

The Frederick Douglass Honor Society, the
Talbot County Free Library, the Town of Easton,
and Talbot County present



Frederick Douglass Day 2025

Saturday, September 27, 2025

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Frederick Douglass Day

On behalf of the Frederick Douglass Honor Society, the Town of Easton, the Talbot County Council, and the Talbot County Free Library, we welcome you to our annual Frederick Douglass Day. Today we salute Frederick Douglass, who was born into slavery in the year 1818 and against all odds became one of the most famous men in American history. In an obituary notice (1895), the *Easton Gazette* editor, Wilson M. Tyler, wrote that Douglass “has occupied the most exalted position of any member of his race in the world. Talbot reveres his memory.”

An orator and astonishing writer, Douglass became a newspaper editor, a political activist, and statesman. He was a champion for women’s rights, especially their right to vote, a brilliant strategist, newspaper owner, and author. No book had as powerful an impact on the American abolitionist movement as the *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave*.

His life spanned the Civil War, the end of slavery and the beginning of segregation. Celebrated internationally as the leading Black intellectual of his time, his story still resonates today. Douglass’s talents and determination helped him leave an enduring mark upon our history and a ranking among such prominent figures as Abraham Lincoln, W. E. B. Du Bois, Susan B. Anthony, and Martin Luther King, Jr.

We hope you enjoy today’s celebration of the life and legacy of our native son, Frederick Douglass.

Edward “Boots” Robinson

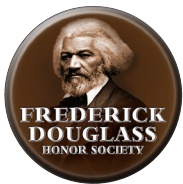
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Schedule of Events

10:00am ~ Street Parade (Glenwood Avenue/Washington Streets)

10:30am ~ Welcome Ceremony at the Talbot County Courthouse
Welcoming Remarks

Devon Beck, Vice-President of the Frederick Douglass Honor Society

FDD Welcome Ceremony Mistress of Ceremony – Gabriella Thompson

Invocation – Javion Jones (Minister, Union Baptist Church)

Amazing Grace – Bagpipe music by Randy Welch

Easton NJROTC Color Guard Presentation of Colors

Pledge of Allegiance – BAAM and the Multicultural Resource Center

National Anthem – Mid-Shore Community Band - Director Matt Fullerton

Frederick Douglass Speech –Jaelon T. Moaney, Vice Chair of the Maryland Commission on
African American History and Culture

Music – Mid-Shore Community Band

Keasha Haythe, Talbot County Council

Don Abbatiello, Easton Town Council President

Michele Johnson, Maryland Commission 250

Music – Dana Bowser

Dr. Sharon Pepukayi, Talbot County Public Schools Superintendent

Dana Newman, Talbot County Free Library

Music – Dana Bowser

Closing Remarks – by Giuliana Thompson

Music – When the Saints Go Marching In – Mid-Shore Community Band

11:30 am - 3pm ~ Children's Village located on the front lawn of the Talbot County Free Library features face paintings, balloons, games, mapping challenges, prizes, storybook readings by Shauna Beulah.

11:30 am - 3 pm ~ Knowledge Village, Food and Retail Vendors located at Dover and West Streets, across from the Talbot County Free Library.

12 noon to 3 pm ~ Explore the Frederick Douglass Geocaching Trail. Learn about his life in Talbot County and collect a commemorative coin and photograph at the end of the trail.
(Talbot County Free Library)

12 noon to 3 pm ~ Live Entertainment features Bay Country Chorus, Ruby Fisher, Stefany Sofia Fernandez, New St. Johns Male Chorus, Allegra Academy, Ayla Dennis, St. Michaels Middle High School Choir, Asbury United Methodist Church Choir, & DJ Alan Butler.

1 pm – Lecture: Frederick Douglass Lecture & Book Signing, Author and Scholar Nicholas Buccola, Claremont McKenna College in the Main Meeting Room at the Talbot County Free Library

Frederick Douglass Exhibits on display at Talbot County Free Library including documents from the Douglass archives, on loan from the National Park Service.

Frederick Douglass History



The man we know as Frederick Douglass was born Frederick Augustus Washington Bailey in Talbot County, MD, February 1818. His mother, a slave named Harriet Bailey, gave birth to him in the cabin of her mother Betsey Bailey, also a slave but one whose husband, Isaac, was free. The cabin was in a small ravine on Tuckahoe Creek near what is now the village of Cordova. Frederick's mother soon returned to the farm where she worked, and he only saw her a few times thereafter. She died when he was eight years old. His earliest years were spent with his grandparents Isaac and Betsey Bailey.

