



CAFCI NEWS

JUNE 2026

Caribbean-American For Community Involvement in Florida, Inc.

Our mission is to enhance, maintain and sustain the quality of life for the community consistent with the culture and traditions of our diverse ancestral heritage.



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Involvement in Florida, Inc.

STUDENT ASSISTANCE FUND AWARD CEREMONY

Featuring Keynote Speaker

DR. ELVIS EPPS

Saturday, June 13th
2026 | 3:00 PM

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THIS YEAR'S
RECIPIENTS!**



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General Membership Meeting
2nd Saturday of month
Board Meeting
4th Thursday of month
See back page for calendar of events.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we enter the summer season, I extend my sincere appreciation to all CAFCI members, volunteers and supporters whose dedication continues to strengthen our organization and the communities we serve. Your commitment to service, cultural awareness and community engagement remains the foundation of our success.

CULTURAL DIVERSITY DAY: One of the highlights of the past month was our Cultural Diversity Day Celebration, which brought together members, families, friends—our community - to recognize and celebrate the rich cultural heritage that makes our community so vibrant. Events such as these remind us of the importance of understanding, respect and unity among people of all backgrounds.

Special thanks to Jannette Sharpe-Paul, Chair of the Cultural Diversity Day Committee, for her outstanding leadership and dedication. Through her vision and hard work, she successfully brought together a talented and committed team that delivered an informative, entertaining, and memorable event. I also thank every committee member and volunteer who contributed their time and effort to ensure the program's success. Your teamwork and commitment exemplify the spirit of CAFCI.

Cultural Committee members are: Jannette Sharpe-Paul, Committee Chair, Doreen and Paul Baker, Barrington Berry, Elet Cyris, Micaela and Robin Ferguson, Audrey Smith, Marcia and Wayne Thomas, and Genieve White. Additional volunteers: David Muir, Vincent Elliott and Lauriston Simms.

SPECIAL MENTIONS: It is with great pleasure that I recognize Charmaine Henry for her valuable service on the Picnic Committee. Charmaine's name was inadvertently omitted from my May President's Message, therefore, I am taking this opportunity to acknowledge and thank her for her hard work, dedication and contributions to the success of our activities. We appreciate her willingness to serve and support CAFCI's mission.

I also extend a special thank you to Cindy Beckles for organizing a recent gathering of the Friendship Ball Committee as a way of expressing appreciation to those who have worked so diligently on our Annual Friendship Ball over the past two years. The event provided an opportunity for fellowship, reflection and recognition of the many volunteers whose efforts contributed to the success of our signature fundraiser.

In addition, Cindy has done an outstanding job highlighting CAFCI's activities and accomplishments on Facebook, helping to increase awareness of our organization and expand our outreach within the community. Through her dedication to promoting our events and showcasing the work we do, she has helped strengthen CAFCI's visibility and engagement. We sincerely thank Cindy for her continued commitment, creativity and service to our organization.

STUDENT ASSISTANCE FUND AWARD: As we look ahead, we are preparing for several important initiatives and events. Our Student Assistance Fund Program remains a priority as we continue our efforts to support deserving students in their educational pursuits. We encourage members and supporters to participate in and contribute to this important program, which helps invest in the future of our young people.

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GET WELL TO:

Audrey Campbell • Jeff Webb

COMFORT & SUPPORT TO:

Cindy Beckles whose mother was hospitalized
Max Smith and Norma Smith-Hill
whose mother was hospitalized

CONDOLENCES TO

Paul Baker on the loss of his brother, Volney Baker
Cindy Beckles on the loss of her aunt,
Ursilia Beckles and cousin, Jordan Beckles
Genieve White on the loss of her cousin, Samuel Vassell
Family of Hyacinth Wilson



June 16 - 30

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PLEASE LET US KNOW...

GET WELL, COMFORT & CONDOLENCES

We want our members to know that we, the Board and Sunshine Committee, are always here to support you. Please contact (or ask someone else to contact) one of our Sunshine Committee members if:

- *you are ill or know of any CAFCI member who is ill or*
- *you have or know of a close family member of a CAFCI member who is ill or*
- *you have, or know of a CAFCI member who has, lost a family member.*

Remember, if we are not notified, we cannot share it in the Newsletter or offer our support.

