



Stories



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Jane's Walk—It Happened In Amherstburg

About Us

The Amherstburg Freedom Museum is a curated archive that preserves and shares Amherstburg's stories of the Underground Railroad, and the compassion and solidarity it took to make this network possible.

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Freedom Achievers with Gary Archibald!

On April 17th, the Nazrey Church was filled with students from the Greater Essex County District School Board and the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board who came out to hear our next Freedom Achievers guest speaker CTV news Meteorologist and Community Reporter Gary Archibald! The students heard Gary speak about what it is like to be a meteorologist, his successes and challenges, discrimination he's faced, but

also life lessons. He encouraged the students to make doors open for you by using the skills you have, build relationships, personalize things, raise yourself up because no one else is going to do it for you, and surround yourself with good people.

Following Gary's discussion, mentors Jim Walls and Senior Constable Bianca Jackson participated in a mentor showcase, led by Amherstburg Freedom Museum Board Director and Mentor Cari-Lynn Ristic, where they answered questions.

This event was hosted in partnership with the Amherstburg Community Foundation. Special thanks to Natalie, Emily, Maya, Olivia and Ronald from the Greater Essex County District School Board and Sydnie from the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board for working with us!



The Talking Drum

The Talking Drum is published monthly by the Amherstburg Freedom Museum. Contributions, story ideas, suggestions and feedback are always welcome. Please contact Mary-Katherine Whelan at curator@amherstburgfreedom.org

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Ribs and Ragtime Tickets are Now on Sale!

The Amherstburg Freedom Museum is hosting its annual Ribs and Ragtime fundraiser on Saturday, June 8th. For tickets, please visit <https://amherstburgfreedom.org/ribsandragtime/>

ribs & ragtime

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- Buffet Lunch at the Blue Gate Restaurant
- Shopping at Shipshewana Flea Market
- Optional dinner at Cracker Barrel (at your own expense) OR Meijer shopping before heading home



To register call Paula Rigg from Southland Travel at 519-890-9513. **Reservations are non refundable within 30 days of departure.**

Tour includes transportation by bus AND LUNCH

Bus will be departing from the Amherstburg Walmart Parking Lot (near Little Caesar's) at **6:30 am**, & departing from Devonshire Mall in Windsor at **7:00 am**

A valid passport is required!

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3-8PM

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JUNE



RIBS & RAGTIME!

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The Amherstburg Freedom Museum is looking for volunteers to help at our upcoming Ribs and Ragtime Fundraiser on June 8th. This is a great way for students to earn volunteer hours. The event is here at the Amherstburg Freedom Museum and volunteers are asked to volunteer from 3-8pm. For more information, please contact lorene.bridgen@amherstburgfreedom.org

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Amherstburg Freedom Museum would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to **Charitable Gaming Windsor** and **Paradise Gaming Centre** for their continued support. Throughout the years, they have helped us keep the

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Jane's Walk Windsor-Essex



On Sunday, April 28th, Amherstburg Freedom Museum Staff gave a Jane's Walk Tour, "It Happened in Amherstburg: Black History in Amherstburg." We toured Black History sites including houses, schools, and churches on George, King and Seymour Streets, with a focus on sharing the significant connections Black residents have to these buildings including William Wilson's connection to the Taylor Cabin, John

Alexander's connection to the King Street School, Julia Turner's important link to Seymour Street, and the Reverend Anthony Binga's connection to the Amherstburg First Baptist Church. We are so grateful to everyone who came out to participate and we're looking forward to giving another tour next year!

Annual Community Meeting

Attention Supporters! On Saturday, June 22nd at 11am, The Amherstburg Freedom Museum is hosting its Annual Community Meeting here at the Museum (277 King Street). We hope you will join us!

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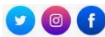
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