In 1824, at the age of six, Frederick and his grandmother walked twelve miles to Wye House plantation, where she was then forced to leave him to fend for himself. His owner, Aaron Anthony, was employed at Wye as an overseer. Anthony died within two years and Frederick was transferred to the possession of Thomas Auld, Anthony's son-in-law. He was sent by Auld's wife to her sister in-law Sophia Auld in Fells Point, Baltimore, to be a companion to Hugh and Sophia's son. Frederick was recognized as a gifted child, and Sophia began to teach him to read, although doing so was illegal. Her husband stopped the lessons, saying that if a slave was taught to read he would no longer be satisfied to remain a slave, words that Frederick overheard and took to heart. He continued to read in secret. He bought "The Columbian Orator," memorizing the speeches and practicing oratory.

Frederick was returned to the Eastern Shore when his services were no longer needed in Baltimore. By then, Colonel Lloyd, owner of the Wye House plantation, owned Frederick. The young man organized a weekly Sunday school, teaching other slaves to read the New Testament. Within a short time, several slave owners discovered this forbidden activity and broke up the meetings. Frederick tried to escape his master several times and was severely punished. After one such attempt, the escape plot was discovered and Frederick was tied and led behind a team of horses to the county jail in Easton. Ultimately, his master returned him to Baltimore to learn the trade of ship caulking. In 1838, he managed his successful escape with help from friends. To avoid being discovered and returned to slavery, Frederick stopped using the last name Bailey and called himself Frederick Johnson. He later changed his last name again to Douglass, choosing to spell Douglass with a slight difference – a double "s".

Frederick and his wife Anna had five children: three sons and two daughters. He became a licensed preacher in the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, and he began to attend abolitionist meetings. Thus began the career of a great orator, editor, author, suffragist, reformer, statesman, and advisor to Presidents. In 1878, in sharp contrast to his beginning in Talbot County, Douglass returned to Easton and spoke at the Courthouse, Asbury U. M. Church, and Bethel A.M.E. Church as an accomplished and respected leader.

He died February 20, 1895, both nationally and internationally acclaimed as one of the most influential men of his century.

**You can read more about Frederick Douglass at
<https://frederickdouglasshonorsociety.com/history>**

Parade

EHS NJROTC color guard

FDHS banner carried by Carolyn and Ryann Hayman

Grand Marshall – Childlene Brooks

Honorary Marshall – Family of Brenda Wooden

Devon Beck- FDHS VP, Gabriella Thompson (MC),
Giuliana Thompson and Minister Javion Jones

BAAM boys & girls

Randy Welch & his bagpipes

TCPS Superintendent Dr Sharon M. Pepukayi

Chesapeake Multicultural Resource Center – Pack 3

TCFL Director Dana Newman and Michele Johnson, Maryland Commission 250

White Marsh Elementary School Band under the direction of Katie Frase

Easton Town Council Representative Keasha Haythe

Polaris Village Academy

Foundation of HOPE

Talbot 250 Commission - Sarah Kilmon

Hispanic Dance Group

Ben Bruner, WHCP radio and Jaelon Moaney

Waterfowl Festival Mascots: Willa the Waterfowl Fox, Webster the Waterfowl Goose,
and Winston the Waterfowl Dog

Samuel T. Hemsley Elks Lodge 974

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship at Easton

Easton Middle School Band under the direction of Sara Booth

East Coast Cruisers of Salisbury

Easton Utilities

Easton Fire Department

Oxford Fire Department, Henry Hale

Buffalo Soldiers Maryland and The Calvary Scouts

The Frederick Douglass Honor Society would like to thank our drivers:

Mike Newman-Mustang Convertible Jay Shore - Mustang

Peter Whitesell - 1999 Jaguar Convertible Dawn Caldwell - VW Convertible

Gelson Brooks - Sedan Thaddeus Hackett - Corvette

Gael de Schaetzen - 2018 Mustang Convertible William Camper - 1996 Mustang Convertible

Joe Whitesell - 1937 Morris Eight Convertible Paulette Addison - SUV

Speakers



Devon Beck is a leader, builder and connector who has held leadership roles in education, community development, and the music industry. After receiving his undergraduate degree from the University of Maryland Eastern Shore, Devon began working in the school system, mentoring and leading young students. Currently, he is the Facilitator of Recruitment, Retention & Equity for the Talbot County Board of Education and guides leaders and organizations to remove barriers to inclusion. As Co-Founder with Shelton Hawkins of Play in Color, an organization that uses basketball to build communities, Beck continues to leave a positive impact on the community.