Paul Baker, Chair 561.784.0067
Samuel Baxter..... 561.358.3737
Elet Cyrus 561.791.9087

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

If you are a CAFCI member and notice that your birthday or the birthday of another member has not been acknowledged, please send an email to CAFCI (cafcibellsouth.net) and we will update the birthday list. We apologize for any oversight.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (cont'd)

ANNUAL FRIENDSHIP BALL – Saturday, September 26, 2026: Planning is also underway for our Annual Friendship Ball in September, one of CAFCI's premier events. The Friendship Ball provides an opportunity to celebrate our accomplishments, recognize outstanding individuals and strengthen the bonds of friendship and community that define our organization. We look forward to sharing additional details in the coming months and encourage everyone to mark their calendars and support this special occasion.

As always, CAFCI remains committed to expanding community outreach, promoting cultural awareness and creating opportunities that uplift and empower individuals and families throughout our community. Together, we continue to build upon the strong foundation established by those who came before us while embracing new opportunities for growth and service.

Thank you for your continued support, participation and commitment to CAFCI. Working together, we can continue to make a positive and lasting impact on the communities we serve.



Dennis Wright

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

June 13th Meeting **CANCELLED**

Instead, join us at the annual
Student Assistance Fund Award Ceremony.

CAFCI'S ANNUAL FRIENDSHIP BALL

LEGACY IN MOTION

Celebrating 37 years of Excellence

STRENGTH IN SERVICE

Honoring Those Who Uplift Our Community

Saturday, September 26, 2026

Hilton Palm Beach PBI

Majestic Ballroom

150 Australian Avenue, West Palm Beach

It's that time of year! Time for the signature event that you can't afford to miss: CAFCI's Annual Friendship Ball to be held at the Hilton Palm Beach PBI. The Ball Committee is working diligently to put everything in place to curate an unforgettable evening. More information about the Ball and ways to support are on pages 11-14 in this issue of the newsletter. Please be sure to save the date and get your tickets early.

In Memoriam

HYACINTH WILSON

With deep sadness, CAFCI announces the passing of Lifetime Member Hyacinth Wilson, who died peacefully on Wednesday, May 27. Hyacinth and her husband, Newbolt, moved from New York to Wellington, Florida in 2000. Soon after, they joined CAFCI and quickly became actively involved, embracing roles of responsibility and leadership.

Hyacinth believed deeply in staying connected and working tirelessly for the betterment of her community. She served as a CAFCI Board Member, founded the Grant Program, represented CAFCI in several outreach programs and was honored as CAFCI's 2004 Citizen of the Year. Her dedication, warmth, and vision touched countless lives. Hyacinth will be profoundly missed and forever remembered by all who had the privilege to know and work with her.

Submitted by Rhonda Ferrin-Davis

CAFCI VALUES STATEMENT

Caribbean-American for Community Involvement acknowledges and honors the fundamental value and dignity of all individuals and pledges itself to creating and maintaining an environment that respects diverse traditions, heritages, and experiences. We believe in giving a voice to all people and respecting all people regardless of ethnicity or socioeconomic background. We support the participation in and promotion of events that lead to respect and mutual understanding among the various cultural, ethnic, and socioeconomic groups in our community. We believe in promoting honesty and integrity by being transparent in all our dealings, having fun and fellowship with each other while volunteering and caring for the young and elderly and helping those in need.

DISCLAIMER: The views and opinions expressed in this newsletter are not necessarily the views and opinions of CAFCI's members and/or the Newsletter Committee members.

CAFCI MEMBERS... If you would like to share the accomplishments of a close relative (e.g., child, grandchild, niece and/or nephew) with your CAFCI Family in the "Our Children Are Our Future" section of the NEWS, please provide the information to Paul Baker (email: ujama4@aol.com or phone 561.784.0067). If there is any other information you would like included in the NEWS, please submit the information to Junette Powell (junettep56@gmail.com).

IMPORTANT: Include "CAFCI NEWS" in the subject line when sending e-mails. Inclusion of articles submitted will be at the discretion of the Newsletter Committee and based on space availability.

OUR CHILDREN ARE OUR FUTURE

CAFCI and the Student Assistance Fund (SAF) Committee would be honored to recognize the accomplishments of its members and/or their relatives. Please share your good news with us and we will publish it as space permits.

