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Resident Services Coordinator

Tam Williford

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Emergency Maintenance	(314) 995-0865
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Police (Non-emergency)	(314) 231-1212

#### MANAGEMENT OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday	8:30 AM - 5:30 PM
Saturday	10 AM-2 PM
Holidays	Closed

#### **RESIDENT SERVICES OFFICE HOURS**

Monday – Wednesday	8:30 AM— 5:30 PM
Thursday	8:30 AM-7 PM
Friday	9:30 AM-5 PM
Holidays	Closed

## St. Luke's Plaza Apartments

### FEBRUARY 2008

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# SPOTLIGHT ON

#### February.

It's a month where we exchange tokens of affection with our valentine. It's a month of where the history of African Americans are celebrated.

This month, please participate in the events we have scheduled. Our library is available to check out books that are fiction, non-fiction, etc. Resident Services is here for you. Here are some of the upcoming activities:

#### Senior Moments Breakfast

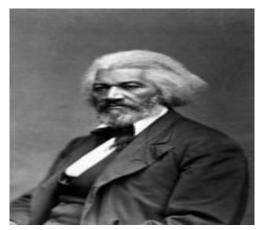
Second Tuesday of every month @ 10:00am. Myron Stewart of Lynncore Medgroup returns to speak of changes I will notify you if we are <u>not</u> going to have the breakfast but be prepared to come every month — to those Seniors already attending and any new *seniors* that may be interested.

Most of us made resolutions to lose weight for the new year. What a better way to keep that commitment than to come in and use our gym. If you want someone to give you that extra little push, come to our Fit 4 Life Low-Impact Aerobics class. This takes place on Thursdays @ The SLP Center from 5:30—6:30 p.m.

OPEN MIKE poetry night is scheduled for March 20th from 7-9 p.m. This is a family environment so no profanity, please. Volunteers to help plan are needed.

Safety Meeting and OPCC residents meeting is on Thurs., Feb. 28th. Call Tam Williford at (314) 361-2927 to see how you can get involved. The Negro History Week Movement took hold immediately. At first it was celebrated almost exclusively by African Americans, taking place outside of the view of the wider society. Increasingly, however, mayors and governors, especially in the North, began endorsing Negro History Week and promoting interracial harmony. By the time of Woodson's death in 1950, Negro History Week had become a well-established cultural institution. Indeed, it was so established that Woodson had begun to criticize groups for shallow and often inaccurate presentations that did not advance the public's knowledge of Negro life and history.

With the rise of the Black Power Movement in the 1960s, many in the African American community began to complain about the insufficiency of a week-long celebration. In 1976, the ASNLH, having changed its name to **The Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History**, responded to the popular call, citing the 50th annual celebration and America's bicentennial. For more on the association visit <u>ASALH.org</u>.



Frederick Douglass, ca. 1879.

#### **BLACK HISTORY MONTH** From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

**Black History Month** is a remembrance of important people and events in <u>African American history</u>. It is celebrated annually in the <u>United States</u> and <u>Canada</u> in the month of February, while in the <u>UK</u> it is held in the month of October.

Black History Month was established in 1976 by Afro-Americans for the Study of Afro-American Life and History.<sup>[1]</sup> The month-long celebration was an expansion of Negro History Week, which was established in 1926 by Carter G. Woodson, director of what was then known as the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History. Woodson selected the week in February that embraced the birthdays of both Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln. The celebration may have had its origins in the separate efforts of Mary Church Terrell and the African American collegiate fraternity Omega Phi Psi. The former had begun the practice of honoring Frederick Douglass on February 14, the date he used to mark his birth. The Omegas established a "Negro Achievement Week" in 1924. Woodson was friends with Mary Church Terrell and worked with her and the National Council of Colored Women to preserve Douglass' home and personal papers. Woodson was also a member of Omega Psi Phi. While Terrell's celebration of Douglass was a local event and the Omega Achievement Week was part of their community outreach, Woodson broadened the scope of the celebration in three significant ways. First, he conceived of the event as a national celebration, sending out a circular to groups across the United States. Secondly, he sought to appeal to both whites and blacks and to improve race relations. For this reason, he chose President Lincoln's birthday as well as Douglass'. Finally, Woodson viewed Negro History Week as an extension of ASNLH's effort to demonstrate to the world that Africans and peoples of African descent had contributed to the advance of history. Each year, ASNLH would select a national theme and provide scholarly and popular materials to focus the nation's "study" of Negro history. As such, Negro History Week was conceived as a means of undermining the foundation of the idea of black inferiority through popular information grounded in scholarship. The theme, chosen by the founders of Black History Month, for 2007 is "From Slavery to Freedom, Africans in the Americas."

#### MANAGER'S CORNER

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Our wishes for you are to have a very successful and prosperous year. We are so excited about every new resident! Thank you for choosing our community to call home. St. Luke's Plaza Staff welcomes you with an open door policy, and we trust you will let us know your suggestions, concerns, or compliments. And we would like to thank our existing residents that renewed their lease and extended their stay with us. Thank You! RENT:

When paying your rent, please be sure your NAME and your COMPLETE ADDRESS, including your APARTMENT NUMBER, are included on the check or money order. This will help our office be sure your rent is posted to the correct account (apartment). *REMEMBER RENT IS DUE ON THE FIRST* (1<sup>ST</sup>), *LATE ON THE SIXTH* (6<sup>TH</sup>), *AND TURN OVER TO ATTOR*-*NEY ON THE TENTH* (10<sup>TH</sup>). <u>Remember NO CHECKS ACCEPTED AF-</u> **TER THE 5<sup>TH</sup>!**.

#### TRASH, TRASH, TRASH!

Litter is a filthy business. Please don't add to the problem. If you have Fast food bags and trash, soda cans, or other cans, cigarette butts, etc., please take it inside to the trash room or your apartment trash can. Please do not litter in the building or on the grounds-it is unsightly. Your trash needs to be discarded in trash bags. <u>Do NOT DUMP loose trash in the trash room</u>. If you have used pampers, garbage, and any other fowl smelling trash please bag it and take it to the Alley to the Dumpster where it belongs.

#### **LAUNDRY ROOM:**

The laundry room usage is a first come first serve. Please remember that everyone else wants to use the laundry room too, so when you are finished – Please be courteous and give other residents a fair chance. Watch the machines you use and empty loads as soon as they are done. Trash room is next door to laundry room, so please put your lint, empty detergent containers, etc. there.

#### **RENTER'S INSURANCE!**

It is advisable for residents to have renter's insurance. If your personal property is damaged or destroyed, it is not covered by our company's insurance policy.

**OCCUPANCY VIOLATIONS!** Please remember the occupancy requirements by HUD for this property are: 1 person in efficiency, 2 people in a 1 bedroom, and up to 4 people in a 2 bedroom. AND IT SHOULD ONLY BE THE PEOPLE ON THE LEASE! Violation of occupancy codes may cause your lease to be TERMINATED!

**REMEMBER** February is <u>"Black History Month"</u>! "I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal."

FEBRUARY 2008						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Rent is Due	2
3	4	5	6 Rent is late w/fees	7 Fit 4 Life	8	9
10	11	12 Senior Breakfast	13	14 Fit 4 Life	15	16
17	18	19	20	Fit 4 Life <sup>21</sup> Movie NiGHT 5:30—7:30	22	23
24	25	26	27	OPCC/ 28 Safety Meeting @ 5 p.m.	29	

The Office of Resident Services is recruiting for OPCC new members. Meetings (with food served) are quarterly. Call Tam Williford at (314) 361-2927 to inquire.