Gabriella Thompson is a focused and ambitious 14-year-old entering her freshman year of high school. She has participated in the Frederick Douglass Ceremony, showcasing her appreciation for history and community engagement. Academically, Gabriella excels in advanced coursework, particularly in math, where she continues to challenge herself. She aspires to become a pediatric cardiologist, combining her interest in science with a desire to help others. Outside the classroom, Gabriella is a committed softball and field hockey player, and she hopes to play field hockey at the collegiate level. Known for her intelligence, discipline, and determination, Gabriella is already laying the groundwork for a bright future.



Javion Jones, a student at Easton High School, has been living his life through God since a very early age. At the age of only 15, he is officially a minister at the Union Baptist Church. Javion's long-term goal is to be elevated to the Office of Reverend and become a pastor. Javion is also an assistant at the Bennie Smith Funeral Home in Easton and plans to study mortuary science after his high school graduation in 2028.

Jaelon T. Moaney is the Deputy Director of the Starr Center for the Study of the American Experience at Washington College. He is an interdisciplinary visionary, ruralist, historic resource steward, civic change agent, and Eastern Shoreman. Governor Wes Moore appointed Jaelon in 2023 as the youngest to serve on the Maryland Commission on African American History & Culture, established in 1969 as the first-ever ethnic commission in America. Over the past decade, Jaelon has developed into a national leader in the U.S. preservation movement through his advocacy on Capitol Hill and in state capitols across the nation. He also serves as an elected member of the Board of Directors for the Talbot County Public Schools Education Foundation, the Maryland Sea Grant College External Advisory Board, and the Maryland Humanities Center for the Book One Maryland One Book Selection Committee.



Michele W. Johnson, Director of the MD Two Fifty Commission, oversees statewide planning and execution for the commemoration of the U.S. Semiquincentennial (the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States in 2026). The Commission is guided by an Executive Order with three themes, history, civics, and service, with priorities including the Indigenous, free and enslaved African Americans, youth, new Americans, and lifelong learners.

Speakers



Don Abbatiello, President of Council for the Town of Easton, has been serving communities on the Eastern Shore of Maryland since he graduated from college in 1998. He grew up in Shoreham, New York on Long Island. He attended Salisbury University where he studied History and Secondary Education. In the fall of 1998, he began teaching in Wicomico County Public Schools. He has been a teacher in Wicomico County for 23 years, serving at Bennett Middle School, James M. Bennett High School, and currently at Mardela Middle and High School. Don is a member of the Easton Volunteer Fire Department, where he has served in the administrative roles of Trustee, Vice-President, and President. He has also served as a Lieutenant on the line officer side of the department.

Keasha Haythe, CECD - A Talbot County Council member and the first African American woman elected to serve, Councilwoman Haythe has 23 years of experience in economic development. She is the founder of the Foundation of Hope, a nonprofit empowering young girls and women to contribute meaningfully to the workforce and strengthen Eastern Shore communities. Her work has earned her numerous accolades including the 2015 NAACP Harriet Tubman Medal of Honor. Councilwoman Haythe's guiding principle is clear "Our young people are our future and is the time to pour into their lives". Known for her excellent trailblazing accomplishments, she was recently appointed by Governor Wes Moore as a member of the Maryland Economic Development Corporation's Board of Directors.



Dana Newman is the Director of the Talbot County Free Library. She is a graduate of the Maryland Library Leadership Institute, a longtime member of the Maryland Library Association, a member of the Easton Rotary and is serving as President of the Maryland Association of Public Library Administrators, among other professional affiliations. Before coming to Talbot County, Dana was the Chief of Public Services and Branch Management for the Anne Arundel County Library system.

Sharon Pepukayi, Ed.D. was appointed as Talbot County Superintendent of Schools in July 2022. She previously served as an assistant superintendent for the Appoquinimink School District. As an educator for 30 years, Dr. Pepukayi has served in numerous roles including student advisor, mentor, reading coach, teacher, assistant principal, and principal prior to moving to district administration. Dr. Pepukayi is a collaborator and believes in unleashing the talents of others. She has worked tirelessly to develop leaders and promote equity and diversity. A graduate of St. Michaels High School, she pursued her post-secondary education in North Carolina, Ohio, and Delaware.



Giuliana Thompson is a 7th grade student at Easton Middle School. Her favorite subjects are Math and Science. This year, she is on the field hockey team and plays clarinet in the Easton Middle School Band. She has a passion for arts and entertainment and she hopes to one day pursue a career in the Arts, Video Technology, and Communications Career Cluster. Outside of school, she enjoys reading, traveling, playing softball and field hockey, visiting the beach, and spending time with family.

Other Participants



Randy Welch began studying bag-piping in 1998. He attended the North American Academy of Piping in North Carolina. He has performed for well over 1,500 events all around the Mid-Atlantic region, including annual events at the US World Cup Lacrosse Championships, weddings, funerals, parades and festivals, as well as events for police, fire, and military. Randy is an officer in a Pipes and Drums band, and Past President of the St. Andrew's Society of the Eastern Shore, which is a Scottish benevolent organization.

