

SHILOH Community Association



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The Shiloh Community Association Celebrating Dreams of the Past, Present and Future

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Elder John Hayes give information on Black History. Photo: Je'Wana McEachin

On February 16th, the Linwood Crump Shiloh Recreation Complex was transformed into a forest of 12-foot bamboo trees for a gala celebration of Black History Month. The focus for this year's program was celebrating the past, present and future.

A drum procession began the celebration as Rev. William Robertson and the guest speakers were escorted into the celebration. Each speaker held the audience captive with their messages. Elder John Hayes, president of

the NAACP-Asheville Branch, spoke of past heroes and makers of Black History. Asheville Mayor Terry Bellamy challenged the students who aspire to go to college, to stay in, through all the hard work, and graduate. Shiloh resi-

dent and college student Sarah Eubanks, who was responsible for coordinating the renovation of the Shiloh Center's in-house library, spoke to the youth about the pursuit of academic excellence. Dance groups from Burton Street and Shiloh Community Centers gave wonderful entertainment performances. The spoken word was presented by Jonathan Santos, and Kim Brown and William Hamilton serenaded the audience with song.

The Shiloh Community Association was supported in planning the event by its members, Shiloh residents, staff of the Asheville Parks and Recreation

Department, ABIPA, the YMCA, and others who made the celebration both a learning experience and great fun for all. The three-hour celebration was attended by a record number of residents, and clearly took the prize for the most decorated event – and with the best food (a potluck dinner that included numerous healthy food options).

Shiloh Community Meetings

First Monday of Each Month

Line Dancing, Health Assessments, and Free Massage	5:30 – 6:30 p.m.
Association Meeting	6:30-8:00 p.m.
Senior Fellowship/ Lunch & Learn: Chronic Disease Self-Management	Wednesdays, Feb 6-March 13 (6 weeks) 12:30 – 2:30 p.m.
Exercise Classes	2nd, 3rd, 4th Mondays – 6:00-7:00 p.m. Thursdays – 12:00 noon-1:00 p.m.

