



## Franklin Department of Parks & Recreation

Presents  
"The 2017 Black History Month Program"

City of Franklin,  
Va.

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### 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Franklin Community Leadership Breakfast

Key Note Speaker – Dr. Makola M. Abdullah  
– President, Virginia State University



On 1 February 2016, Dr. Abdullah was officially named the 14<sup>th</sup> President of Virginia State University, a Historically Black, Land-Grant University (one of two in the Commonwealth of Virginia) located in Chesterfield County, Virginia. He earned his undergraduate degree from Howard University in civil engineering. He attended Northwestern University for his master's and doctoral studies. At 24, he became the youngest African American in Northwestern's history to receive a Ph.D. in engineering.

Dr. Abdullah and his wife, Dr. Ahkinyala Cobb-Abdullah, are both natives of Chicago, Illinois. They are the proud parents of two college students, Mikaili and Sefiyetu, who both are attending a historically black university.

For additional information or to purchase tickets, contact the following:

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center – 562-2475  
Any member of the Franklin Tri-County Alumnae Chapter  
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated - 650-8441 or 620-4434  
Deadline to purchase a ticket, 27 January 2017 - Cost of ticket - \$10.00 Cost of ticket after deadline date if seats are available - \$15.00

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### DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. COMMUNITY CENTER

#### February

All Activities will start at 4PM

- 7 — Arts & Crafts Night
- 14 — Valentines Day Party & V-day Arts & Crafts
- 16—I have a dream project
- 21— Bingo & Prizes
- 23—The Watsons Go to Birmingham Movie (Drink, Snack & Popcorn)
- 28— Game Night & Prizes

### Trip to Chowan University Basketball Game

8 February 2017

The Helms Center on the Campus of Chowan University.

The Franklin Dept. of Parks and Recreation is sponsoring this trip to the game for youth ages 10-17.

The bus will leave the King Center at 5:00PM

Admission is Free!

The Chowan Hawks will be playing the Virginia State University Trojans

Tip-Off time— 5:30PM

Bring Money for Concessions



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Please get Permission Slips from Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center. Space is limited.

## The Fashion Elagantes Set to Return to Franklin for a Fashion Show



The Fashion Elegantes - M.L. King Center- Franklin, Feb.2013

The Fashion Elagantes of Newport News Department of Leisure Services are set to return to the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center for a fashion show. The Elegantes are known for their diverse style of Vintage clothing from the 1920's to modern day. The show is scheduled for 9 February 2017 at 10:30 A.M. Ms. Darlene Brown Senior Center Director, invites residents of the Franklin Community to the performance. Seniors that are desiring to eat lunch after the show will have to contact Ms. Brown at 757-569-0768.

## Hiz Handz Puppet Show



Hiz Handz Puppets invites you to join Max, Casie, and Josie along with a host of Jamming heavenly angels to discover the story on the other side of heaven. Free live puppet show.

Date: March 8, 2017

Time: 6:30PM

Location: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center  
683 Oak Street  
Franklin, VA 23851

Please contact Sammara Bailey for any further questions at 562-2475.

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RECREATION CO-SPONSORED PROGRAM  
2 FEBRUARY 2017- 1:30P.M.  
J.P. King Middle School

## Brightstar Touring Theatre Struggle for Freedom



Struggle for Freedom is a 45-minute production that seeks to honor the American Civil Rights Movement. The life and work of Dr. Martin L. King, Jr. provides the backdrop to scenes that recreate the Montgomery bus boycott, the March on Washington, the Woolworth Sit-ins and much more.