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Tenth Annual Juneteenth Seminar, "Footprints and Roots"

The Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society, Inc.-Prince George's County Maryland Chapter, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Suitland (Maryland), and the Prince George's County Historical Society will jointly sponsor the Tenth Annual Juneteenth Seminar, "Footprints and Roots," on Saturday, June 13, 2015, at the North Forestville Community Center, 2311 Ritchie Road, Forestville, MD 20747, from 8:30 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.. The seminar will consist of a series of workshops for beginner to advanced family researchers. There will be special activities for children (ages 7-12), designed to introduce them to the world of genealogy and family history.

The Prince George's County Department of Parks and Recreation is holding a family fun day in conjunction with this event, located at Walker Mill Park. Bring a picnic basket, blanket, and lawn chair and participate in an afternoon of live entertainment, guest speakers, games, arts and crafts, food, and fun All the activities at both of these community events are **FREE** and open to the public.

Juneteenth is celebrated in more than 200 cities in the United States to commemorate the final announcement in Galveston, Texas, of the emancipation of slaves some two years after the original proclamation. From that day until this, there have been celebrations throughout the United States to mark the date, June 19, 1865, when the last enslaved persons learned of their freedom. Juneteenth, as it came to be called, is a national holiday in 12 states and the District of Columbia.

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