



# Toomer Family

## NEWS

CELEBRATING FAMILY

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## #ToomerAveNJ

### *Overview of Toomer Avenue 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration*

Toomer Avenue, formerly Elm Avenue was created and celebrated during the summer of 2000. Join us on Friday, July 24<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015 for the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Toomer Avenue Banquet and Block Party.

### TailoredToomers: Friday

Grab your gear and get ready for the Toomer Family Formal Banquet. We will take Backdrop photos, honor 15 family members age 75 and above, view a family history presentation, and play Family Feud.

### ToomerBlockParty: Saturday

The Toomer Family welcomes family, friends and the community to join us for a #ToomerAve15 Block Party in East Berlin on Saturday, July 25, 2015 from 12 – 3 PM. Come to enjoy a variety of entertainment and light refreshments – ALL FREE.

### Why Toomer Avenue?

Way back when, during the beginning of the last century, the Toomer Family moved to Elm Avenue, East Berlin, NJ in 1926. Henry and Berth Walker Toomer and their families built homes and raised large

families. Their contribution to the community through businesses, entertainment, education, and athletics brought recognition to Berlin Township. Most notably the establishment of Tippin Inn owned by James Toomer, which attracted top entertainers of the 60s and 70s, and the selection of Ron Dayne Jr. as winner of the Heisman Trophy in 1999.

Decades before Selma and long before BB King performed at Tippin Inn, Toomer Family members stood up against the segregation of the Berlin Annex, also known as the Community School, during the late 1940s and 1950s.

### Stay Informed Online

ALL of these are works in progress. [ToomerFamily.com](http://ToomerFamily.com) is up and will be an ever evolving location for information on family events as well as family history and genealogy. Also check out our latest presence on Facebook [Toomer Avenue](https://www.facebook.com/ToomerAvenue). This is a site by the Toomers to celebrate East Berlin and is open to the public



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## Formal Banquet

by Friday, July 24, 2015, 7- 11 PM

On Friday, July 24, 2015 at 7:00 PM, we will sponsor a Toomer Family Formal Banquet, at Auletto Caterers. On that evening we will honor our elders who have nurtured, mentored, and loved us. We will take time to salute them for all that they have done for family members past and present. We have identified about fifteen family *members* age 75 and above who fall into this category.

*Honoring Our Elders*

Bernice Sullivan  
Althea Dabney  
Helen Beverly  
Anna Pointer  
Agnes Borth  
Lenore Gardner  
Harriet Hill  
Elijah Reid Jr.  
Leola Toomer  
Dorothy Toomer  
Pearl Toomer  
Russell Oliver  
William Young  
Howard Toomer  
Robert Toomer



Please come out to assist us in recognizing them. Tickets are \$45.00 for adults, \$20 for age 6-10, and free for 5 and under.

On that evening, Shamele and Floyd will also share portions of our family history with you which have not been previously shared.

Please mark your calendars early and save the dates. Tickets for the banquet can be purchased from any Toomer Reunion Planning Committee member

## Toomer Ave Block Party

Saturday, July 25, 2015, 12 - 3 PM

On Saturday, July 25, 2015, we will be gathering at Toomer Avenue to continue celebrating family. In recognition of the fifteenth year of the renaming of Elm Avenue to Toomer Avenue, we are planning a block party for family and community residents. There will be entertainment, light refreshments, music and plenty of fun for all at no cost to you.

### Stay Up To Date

Mailing Address: 104 Sweet Bay Avenue Sicklerville, NJ 08081

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### Preparing for Toomer Ave 15

#### DATES

BANQUET: Friday, July 24, 2015, 7 - 11 PM

BLOCK PARTY: Saturday, July 25, 2015, 12 - 3 PM

#### COSTS

- BANQUET: \$45 adult,
- BLOCK PARTY: Free
- AD: \$15 - \$50
- Souvenir JOURNAL: tbd

#### BANQUET

- Dress Up
- Get there **ON TIME**. Group Pics are first.  
Make checks payable to: Floyd Riley,  
Patricia Washington, or Bernice Sullivan.

#### BLOCK PARTY

- Dress comfortably, bring portable chair
- Get there **ON TIME**. do not miss the Family Prayer
- Donate desserts, water, soda, drinks

## Souvenir Journal

We are preparing a souvenir journal to be available during our Celebration of the Family which will occur July 24 and 25, 2015. It will be available to all family members at a reasonable cost.

To assist with printing costs, we are selling ads which will be included in the journal. Ads may be congratulatory in nature, in memory of a loved one, a promotion for a business, etc. You may also include a photo in your ad if you so desire.

Ads are available in several sizes.

FULL PAGE	(8 ½ x 11)	\$50.00
HALF PAGE	(8 ½ x 5½)	\$30.00
QUARTER PAGE		\$15.00

Please complete and submit the enclosed form by **June 27, 2015** if you plan to participate

