Latino heritage and culture. Held in the North Ward, the street fair features musical performances, games, rides, and arts and crafts. Community resources and information from dozens of Newark's nonprofits, health care organizations and businesses are available there.

### **Ecuadorian Festival**

Ecuadorian American Chamber of Commerce of New Jersey

August 6, 2016

Free

This annual celebration of Ecuadorian culture and pride includes a parade, music festival, folkloric dances, arts and crafts, food and more. It takes place in the Ironbound area and is promoted by the Ecuadorian American Chamber of Commerce and Ecuadorian Consulate.

### **17<sup>th</sup> Annual International Food and Music Festival**

Ivy Hill Neighborhood Association

Aug. 13, 2016, 4-9 p.m.

Ivy Hill Park

Free

A fun-filled family day featuring live music by local and professional artists, ethnic foods from around the world, and child-centered activities.

### **La Asociación de Barranquiteños de NJ Inc. (LABNJ)**

Arts & Music Fair, Elwood Park

Aug. 13, 2016

La Asociación de Barranquiteños de NJ Inc. will host its annual *Arts & Music Fair*, showcasing Newark's Latino artists, at Elwood Park in the North Ward. The fair features local artists' works in art, music, poetry, theater, pottery, sculpture, dance and papier-mâché.

### **Newark Museum: Founder's Day**

Aug. 19, 2016

Newark Museum Alice Ransom Dreyfuss Sculpture Garden

The birthday of visionary educator, librarian and founding director John Cotton Dana is celebrated with a summer festival. Together with a group of public officials, prominent businessmen and local collectors, Dana established the museum in 1909 and provided the intellectual leadership that made Newark's museum one of the most progressive cultural institutions in the country.

### **Brazilian Day Newark**

September 7, 2016

Ferry Street

Free

*Brazilian Day Newark* is a three-day, open-air event that celebrates Brazilian culture and the contributions of Brazilian-Americans to their community. The event features live concerts, folklore, and the cuisine and arts and crafts of Brazil.

### **Mt. Prospect Partnership Classic Car Show**

Mt. Prospect Partnership

Sept. 11, 2016, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Mt. Prospect Avenue

The *Mt. Prospect Partnership Classic Car Show* is the only annual car show in Newark and has become the premier outdoor event in the Mt. Prospect Avenue/Forest Hill neighborhood. The show draws more than 3,000 people every year from all over northern New Jersey and has grown to include live entertainment, local celebrity appearances and a multitude of food options and activities for families and children.

### **15<sup>th</sup> Annual Open Doors Citywide Arts Festival**

Newark Arts Council

Thursday, Oct. 13-Sunday, Oct. 16, 2016

The citywide arts tour celebrates Newark's unique and diverse contributions to American arts and culture. Download the festival mobile app for the ultimate gallery-hopping experience, featuring 50-plus events and 40 venues with over 350 artists, complete with visual, performing and literary art. There's musical performances, installations, new media, poetry and all that falls in between to discover. Visit [newarkarts.org](http://newarkarts.org) for events and to download the app.

## **PARADES**

### **The Newark Saint Patrick's Day Parade**

Friday, March 11, 2016, afternoon **time?**

**(location details we need)**

Free

The *Newark Saint Patrick's Day Parade* is New Jersey's oldest Saint Patrick's Day Parade. The Newark parade highlights March as "Music in Our Schools Month" through an annual musical arts marching band competition and supports schools



and charities through a fundraising program. In 2016, the parade begins its ninth decade.

### **The 55th Annual Puerto Rican Day Parade**

Puerto Rican Day Parade, Inc.

Sunday, Sept. 18, 2016, noon

The *55th Annual Puerto Rican Day Parade* celebrates Puerto Rican heritage and culture through the exhibition of art, music, literature, education and civic engagement. It begins with an *Anniversary Gala* on Saturday, Sept. 3, 2016 at 8 p.m. at the Robert Treat Hotel, followed by a Puerto Rican Flag Raising Ceremony on Sunday, Sept. 11, 2016 at 3 p.m. The parade takes place along Avenida Puerto Rico (Broadway).

### **ART**

#### **FACES of Newark @350**

GlassRoots

10 Bleeker St.

*FACES of Newark @350* is GlassRoots' interactive art activity that allows the community to electronically submit photos of themselves (information at <http://tinyurl.com/Newark-350>) to create individual glass tiles, which together will represent the diversity of Newark in its 350th year. GlassRoots students are also collecting photos at public events. The images will be affixed to magnetized glass tiles, which will be added to a movable metal wall on display at GlassRoots, in parks and at partner organizations throughout the celebration year. The tile subjects will be invited to find themselves on the changing mosaic. The photos will also be used in an online mosaic. This project is designed to bring those who love Newark together, while celebrating their individuality.

