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“The John G. Riley Center/Museum acknowledges Black Barbers with the opening of Raleigh Powell Barbershop in Smokey Hollow Village”

(TALLAHASSEE) - The John G. Riley Center/Museum, in collaboration with Blueprint 2000 and City of Tallahassee Planning, Land Management and Community Enhancement (PLACE), will hold an open house of the relocated Raleigh Powell Barbershop on Monday, April 2, 2018, from 4PM to 6PM. The public is invited to attend the event in Smokey Hollow Village on the corner of East Pensacola and South Meridian Streets. This is the only remaining commercial structure that once existed and thrived in Smokey Hollow. Its restoration and relocation is an important recording of history.

Copies of “The History of Black Barbering-A Capitol City History” will be available at the event. A history of the black barbers that once served the Tallahassee community is included in the publication. The barbershop was restored by the Lively Vocational Technical Department as a Blueprint 2000 and Smokey Hollow former residents project. Authors of the publication: Anthon “Ann” Roberts, Althemese Barnes, and graphic design support artist Dr. Aron Myers are very appreciative of having the opportunity to share another part of the rich history of Tallahassee and Leon County.

In light of this event the Riley House will offer a reduced \$3 admission for tours from 10AM until 3 PM. In addition, the Riley House will hold a Black History Book Expo with a 10% discount on all Riley publications. We look forward to participating in another historical and rich heritage event in our community.

For additional information, call the Riley Center/Museum at (850) 681-7881 or email info@rileymuseum.org.

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