Evangelist Dana Bowser is from the Word of God Ministry in Chestertown, MD, under the spiritual leadership of Pastor Delbra Christy. She has taught Bible study to teenage girls at the Carter Juvenile Center, led mentoring groups for young girls and teenagers for her church and the Destined to Rise Coalition, Inc. She serves as a board member of BAAM, Minorities in Aquacultural, and the Talbot County Democratic Center Committee. Evangelist Bowser has volunteered with local food distributors and worked with organizations for justice reform. Her passions are singing, teaching, and preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ, which is the power that brings salvation to those that believe.



The Mid-Shore Community Band was formed in September 2009 by Music Director Matt Fullerton. They provide adults, who play or have played band instruments, the opportunity to contribute to the musical environment of the mid-shore and beyond.

The band not only provides an opportunity for contact between and among musicians, both amateur and professional, but also creates and maintains an interest in Concert Band music. Any adult or qualified high school junior or senior who possesses the necessary artistic skills and temperament is eligible for membership.

EHS NJROTC is a Navy youth education program whose purpose is to bring out the very best in every student grade 9 through 12. The program is conducted at accredited secondary schools across the United States and is led by retired Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard personnel. There are a limited number of schools fortunate enough to have such programs.



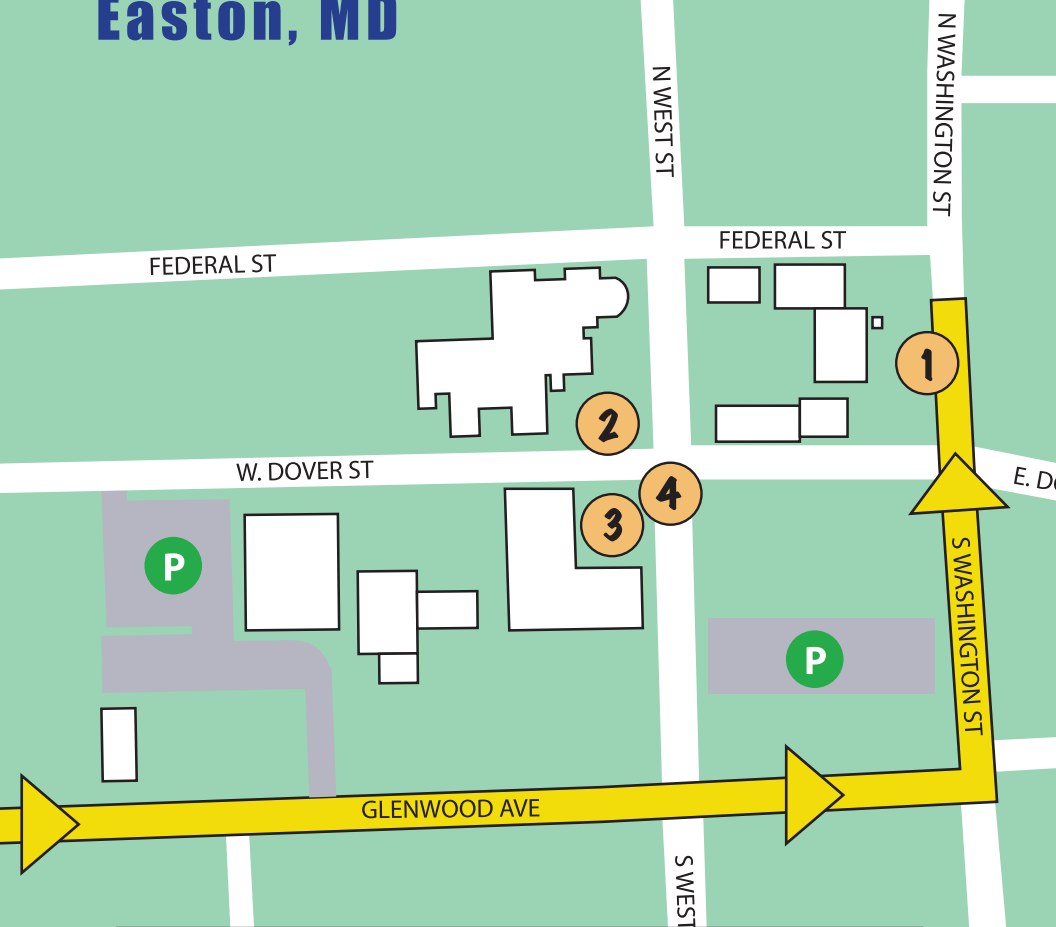
Building African American Minds, BAAM, is a non-profit, after-school program designed to strengthen opportunities for school-aged African American boys and girls in Talbot County to become productive, successful, and confident

citizens through positive academic, social, emotional, and spiritual experiences. This program partners with local community and faith-based organizations to assist parents in creating a home environment conducive to learning and to accomplishing goals. For more information: www.baaminc.org

The **Chesapeake Multicultural Resource Center** (ChesMRC) empowers people from different cultures to become successful and engaged members of our community. An independent non-profit community-based organization, ChesMRC has provided services to more than 8,000 clients in Talbot County and surrounding areas.



