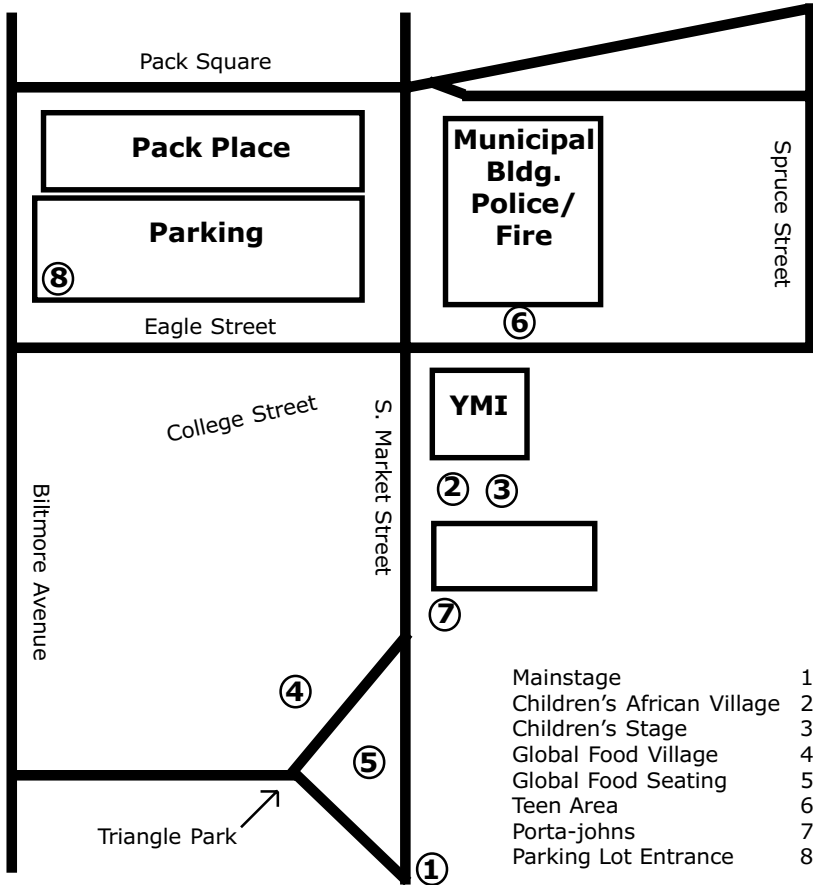


Goombay! 2004



The Story of Goombay in Asheville

The Goombay Festival was discovered by Gloria Howard Free while she, Florence Green, and Jacqueline King attended AKA' National boule in Florida. For eight years Mrs. Free dreamed of having a Goombay Festival in Asheville. Finally, she presented the idea to a newly organized group of women of color: the Friends of the YMI Cultural Center, established to support the YMICC.

In August 1982, the Friends decided to sponsor the first Goombay Festival to raise funds and motivate minority citizens to support the YMICC. Some of those involved were Mrs. King, Mrs. Willie L. Vincent, Mrs. Free, Mrs. Julia Ray, Mrs. Jeanne Bowman, Mrs. Barbara Jones, Mrs. Georgia Allen Taft, and Ms. Sophia Dixon. With support from several men, including the Block people, the area was cleaned up and transformed into a Festival ground, with music from a Jam Box, dancing in the street, and food donated by community groups and cooked by Mrs. Louise McMorris and others.

August 27-29, 2004

Schedule of Events*

On the Block – Eagle & S. Market Streets

Friday, August 27

on the Mainstage

- 11:30 am Greetings & Libation
Noon Rashah & the Drum Circle
1:30-3:30 Recorded Music
5:00 pm Greetings
5:30 pm Jazztizonic
8:00 pm Dub Axxess

Saturday, August 28

- Noon Parade: Zohar Stilt Dancers, Shayla Shade Dancers, Reid Center Dancers, Hill Street Steppers, Reid Center Drummers, Hillcrest Majorette Drum Corps
1:30 pm Parade participants on the Mainstage

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- 2:30 pm YMI Community Jazz Band
3:30 pm Zion Project
5:00 pm Westsound
6:30 pm Stanley Baird
8:00 pm Barkay's

Children's Stage

- Noon Face-painting
2:15 Houdini's stories
3:00 Shayla Shade
Laura (storyteller)
3:30 Houdini's stories
4:00 B-Wise - Rap
4:30 Houdini's stories
5:00 Sister Parker
(storyteller)
5:30 Joe Adams

Sunday, August 29, 2004

on the Mainstage

- 11:00 am Worship service:
Elder Tilmon Jackson
12:30 pm River of Life Praise Team
1:30 pm Camp Meeting:
Area Choirs /Gospel Groups
4:00 pm Sweet Dreams
5:30 pm Drummers & Dancers Grand Finale

Children's Stage

- 11:00 Arts & Crafts and
Face-painting
Houdini's stories
Storytellers
B-Wise

The Friends of the YMI

Georgia Allen
Jeanne Bowman
Wanda Coleman
Sophia Dixon
Gloria Howard Free
Margaret Fuller
Josie Gilliland

Julia Hall
Barbara Hunter
Barbara Jones
Geraldine Kennedy
Jacqueline King
Julia Ray
Jacqueline Scott

Oralene Simmons
Glenna Smith
C. Tucker
Rosa Walker
Inez Whiteside
Diana Wilson
Ruby Young