#### **The Many Faces of Art/ Arts in the Parks and Garden - **First event will be held on January 22. Location forthcoming.****

United Parks As One

January-August 2016

Multiple venues: Jesse Allen Park (Central and South wards), Nat Turner Park (Central Ward), Mildred Helms Park (South Ward) Feb. 25th, Peace Park (East Ward) and Ujimma Garden (Central Ward), Genesis Building (Jan. 28 @6-8pm)  
Through multimedia performances using dance, visual art, music, and original and historical narrative, artists collaborate with community members to create stories depicting historic Newark communities now and then. Production workshops held by teachers and artists will introduce elements of story and performance and will be held simultaneously throughout Newark at participating community centers and churches beginning in January. These activities will culminate in performances in open-air spaces. As part of this program, the Ujimma Garden will present *The Power of Music*, which uses live music coupled with gardening to create an ongoing, therapeutic environment for nearby residents and all who visit.

## **Ahead of the Curve: The Newark Museum, 1909-2016**

Opening April TBD 2016

Newark Museum

This installation focuses on the ways in which the Newark Museum, founded in 1909, created the model for today's museums. Important objects from the founding collections (Asian, African, American, Decorative Arts, Native American) will highlight the museum's seminal role in establishing a place for visual learning in the City of Newark before World War I.

## **Newark Museum: Hot, Hotter, Hottest: 300 Years of New Jersey Ceramics**

Opening July 22, 2016

Newark Museum

A new permanent gallery in the museum's Ballantine House will be dedicated to the 300-year history of ceramics in the Garden State and will feature iconic works made in Newark. From pickle jars and pie plates, from artistic porcelains to modern studio pottery, New Jersey has one of the richest ceramic traditions in the United States.

## **HISTORY**

### **Newark Public Schools**

Newark Public Schools commits to promoting and engaging student involvement in the anniversary celebration and in their learning of the city's history. Teachers are making plans to create curriculum on Newark's history for every student in every grade at every school. In addition, projects during the winter, spring and summer breaks will afford students other opportunities connected with specific NC350 events. The district will work with local history education experts and the NC350 Program Committee to develop, refine and finalize this curriculum for the celebration and beyond.

### **WBGO Newark Public Radio**

WBGO Jazz 88.3FM will create and present original programming throughout the anniversary year that speaks to the city's past, present, and future. *Newark Stories*, a multimedia oral history project, will capture everyday Newarkers' voices and memories, many culled from other NC350 partners. *The Famous, Familiar and Forgotten* is a series of long-form pieces that focuses on people and places important to Newark's history, and will air as part of WBGO's public affairs programming. Both projects, as well as additional content in and around jazz, will air throughout the year and will be available on the WBGO website.

### **Experience Military Park History**

The New Jersey Historical Society

Fridays and Saturdays throughout 2016, 12:30 p.m.

52 Park Place

Free

The New Jersey Historical Society will lead one-hour historical walking tours of Military Park, where visitors will learn a brief history of the park, including the monuments of important figures such as Maj. Gen. Philip Kearny, Theodore

Frederick Frelinghuysen, the Liberty Pole, and the Wars of America monument by Gutzon Borglum. Reservations not required.

**Senior Voices of Newark – Seeking specific date.**

Playwrights Theatre of New Jersey

January 2016

Sept.-Oct. (2 shows)

Throughout the five wards

Over the course of 2016, Playwrights Theatre's *Senior Voices* will present the writings of senior citizens from all five wards, performed with professional actors from Newark at select senior centers. These writings feature accounts of Newark's past, told by people who experienced life in Newark first-hand.

**Newark at 350**

Newark Public Library

Throughout the year, beginning Jan. 19, 2016

Free

*Newark at 350*, an exhibition detailing Newark's rich history from the Puritans to the present, will be on view for a year at the Newark Public Library. Tom Ankner of the library's Charles F. Cummings New Jersey Information Center will curate a display of photographs, maps, city documents and other materials from the library's vast collections. Open to the public during regular library hours.

