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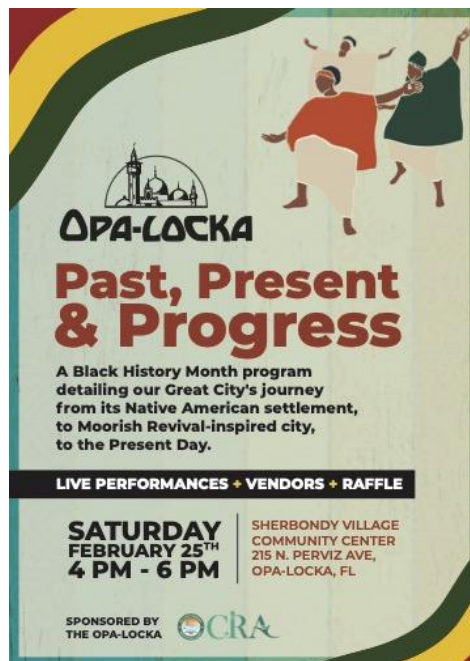
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City of Opa-locka Presents Two-Part Black History Month Event Free to the Public

*Evening Program on Saturday, Feb. 25 to Feature Dance and Song, Followed by
Guest Comedian Rayzor and Community Karaoke*



OPA-LOCKA, Fla. - On the evening of Saturday, Feb. 25, the City of Opa-locka will present two free back-to-back events in celebration of Black History Month. Produced by the Opa-locka Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) and Vice Mayor Natasha Ervin, the events will be located at Sherbondy Park located directly behind the iconic Opa-locka Company Administration Building (a.k.a historic city hall).



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The CRA event, entitled “Past, Present & Progress,” will take place 4 - 6 p.m. at Sherbondy’s Community Auditorium at 215 N. Perviz Avenue. The event will present a full program connecting the city’s Native American roots to its present day status as a historic community designed in a Moorish Revival theme. Performances will include African drumming and dance, as well as gospel music, with local vendors and a raffle.

Following the CRA event and to finish the night off on a high note, Opa-locka’s Vice Mayor Natasha Ervin and fellow commissioners will host “Opa-locka on the Mic Karaoke Night,” which will take place 6 - 11 p.m outside of the Community Auditorium in the park. The event will feature special guest comedian Rayzor, while inviting the community to bring their lawn chairs and tents to enjoy impromptu singing performances.

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About the City of Opa-locka

The City of Opa-locka is one of Miami-Dade County's oldest and most unique historic cities rich in architecture, industry, and culture. Boasting a diverse residential and business community that stretches 4.5 square miles in size and with a population of over 16,500, Opa-locka is strategically positioned as a central hub of South Florida, with access to all major transportation corridors, including the neighboring Opa-locka Executive and Miami International Airports, as well as higher education institutions, including the universities of St. Thomas, Florida Memorial, Barry, and Miami-Dade College. Founded on May 14, 1926 by American aviator Glenn Hammond Curtiss, who earned the nickname “The Father of Naval Aviation,” Opa-locka has been awarded designations which include being a Main Street America community, Tree City USA, a Bird Sanctuary City and is also a member of the Florida League of Cities (FLC). Additionally, the city has four parks, a Tri-Rail station connecting to the larger public transit system, and the largest collection of historic Moorish Revival architecture in the country. For more information, please visit: www.opalockafl.gov.