

## Poindexter Village Drum Circle Will Emphasize Community

**Free Aug. 13 event will feature drummers, crafts, local artists and food trucks**

(COLUMBUS) – The Ohio History Connection, the James Preston Poindexter Foundation and community members will gather with African drums and lawn chairs for the annual Poindexter Village Drum Circle at the site of the Poindexter Village Museum and Cultural Center, 290 N. Champion Ave. in Columbus, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 13.

This free annual event will feature drum call-and-responses, storytellers, drum-making activities, artists, vendors, and food trucks.

“For hundreds of years, drum circles have been a source of cultural expression and unity, and our goal for this event is to bring the community together to cultivate this traditional experience,” said Shelbi Toone, project director for Poindexter Village. “It is so powerful when our community can come together through song, dance and stories.”

Elder drummers, community leaders, musicians, neighbors and past residents will participate in a Drum Call at noon at the Historic Poindexter Village Legacy Tree. Entertainment from noon to 4 p.m. will include African dance, community choirs and poetry. An artwork window dedication at 2 p.m. will feature the Columbus City Schools student winners of the Poindexter Village Windows of Stories art challenge.

Poindexter Village was named in honor of Rev. James Preston Poindexter, a Columbus community leader. President Franklin Roosevelt dedicated the village on Oct. 12, 1940, as one of the nation’s first public-housing projects.

The state of Ohio has approved adding Poindexter Village to the Ohio History Connection network of historic sites and museums. The Ohio History Connection has two remaining buildings and with help from the James Preston Poindexter Foundation, the site is being turned into a museum and cultural learning center.

For more details about Poindexter Village and the Drum Circle, go to <https://www.ohiohistory.org/drumcircle> and <https://poindextervillagemuseum.org>. For promotional images, including photos and videos from the 2021 event, [click HERE](#).





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**About the Ohio History Connection:**

The Ohio History Connection, formerly the Ohio Historical Society, is a statewide history organization with the mission to spark discovery of Ohio's stories. As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization chartered in 1885, the Ohio History Connection carries out history services for Ohio and its citizens focused on preserving and sharing the state's history. This includes housing the state historic preservation office, the official state archives and local history office and managing more than 50 sites and museums across Ohio. For more information, go to [ohiohistory.org](http://ohiohistory.org). The [Greater Columbus Arts Council](#) provides support for Ohio History Connection programs.

**About the James Preston Poindexter Foundation:**

The James Preston Poindexter Foundation was founded in 2014 to ensure the preservation of Poindexter Village. It is the culmination of over a decade of effort from the community including former residents, preservationists, historians, activists and other partners working together to create a museum and cultural center. The James Preston Poindexter Foundation does its work through its committees, advocates and volunteers.

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