**Black History Exhibit**

Newark Public Library

Feb. 4-April 2, 2016

Free

The Krueger-Scott Oral History Collection, consisting of interviews with more than 100 African-American Newark residents who migrated from the South between 1910 and 1970, will be the subject of an exhibition at the Newark Public Library during the annual *Black History Celebration*. Originally recorded on more than 200 audio cassettes during the 1990s, these remarkable narratives were recently digitized by Rutgers University-Newark.

**Marion Thompson Wright Lecture: *Long Time Here: Prisons and Policing in African-American History***

Clement A. Price Institute on Ethnicity, Culture, and the Modern Experience

Feb. 21, 2016, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Paul Robeson Campus Center, Rutgers University-Newark

With increased national attention on issues of policing and incarceration, the Marion Thompson Wright Lecture will host a discussion of the historical developments that have brought us to recent events in Ferguson, Baltimore and many other American towns. Ruth Wilson Gilmore (CUNY Graduate Center) will give the keynote lecture. Other speakers will be Khalil Gibran Muhammad (Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture) and Heather Ann Thompson (University of Michigan). An afternoon panel composed of Junius Williams, Larry Hamm, Deborah Jacobs and Newark Mayor Ras Baraka will explore the history of police reform in Newark.

### **Newark's Jewish Frontier: Weequahic and its High School**

Newark History Society. Co-sponsored by the Women's Association of NJPAC

March 14, 2016, 6 p.m.

Chase Room, NJPAC

Linda Forgosh, curator and outreach director at Jewish Historical Society of MetroWest, will discuss the history of Weequahic, which was home to 35,000 Jewish residents from the 1930s to the 1960s. Known as Newark's "Jewish Frontier," Weequahic attracted the city's upwardly mobile Jewish families.

### **The 1967 Rebellion: Power and Politics, Before and After – Note the date change.**

Abbott Leadership Institute

September 30 and October 1 (times and rooms?)

Rutgers University-Newark

A two-day conference at Rutgers-Newark, presented by the Abbott Leadership Institute, will examine the evolution of empowerment for black people, culminating with the election of Mayor Ken Gibson in 1970. The event will be timed to coincide with the 50th anniversary of "Black Power," and explore with national and local leaders from that era what it meant to Newark in the '60s and '70s.

### **Puritans, Protestors, and Patriots: Newark in the Colonial Period**

Newark History Society. Co-sponsored by the Women's Association of NJPAC

April 18, 2016, 6 p.m.

Chase Room, NJPAC

Timothy Crist, president of the Newark History Society, will discuss what happened after a group of Puritans settled Newark in 1666. The talk will explore their approach to governing their town, establishing property ownership, and worshipping God.

### **Newark Citizen Historian Initiative**

Institute of Jazz Studies at Rutgers-Newark

April 26, 2016

The Institute of Jazz Studies will present a cross-section of live and recorded music events, including concerts, jam sessions, specialized summits, film and visual arts series, and curated listening experiences across Newark and on the Rutgers University campus. Programming will be tailored to reflect the rich history and current vitality of each ward and will also highlight artists, locally and nationally, associated with Newark. To engage Newarkers in historic preservation, IJS will hold education sessions in community-based venues through its *Newark Citizen Historian Initiative*, a series of workshops that will encourage participants to identify and safeguard materials that document Newark's wide range of local and personal histories. The workshops, which will be reprised in Spanish, will include an introduction to preservation: genealogy and the care of textiles and photographs.

The first, *Preserving Your Digital Life*, will be held on April 26 at Rutgers' Dana Library.

### **Newark Revived: Making History Come Alive for Students!**

The Newark Trust for Education

May 2016

The Newark Trust for Education will launch a year-long set of initiatives and educational activities to unite parents, educators and students in commemoration of Newark's cultural and social roots, culminating in May 2016 (Founder's Month). The Trust will offer small grants to Newark's district, charter and independent schools to implement educational activities that:

- Inform a larger audience of students and community members about a significant period, person or event in Newark's history; and
- Ignite widespread interest and pride in Newark by engaging students in their city's storied past.

A request for proposal (RFP) will be issued to schools early next month.

### **Newark Museum-Newark Stories: Newarkers Who Changed the Museum that Defined the City**

June-December 2016

Newark Museum

This exhibition looks at four individuals – Caroline Bamberger Fuld, Howard W. Hayes, Lida Clanton Broner and W. Clark Symington – whose love for Newark led them to support the Newark Museum. Their distinct point of view helped to form an institution that led the nation's museums.

### **Progressives and Reformers: Newark Takes the Lead**

Newark History Society. Co-sponsored by the Women's Association of NJPAC

June 20, 2016, 6 p.m.

