

## News and Notes for June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Here's a couple notes from our neighbors about events happening in North Adams. On Tuesday June 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM, the North Adams Public Library is hosting a Community Conversation on "Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia" with the Alzheimer's Association of Western MA. You'll learn about ways to lower your risk for Alzheimer's disease & dementia, the difference between Alzheimer's and dementia, early warning signs, and local resources to help. This opportunity is presented by the Alzheimer's Association of Western MA in collaboration with the Northern Berkshire Community Coalition, the North Adams Public Library, & the City of North Adams as a Mayor's Fitness Challenge Event! The conversation will happen in the 3rd floor Meeting Room at the Library and brain healthy snacks will be provided! No registration is required. Any questions please email Adult Services Librarian Ryan Miller at [rmiller@northadams-ma.gov](mailto:rmiller@northadams-ma.gov), or give us a call at (413) 662-3133. And-yes, there is an elevator to bring you to the third floor if you need it.

In another fun June event, you're all invited to a street fair in North Adams on Saturday June 17<sup>th</sup> they're calling "I Am Afro: A Street Fair for All the People" in North Adams! Hosted by The Berkshire Black Economic Council (BBEC) and the First Congregational Church of North Adams (FCCNA), this is a free Juneteenth celebration on June 17, 2023. The event will feature performances, pop-up booths, delicious food, and family-friendly activities. No registration required-everyone is welcome! "I Am Afro" is proudly supported by BBEC's Black Arts Council, a dedicated and inclusive group fostering an arts sector that serves the needs of the Black community. By partnering with FCCNA, we continue to promote Black artists, entrepreneurship, and culture in the Berkshires. No matter your background, ethnicity, or heritage, we invite you to join us for a day of cultural exploration, fun, and unity. Let's celebrate Afro artists and performers together in the vibrant streets of North Adams!

Also happening on Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm, the BBEC invites you to continue celebrating Juneteenth weekend at MASS MoCA with a special homecoming performance by singer-songwriter Raiche, with support from Jasmine Janai. Tickets for Raiche's show can be purchased online at [massmoca.org/event](https://massmoca.org/event). Additionally, there is a FREE Juneteenth Eve Concert: A Celebration of Black Music Appreciation Month on Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, 12-3 pm MCLA Church Street Center. The Church Street Center is the former synagogue, FYI. If you've lived here long enough, you know what I mean!

For something a little different consider Berkshire Mountains Faerie Festival at Bowe Field off Route 8 in Adams this Saturday, that's tomorrow folks, 10:00 a.m.- 9:00p.m. This is a family-oriented event and if you have grandchildren around, I bet they'd like this! Wear a costume, help build the Faerie Village, decorate faerie wings, and meet the Queen and Court. This will be a day of storytelling, music and dance, artisans, creative activities, and tasty treats. You can find more information by following this link- <https://www.facebook.com/berkshireremountainsfaeriefestival/>

We're gearing up for a great Fourth of July celebration here in Williamstown and our friend Sue at the Williamstown Community Chest has posted an events calendar on the Chamber website. It's listing everything planned for the day so check it out, plan your day and pray for clear skies! The website address is;  
[www.williamstownchamberofcommerce.org](http://www.williamstownchamberofcommerce.org)

A housekeeping note; PLEASE do not put disposable cups with fluid in them in our trash receptacles. We all bathe at home; we do not need to take a second one here. It's not pleasant to empty the trash and find liquid in there. Please empty your cups out, the rest rooms would be a good spot for that. Thank you!

Unfortunately, Covid still lurks in corners and waits to jump out and grab someone. We've had very few cases locally; vaccination levels are quite high. Good for us! However, if you are feeling under the weather, are concerned that you may have picked something up and looking for a test from us, we can help you with that. You have to help us too. Please mask up before you come here. We have all sorts of folks coming in and out, some quite compromised. Help us all stay safe, ok? If you're coming for us to help with a test and don't have a mask, no worries. We can help you with that too-just call us here, 413-458-8250 and let us know what's up. Happy to be of service.

Finally, while we still do not have solid information yet, the Farmer's Market coupons are still expected in July. We have had some more communication on the subject but nothing in the way of new information. We'll let everyone know when we have information.

Happy father's Day to all you Dads out there!

Enjoy the weekend!