

CELEBRATION EVENTS

NEW SEASONS
MARKET

NEIGHBORS
MAKE a
NEIGHBORHOOD
GREAT

Bringing fresh food and friendly service
to the Boise-Eliot neighborhood in late
Summer 2013.

NEWSEASONSMARKET.COM



continued from page 21

Congress in 1999. It was later selected for preservation in the National Film Registry. Suggested Donation: \$6 Adults - \$5 Students w/ID - \$3 Kids 12 and under. No one turned away for lack of funds.

Editorial

continued from page 2

the wealth gap, lower Black unemployment and make sure Black families have roofs over their heads, food on their tables, and college on their resumes?

Last summer, census figures revealed that, in 2010, the average (median) White household was worth \$110,729. But an average Black household's net worth is just \$4,995. What's more the wealth gap widened considerably during the recession.

Then there's unemployment. The December jobs report shows the overall unemployment rate at 7.8 percent. Yet for Blacks it's 14 percent. And for young Black males you need to double that figure – at least. Don't we all know that when there is no work to be had, crime takes its place.

On Jan. 21, 2013, President Obama will be inaugurated for the second time. That's an achievement that could not have occurred without the enthusiastic support of African Americans. He received more than 90 percent of the Black vote in both elections. Yet, he has done nothing specific to improve the wellbeing of America's Black communities.

Our communities are in crisis, with no sign of a bailout. After WWII, the Marshall plan rebuilt many of Europe's destroyed communities. Today, we need some kind of Marshall Plan for America's Black communities.

History has shown us that when large bureaucracies control federal funds—they often don't reach the people who

are in most need. So we're asking for funds to go to Black-led grassroots organizations with a track record of success in their communities.

President Obama, we call on you to **Create a Marshall Plan for Black America**. We need an infusion of funding into Black institutions, education and employers. We need financial resources to create economic development that will get our communities back on their feet.

Mr. President, at your rallies, the crowds shower you with love. And we hear you telling your supporters "I love you back."

But haven't Black Americans shown you a lot of love? So when are you going to love US back?

We hope our readers will agree that America's Black Communities need and deserve an economic development plan backed up with the financial resources necessary to put our communities on an equal footing with the rest of America.

On Jan. 21 – Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday and President Obama's inauguration –we're launching a petition at the White House website, "We The People," that will ask President Obama to create a Marshall Plan for the Black Community. From there we will have 30 days to gather 100,000 signatures. The Skanner News will post a link to the petition on our website for 30 days –from Jan. 17 to Feb. 15, 2013. Will we succeed? That's up to you. Sign the petition. Ask your friends and families and organizations to sign the petition. Hold a Marshall Plan house party or signature collection event. If enough people sign, we can get the president's attention and maybe even "**Create a Marshall Plan for Black America**."

<https://petitions.whitehouse.gov/>

7th Annual Drum Major Ecumenical Service

“Living the Dream”

Sunday January 20, 2013 | 3pm – 5pm

Presented by

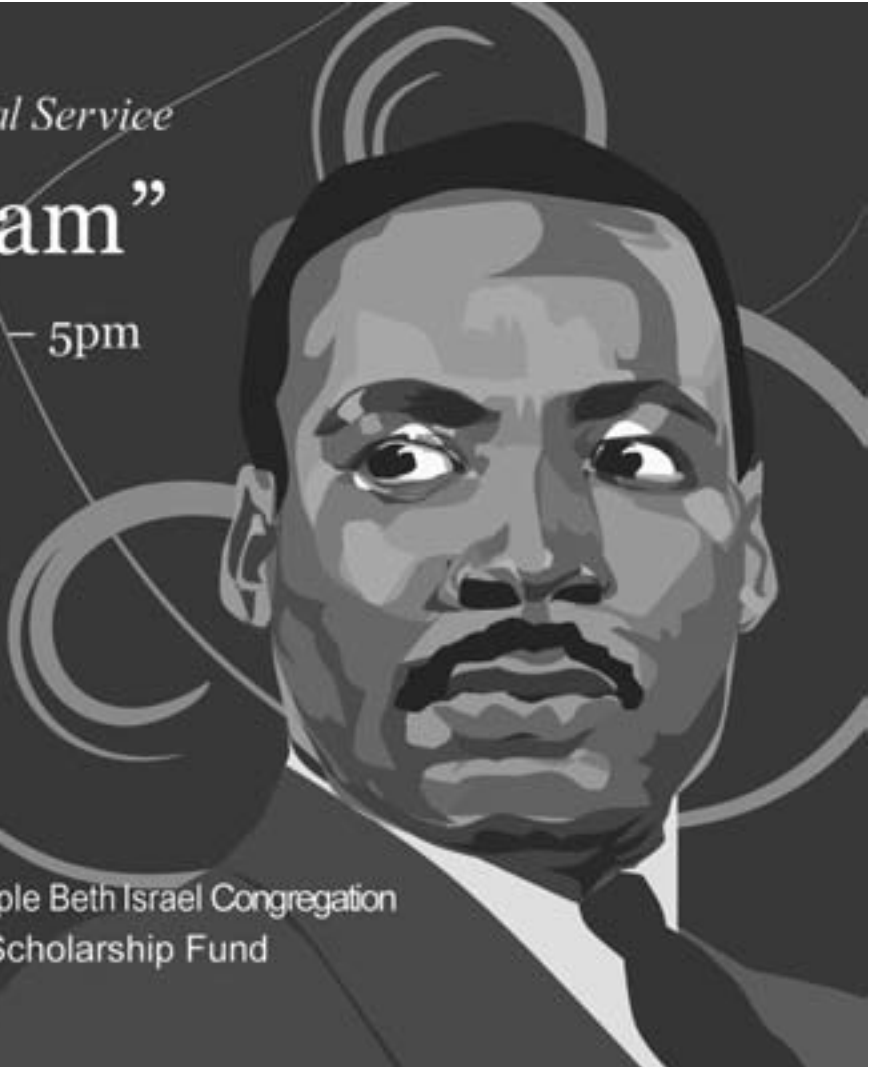
Vancouver Avenue First Baptist Church
Pastor J.W. Matt Hennessee, Senior Servant
3138 N. Vancouver Avenue Portland OR 97227
Phone number: 503.282.9496

Featuring

2013 Drum Major Awards
Faith and Community Representatives
Inspiring Local Musical Talent

Keynote Speaker:

Rabbi-Emeritus Emanuel “Manny” Rose, Temple Beth Israel Congregation
Fund-raising service for the Drum Major Scholarship Fund
Reception To Follow



Text iTunes to
503-400-7178
for your
chance to win
a \$100 iTunes
gift card.
Other prizes...
January 21
8:30-10:30
only