Student Assistance Fund **EMPOWERING YOUTH & INVESTING IN OUR FUTURE**

Each year the Student Assistance Fund (SAF) Committee offers deserving Palm Beach County high school seniors the opportunity to apply for a monetary "Student Assistance Award" from CAFCI. A donation of any amount helps CAFCI's SAF Committee reach its yearly fundraising goal.

- Mail check payable to CAFCI, Attention: SAF (write "SAF" on your check on the notes line to make sure it is posted to the SAF program), 675 Royal Palm Beach Blvd, Suite #134, Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411.
- Donate online at <https://www.cafcipc.org/donation-center>. Select the Student Assistance option.

For more information, please contact Nadine White-Boyd at 561.351.6895 or Junette Powell at 561.346.2353. Thanks in advance for your continued support.

**Thanks to all the contributors to the
SAF Bake Sale at CAFCI's
Cultural Diversity Day celebration on May 9th.
It was a huge success!**



LET'S DO BUSINESS

When we support a small business in our community or share a recommendation about that business' services and excellence, we help that business to grow; and in helping that business to grow, we help our community to grow. We show by virtue of our dollars and our support, that a business is reputable, valuable, and worthy of patronage.

Let's Support Businesses in Our Community.

AGLIOLIO
Wellington Trace
12793 W. Forest Hill Blvd.,
Wellington FL 33414
561.798.7770

Sunday to Saturday
11:30 am - 10:00 pm

If you would like to recommend a business to be featured in the "Let's Do Business" section in our Newsletter, please contact the Newsletter Committee so that we can share it with our members.

- junettep56@gmail.com or thaliaec@gmail.com



STUDENT ASSISTANCE FUND



Empowering Youth & Investing in Our Future

CAFCI extends heartfelt gratitude to our generous donors whose financial contributions make the 2026 Student Assistance Fund (SAF) possible. Your support empowers students to pursue their educational goals and achieve their dreams. We are deeply grateful for your commitment to making a difference in their lives and within our community.

(List complete as of the date of printing)

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CAFCI SCOUTS ♦ TROOP 111

Greetings CAFCI,

March was an incredible month for Troop 111, filled with honor, learning and unity among all of our scouts and families. Throughout the month, our troop participated in two very meaningful events: Cultural Diversity Day and the Memorial Day Ceremony. These activities allowed our scouts to strengthen their leadership, learn more about others and come together as one troop. We are truly grateful to everyone who helped support and participate in these events.

Cultural Diversity Day was a special opportunity that allowed scouts and families to share and learn about different cultures, traditions and beliefs. Through conversations, activities and fun time spent together, everyone was able to connect on a deeper level, honor our cultural differences and celebrate our commonalities. The event encouraged respect, open-mindedness and unity within our troop. We also had the opportunity to set up a booth to speak to and hopefully recruit new members from our community.

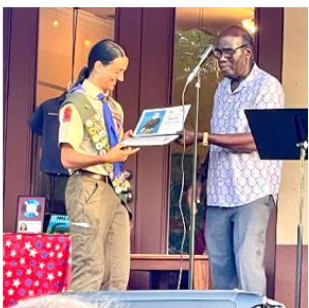


During the Memorial Day ceremony, scouts showed respect and gratitude for those who have served and sacrificed for our country. The ceremony brought everyone together in a



moment of remembrance and pride, while also teaching scouts the importance of honoring our nation's history and heroes. It was an important experience that

demonstrated the character and responsibility of our troop.



Micah Johnson, Dennis Wright

May was also the month we celebrated our 66th Eagle Scout Micah Johnson at his Eagle Court of Honor. CAFCI President Dennis Wright delivered a lovely congratulatory speech and gifted Micah a Bald Eagle adoption certificate to commemorate this amazing accomplishment. The event was well attended by current scouts, alumni scouts and leaders, friends and family. After the formal ceremony, several scouts and adult leaders came up to share humorous tales of Micah going back to his younger days in the Troop as is our tradition at these events.

We are now preparing for our annual week-long summer camp at our Council's campground in Jupiter. A trailer cleanup, packing instructions and document review are a few of the things we need to accomplish before embarking on this "fun in the sun" excursion.



Respectfully,
Hani Almasoodi
Senior Patrol Leader



To apply for membership in BSA Troop 111 or to volunteer for scouting, visit:
<https://my.scouting.org/VES/OnlineReg/1.0.0/?tu=UF-MB-085taa0111>

SCOUT LAW | "A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent."