Easton, MD



PARADE ROUTE

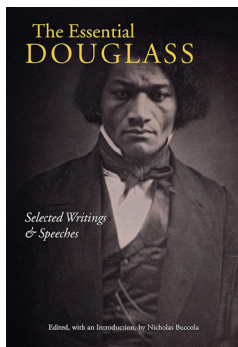
- 1 **FREDERICK DOUGLASS STATUE-TALBOT COUNTY COURTHOUSE**
- 2 **TALBOT COUNTY FREE LIBRARY / CHILDREN'S VILLAGE**
- 3 **FOOD & RETAIL VENDORS AND INFORMATION MARKETPLACE**
- 4 **ENTERTAINMENT STAGE**

Restrooms available at the Talbot County Free Library

Keynote Speaker



Nicholas Buccola is a writer, lecturer, and teacher who specializes in the area of American political thought. He is the author of *One Man's Freedom: Goldwater, King, and the Struggle over an American Ideal*, which will be published by Princeton University Press in October 2025. His previous books include *The Fire Is upon Us: James Baldwin, William F. Buckley Jr., and the Debate over Race in America* (Princeton University Press, 2019) and *The Political Thought of Frederick Douglass: In Pursuit of American Liberty* (New York University Press, 2012). He is the editor of *The Essential Douglass: Writings and Speeches* (Hackett, 2016) and *Abraham Lincoln and Liberal Democracy* (University Press of Kansas, 2016).



Nicholas is the Dr. Jules K. Whitehill Professor of Humanism and Ethics in the Department of Government at Claremont McKenna College. His essays have appeared in scholarly journals including *The Review of Politics* and *American Political Thought*, as well as popular outlets such as *The New York Times*, *Salon*, *The Baltimore Sun*, and *Dissent*.

At 1:00 PM Nicholas Buccola will give the Frederick Douglass Lecture in the Main Meeting Room at the at Talbot County Free Library. Afterward, he will sign copies of his book *The Essential Douglass: Writings and Speeches* in the lobby.

Entertainment Stage performers

Introduction of Master of Ceremonies Devon Beck by Taylor Beck

12-12:15	Bay Country Chorus
12:15-12:30	Stefany Sofia Fernandez
12:30-12:45	New St. Johns United Methodist Church Male Choir
12:45-1:00	St. Michaels Middle High School Choir
1:00-1:30	Line Dancing Music by Allan Butler
1:30-1:45	Ruby Fisher
1:45-2	Allegra Academy
2-2:15	Ayla Dennis
2:15-2:30	Asbury United Methodist Church Choir
2:30-3	Block Party Music by Allan Butler

The Bay Country Chorus is the Eastern Maryland Chapter of the Barber Shop Harmony Society and sing four-part harmony in Barbershop Style. The chorus has been entertaining throughout the Mid-Shore community since 1995, providing a deep reservoir of musical arrangements including old standards, current popular tunes, and doo wop. Lesley Aaron became their Vice President and Musical and Artistic Director in March 2002.



Entertainment Stage performers



Stefany Sofia Fernandez, a seventh grade Easton Middle School student, is a native of Venezuela and arrived in the United States in April 2021 with a twelve-month median survival diagnosis, but God had a different plan for her. Blessed with the voice of an angel, she enjoys singing, attends the Evangelica Emanuel Church, and is loved and embraced as a true blessing to everyone.

The music of the Men's Choir of New St. John's United Methodist Church

is a powerful testimony to God's enduring presence and the unbreakable bonds of Christian brotherhood. In January 1987, Reverend Frank W. Robinson brought a spirit of unity to the Bay Hundred area when the congregations of the John Wesley United Methodist Church in McDaniel, St. John's United Methodist Church in Wittman, and the James United Methodist Church in Sherwood, united to form what is now known as New St. John's United Methodist Church. The merger marked not just a logistical change but a deep spiritual union among the members. The Men's Choir, a cherished ministry, performs at local and statewide events, always lifting their voices and never wandering from their commitment to singing for the Lord.



