Celebrate Black History Every Month!

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CALL FOR WRITERS, CORRESPONDENTS, POETS, PHOTOGRAPHERS

‘The New Afrikan Panther’ is calling on all members and supporters with talent, skills and interest to help us build and develop our newsletter.

If you consider yourself an essayist, someone who has a perspective you are willing to share with the public: a correspondent who is willing to report on news events and happenings in your city, county and/or state: a photographer or videographer who enjoys capturing the moments digitally—we are calling on you!

All submissions may be subject to some type of editing and become the property of ‘New Afrikan Panther’, unless otherwise noted.

In order to be considered and entered into the following month’s edition, please submit your items by the 25th of the month.

Send your essays, stories, poetry, pho-

NATIONAL MOBILIZATION AGAINST POLICE BRUTALITY AND THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE (FOP)

As we pursue the ideal goal of ‘Community-Control of the Police’, the National Mobilization Against Police Brutality & the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) also propose the following interim reforms:

1. Mandatory cultural sensitivity training for all new and veteran police officers.
2. Intense psychological evaluations for all officers, especially those returning from military service.
3. Legislation creating a National Civilian-Police Review Board.
4. Universal drug-testing for any police officer who discharges his/her weapon while in the performance of duty.
5. Mandatory reporting for all stop, frisk, arrest and/or civilian confrontations.
6. Mandatory body-cameras for all police officers.
7. Mandatory dash-board cameras for all police vehicles, including transport vans.
8. We advocate & support local legislation which prohibits local police from acting as immigration enforcement officers.
9. We advocate & support legislation which guarantees full & public disclosure of any police officers prior employment history, including complaints and disciplinary actions resulting from all allegations and/or findings of police misconduct.

No one, not even police officers and/or members of the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) should be exempt from accountability and prosecution regarding criminal misconduct.

Sincerely,

National Mobilization Against Police Brutality and the FOP

https://fopwatch.wordpress.com

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Background:
The Committee for a Civilian-Police Review Board of Allegheny County is an organizing initiative of National Mobilization Against Police Brutality & the FOP. foopwatch.wordpress.com

Who We Are:
A group of individuals, organizations and associations that are interested in generating and organizing community discussion concerning a civilian police review board for Allegheny County, Pennsylvania.

Statement of Purpose:
1. To educate and engage the community (citizens and residents of Allegheny County) concerning police misconduct and ways to remedy the situation.
2. To serve as advocates for the creation of a civilian police review board for Allegheny County.
3. To facilitate the process for its creation and make sure that such a board is empowered with all the necessary instruments needed to hold police accountable, such as investigatory and subpoena powers.
4. To advocate and demand that such board composition is also representative of those communities which have been disproportionately impacted by police brutality and misconduct.
5. To work with all necessary community, legislative, executive and judicial bodies to create and empower such a board.

COMMITTEE FOR A CIVILIAN-POLICE REVIEW BOARD OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY

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Background:
The People’s Campaign for Reparations and Black Self-Determination is an organizing initiative of the New Afrikan Independence Party. (www.newafrikan.org)

Our mission is to obtain Reparations and Self-Determination for all Black people within the United States of America.

We want reparations for the pain, suffering, enslavement and economic exploitation of Blacks during the periods of Slavery, State-Sponsored Terrorism and Jim Crow.

We demand the release of all Political Prisoners who in response to Jim Crow, white-supremacy and state violence engaged in organized resistance and were profiled, targeted and incarcerated.

We demand the release of those Political Prisoners who are/were subject to additional harm, including prolonged solitary confinement and torture for political resistance during their incarceration. All must be released.

GET INVOLVED AND JOIN THE MOVEMENT FOR REPARATIONS AND BLACK SELF-DETERMINATION! NEVER FORGET!

NEVER AGAIN!

