

Justice is the Pointe

Black History is American History

400 years of African-American history began with the first documented arrival of Africans to the English colonies in August 1619. Approximately 20 individuals disembarked from a ship at Point Comfort, Virginia. Slavery was not institutionalized at that point and the individuals were sold as involuntary labor or indentured servants and told they would work under contract for a certain period before being granted freedom and the rights of other citizens. This moment marked a painful time in American history, when Africans were taken against their will, brought to this country, and forced into the life of slavery.

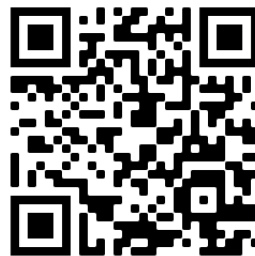
The month of February has been a period for the African-American community, since the 1970's, to devote 28 days – 29 during Leap Year – to acknowledge and celebrate all things Black. Black History Month is celebrated across the United States, Canada, United Kingdom, Germany and Netherlands, and by school systems that recognize the month by incorporating Black History into programming, as well as television networks and many organizations.

This month the National Association of the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) celebrates 111 years, and the Grosse Pointes & Harper Woods Branch celebrates 6 years, of service to ensure a society in which all individuals have equal rights without discrimination based on race, sexual and gender identity and religion.

Black History is and always has been American History – so let's celebrate it year-round.

The Grosse Pointes & Harper Woods NAACP Branch is featuring 28 days of little-known Black History Facts throughout this month. Visit our Facebook page at [facebook.com/GPHWNAACP](https://www.facebook.com/GPHWNAACP) and website at gphwnaACP.com to learn more, become a member or make a donation. Together, we can make tomorrow's history today.

Join us! We welcome your thoughts, questions, requests for signs, solidarity and financial donations at: we-gp.org/Justice-is-the-Pointe



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