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Historic Aberdeen Gardens hosts Annual Fish Fry
--Fundraiser to benefit Aberdeen Gardens Historic Museum--

(Hampton, VA) The Historical Foundation of Aberdeen Gardens will host its Annual Fish Fry on Saturday, August 17 at 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. The eat-in or take-to-go event takes place at 55-57 N. Mary Peake Boulevard, location of the Aberdeen Gardens Historic Museum and its administrative office.

Dinners including two sides, bread and a beverage cost \$10; Sandwiches are \$5. Baked goods featuring a variety of dessert options will also be available for purchase. Featured are \$1 Raffle Tickets and Silent Cake Auction, along with jazz entertainment. Cash is the only accepted means of payment for all purchases. Many volunteer opportunities exist to support the year-round efforts of the Historical Foundation of Aberdeen Gardens, whose primary mission is to preserve, restore, protect and promote the history and culture of the Aberdeen Gardens Historic District. For event and volunteer information, please call 757-722-2345.

Historic Aberdeen Gardens is a New Deal Settlement community, a model housing plan offered by Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1934 following the Great Depression.

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Aberdeen Community was “Built by Blacks, for Blacks.” Many of the early residents were Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock defense workers. The 440-acre land tract included 158 homes that had indoor plumbing, furnace, great room that served as living and dining rooms, kitchen, closets, bathroom and second level bedrooms, front and/or back or interior porch, attached garage, and spacious yards that held gardens, fruit trees, and chicken coops. While first named with letters of the alphabet, on December 9, 1937, the local sponsoring committee renamed the streets for well-respected African Americans of the era.

Event sponsors include Pomoco Auto Group, Just Real Accounting Solutions, LLC, Smith Brothers Enterprises, Inc., Wawa, Hampton Convention & Visitor Bureau, Old Point National Bank, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ayers, Hampton City Councilman Billy Hobbs, Hobbs & Harrison, Attorneys and Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Richards.

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