SCOUT OATH | "On my honor, I will do my best, to do my duty, to God and my country, and to obey the Scout Law, to help other people at all times, to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight."

CULTURAL DIVERSITY DAY

CELEBRATING CULTURES * CONNECTING COMMUNITIES

On Saturday, May 9, 2026, CAFCI and the Village of Royal Palm Beach with support from the Cultural Council for Palm Beach County successfully brought together community members, cultural organizations, performers and vendors to celebrate the rich diversity of the Royal Palm Beach community. The event was held in the Banquet Garden at Commons Park. Attendance was strong, community engagement was high and feedback indicates that the event continues to serve as a meaningful platform for cultural expression and unity.

The event featured a diverse lineup of cultural performances representing multiple regions and traditions, such as: Nepal, Puerto Rico, Bahamas, Mexico, Jamaica and an arial artist, contributing to an atmosphere of celebration and learning. Strong vendor participation offered attendees a wide array of food, crafts and cultural goods. Family-friendly activities and educational displays included face painting and a bounce house for children, making the event inclusive for all ages. Positive community response and high social media engagement were enhanced by performers and CAFCI members, further amplifying the event's impact.

Vendors reported strong foot traffic and positive interactions with attendees. Performers expressed appreciation for the supportive audience and the cultural focus of the event. Their presentations were well received by attendees, who actively engaged with their performances. Early and consistent communication with vendors and performers proved essential for smooth event flow. Volunteers for setup, breakdown and crowd management were adequate, while shade structures, seating and hydration stations significantly improved attendee comfort.

The venue provided adequate space and accessibility, parking was sufficient, restrooms were available and shaded areas were appreciated.

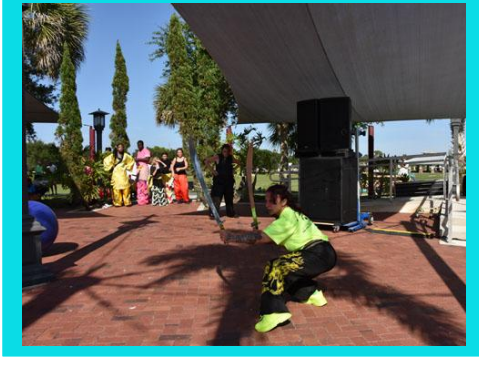
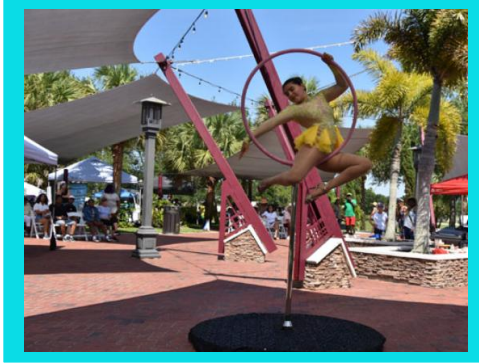


Overall, the location remains viable for future events with minor adjustments to vendor assignments.

Cultural Diversity Day 2026 was a meaningful and successful event that advanced CAFCI's mission of promoting cultural understanding and community unity. Thanks to the Cultural Committee members: Doreen and Paul Baker, Barrington Berry, Elet Cyris, Micaela and Robin Ferguson, Audrey Smith, Wayne and Marcia Thomas, Dennis Wright, Genieve White, and MC David Muir for their hard work and dedication. With continued refinement and community collaboration, the event is well positioned for even greater success in 2027.



Submitted by: Jannette Sharpe-Paul, Cultural Committee Chair



Photography by Denise Fleischman, Town-Crier

WAYS TO SUPPORT CAFCI . . . WE NEED YOU!!!

CAFCI website: <https://www.cafcipbc.org/donation-center>

Please share with your friends and family.

HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP TO CAFCI???

MEMBERSHIP DUES (Single - \$80 • Couple - \$140)

Submit your membership dues online at:
<https://www.cafcipbc.org/membership-dues>

OR

Submit check payable to: CAFCI
Mail to CAFCI, Attention: Membership
675 Royal Palm Beach Boulevard, Suite #134, Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411



Our current objective is to have the community funding organization provide us with a Letter of Interest or credit so that when another opportunity comes our way we have a funding source to supplement our available funds.

We made an appeal for someone with the necessary knowledge, experience and skill to assist us with the planning, set up and operation of a business to provide income to assist in paying off a mortgage.