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MALCOLM X- FOUNDERS DAY BRUNCH (2020)

DATE: February 22, 2020
TIME: 11:30am-1:30pm
LOCATION: 849 Braddock Avenue, Braddock, PA. 15104

For Tickets and Donations: Go To EVENTBRITE
For additional information: (412) 606-0059 or kraheem322@yahoo.com

All Power to the People! Free the Land!

www.newafrikan.org
UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

MALCOLM

February 16th, 3 - 5 p.m.
Discussion/Presentation:
Featuring Khalid Raheem
all are welcome to join @
Few of a Kind Store
4741 Liberty Ave.
Pittsburgh, PA 15224
facebook.com/MWAofPitt
THE TIME IS NOW:

During the last fifty years, the Democrat and Republican parties have failed to address and remedy the systemic and structural inequalities that impact the lives of Black/New Afrikan people. Both the Democratic and Republican leadership avoid and/or marginalize serious national discussion regarding dismantling White supremacy, institutional racism and the plight of Blacks/New Afrikan, especially the urban poor and working class.

The New Afrikan Independence Party (NAIP) is committed to the pursuit of social justice, human rights and self/group determination for Black/New Afrikan people. We call for a revolutionary and radical reconstruction of the economic, political and social structures and institutions that impact our lives.

The NAIP will embrace the best ideals, ideas and practices of the Civil Rights, Black Power, Black Liberation, Pan-Africanist and other movements for independence and self/group determination.

The NAIP will also embrace the best ideals and practices of contemporary activists, organizers and movements for social change and radical reconstruction.

MAJOR INFLUENCES

- Marcus Garvey
- Malcolm X
- SNCC
- BLACK PANTHER PARTY
- REPUBLIC OF NEW AFRIKA
Reparations and the 2020 Presidential Campaign

In the last few months, several persons clamoring for the democratic party presidential nomination have stated their support for either reparations or at least support of HR 40, calling for the convening of a reparations commission. Since then, reparations has become a hot topic within the black and non-black community. The majority of Blacks stating their support for reparations, specifically because of the history and legacy of slavery within the United States: while some others, mostly whites, are emphatically opposed to any such measures.

Those in opposition claim that slavery happened a very long time ago and that there are no living slave-masters nor slaves living today since slavery was officially ended in 1865. Some oppositional forces even claim that reparations were already awarded through the passage of 1960’s civil rights legislation, affirmative action initiatives and the election of Barak Obama as president of the United States. Amid all this activity and chatter various groups, organizations and individuals have weighed in regarding what strategic direction the national Black/New Afrikan community should pursue as we approach November 2020.

While all those in favor of reparations agree that it should be constantly presented as an issue throughout the democratic primaries and beyond, there is definitely disagreement on how to make this a reality. Some members of the group American Descendants Of Slaves (ADOS) and others have proposed that Blacks basically withhold our votes unless there is a firm commitment (presumably from the Democratic party nominee) to grant reparations, if elected. Others forces have even suggested that Blacks/New Afrikans actually boycott the 2020 presidential elections altogether and cast no votes whatsoever.

We, of the New Afrikan Independence Party (NAIP) view both narratives and approaches as short-sighted, reactionary and counter-productive in pursuing the collective best interest of Black/New Afrikan people. We contend that its up to us, as Black/New Afrikan people, to demand reparations and Black self-determination and challenge both mainstream political parties within the electoral arena and in the streets. We concede neither space and will compete whenever possible. Black people must not be afraid to run independent, militant, radical and revolutionary candidates for any and all public offices, including the presidency. We must always challenge the legitimacy and moral authority of white-supremacy, neo-colonialism, militarism and economic injustice. As long as there exist political spaces in which we are able to engage in electoral struggle, we should compete. When the time comes when those opportunities and spaces are no longer legal and/or viable, we will make the necessary tactical adjustments.

All Power to The People!
Free The Land!
In today's political and social climate it's important for Black/New Afrikan women to be educated, trained and organized in ways and methods of self-defense. Obtaining gun permits and attending classes on gun safety and operations is a major step toward achieving that goal.
A busy year of activism for the New Afrikan Independence Party!!!
Canvassing and Campaigning for Brother Doug!

