

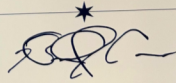
# BRONZEVILLE BANNER

## Community News

### Brandon Johnson elected as the 4th African American Mayor of Chicago



**MAYOR BRANDON JOHNSON**  
INAUGURATION DAY • MAY 15, 2023



Following the Inauguration on May 15, 2023, Mayor Johnson opened City Hall for photographs. Pictured here is Sherry Williams and Steven Williams with the Mayor.



**Hosea Knox, Owner of Elmo's Tombstone Service, Passed in 2021**



**Sign the Petition: Tell Congress to Award Marshall W. "Major" Taylor the Congressional Gold Medal**

### Juliana Stratton, First African American to serve as Lt. Governor

Juliana Stratton is the First African American to hold the position of Lieutenant Governor in Illinois, working directly under Governor Pritzker.



Juliana Stratton and BHS President Sherry Williams

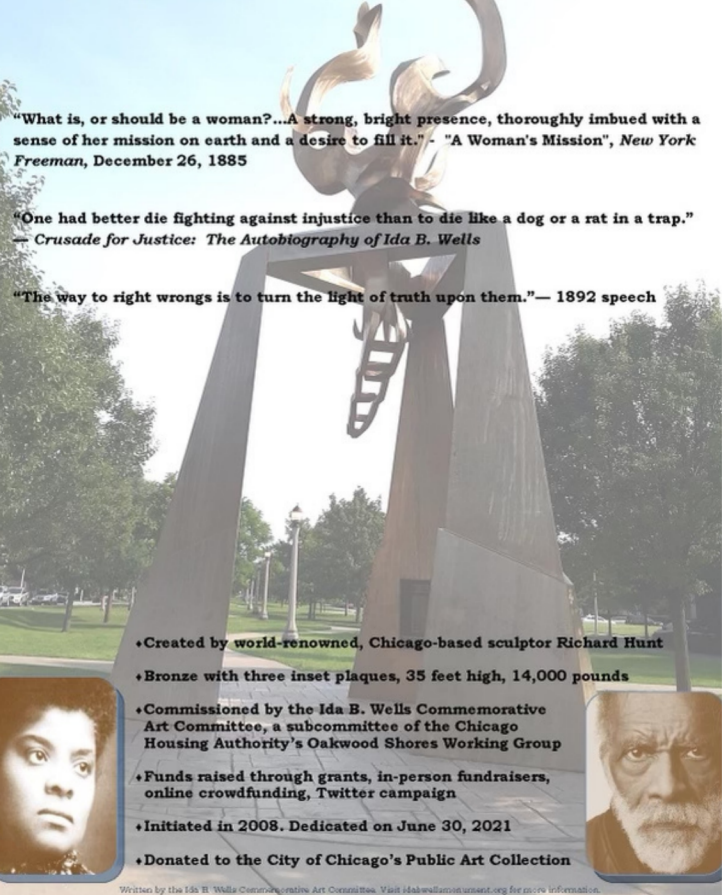
### 1919 Chicago Race Riots Remembrance and High Tea



On July 15th, members of the Bronzeville Historical Society held a commemoration and libation for the 104th anniversary of the 1919 Chicago Race Riots at 39th Street Beach

### LIGHT OF TRUTH: IDA B WELLS NATIONAL MONUMENT

3729 S. Langley | In Chicago's Historic Bronzeville Neighborhood  
On the land where the Ida B. Wells Homes stood for over 60 years



"What is, or should be a woman?...A strong, bright presence, thoroughly imbued with a sense of her mission on earth and a desire to fill it." - "A Woman's Mission", *New York Freeman*, December 26, 1885

"One had better die fighting against injustice than to die like a dog or a rat in a trap."  
- *Crusade for Justice: The Autobiography of Ida B. Wells*

"The way to right wrongs is to turn the light of truth upon them." - 1892 speech

• Created by world-renowned, Chicago-based sculptor Richard Hunt

• Bronze with three inset plaques, 35 feet high, 14,000 pounds

• Commissioned by the Ida B. Wells Commemorative Art Committee, a subcommittee of the Chicago Housing Authority's Oakwood Shores Working Group

• Funds raised through grants, in-person fundraisers, online crowdfunding, Twitter campaign

• Initiated in 2008. Dedicated on June 30, 2021

• Donated to the City of Chicago's Public Art Collection

Written by the Ida B. Wells Commemorative Art Committee. Visit [idabwellsmonument.org](http://idabwellsmonument.org) for more information.