The **St. Michaels Middle-High School Choir** is a dynamic and inclusive vocal ensemble that brings together talented student musicians from grades 6 through 12. Dedicated to musical excellence and community engagement, the choir performs a wide range of repertoire, including both secular and sacred music, spanning various styles and traditions.

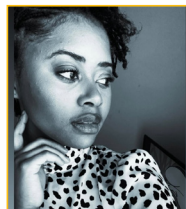
Directed by Mr. Richard White and assisted by the senior leadership, the St. Michaels Choir fosters not only vocal development and musical literacy but also teamwork, discipline, and a lifelong appreciation for the arts. The choir is proud to represent the spirit and talent of St. Michaels Middle-High School in every performance.

Ruby Fisher has four years of choir service and nine years of voice training. She has performed in a variety of musicals including Frozen and Shrek at St. Michaels Middle & High School and Willy Wonka and the Sound of Music at the Avalon Theatre. Ruby also sang with the Allegro Academy Choir for two years. In addition to her performance work, she is an intern with the Academy Art Museum's Teen Intern Program.



Allegra Women's Chorus, a prestigious ensemble of women's voices, provides a variety of performances that enrich and support our community, from local events to elevated concert experiences. The chorus features compositions from female composers and engages a variety of accompanying instruments from piano to chamber orchestra. Allegra is a program of Allegro Academy, Easton's non-profit music conservatory that provides exceptional musical performance and education experiences to all.

Ayla Dennis hails from Easton, Maryland and is currently approaching her sophomore year at Salisbury University, where she studies Vocal Performance and Theatre and works with Dr. John Wesley Wright. Just 19-years old, Ayla has worked with Motown legend Kerry Gordy and Tena Clark, one of today's greatest producers. She has been a contestant on American Idol, selected for The Voice, worked with legendary Patti Labelle, and has been the premier singer for UNICEF (a global organization providing aid to children).



Entertainment Stage performers



The Asbury Celebration Choir, originally known as the Asbury Chancel Choir, has been singing God's praises and giving glory back to God as a time to "celebrate" and be thankful for all that God has done for us. The Choir loves to sing and accompanies their pastor whenever needed. The choir often travels to sing throughout Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania, and Virginia, and

recently was honored to sing with Jazz Vocalist Dee Daniels during the Monty Alexander Jazz Festival in a tribute to the late great Mahalia Jackson. God has truly blessed us and we will continue to give him all the glory and honor because he is worthy of our Praise. The choir's musical director is Richard Caldwell, Jr.

Allen Butler is a Talbot County native who surrounds himself with sounds. His love for music paved the way to his entertainment career. Butler is an amazingly talented DJ for all occasions – from the "Oldies but Goodies" to the great music of today. He finds the perfect sounds for every occasion, from meetings to weddings and special events.

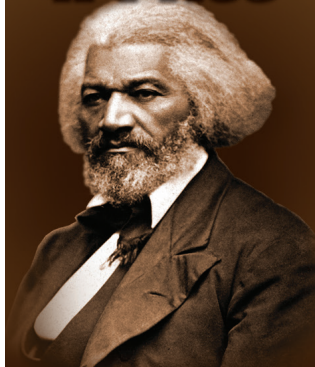


The Hill Community Walking Tour



The Hill Community Walking tour will begin at 3 p.m. in front of the Avalon Theatre in Easton and will be led by Yvonne Freeman. Easton's Hill Community has been home to free African Americans since the 1780s, more than 80 years before the Civil War ended in 1865. Free black people resided throughout early Easton, living side by side with white neighbors and with enslaved people. Stops on the tour include the Hambleton House, the James Freeman Home, the Bethel African American Episcopal Church, the Buffalo Soldier House, and the Asbury United Methodist Church.

Freedom Still Has A Price



In late 1846, abolitionist and Quaker Mary Richardson of England wrote to slave owner Hugh Auld in Baltimore asking if Frederick Bailey's freedom had a price. Auld replied that he would manumit Frederick for £150, or \$711.66.

Richardson and others on both sides of the Atlantic raised the funds, and on Dec. 5, 1846, Auld filed Douglass's deed of manumission—literally "releasing the hand of authority"—in Baltimore Co.

Join the \$711.66 Endowment

The Price of Frederick Douglass's Freedom

Pay in installments or one sum.

