

**Charles Houston Recreation Center
Hall of Fame
Nomination Form**

**Presented by the
Charles Houston Ad Hoc Naming Committee**

**Deadline for Submission:
January 6, 2012**



The Charles Houston Recreation Center Room Naming Project

A group of Alexandrians, most of who are former students of the Parker-Gray School and other Alexandria schools attended by African American students before integration, formed an ad hoc room naming committee last spring. Their goal was to explore naming rooms and areas in the Charles Houston Recreation Center in honor of notable African American citizens whom they considered have had an important influence on Alexandria's past and present. The Center is located on the site of the old Parker-Gray School, and the committee felt that the site is a historic one that is appropriate as a location to recognize outstanding individuals who contributed to the betterment of the African American community.

The Committee's first phase of work led to the naming of the Charles Houston Recreation Center gymnasium after Coach Louis Johnson and Mr. Morris Siebert, two individuals who made outstanding contributions to the youth of Alexandria. In addition, the Center's swimming pool was named the Memorial Pool in honor of African American youth who drowned in the Potomac River recognizing that before integration, African American youths were not permitted to swim in the Alexandria Municipal Pool.

HALL OF FAME

This current phase of the project seeks to establish a Hall of Fame that honors "history makers" in Alexandria's African American community. At this time, the Ad Hoc Committee's Hall of Fame subcommittee has selected a list of names and invites the public to submit nominations of people who fit the Hall of Fame criteria. Twenty-five names will appear in the Hall of Fame.

The intent of the Hall of Fame is to 1) honor and memorialize the achievements of these History Makers; 2) document the contributions of Alexandria's African American community to the city's history, past and present; and 3) foster appreciation for the diversity of the African American experience in the City of Alexandria.

A community meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Thursday, January 19, 2012, at the Charles Houston Recreation Center to present the list of potential honorees to the public.

HALL OF FAME NOMINATION CRITERIA

Eligible nominees are individuals, living or deceased, who have done any or all of the following:

- Made significant, inspirational strides in their own lives
- Contributed to an improvement in the quality of life in the city's African American community
- Have had a significant impact on the lives of African Americans in the City of Alexandria
- Were, or are, associated with a particular movement, organization or group integral to Alexandria's African American community

NOMINATION AND DOCUMENTATION

1. **Nomination Form:** Complete both sections of the attached Nomination Form. (Required.)
2. **Supporting Documents:** Up to three additional pages (please use font of 12 point type or greater) of supporting documentation and endorsements, including newspaper articles, testimonials, etc. (Optional.)
3. **Photo:** A 5 X 7 headshot of the individual. (Optional.)

SUBMISSION

Submit the completed nomination form, supporting documents and photo to Alexandria Black History Museum, c/o Mr. Louis Hicks, Director, 902 Wythe Street, Alexandria, VA 22314. The nomination information may also be dropped off at the Museum, or scanned and emailed to Louis.hicks@alexandriava.gov (PDF files are preferred).

The City of Alexandria is committed to compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. To request a reasonable accommodation, request materials in an alternative format, or obtain assistance in submitting the nomination form, contact Louis Hicks, Director of the Alexandria Black History Museum at 703.746.4707 or louis.hicks@alexandriava.gov.

Nominations must be received or postmarked by January 6, 2012.

**CHARLES HOUSTON RECREATION CENTER AD HOC NAMING COMMITTEE
HALL OF FAME NOMINATION FORM**

SECTION I. NOMINATOR/NOMINEE INFORMATION

Date: _____

Nominator Information:

Name of Nominator : _____

Nominator Street Address: _____

Nominator City: _____ Nominator State: _____ Nominator Zip Code: _____

Nominator Phone Number _____ Nominator E-mail Address _____

Nominee Information

Name of individual being nominated: _____

Is the nominee living or deceased? y n (If the nominee is deceased, skip to Section II, Accomplishments)

Nominee Street Address: _____

Nominee City: _____ Nominee State: _____ Nominee Zip Code: _____

3. What were the nominee's major accomplishments?

4. Describe the impact the nominee has had on the quality of life in Alexandria's African American community (please be specific).

IS YOUR NOMINATION COMPLETE? Make sure the following documents are submitted:

____ Completed Nomination Form (Required)

____ Supporting Data (Optional)

____ Photo (Optional)

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