Chase Room, NJPAC

This panel discussion reveals why Newark was at its most aspirational at the turn of the 20th century and how the city came together to tackle educational reform, take on key infrastructure projects, and create new cultural institutions. Participants are Steven Diner, former chancellor, Rutgers-Newark; Ezra Shales, professor at the Massachusetts College of Art and Design; Elizabeth Aaron, principal of Columbia High School in Maplewood; and moderator George Robb, professor of history at William Paterson University.

### **Newark Museum LIFE - DEATH - LOVE: The Ballantine House**

Opening December 2016

Newark Museum

The museum's Ballantine House is one of only three restored urban Gilded Age mansions in an East Coast city that is open to the public and interprets life at the turn of the 20th century. The Ballantines were wealthy people, but their values reflected nearly universal American ideals. *LIFE - DEATH - LOVE* will look at key

facets of life in the Ballantine house based on actual events. Only one family ever lived in this 27-room mansion, but their stories tell the story of a city and a nation.

### **Holiday Tour of Newark Churches**

Newark Preservation and Landmarks Committee

Sunday, Dec. 27, 2015, noon-6 p.m.

Tour leaves from the parking lot of the Newark Museum

\$35 for NPLC members and \$40 for non-members

The tour will visit First Presbyterian Church, where it all began in 1666, and Trinity Cathedral, the breakaway church of 1702. Also included will be the Peddie Baptist Memorial, St. Lucy's Church in Newark's Old First Ward, and the fifth largest cathedral in North America, the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart. ~~COMPLETED~~

### **ISSUES**

#### **Healthcare in Newark: Moving the Paradigm from Historical Relevance to National Prominence - Event postponed. New date has yet to be determined.**

Newark Beth Israel Medical Center

Friday, Jan. 15, 2016, 8:30 a.m.

NJPAC

This panel will discuss how the shift in the healthcare paradigm is positioning Newark to become a national model for community health and wellness, research and service delivery and will also explore how Newark can become an incubator for medical firsts. (Kenney Memorial Hospital on West Kinney Street was the first hospital to admit black doctors.) Additional programs hosted by Newark Beth Israel Medical Center include "Medical Family Tree Genealogy," a Heritage Research Project for Newark and area stakeholders to learn about health genealogy and its impact on current-day health challenges and solutions. Finally, NBIMC will host a book discussion to familiarize the more than 3,500 employees with notable Newarkers, including commentary by Guy Sterling, author of *The Famous, The Familiar and the Forgotten: 350 Notable Newarkers*.

#### **Crisis, Opportunity, and Hope: Race in the 21st Century - Information forthcoming.**

The New Jersey Institute for Social Justice

Spring 2016

NJPAC

The New Jersey Institute for Social Justice and NJPAC will host a three-part series of dynamic conversations with leading voices on the significant challenges facing people of color, particularly in urban communities, and the way forward to address these challenges. These conversations will address the areas of political participation and empowerment, economic mobility, and racial bias in the criminal justice system.

**Newark Circle of Sisters presents *The MOM Talks: The Truth About Being a Newark Mother***

Newark Circle of Sisters, RobynRyli Concepts

July 2016

Venue TBD

A panel discussion featuring Newark mothers sharing their experiences about what ties them together, their joys and fears, and what makes their strength unique.

**National Latino AIDS Awareness Day (NLAAD) - Information Forthcoming.**

La Casa de Don Pedro

October 15 or 22, 2016 (tentative)

Robert Treat Hotel, Park Place

Held on a Saturday close to *National Latino AIDS Awareness*, La Casa de Don Pedro collaborates with health agencies to provide community health screenings, wellness information, and HIV testing, all within an event that in the past has included fashion and talent shows and dance parties. NLAAD was established to raise awareness about the impact of HIV and AIDS within the U.S. Latino communities. La Casa de Don Pedro serves as Northern New Jersey's lead organizer of this annual event.

**ENVIRONMENT**

**South Ward Climate Justice Tour - Information forthcoming.**

Clean Water Fund and Clean Water Action

April TBD 2016

Clean Water Fund will feature a *Climate Justice Tour* on the Bus for Progress with designated stops in the South Ward and other Newark neighborhoods. The tour will visit CWF'S community-driven projects, such as a cool roof, solar installations, community rain gardens, green infrastructure and more. Discussion will focus on the accomplishments of residents, businesses and the city to "green" their neighborhoods, making them more climate resilient, livable and healthy for all.

For more information and updates on *Newark Celebration 350*, please visit [nc350.org](http://nc350.org).

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