Other options under consideration include the possibility of purchasing a large commercial building and subletting some of its spaces. To that end, we are also looking for someone with property-management experience to assist us in determining the feasibility of this option.

If you are able to step in and assist, or know of anyone who can, please contact Radcliffe “Woody” Brown at 561-790-4002 or 561-791-3344 and leave a message. You can also send an email to cafcipbc@bellsouth.net.

*Participation in the **Home of Our Own** project is available through the Buy-A-Brick program. Visit the web page at www.cafcipbc.org and click on the “Home of Our Own” tab or call Radcliffe “Woody” Brown at 561.791.3344 for more information. We have made it easier to take part in the program by facilitating monthly payments to buy a brick. Monthly payments of \$50 for a \$1,000 brick and \$150 for a \$3,000 brick are available.*



Scan QR Code to Support
CAFCI's Home Of Our Own

Submitted by Radcliffe “Woody” Brown, CAFCI *Home Of Our Own* Chair

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STRENGTH IN SERVICE

Honoring Those Who Uplift Our Community.



SATURDAY,

SEPTEMBER 26, 2026

7 PM - 1 AM



HILTON PALM BEACH PBI

Majestic Ballroom

150 Australian Ave.

West Palm Beach

DOOR PRIZES | RAFFLE

Semi-Formal Attire

**Live Entertainment featuring
DJ MANSTA & MORE**



\$125 | Advance Ticket Sales Only | Cash Bar



To purchase tickets or for more information

Dennis Wright 561.653.1586 | Audrey Smith 561.601.8856

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Annual

Friendship Ball

Dear Friend,

The Caribbean-American For Community Involvement in Florida, Inc. (CAFCI) proudly invites you to support our Annual Friendship Ball, taking place on Saturday, September 26, 2026, at 7pm at the Hilton Palm Beach PBI.

This year's theme, "LEGACY IN MOTION, Celebrating 37 Years of Excellence | STRENGTH IN SERVICE, Honoring Those Who Uplift Our Community," reflects CAFCI's enduring commitment to empowering individuals, strengthening families, and enriching our community through service and outreach.

The Friendship Ball is one of Palm Beach County's premier cultural and community events, attracting distinguished guests, business leaders, civic organizations, and supporters throughout South Florida and beyond. Proceeds from this event directly benefit CAFCI's vital community outreach initiatives, including:

- The Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration
- Cultural Diversity Day
- Students Assistance Fund, Scout Troop 111, Pack 111 and youth-focused programs
- Community service initiatives that positively impact families throughout our region

We respectfully invite you to partner with us by becoming a Sponsor and/or placing an advertisement in our Annual Friendship Ball Journal. The Journal not only highlights the impactful work CAFCI continues to provide, but also offers valuable visibility and recognition for our sponsors and advertisers through event promotion, website exposure, and distribution during the Ball.

Sponsorship opportunities and advertising forms are available online at: www.cafcipc.org/annual-friendship-ball. Forms are also enclosed for your convenience.

We would also be honored by your presence at the Friendship Ball. Tickets are available for \$125 each and may be purchased through our website. Donations are also greatly appreciated and help us continue our mission of service and community empowerment.

For additional information or if you have any questions, please contact:

- Genieve White, Journal Committee Chair
561.876.4161; gen_white@msn.com
- Dennis Wright, President
561.653.1586; denban22@aol.com

Your generosity and support help make our programs and outreach efforts possible. We kindly ask for your response by August 14, 2026, to ensure inclusion in the Friendship Ball Journal.

Thank you for helping us continue a legacy of service, excellence, and community impact. We look forward to celebrating with you at this special event.

Sincerely,

Dennis Wright
CAFCI President

Genieve White
Journal Committee Chair

FRIENDSHIP BALL COMMITTEE

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CAFCI Annual Friendship Ball

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2026

2026 SUPPORT OPPORTUNITIES

SPONSORSHIP SUPPORT

GOLD SPONSOR • \$5,000

Six (6) Event Tickets

Gold Sponsor Receive

Recognition on CAFCI's website for one year with direct link to sponsor's website, plus;

SILVER SPONSOR • \$2,500

Four (4) Event Tickets

Silver Sponsor Receive

Opportunity to distribute branded merchandise, plus;

BRONZE SPONSOR • \$1,250

Two (2) Event Tickets

Bronze Sponsor Receive

Full page color sponsorship ad in Ball Journal, Recognition in video presentation at the Ball, Introduction at event, Ball Journal recognizing sponsorship on CAFCI's website for one year, Recognition in all public relations distributed & Social Media Highlights

TABLE SPONSOR • \$1,500

- Ten (10) Event Tickets (*Tickets may be used for your guests or donated to organization*)
- Recognition at table and in Ball Journal as Table Sponsor.