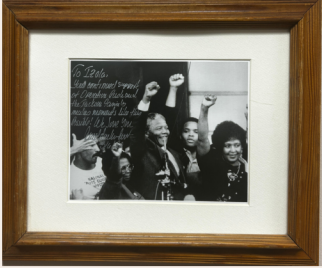
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### Spotlight: Izola White Collection



The BHS is home to hundreds of photographs from the iconic Izola's Restaurant formerly located in Chatham. Ms Izola White was a civic leader and philanthropist, and her restaurant served as a station and think tank for African American politicians as well as community leaders. With this collection, we hope to sustain the legacy of Izola White and her landmark restaurant.



### Tours and Cemetery Notables Portrayals

Sunday, September 10th the Bronzeville Historical Society will be hosting a tour of Oak Woods Cemetery featuring portrayers of notable figures including Ida B. Wells, Harold Washington, and more.

### Comptroller Susana Mendoza and Bronzeville Historical Society Collaborate to Preserve Illinois Black History



Learn more by scanning the QR code:



In 2022, Bronzeville Historical Society members were awarded certificates by Comptroller Susana Mendoza for their work preserving historic Illinois burial records.



Richard "Mr. Amtrak" Rolark and BHS interns Corinne de Syon and Solome Bezuneh visiting graves of Union Soldiers at Oak Woods Cemetery



Fire Commissioner John Brooks and Deputy Chief Dekalb Walcott, 2009. Part of the Dekalb Walcott Collection at the Bronzeville Historical Society



BHS volunteers Shaya Gardner-Hayum and Pamela Pickett with with dress of Shaya's grandmother's

**LIFT EVERY VOICE**  
BRONZEVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

HOSTED BY  
SHERRY WILLIAMS & ADA CHENG  
MAY 20, 2023, 1-3PM  
MANDRAKE PARK

### Storyteller Showcase

**Mandrake Park Theater**  
3858 S. Cottage Grove  
**FREE to the public**  
**FREE Street Parking**

Supported by Chicago Park District,  
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## Historians and Mentors

### Dr. Christopher Reed



Christopher R. Reed, PhD is a retired professor of History and former Seymour Logan Chair at Roosevelt University. A native Chicagoan, Dr. Reed has matched scholarly interest and civic commitment with nativity. Returning to the university in 1987 as an associate professor, he has also served as Director of the St.Clair Drake Center for African and African American Studies.

His scholarship includes *All the World is Here: The Black Presence in a White City*, *The Chicago NAACP*, *The Rise of Black Professional Leadership, 1910-1966*, and his most recent endeavor, *Black Chicago's First Century 1833-1933*. Major work in progress includes *The West Side of Chicago: African American Life Outside the Black Metropolis* which continues work begun in *Beyond Chicago's Black Metropolis: A History of the West Side's First Century, 1837-1940* in the Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society.

### Glennette Tilley Turner



Glennette Tilley Turner is a retired educator. She is the author of *Surprise for Mrs. Burns* and *The Underground Railroad in DuPage County, Illinois*, as well as a biography of inventor Lewis Latimer. She has also been featured in many publications such as *Scholastic Scope*, *Ebony Jr!*, the *Chicago Tribune*, *Encore*, and *Elanse* magazines. Mrs. Turner is a former president of the Black Literary Umbrella and the Children's Reading Roundtable of Chicago. She recently received a 2023 Lifetime Achievement Award from the Illinois State Historical Society.

## Upcoming Community Events

- Bronzeville Neighborhood Jazz Festival - **Saturday August 5th at 12pm**
- Bud Billiken Parade - **Saturday August 12th at 10am**
- Bronzeville Art Trolley Tours - **August 18th and Sept. 15th**
- BHS Oak Woods Cemetery and Freedom Activists Tour - **Sunday Sept. 10, 2023 from 1pm-3pm**

## Help Support the Bronzeville Historical Society!

### Join the Society:

Individual Membership \$18

Family Membership \$21

### Purchase a Newsletter Advertisement\*:

Quarterly Ad \$25

Yearly Ad \$100

\*business card or event advertisements

Please make all checks payable to the **Bronzeville Historical Society** at **4455 S King Drive Suite #103**

For questions, please contact us at **bronzevillehistoricalsociety@gmail.com** or **312 428-8033**

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Scan QR code to "Like" our website and receive updates on events and programs



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