MEET AND GREET DOUG CONNOR
CANDIDATE FOR SWISSVALE BOROUGH COUNCIL

DATE: Friday, September 27, 2019
TIME: 6:00pm – 8:00pm
LOCATION: Wilson’s Nite Out
7365 Denniston Avenue, Swissvale, PA 15218

Meet Doug tomorrow night, Friday, September 27th at 6pm at Wilson’s Nite Out, 7365 Denniston Avenue, Swissvale. Doug will share with you his vision for a livable, sustainable, and inclusive community.

To make a donation:
https://www.canvassforbrotherdoug.com/donate

To sign up as a volunteer:
https://www.canvassforbrotherdoug.com/volunteer

Election Commission to watch out for!
Peace and love and Joy!

There are many ways to garden. Especially if you have limitations. Limitations may be financial, personal, or structural issues. Take my situation for example. I have enough money to have a traditional garden (in the ground with several rows of crops). But what limits me is that personally, I have little time to water, weed, and do overall monitoring. Structurally, our back yard is not available for gardening - in the traditional sense, because we had to have a pine tree cut down because of damage from lightening and because of a breakdown in communication, the whole cut tree stayed in the yard and it took over the whole yard! There are also about 3 more pine trees that remain along with all its needles. Needless to say due to the "tree yard," there will be no gardening back there.

So last year, I did pot gardening. I had a few types of tomatoes and a tray of different herbs that were on the porch steps. In order for them to get rain they were on the lower steps to avoid the overhang of the porch. The herbs grew wildly and I did not have time to transplant them when needed. I did manage to get to the tomatoes -- which by the way, did not fruit well. I may have been a bad batch, because my coworkers' tomatoes did not grow well either. One coworker's husband put hers in the ground and it did well.

One day, I let out the dog in the front of the house where my pot garden was and he surveyed the neighbors' yard, our yard, the fire hydrant, the large overgrown acorn tree that the City won't cut down because "it's a 'happy' tree," the mail box, the sidewalk, and then came over to my pot garden and peed in one of my plants! Needless to say, we did not eat any of the crops, but I allowed them to continue to grow.

To date, the tree is still in the back yard and plans to have it removed before the onset of spring is in the works, but the back yard itself would serve better if there were a green house and not a traditional garden due to the other pine trees. The pots remain on the steps waiting another season. What to do?

This year, I'm going to get my feet wet in hydroponic gardening (no pun intended).

We also have a back porch and the pine trees do not hover in that area thus I will be able to use the long table to have an elevated garden. Since this is a new adventure and we already know that gardening can be expensive to inexpensive as we make and want it, (as I was told in the past by an Elder, "all you need is a fork and some dirt," it is best for me to start small and simple. Small and simple due to this being new and it would be better to get a feel from small adventure place.

Some of the techniques are just a simple as having a plant in a vase/jar of water -- which we all have done in our lifetimes. The benefits of hydroponic gardening is that a small area can be utilized and if indoors, it can be ran all year (specialty lights may be needed).

Before you start a hydroponic garden, it's best to see what types of plants you want to grow and do your modifications from that point. I read a book about hydroponic gardening and then picked by plants. Since I want to do the simplest method, I had to modify my choices. The wick system is the method I will be using. Here's the wick system - verbatim from the book:

"The wick system is a passive hydroponic system that has no moving parts. This makes it one of the easiest
systems to operate. The nutrient system is drawn up into the growing medium from a reservoir using a wick. This system can be used in a number of different mediums such as perlite, vermiculite and coconut fibers. This type of system is best for lettuce, greens, and herbs. Caution: This system does not work well for large plants and the reservoir need to be clean periodically.

Wick - Fibrous rope, rayon rope, yarn, felt, nylon rope strips of fabric or old blankets make excellent wicks.

Grow tray - the grow tray holds the seed or seedling and the growing medium.

Growing medium - Choose a growing medium that absorbs water well. Good options are vermiculite, perlite or coconut coir. You can also use soilless potting mix.

Reservoir - The reservoir holds the water and nutrients. The bottom of the wick is suspended in the nutrient-enriched water. You don't need complicated or fancy reservoir. However, a dark color is best to keep algae growth away. If you choose a clear container, it is best to paint it dark or create a shade covering. Be sure to keep the reservoir filled."