ADVERTISING SUPPORT

Camera Ready Ad. Additional charges apply for ad design or editing.

- Outside Back Cover (8½"x11") • \$750
- Inside Front Cover (8½"x11") • \$750
- Inside Back Cover (8½"x11") • \$700
- Full Page (8½"x11") • \$600
- Half Page (8½"x5½") • \$325
- Quarter Page (4¼"x5½") • \$180
- Business Card (3¼"x2") • \$85

SUPPORT OPPORTUNITY SELECTED: _____

SUBMIT FULL COLOR AD ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 14TH TO CAFCI@BELLSOUTH.NET.

NAME: _____ **DATE:** _____

COMPANY: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY|STATE|ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ **E-MAIL:** _____

METHOD OF PAYMENT

Pay Online: www.cafcipbc.org/annual-friendship-ball

Zelle: cafcipbc@bellsouth.net (*Include in the memo the purpose of payment*)

Mail Check: CAFCI

Journal Committee, 675 Royal Palm Beach Blvd., #134, Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2026

2026 MEMBER MESSAGE

*Be a part of CAFCI's history by placing your
personalized MESSAGE in the 2026 Friendship Ball Journal.*

☐ **MESSAGE \$30**
(text only – max. 20 words)

☐ **BUSINESS CARD SIZE MESSAGE \$85**
(text and image - 2" x 3 ¼")

Examples of personalized message:

- We salute and congratulate CAFCI on their commitment to the community
- Congratulations on Graduation, Newborn, Engagement, etc.
- In loving memory of
- Birthday greetings to

MESSAGE:

**Submit message and image (if applicable) to cafcibell@south.net.
Include "CAFCI 2026 BALL Message" in the Subject line.**

MESSAGE DUE ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 14, 2026.

NAME: _____ **DATE:** _____

COMPANY: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY|STATE|ZIP: _____

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JUNE... A Month of Celebrations & Awareness

JUNETEENTH

Juneteenth marks the emancipation of those who were enslaved in the United States. It is about learning new ways to promote economic empowerment in the Black community and sharing ideas to address racial disparities.

It is not only a time for commemorating the end of slavery and honoring Black history and its rich heritage, but it is also a call to recognize the many accomplishments and notable contributions to our society by African Americans.

Here are some events in Palm Beach County.

ROYAL PALM BEACH

Juneteenth Concert

- Friday, June 19, 2026, from 7 to 9 p.m.
- Royal Palm Beach Commons, 11600 Poinciana Blvd.
- Features: Entertainment & food trucks; prices vary.
- Cost: Free
- [Website](#)

PALM BEACH COUNTY LIBRARIES

Juneteenth Activities

- Various days, times
- Palm Beach County Library branches; locations vary
- Features: Activities vary
- Cost: Free
- [Website for calendar of events](#)

WELLINGTON

Juneteenth Redteenth Freedom Day Cultural Festival

- Saturday, June 20, 2026, from 6 to 10 p.m.
- Wellington Amphitheater, 12100 Forest Hill Blvd.
- Cost: Free
- [Website](#)

WEST PALM BEACH

Unity x Black Excellence Festival

- Sunday, June 21 2026, from 5 to 10 p.m.
- Meyer Amphitheater, 104 Datura St., West Palm Beach
- Cost: Free
- [Website](#)

BOYNTON BEACH

Juneteenth Celebration of Freedom

- Saturday, June, 20, 2026, from 2 to 7 p.m.
- Sara Sims Park, 209 NE 8th Ave. Boynton Beach
- Features: Educational exhibits, BBQ cook-off, games & food trucks
- Cost: Free, vendor prices vary.

