

6:30 PM Dance Studio **Dance Workshop**
Soul in Motion Dance Workshop

5:15 PM Dance Studio **Dance Workshop**
Crazy Legz: Beat Ya Feet Workshop Born and raised in SE Washington DC John Pearson III aka Crazylegz "The King of Beat Ya Feet" has been pushing the GoGo rooted dance Beat Ya Feet for over a decade through DMV communities. He first became popular from his signature footwork and style named after him, which is credited with evolving the dance style at a time when the beat ya feet dance was at its peak. He was one of the original members and leader of the popular DC dance group the Beat Ya Feet Kings. Although he has been striving to keep the gogo dance culture alive in the city, his hard work paid off when it caught attention internationally, through his travels to Warsaw, Poland and Ghana, West Africa.

2:00 PM Terrace **Health & Wellness**
Mu Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi - Nutrition & Healthy Eating - Session I

3:30 PM Terrace **Health & Wellness**
Mu Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi - Nutrition & Healthy Eating - Session II

1:00 PM - 5:00 PM Town Commons **Kids & Education Village**
Drive

Children's Village Bring the whole family to the Children's Village for a day of hands-on fun, discovery, and celebration with Arts on the Block and Sandy Spring Slave Museum! Featuring family-friendly educational activities!

1:00 PM - 7:00 PM Great Lawn & Surrounding Streets **Vendors**
Artisans Market Stop by our exhibit area on the lawn to visit vendors selling everything from artwork to jewelry, candles to cookies!

1:00 PM - 7:00 PM Grand Lobby **Education**
Sandy Spring Slave Museum Pop-Up

2:00 PM - 5:00 PM Grand Lobby **Health & Wellness**
Preventative Health Screenings



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

JUNE 20, 2026

1:30 PM Outdoor Stage **Opening Remarks from Elected Officials**

2:00 PM Outdoor Stage **Performance**
Black History Band At its core, Black History is a rap band – it is jazz, Latin jazz, funk and soul in instrumentation, and poetry in lyric. Their songs hearken back to the West African tradition of storytelling, a rap sub-genre affectionately referred to as “griot soul.” All of the music is appropriate for adult and family audiences.

3:30 PM Outdoor Stage **Performance**
Black Alley Black Alley is one of the most followed, trendsetting and sought-after music groups hailing from the nation's capital. With endorsements from national recording artists such as Grammy Award nominee Raheem DeVaughn, Hip Hop standouts Common, Big KRIT & Wale, and legendary musicians Doug E. Fresh and Sheila E, Black Alley is untouchable, striving to rock harder and heavier each time they unite and contribute to the greater good of music.

5:15 PM Outdoor Stage **Performance**
2nd Wind: The R&B Sound of Experience 2nd Wind fronted by powerhouse vocalists Stapoo and Kal-EI and supported by a collective of veteran musicians whose roots span numerous genres from iconic GoGo stages to a distinguished R&B Sound. 2nd Wind represents the art of the next chapter, experienced, intentional and timeless.

6:30 PM Outdoor Stage **Performance**
Junkyard Band "Originating as a "bucket band"" of young kids from Barry Farm in Southeast DC in the early 1980s, Junkyard Band grew to become one of the most important artists in the evolution of Go-Go music. Originally the band worked with found and handmade instruments and relied on commanding attention in public places. They took Go-Go out of the ballroom, stripping it down to its bare bones and non-stop percussive heart. They also added the now-common front line of three vocalists, each with a distinct role and style. On top of that, their original and biggest mainstream hit, "Sardines/The Word", brought a new level of political consciousness to DC's hometown beat. The enduring popularity of Junkyard's joyously raw sound gave rise to a whole generation of hardcore and crank performers who have carried the genre globally.

8:30 PM Outdoor Stage **Performance**
Remembering Frankie Beverly Tribute Band Tarsha Fitzgerald Presents: Remembering Frankie Beverly is a soulful, highly anticipated musical tribute curated by producer Tarsha Fitzgerald to honor the legendary R&B icon. The event features powerhouse vocalists bringing timeless classics from Frankie Beverly and Maze to life.

1:30 PM Mainstage **Performance**
NAACP ACT-SO Showcase ACT-SO is a high school initiative of the NAACP that encourages high school students to strive for excellence in academics and the arts. Students work on projects year-long and present in a local competition. Gold medalists may compete for scholarship dollars at the National ACT-SO competition.

