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Remember this House

(SPECIAL REPORT) -

The French villa where American author and political activist James Baldwin lived for the last 17 years of his life is at risk of being destroyed. A group of local and international artists formed called Les Amis de la Maison Baldwin and attempted to rescue the home. Earlier this year it appeared they failed but the local town council recently halted the project because of violations of local construction codes. Now a renewed effort by Les Amis is raising funds to restore the home and surrounding garden as an artist in residence for promising new African American writers (<https://www.facebook.com/pg/lamaisonbaldwin/>).

St Paul de Vence is a medieval village located in the south of France. Today it is filled with boutiques, restaurants and branches of many of the great art houses of France. It draws hundreds of thousands of tourists each year. The richest developer in Paris, Henri Chambon, bought the Baldwin home and surrounding gardens 10 years ago and won the



The former home of James Baldwin in Saint-Paul-de-Vence, France.
Credit Rebecca Marshall for *The New York Times*

local town officials' approval to build Les Jardins de Saint Paul, a luxury residential development. SOCRI Financ Hoteliere became the corporate sponsor for

the project that was marketed by Sotheby's. But the people of St Paul balked and convinced the local town council to halt the development because it was not com-

patible with the quiet French village.

Baldwin became an expatriate seeking refuge from the political climate in the U.S. of the 1970s. Among his critics

were Eldridge Cleaver who wrote in *Soul on Ice* criticism of Baldwin's trans identity. It was recently revealed that the FBI accumulated 1,884 pages of documents on

Baldwin during the 1960s surpassing all other subjects of the illegal surveillance of African American writers. Baldwin settled in St. Paul, because of its intellectual climate and welcoming people. Among those who visited Baldwin's villa were Harry Belafonte, Sydney Potier, Nina Simone, Josephine Baker, Miles Davis and Ray Charles.

The woman who rented the home to Baldwin lived in a shop near the village church and Baldwin and she became very close. Baldwin died of stomach cancer and in his last years was cared for by the artist Nall. His unfinished manuscript titled *Remember this House* was the source for a film by Raoul Peck titled "I Am Not Your Negro". When the proprietor's estate was broken up the villa and the shop were sold. An American woman, Shannon Cain, now owns the shop and is the organizer of Les Amis de la Maison Baldwin. Her motivation is to change the village away from being a tourist trap and return it as the intellectual Mecca that Baldwin knew and loved. She launched a writer in residence competition that attracted the best African American writers. If successful, the restoration will become the residence of the winners for many years to come.

Dinner with the Mayor, A Gary Clark, Jr painting, and many more items up for grabs

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Then, there was David Banks who spoke of his multiple stints as an intern with the top accounting firm,

PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC), and how his impression made upon his supervisors has him on track for full-time employment with PwC

upon graduation. Three more students shared their HT impact stories that moved the audience into a "Fund a Need" segment of the evening.

A dinner with Mayor Steve Adler and wife, Diane T. Land, who also serves as a Huston-Tillotson trustee, a vacation package in Telluride, Colorado, an Austin Night Out package, a private chef, and a Gary Clark, Jr. painting were up for grabs in a lively auction led by local Auctioneer Tiwana A. Kenney; all were sold.

Then, GRAMMY Award-winning Gary Clark, Jr. "brought the



President and CEO Dr. Colette Pierce Burnette greets the crowd. (HT photo)

house down" with a performance to remember, including the debut of a song dedicated to his mother.

The Peterson Brothers closed out the evening with some wonderful hits.

President Burnette and the entire Huston-Tillotson University family greatly appreciate the overwhelming support and look forward to next year's scholarship event.

DPRConstruction is requesting proposals for construction of the Waterloo Performance Venue and Parkland - Stage 2 in Austin, Texas. The 11-acre project consists of over a mile of pathways, two (2) pedestrian bridges, amphitheater performance facility and associated spaces, food service, extensive retaining walls, landscaping and hardscaping to support the park and adjacent State Capitol. Trade work includes Miscellaneous Metals, HVAC, Plumbing, Specialties, Ornamental Metals, Theatre Equipment, and Waterproofing. Bid are due no later than 2:00 PM on Thursday, November 29, 2018 CST to Dan Seiler at danse@dpr.com. For a copy of the project documents please contact Dan Seiler at danse@dpr.com.



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**TRAVIS COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)
INVITATION TO COMMENT ON THE DRAFT OF THE PROGRAM YEAR 2017
CDBG ANNUAL REPORT**

As part of Travis County's ongoing public engagement related to its Community Development Block Grant (CDBG,) Travis County will make available to the public its Program Year 2017 CDBG annual report known as the Consolidated Annual Program, Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER).

The CAPER covers a period from October 1, 2017 to September 30, 2018, and describes progress made in carrying out the CDBG projects. This report will be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to meet federal requirements.

COMMENT PERIOD AND DRAFT DOCUMENT

Comments will be accepted for 15 days beginning November 28, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. and ending December 12, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. Beginning November 28, 2018, a draft document will be available for download on the Travis County CDBG page www.co.travis.tx.us/CDBG, and also available for review at any of the seven Travis County Community Centers:

Travis County Community Center at Del Valle	3518-D FM South 973, Del Valle, TX 78617
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Travis County Community Center at Palm Square	100 N. IH-35, Suite 1000, Austin, TX 78701
Travis County Community Center at Post Road	2201 Post Road, Suite 101, Austin, TX 78704

PUBLIC HEARINGS

The public can provide their comments by attending a Public Hearing scheduled for **Tuesday, December 4, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.** at Travis County Commissioners Courtroom, 700 Lavaca St., Austin, TX.

MAILING COMMENTS

The public can also mail their comments to: CDBG Program, Travis County, HHS, P.O. Box 1748, Austin, TX 78767 or e-mail them to the CDBG program at cdbg@traviscountytx.gov.

For additional information contact the CDBG Office, at cdbg@traviscountytx.gov or call 512-854-3460. To request that an American Sign Language or Spanish interpreter be present at the public hearing, please contact staff at least five business days in advance.

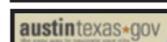
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- Assistant II, Human Resources Highland Business Center
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