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GARDEN VALLEY FUN FEST BRINGS HOPE, HEALING, AND UNITY TO RAINBOW TERRACE

Featuring Special Guest Appearances by Shedeur Sanders, Mayor Justin Bibb, State Representative Terrence Upchurch, Councilman Richard Starr, Black Lives Matter Cleveland, and Attorney Stanley Jackson

CLEVELAND, OH – July 15, 2025 – In the wake of the tragic explosion and fire at Rainbow Terrace Apartments—which left several injured and claimed one life—a community healing event has been organized to help residents rebuild, restore, and find hope during these challenging times.

The Garden Valley Fun Fest at Rainbow Terrace is an event designed to uplift, celebrate, and unite the community. Enjoy FREE food, games, giveaways, music, and more! We'll also offer free haircuts and have a special dedication to the Garden Valley Falcons Football team and their coach, Coach Boom.

The Garden Valley Fun Fest, held on-site at Rainbow Terrace Apartments, is a celebration of resilience, unity, and community strength. The event will be marked by a special guest appearance by Shedeur Sanders, whose dynamic presence brings a message of support and solidarity to a neighborhood in need of uplift.

Event Details:

- Date: Wednesday, July 16, 2025
- Time: 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. EST
- Location: Rainbow Terrace Apartments, 7408 Carson Ave, Cleveland, OH 44104

This event is free and open to the public, with something for everyone:

- Free food and drinks
- Family games and giveaways
- Live music and DJ entertainment
- Free haircuts for kids
- Community vendors and service providers
- Legal and housing support resources
- A special dedication to the Garden Valley Falcons Football Team and beloved Coach Boom

“This is a time for our community to come together—not only to address the difficulties we face but to begin the process of healing and rebuilding,” said Civil Rights Attorney Stanley Jackson. “We are here to provide support, guidance, and legal assistance to ensure that the rights and dignity of all affected residents are upheld.”

Bridgette Smith-Jackson, Community Advocate and Organizer in Ward 5 for over two decades, stated, “The community has faced tremendous adversity compounded by years of systemic neglect and unaddressed concerns. This is not merely a time for reflection; it is a critical moment for accountability. We must listen to those impacted, acknowledge the failures that led us here, and commit to tangible, sustained action. By standing together, we not only begin to heal; we demand a future where safety, equity, and dignity are non-negotiable.”

In addition to the inspiring guest appearance by Shedeur Sanders, the event will feature resources on legal support, housing assistance, and mental health services. Community leaders and support personnel will be present to answer questions and provide critical information for those needing guidance during this recovery process.

About the Event:

This community support event is designed to serve as a beacon of hope and a resource center for those impacted by the Rainbow Terrace tragedy. With contributions from leading community advocates and trusted partners, the event underscores the commitment to not only address the immediate aftermath but also to foster long-term recovery and strength.

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