##### African Heritage Month - September Events 2013www.montgomerycountymd.gov/african----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------September 2013 Events Calendar – African Heritage Month ----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

**PROCLAMATION; Tuesday, September 3rd, 2013**
**Proclamation Ceremony** is the opening event with County, State, Federal Government Officials, and members of the Diplomatic Corps. The event is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. at the Silver Spring Civic Building; 1 Veterans Plaza, Silver Spring MD.

***Gala Celebration:*** The year 2013 marks the 50th anniversary celebration of the formation of the Organization of African Unity (OAU). It will also be a little more than a decade since the formation of the African Union, which seeks to promote "an integrated, prosperous and peaceful Africa, driven by its own citizens and representing a dynamic force in global arena". Consequently, the Heads of State declared the year 2013 the Year of Pan-Africanism and the African Renaissance. Montgomery County's African Affairs Advisory Group will honor leaders from various works of life for their contributions to the African Diaspora following the Annual Proclamation of African Heritage Month by County Executive Ike Leggett.

**Contact: Daniel Koroma, 240-777-2584,** **daniel.koroma@montgomerycountymd.gov**

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**PANAFEST; Saturday, September 21, 2013**

**See the attached flyer; VENDORS FOR PANAFEST – Space is limited - First come, first serve!**

 This is an outdoor event to attract the vibrant and active community in the Downtown Silver Spring-Ellsworth Street restaurant corridor. The festival will include live cultural performances by country representative groups, live performances by African artists, arts & craft exhibits, and a taste of exotic African cuisine.

**Vendor Registration Form:** <http://fs20.formsite.com/Panafest/VenderForm/index.html>

**Contact: Email:** **panafest@accdf.org**

**Visit:** [**www.panafestusa.net**](http://www.panafestusa.net) **for more information**

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| African Heritage MonthSeptember 2013 |
| **Sunday** | **Monday** | **Tuesday** | **Wednesday** | **Thursday** | **Friday** | **Saturday** |
| 1. [Miss Guinee North America Scholarship Pageant](http://missguineenorthamerica.com/enter/?page_id=82)
* The Fillmore Silver Spring

Call 240- 425-3948 | 2. | 3. [African Heritage Month Proclamation & Gala](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/african)* Silver Spring Civic Building (5pm – 1am) – Call Daniel Koroma on 240-777-2584
 | 4. | spacer5. | 6. | 7. |
| spacer8. | 9. | 10.[Montgomery County Council Proclaims African Heritage Month](http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/csltmpl.asp?url=/content/council/index.asp) | 11. | 12. | 13. | 14.[African Women's Cancer Awareness Association (AWCAA](http://www.awcaa.org/))WALK-A-THONCALL: 301.565.0420 |
| 15. [Ethiopian Cultural Festival](http://www.ethiopianfestival.org/)* Silver Spring Veterans Plaza

Call 202-390-5182 | spacer16. | spacer17. | 18.[Diaspora Town Hall with President of Sierra Leone](http://embassyofsierraleone.net/)Sierra Leone Embassy in collaboration with the AAAG hosts: His Excellency Dr. Ernest Bai Koroma  | spacer19. | spacer20. | spacer21. [PANAFEST](http://www.panafestusa.org)Silver Spring Civic Center (1pm – 10pm) call Bonie & Ada (410) 428-6402 |
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