Send your "*deed of freedom*" made payable to:

Frederick Douglass Honor Society
c/o Mid-Shore Community Foundation
102 E. Dover Street, Easton, MD 21601

or use the "contribute" link at

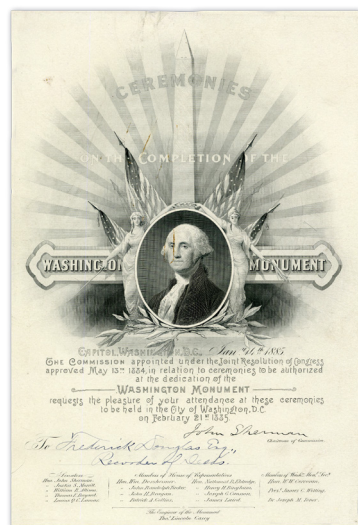
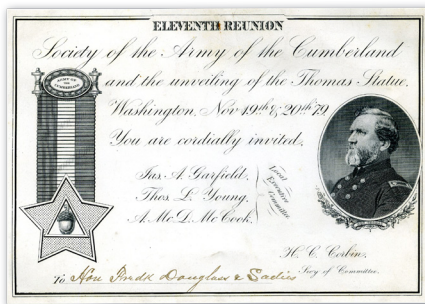
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Frederick Douglass Artifacts

In 1877, President Rutherford B. Hayes appointed Frederick Douglass the U.S. Marshal of the District of Columbia, Maryland, making him the first African American to hold the position.

Douglass later wrote of his experiences at the White House: "I was ever a welcome visitor at the Executive Mansion on state occasions and all others, while Rutherford B. Hayes was President of the United States. I have further to say that I have many times during his administration had the honor to introduce distinguished strangers to him, both of native and foreign birth, and never had reason to feel myself slighted by himself or his amiable wife".

In 1889, President Benjamin Harrison appointed him Minister to Haiti, a post he held until 1891. These two positions were among the highest an African American man had been appointed to in the 19th Century.



The dedication of the completed Washington Monument took place on February 21, 1885. The ceremony marked the end of construction on the memorial and the last official act of President Chester Alan Arthur.

The weather was clear and cold, and the sharp wind blowing down the Potomac chilled the huge crowds as they stood on the snow crusted ground. But it was a great day for the men who spent years completing the monument, as the monument to the Father of his Country stood noble, proud, majestic, and serene. It represented the ideals of America. It was at that time the tallest monument of masonry in world.

Following the exercises at the monument, the official procession headed by Lt. Gen. Philip Sheridan marched down Pennsylvania Avenue to the Capitol. In the chamber of the House, two addresses were delivered: one by Speaker Robert C. Winthrop; the second by the Hon. John W. Daniel of Virginia, Washington's native state. A special reception was given that evening at the White House for the courtesies extended by the Ancient and Honorable Artillery

Company to President Arthur, one of its honorary members.

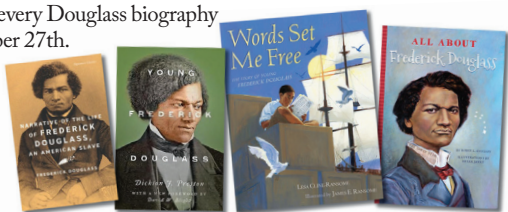
Frederick Douglass's invitation is on loan as a courtesy of the National Park Services, the Cedar Hill home of Frederick Douglass in Washington, D.C.

Frederick Douglass Reading Challenge

Frederick Douglass Day, September 27, will once again serve as the kick-off event for the Frederick Douglass Reading Challenge. Beginning on the day of the festival, and continuing till October 27th, young people from 6 to 18 years of age will have the chance to win one of six \$50 gift cards by reading a biography of Douglass (there are plenty of these—suited to all ages—available at both branches of the library).

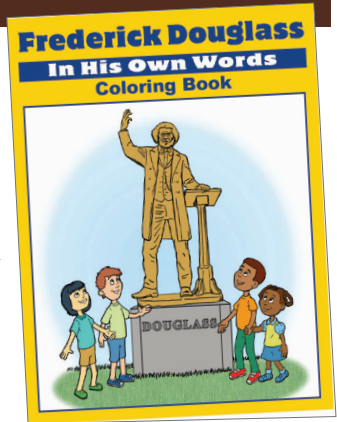
Once the young person has finished reading the book, he or she will fill out a raffle ticket with their contact information and a fact about Douglass they learned from the book, and then turn the ticket in to either branch of the library. They can fill out a raffle ticket for each and every Douglass biography they read. All raffle tickets must be turned in by October 27th.

A drawing will then be held for each of the six \$50 gift cards (limit one per child) that will be handed out by representatives of the Frederick Douglass Honor Society at a special reception in the Easton library on Wednesday, October 29, at 4 p.m.



Children's Village

The Children's Village, located on the front lawn of the Talbot County Free Library, features a variety of hands-on fun and visual experiences. Children and family members will be inspired to explore history, activate their creativity, and reap rewards (prizes) for learning about Frederick Douglass. The Village experience includes free games, coloring, face painting, stickers, and a photograph opportunity next to Frederick Douglass. Children always learn with ease when they are having fun!