For more information and events, visit:

<https://miamionthecheap.com/juneteenth-celebrations-in-palm-beach/>

CARIBBEAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

- **Origin:** The Institute of Caribbean Studies (ICS) spearheaded the campaign to designate June as the official month, with a proclamation signed by President George W. Bush in 2006.
- **Purpose:** To celebrate the, "dreamers and doers" who have helped advance the U.S., including notable figures like Founding Father Alexander Hamilton.
- **Cultural Impact:** Celebrations honor diverse traditions from nations such as Jamaica, Haiti, Trinidad and Tobago, the Dominican Republic, Barbados, and others.
- **Commemoration:** Activities include educational panels, parades, festivals, and cultural showcases across the country.
- **Contributions and Significance:**
- **Demographics:** Over 4.5 million Americans have ties to Caribbean nations and territories.
- **Influence:** Caribbean Americans have significantly impacted American music, food, and literature, contributing to a more vibrant and diverse society.
- **Economic Impact:** The month promotes initiatives such as the National Caribbean American Restaurant Week to support Caribbean-owned businesses.

Every June, the U.S. government honors this heritage to strengthen the friendship between the United States and Caribbean nations.

Source: [caribbean american heritage month - Google Search](#)

Caribbean Heritage Month Activities:

<https://caribbeanamericanmonth.com/>

COMING IN JULY Independence Day

Independence Day 2026 falls on **Saturday, July 4, 2026**, marking the historic 250th anniversary (Semiquincentennial) of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence. The holiday falls on a Saturday so the federal observed holiday will be on Friday, July 3rd. Major nationwide celebrations are planned for this 250th anniversary.

Source: [independence day 2026 - Google Search](#)

HURRICANE SEASON 2026 Before a Hurricane...



Atlantic Hurricane Season | Jun 1 – Nov. 30

1. Know Your Hurricane Risk
2. Make an Emergency Plan
3. Know your Evacuation Zone
4. Recognize Warnings and Alerts
5. Review Important Documents
6. Strengthen your Home
7. Get Tech Ready
8. Gather Supplies
9. Help your Neighborhood

For a detailed guide, visit

<https://www.ready.gov/hurricanes>

Mark Your Calendar CAFCI's 2026 Events

Dates are subject to change. Please check the current issue of the NEWS and the website.

NO GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING IN JUNE

Saturday, June 13 • 3 pm

STUDENT ASSISTANCE FUND AWARDS CEREMONY

13265 Okeechobee Boulevard, Loxahatchee Groves, FL

Saturday, July 11 at 7 pm; Hybrid | GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Saturday, August 8 at 7 pm; Hybrid | GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING ~ Membership Appreciation

Saturday, September 12 at 7 pm; Hybrid | GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING ~ Scout Night & VAFMSF

Saturday, September 26

CAFCI ANNUAL FRIENDSHIP BALL

Hilton Palm Beach PBI - Majestic Ballroom

150 Australian Avenue, West Palm Beach, FL

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Saturday, October 10 at 7 pm; Hybrid | GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING ~ Business Awareness

Saturday, November 14 at 7 pm; Hybrid | GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING ~ International Games Night

Saturday, December 12 at 7 pm; Hybrid | GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING ~ Toys for Tots & Holiday Potluck

SAVE THE DATE

Thursday, December 31

CAFCI NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION

Mark Your Calendar AROUND TOWN

- **JUNETEENTH EVENTS** | See page 15 for Events
- **Saturday, June 13, 5 – 10 pm** | Celebrating June as **CARIBBEAN AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH, TASTE OF THE CARIBBEAN ISLANDS** hosted by Vice-Mayor Carson “Eddy” Edwards. City Hall Plaza, 2300 Civic Center Place, Miramar. FREE Admission, FREE Parking. Reserve tickets at TasteCaribIslands.eventbrite.com
- **Sunday, June 21, 2-6 pm** | **ISLAND SPACE MANGO FESTIVAL 2026**. Join us for a day of delicious fun at Broward's ONLY Mango Fest! Charles F Dodge City Center, 601 City Ctr Way, Pembroke Pine. For more information call 954.999.0989 or email museum@islandspacefl.org.
- Visit the **CULTURAL COUNCIL FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY** at <https://www.palmbeachculture.com/events> for upcoming activities.
- Events in **WELLINGTON**, go to <https://aroundwellington.com/>
- Events in **WEST PALM BEACH**, go to <https://downtownwpb.com/explore/calendar/>
- Events in **PALM BEACH COUNTY**, go to <https://www.thepalmbeaches.com/events>