

City of Reidsville Press Release – Release Date May 13, 2019



CommUNITY Event Set at Market Square

On Saturday, May 18, 2019, Market Square in downtown Reidsville will be open to the public for a “Team Reidsville CommUNITY Celebration” from 3-8 p.m.

This first-time event is a project of the City of Reidsville’s Human Relations Commission (HRC), aided by the Community Pride Committee.

Members of the Commission felt this would be a good avenue to fulfill their mission to carry out activities that help educate and bring awareness of the need to promote fairness and respect in dealings between people of all racial, religious, ethnic and economic backgrounds. A study authorized by the HRC in 2001 advocated an annual Reidsville Cultural Day and showed that Reidsville at the time included 17 different ethnicities, according to HRC Vice Chair Dick Frohock. The Commission hosted a Multicultural Day for the community for several years and had discussed since early 2018 the need to resurrect a similar yet different event.

“We wanted to bring people together in a unifying event,” explained committee chair Llewellyn Alexander Williams of the HRC. He said they didn’t want to focus on one segment of the population, but to create a celebration to help everyone learn more about the different ethnicities or cultures in the City of Reidsville and Rockingham County.

Local groups and businesses have provided sponsorships to help offset the costs of the celebration, which will include music by the *Michael Bennett Project*. The band plays R&B, Old School, Funk & Soul. Food, games, art vendors and more are planned, along with displays by service organizations.

At the end of the celebration, a free showing of the movie, *Black Panther*, is scheduled on the lawn of Market Square so everyone is encouraged to bring a blanket or lawn chair to enjoy the show.



**TEAM REIDSVILLE
commUNITY
celebration!**

**Saturday, May 18
3-8 p.m. • Market Square**
Followed by a FREE movie!

Music • Dance • Food • Games
Featured band: Michael Bennett Project

**Come celebrate the many cultures
who make Reidsville great!**