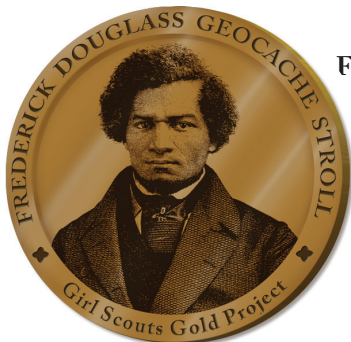
Frederick Douglass Children's Village Sticker Challenge



The Sticker Challenge is designed to raise community awareness about the Frederick Douglass Honor Society's Scholarship Program by engaging families in fundraising for the program. Children select and color a large sticker portraying the life and words of Frederick Douglass, then place their sticker on the "Sticker Wall," a panel of unfilled circles that are the same size as the stickers. For each circle they fill, a donor makes a gift to the Scholarship Program. Last year, children and their parents had great fun raising funds while learning about Frederick Douglass.

Storytime with Shauna: 11:30 and 12:30

St. Michaels Library Branch Manager Shauna Beulah will be reading *Frederick Douglass: The Lion Who Wrote History* at 11:30 and *African American Leaders of Courage: Frederick Douglass* at 12:30



Frederick Douglass Geocache Trail:

Pick up your passport with map and instructions and explore the new Frederick Douglass Geocaching Trail created by Autumn Redman and former members of Girl Scout Troop #1308. Learn about his life in Talbot County and collect a commemorative coin and photograph at the end of the trail.

Frederick Douglass Honor Society - Board



Left to Right Back Row:

Anna Howie, Kirk Howie,
Vice President - Devon Beck,
President - Edward Boots Robinson,
Public Relations - Elizabeth North

Left to Right Front Row:

Treasurer - Vickie Wilson,
Carolyn Hayman, Ryan Hayman,
Secretary - Jeannie Whitesell

Not Pictured:

Dana Newman, Anastasia Robinson,
Corey Pack, Jill Ferris, Jessica Taylor

Walter Black, Emeritus Board Member,
Doreen Getsinger, Emeritus Board Member

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Celeste-Marie Bernier,
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Oct. 1, 1948

to

May 12, 2020

Brenda Wooden

Mar. 1, 1965

to

Nov. 26, 2023



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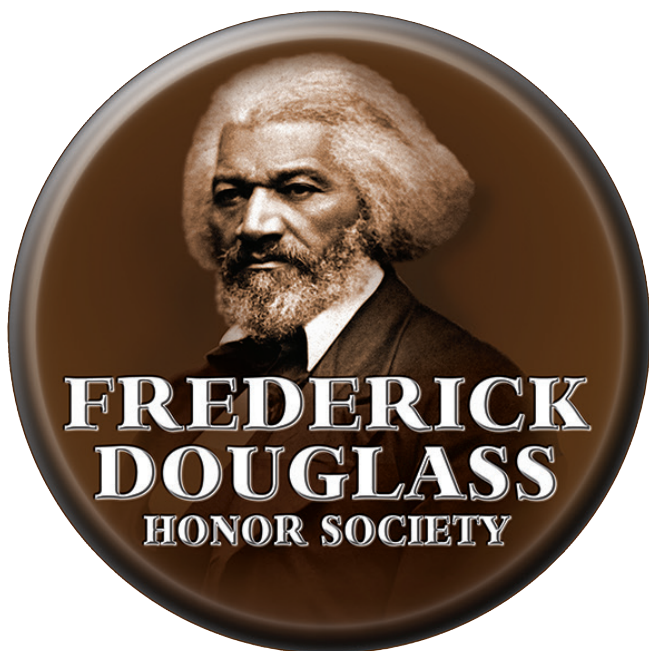
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Our goal is to honor Frederick Douglass here in his birthplace, Talbot County, Maryland, where his experiences in his youth – both positive and negative – helped form his character, intellect, and determination. It became Frederick Douglass's life goal to bring black people, and America, away from the ancient institution of slavery.

It is our hope that Frederick Douglass will be seen as a true leader by all Americans. His brilliant oratory and his influence both here and abroad helped black people and our country through one of the most difficult and painful struggles in our history. He is known, honored, and respected around the world; we believe he should be considered among the foremost of our American heroes. The statue of him in his birthplace was our beginning. We continue to educate our community and increase the awareness of Frederick Douglass throughout the year during special events, lectures, and collaboration with organizations, government, and educational institutions. Our annual scholarship program provides financial support to our local youth.

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