

Event Rescheduled Due to Hurricane IRENE Disaster and Cleanup in Princeville, NC!

MEMORANDUM

TO: NC Black Elected Municipal Officials

FROM: *Priscilla E. Oates*
Priscilla E. Oates, Mayor
Town of Princeville

DATE: November 2, 2011

SUBJECT: **PRINCEVILLE SURVIVOR WEEK CELEBRATION**
Requesting Your Participation and Registration
November 17-18, 2011

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November 16-18, 2011 – Princeville, North Carolina

Oldest Black Town Chartered in the United States – since 1865



I want to invite you to the **PRINCEVILLE SURVIVOR WEEK** re-scheduled for the week of November 16-18, 2011. Specifically, we are requesting you to take advantage of the entire summit and a special guest, Mr. John Rosenthal will present a session entitled, ***Calling All Mayors to the Table.***

The recent 2011 Hurricane IRENE was a reminder of the aftermath of the 1999 Hurricane Floyd flood in Princeville which was about finding a home and holding on to a home and yes, sometimes even struggling to save one. Founded in 1865 by former slaves on the low, swampy land across the Tar River from Tarboro, Princeville was originally called Freedom Hill in honor of the grassy knoll where northern soldiers confirmed that the Union victory meant Blacks were truly free. Twenty years later, Freedom Hill residents decided to incorporate and legally govern themselves. They named their town after one of their own, Turner Prince, a former slave and a carpenter who had been one of Freedom Hill's earliest residents.

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The citizens of Princeville, North Carolina continue their quest “to make their lives and families whole again.” While many citizens have new homes, they struggle to meet monthly mortgage payments and even *capitalize* on the *equity* that the average homeowner has in his or her home and/or property. Your presence would boost the spirit of our citizens as they continue to repair their lives.

To this end, we are promoting the Princeville Training Resources Summit to bring immediate attention to the varied needs of the town. The week starts up on Wednesday with the Princeville Jobs, Employment, and Career Day which will introduce citizens to employment opportunities and critical skills necessary to function in today’s marketplace. A *Networking Reception* will follow the event and it also gives local businesses the opportunity to support the efforts of the town. The ***Princeville Town Resources Training Summit*** will link local citizens and businesses to state and national (Federal) opportunities. Therefore, representatives of several local, state and federal agencies will be on hand to directly assist and interact with citizens. **The *Princeville Training Resources Summit Luncheon Speaker* would share a message of urgency, hope, action, and prosperity as it relates to progress in Rural America with citizens, Summit attendees, and supporters of the Town of Princeville.** On Friday, November 18, 2011, the ***Princeville Survivor Day Luncheon Speaker* would share a message of hope, action, prosperity, and dreams with citizens, Summit attendees, and supporters of the Town of Princeville. Stories of Hurricane Floyd and now Hurricane Irene will be lauded at this event.**

As Mayor of this great town, we are excited about this opportunity to once again, support and uplift the citizens and supporters of the Town of Princeville, North Carolina. While patience has a continuous virtue, we appreciate the essence of the “journey.”

Please address questions to the attention of Mayor Priscilla E. Oates at 252.813.2530 via cell or pprincevillenc@gmail.com.

In advance, we are grateful to you for your consideration and support.