

# ECHOES OF FREEDOM

The African American Experience in the Lehigh Valley



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**Private Film Screening with Discussion**  
**Sigal Museum**  
**February 27 at 6:15pm**  
**RSVP Required**

## 100th Anniversary Of Black History Month

By Megan van Ravenswaay

LEHIGH VALLEY - As we mark the 100th anniversary of Black History Month, we invite you to join us for a special evening of film, reflection, and community at the Sigal Museum.

On Friday, February 27 at 6:15 PM, the Sigal Museum will host a screening of Echoes of Freedom: The African American Experience in the Lehigh Valley, a powerful new documentary presented by the African American Business Leaders Council and PBS39.

This 30-minute film brings to light the often-untold stories of African Americans who helped shape the Lehigh Valley—and those who continue to shape it today. Through archival footage, oral histories, and new interviews, Echoes of Freedom explores themes of freedom, belonging, resilience, and community across generations.

Included with the screening, guests are invited to enjoy a conversation and Q&A with Lindsey Watson, On-Air Host and Associate Producer of the film, who will share insights into the filmmaking process and the importance of preserving and amplifying local history.

Event Details:

Friday, February 27, 6:15 PM (Screening starts at 7pm) at Sigal Museum.

RSVP required: [bit.ly/3Mfh3za](https://bit.ly/3Mfh3za).

Admission is free for NCHGS members and Lehigh Valley Media/ PBS39 members. General admission is \$10, with proceeds split between NCHGS and Lehigh Valley Media/PBS39.

As we commemorate a century of Black History Month, this event offers a meaningful opportunity to honor Black voices, uncover local histories, and gather in community around storytelling built with purpose.

## Urgent Message: Pennsylvania American Water

This is an urgent notification from Pennsylvania American Water. A mandatory conservation notice has been issued as of 11 a.m. on Feb. 4, 2026, for customers in Bangor and Roseto boroughs and Plainfield, Upper Mt. Bethel and Washington townships due to drought conditions and freezing temperatures.

Water discoloration may also occur. Customers must limit all non-essential water use until further notice. When conditions improve, customers will be notified that the mandatory conservation notice is lifted. During cold weather, customers may still allow a trickle of water to run to avoid frozen pipes.

If you are a landlord and water service is in your name, please inform your tenants so they are aware of this impact to their water service. For more information on ways to conserve water or to see a map of the affected area please go to [Pennsylvaniaamwater.com](https://Pennsylvaniaamwater.com) and click on 'Alerts'. Thank you for your cooperation in restricting water use until this notice is lifted.

## COLUMBIA SELF STORAGE Content Sale

Columbia Self Storage will sell the contents of the occupant's leased space at public auction to satisfy the owner's lien on StorageAuctions.com all personal property stored in this facility by: Unit #254 Michael Harkins, consisting of furniture, air/hydraulic service jack, engine hoist, transmission jack and misc. mechanic's tools. Unit #313 Cathy Jacob, consisting of furniture, misc. furniture, seasonal decor, boxes and misc. items. Items will be offered for sale by auction to the highest bidder for enforcement of storage liens.

**Auction will be held at 10AM, Tuesday,  
February 24, 2026 on StorageAuctions.com.**

All auction sales are FINAL. Cash only and paid at Columbia Self Storage, 1059 Pennsylvania Ave., Pen Argyl, PA 18072. Columbia Self Storage reserves the right to refuse any bid.



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