

**2022
JUNE
FOV NEWSLETTER**



As summer begins, we hope you will take the time to read on about FOV events and opportunities, as well as the loss of a pillar of the community.

FOV Operations Consultant Position Available

FOV is looking to fill our Operations Consultant position, as Sandy Mueller is returning to education. Work is done remotely and averages 60 hours/month with flexible hours, primarily providing support to FOV by managing communication, organizing meetings and activities, and contributing to special projects. The full position description is [here](#). If interested, submit a cover letter, bio and three references to friendsofoberlin@gmail.com by June 20. Please share widely!

Join Us for the Oberlin Village Heritage 5K Walk/Run & Pop-Up Museum!

Saturday June 18 promises to be an exciting day as we launch the inaugural Oberlin Village Heritage 5K Walk/Run and Pop-Up Museum! Whether you come to participate in the 5K, cheer on the participants, meander the Oberlin Village **Pop-up Museum** or just enjoy the day in the park, please come visit us at the FOV tent on Harvey Hill in Dix Park 8-11 am. Learn more about the history of Oberlin Village by viewing the documentary "Rooted in Freedom" produced by Preservation NC, talking with FOV volunteers with special connections to Oberlin, or examining the timeline and displays. Oberlin Village notecards, t-shirts, and books will be available for purchase.

Visit our fellow Oberlin Village partners who are also participating in the Pop-Up Museum:

- Preservation North Carolina with past, present and future plans
- The Blood Connection with an opportunity to give to the community
- The City of Raleigh with plans for Latta University Historic Park
- Oberlin Village Regional Library to share their Summer @ the library program.

Registrations for the 5K will be accepted on race day, though registering before is helpful for planning. Registration is currently \$40, increasing June 15 to \$45. You don't have to run! Walkers are welcome!

There is a **Kids Dash** at 9 a.m. for children 8 and under, \$5 registration, and participants will receive a medal.

Out of towners can participate through our Virtual Option, and will receive a shirt and a medal. Virtual participants can register on the 5K Registration page, and select the **Virtual 5K Race**.

[Race Registration](#)

We still need volunteers on the course in Dix Park, particularly course monitors (must be 18+) and race day check in. Please register to volunteer by clicking the button below.

[Volunteer Registration](#)

Event proceeds will support the Friends of Oberlin Village in raising public awareness and preserving Oberlin's rich history, contributions, and achievements.

Follow us on Facebook: [Oberlin Village Heritage 5K Run/Walk](#)

Follow us on Instagram: [OberlinVillage5K](#)

Oberlin Village Stories:



Volunteer Spotlight

Another majestic oak has been lost in the Oberlin community; Swade D. Sanders, Sr. transitioned on May 3, 2022, two days after his 91st birthday.

Although Swade resided in Method, a vanishing Black settlement near the fairgrounds, his passion for Oberlin was never ending. Swade had been a member of the FOV predecessor, Oberlin Neighborhood Association, and although it disbanded in the '80's he continued without fanfare or recognition to maintain the Oberlin cemetery using his weed eater and own funds.

Those of you who have attended our *Celebrate Oberlin* community gathering have undoubtedly enjoyed Swade's homemade pound cake. The ten scrumptious cakes that he donated annually were made with love and with the skills learned during his 14-year career as the head baker at S & W Cafeteria in Raleigh. Folks in attendance were known to eat his cake before indulging in the main meal, which included his BBQ chicken.

Serving 26 years with Greyhound, Swade helped to break racial barriers. In 1964 he was the first Black driver in Central North Carolina and one of two in the entire state. For those who know Oberlin's history, religion has always been a bedrock for the community and Swade served his church faithfully. Swade joined Oberlin Baptist Church in 1952 and later served as the Chair of the Deacon Board.

Swade was a stellar example of how small acts of kindness can bond a community and initiate conversations towards reconciliation. We will dearly miss him but will continue to honor his legacy through FOV's Core Values.

Delay in Presentation of Raleigh Reparative Justice Resolution

The Raleigh Reparative Justice Resolution, which is supported by Friends of Oberlin Village, is now tentatively scheduled to be presented to the Raleigh City Council by the Human Relations Commission on June 21. So we have more time to send in letters of support and gather signatures on the petition supporting the resolution! Please share widely!

Sign the petition by clicking on the link below.

[Raleigh Reparative Justice Resolution Petition](#)

Letters of support:

- Include 1) your support of the resolution, 2) the importance of the adoption of this Resolution for the city of Raleigh to acknowledge its racist past and as a necessary step in the racial healing of our community, 3) reference to any wording in the Resolution as you feel led.
- Address your letter to the City of Raleigh
- Send your letter to DeborahBromiley12@gmail.com, or via USPS to Deborah Bromiley, 621 Thistlegate Trail, Raleigh, NC 27610 for presentation to the Council.

An email will be sent when the date of the presentation to the City Council is confirmed, so that those wishing to attend to show their support may do so.

Stagville Descendant Juneteenth Gathering

Descendants of those enslaved at Stagville are invited to join a private ceremony, "Say My Name" on June 18th, 5-7pm, Horton Grove at Historic Stagville. RSVP by email to info@stagville.org.

Honoring the legacy and love on the land
You are invited to stand where your ancestors stood
Hear the beat of their hearts through the drums
Feel the spirit of their strength
See the fruit of their love (you).



FOV T-Shirts In Stock!

Does your FOV t-shirt need an update? Great for clean ups, volunteering, or just helping spread the word about Oberlin Village. They are available on the [website](#) or at the FOV Tent at the 5K on June 18.

Tax Credits Available for Registered Historic Properties

It may be worth the time to research the history of your home and its former residents if located in the Historic Overlay District. If the history is significant, the house may qualify for listing on the local or national register of historic places. Homes listed there qualify for state and federal home repair tax credits. Read the [Preservation NC Spring magazine article](#) for more details.

FOV Newsletter Submissions Welcomed

Some of the most interesting articles included in this newsletter have come from members of the FOV community. If you have photos and/or stories from the past or the present that you would like to share, please send them to friendsofoberlin@gmail.com for possible inclusion in a future newsletter.

Upcoming Events:

6/18 OV Heritage 5K Run/Walk 8-11am

6/27 Virtual FOV Meeting 6pm

7/16 Oberlin Cemetery Clean Up 9am-Noon

7/16 Oberlin Village Walking Tour 10am

If interested in attending any of our Upcoming Events, email friendsofoberlin@gmail.com for more details.

Did you know that donors can set up Weekly, Monthly, Quarterly or

Yearly recurring donations through the Friends of Oberlin website?

Click on the button below to set up a recurring donation, or a one time donation, to support the preservation and education activities that Friends of Oberlin Village provides to the community.

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