2:45 PM Mainstage **Seminar**
Mu Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi - Domestic Violence Panel

4:15 PM Mainstage **TV Series Premiere**
Black Coalition for Excellence in Education

5:30 PM Mainstage **Book Talk**
“Black Boy Smile: A Memoir in Moments Book Signing & Author Talk with D. Watkins. A non-partisan non-profit advocacy coalition of residents of the Washington, DC area, Black community leaders and seasoned educators who are committed to enabling Black children to thrive in and beyond schools. Today they premiere a new television and online series written and developed by talented area teens.

8:30 PM Mainstage **Dance Performance**
Soul in Motion African Dance As a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, the mission of Soul In Motion Players, Inc. (SIMPINC) is to share the richness, beauty, and the experiences of the African-American culture through Theatre, Dance and Drumming. Since 1984, their performances continue to be expressions of the African-American Experience highlighting influences from West Africa, Cuba, and Brazil. SIMPINC is committed to highlighting the African-American Experience in each and every performance while demonstrating the utmost respect for the genre.

2:00 PM BlackBox **Book Talk**
"Breathing Out: Ruminations of a Millennial Black Woman
Book Signing and Author Talk- Whitney Parnell Whitney Parnell is the founder and CEO of Service Never Sleeps, a nonprofit organization that serves as a resource for justice-minded individuals by providing them with the knowledge and tools to advance racial equity within their own spheres of influence. Whitney's debut book "Breathing Out: Ruminations of a Millennial Black Woman", was released in 2026 as a powerful anti-racism declaration drawn from her perspective and experiences.

3:30 PM BlackBox **Panel Discussion**
"Protecting Our Voice: Truth, Power, & Leadership
National Council of Negro Women Panel Discussion. This timely and thought-provoking conversation will explore the importance of protecting truth, preserving Black voices, and strengthening leadership in a time when justice, equity, and civil rights continue to face challenges. Through powerful dialogue and shared experiences, distinguished panelists will reflect on the ongoing fight for freedom while inspiring collective responsibility, civic engagement, and community empowerment.

5:30 PM BlackBox **Poetry**
PowerNomics in Poetry: A showcase Javon Rustin featuring Brittney Dubose

6:45 PM BlackBox **Artistic Experience**
Michaela Harrison - Whale Whispering Come sink into the experience of Michaela Harrison's years-long conversation with the humpback whales of Bahia, Brazil. Rooted in her profound connection to African and Indigenous ancestral traditions and her lifelong trajectory as an animal whisperer, Whale Whispering is Harrison's offering to a world in the throes of the most intense climate upheaval in recent history and facing concerted efforts to erase the truth about the roles oppressive and extractive systems have played in jeopardizing the viability of our planet as a habitat for various species, including our own.

8:30 PM BlackBox **Performance**
Roots & Reverence: Negro Spirituals that Shaped America - Robert E. Person. Robert E. Person is a Washington, D.C. native recording artist and vocalist known for his soulful tenor voice that blends gospel, jazz, and R&B. Alongside his musical career, he is a seasoned public health professional and an MBA graduate of Morehouse College. A lifelong singer, Person is celebrated for his fertile mix of sacred music and jazz standards. His discography includes acclaimed albums such as Soul Sanctuary.

1:00 PM Gallery II **Gallery Exhibition**
Women Artists of the DMV: The Thank You Show

2:30 PM - 3:30 PM Gallery II **Health & Wellness**
Brother You're on My Mind (Mental Health & Mindfulness): Session 1

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Gallery II **Health & Wellness**
Brother You're on My Mind (Mental Health & Mindfulness): Session 2

1:00 PM - 7:00 PM Kay Gallery **Gallery Exhibition**
Brandon J. Donahue Shipp - Come as You Are Come join the conversation, come be part of the art – just Come As You Are. Over the past two years, Baltimore-based artist Brandon J. Donahue-Shipp has been dreaming with the team at BlackRock Center for the Arts about what community-driven public art could look like. The next phase of this dream blooms on Juneteenth 2026 as Come As You Are, an exhibition and series of community collaborations lasting through the summer and culminating in our public art groundbreaking.

3:00 PM Kay Gallery **Gallery Exhibition**
Public Art Demonstration & Discussion - Brandon J. Donahue Shipp

2:30 PM - 3:30 PM Dance Studio **Dance Workshop**
Living a Healthy Lifestyle - Line Dancing & Zumba: Session 1

3:45 PM - 4:45 PM Dance Studio **Dance Workshop**
Living a Healthy Lifestyle - Line Dancing & Zumba: Session 2