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Puritan Gears Up For Its 2nd Annual “7-2 Day” Of Community Social Events



Osbie Jackson poses for the camera as he dumps debris into a dumpster during the first inaugural “7-2 Day” neighborhood cleanup on Puritan and Wisconsin.

Photo by Kenneth Moorer, 2022.

The 2nd annual “7-2 Day” hosted by the Umoja Debate Team is approaching with an extensive lineup of events!

The first annual 7-2 Day took place on July 2, 2022 and was a HUGE success. “7-2 Day” is a series of events on Puritan Avenue that allows community members to showcase positive pride in their neighborhood. The events included neighborhood cleanups, free little library installations, black owned business highlights, face painting for children, live music, food trucks, an empowerment panel and more, all on Puritan. People of all ages and backgrounds showed up and had a good time right in the middle of Puritan. It was beautiful.

The event included collaboration with over 70 volunteers, 7 churches, 5 businesses, the Fire Department, and many more. According to Motor-City Blight Busters, over 5,000 pounds of trash and debris was picked up.

A plethora of black-owned businesses had the opportunity to showcase what they have to offer the community, along with an empowerment discussion panel filled with prominent speakers to conclude a Saturday filled with love.

“Puritan often has negative stigmas attached to it and this event was put together to combat that. 7-2 Day is all about giving back, engaging, and bringing a sense of camaraderie back into our communities that we call home” said Jerjuan Howard, Founder and Executive Director of the Umoja Debate Team.

This year's 7-2 Day will be a 2-day event. Starting on July 1st, volunteers will have the chance to participate in neighborhood beautification through a mural painting Umoja Village, followed by a 5k Community Run/Walk.

Unlocking even more opportunities to engage, on Sunday July 2nd, there will be a neighborhood clean ups, business highlights along Puritan, and 2 cook-outs for social engagement and local vendors to close the day. One will be held at Umoja Village and the other at Pilgrim Park.

To become a volunteer, or enter the 5K Community Run/Walk, you can register at www.umojadebateteam.org/7-2day

About Umoja Debate Team: *Umoja Debate Team is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. We are a youth debate team based in Detroit, MI. By using debate as our vehicle, we provide students with the opportunity for self expression, critical thinking skills, and conflict resolution skills.*

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