

Join us at the

Rededication of the John Brown Monument

Sunday, September 28, 2025, 3:00 PM

Akron Zoo Parking Lot B, 505 Euclid Avenue, Akron
Free and Open to the Public

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The John Brown Monument, located in a wooded area of the Akron Zoo, symbolizes struggles for civil liberties and civil rights by Akron's early settlers. Inspired by the abolitionism of John Brown, Akron's German American Alliance erected the monument's central pillar in 1910, and the Negro 25 Year Club added bench seating, fountains, and a sculpted plaque in 1938.

The program, based on the 1938 re-dedication ceremony organized by the Negro 25 Year Club, weaves the monument's fascinating history with understandings of its current meaning and significance.

Don't miss this once-in-a-quarter-century opportunity to remember our ancestors' commitments to freedom and equality.

3:00- 4:30 PM Program with speakers, musical selections and wreath laying procession
4:30- 6:00 PM Mingling, Activities and Light Refreshments

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