Source: The Hydroponic Garden Secret by Susan Patterson

With all of the above being said, I will start my garden with 3 plants that I know well that I would love to eat fresh: garlic, radishes, and basil -- especially basil! The flavor of freshly picked basil into a salad is one of the most amazing tastes. In the past where I lived --without a dog -- I would go to my pot garden, snap off some basil and make a salad. You have to try it!

I'll keep you posted...our history has already showed us...where there is a will, there is a way.

Lisa Quinn

Project Director
Books by Khalid Raheem

‘The Philosophy and Platform of the New Afrikan Independence Party’

‘Toward A New Afrikan Revolution: Volume 1’

‘Dare To Struggle! Dare To Win! (1981-2010): A Personal Memoir’

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- Voter Registration and Voter Protection
- Proportional Political Representation
- Open Primaries
- Easier and Fair Ballot Access

“For the killing of black men, black mothers’ sons, becomes as important to the rest of the country as the killing of a white mother’s son, we who believe in freedom cannot rest until this happens.”

Etta Baker, 1964

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Basic requirements for NAIP candidates seeking public office

In order to run for any public office as a member of and/or ballot line of the New Afrikan Independence Party, the following requirements must be met:

1. You must be an organizational member of the New Afrikan Independence Party (NAIP) in good standing. Your completed membership application must be on file with our national office in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.
2. You must be registered with your local board of elections as a member of the New Afrikan Independence Party (NAIP).
3. You must have been an active Party member for at least six (6) months prior to your candidacy. Active party members are those who attend and participate in Political Education and Community Organizing classes, attend NAIP-sponsored events and actively support NAIP projects and programs.
4. You must demonstrate a basic understanding of the ‘Philosophy and Platform of the New Afrikan Independence Party’.
5. Your campaign must be supported by your local chapter and leadership.

All Power To The People!

Khalid Raheem
Chairman & Founder
January 16, 2017
1. We want freedom. We want power to determine the destiny of our New Afri-kan/Black Community.
2. We want the complete dismantling and abolition of White-supremacy.
3. We want Reparations for Slavery, State Sanctioned Terrorism and Jim Crow.
4. We want Freedom for all Political Prisoners.
5. We want Proportional Political and Judicial Representation.
6. We want adoption and implementation of a King-Malcolm-Chavez Plan for jobs and economic development.
7. We want an end to the War on Drugs and Mass Incarceration.
8. We want General Amnesty for the Formerly Incarcerated and Convicted.
9. We want reform and restructuring of the educational system.
10. We want a National Civilian-Police Review Board & Community Control of the Police.
11. We want free universal health care.
12. We want clean air, clean water and healthy food for all.
13. We want safe and affordable housing.
14. We want universal debt relief for those making less than $250,000 per year.
15. We want land, food, housing, education, clothing, justice and peace. And, as our major political objective, a United Nations supervised plebiscite to be held throughout the New Afrikan/Black colony in which only New Afrikans/Black colonial subjects will be allowed to participate, for the purpose of determining the will of Black people as to their national destiny.

Khalid Raheem, Founder

February 21, 2012
MEMBERSHIP CODE OF CONDUCT

1. Listen attentively to the people. There is no change without them.
2. Be courteous and respectful, especially to the youth and elders.
3. Protect and defend one another and your communities.
4. Don’t make promises that you can’t keep. Your word is bond.
5. Be honest. Do not lie, cheat or steal from the people.
6. Party members must study and learn the NAIP philosophy and platform.
7. Depending on their schedule and availability, all Party members must participate in Political Education (P.E) and Community Organizing (C.O.) classes.
9. Follow your national and local leadership. Focus on principle, not personality.
10. Do not use drugs, alcohol and/or intoxicants while representing the NAIP or doing Party work.
11. Work hard to get things done. Talk is cheap.
12. Develop and maintain a moral compass in all that you do.

National Executive Committee
January 7, 2017