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**5th Annual “BayShore at Buckroe Beach” Event at Hampton History Museum
on Saturday, September 21, 6-8 pm**

Hampton, VA - Organizer Reginald Robinson presents the 5th Annual “Bayshore at Buckroe Beach” event. This year’s theme is "Hot Fun In The Summertime." Enjoy a special evening with legendary musician Chuck “Guitar” Chavis and plenty of memories of Bayshore Beach, that was once the premier resort for African-Americans to relax on the Chesapeake Bay during Jim Crow segregation. The event will take place at the Hampton History Museum on Saturday, September 21, 6:00-8:00 p.m. Admission to the event is free, but due to the increasing popularity of the event and this year's guest speaker seating will be limited.

Two portraits of notable Hamptonians will be unveiled and added to the ever growing BayShore portrait gallery. Following that will be the BayShore at Buckroe Beach Hall of Fame induction ceremonies for 2019. This year's class consists of: Hampton University (formerly Hampton Institute); the Benevolent Protective Order of The Richmond Reindeer Club; Elke B. Mitchell, administrative assistant for the Hampton History Museum; Martha F. Morris “professor and guru of Buckrology”; Zenobia H. Jones, former house keeper at the BayShore Hotel, and operator of the Dance Pavilion and Grill, and niece of Charles and Alma Williams; Manager of the BayShore Hotel Rufus McHern; and the Steiffen Bros, former owners of the amusement park at Buckroe Beach.

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Dr. C. N. Fairfax will be the presented with The Charles H. Williams Award of Leadership. Former recipients of the Charles H. Williams Award of Leadership are Mrs. Laura Sandford, owner of Robert's Antiques located in Phoebus, and the Honorable Dr. Mary T. Christian. This is the third year of presenting the Charles H. Williams award of leadership.

The highlight of the evening, guest speaker, the legendary Chuck "Guitar" Chavis, will share with all in attendance his personal memories and stories of his travels and his time spent on the road with various other musical icons, such as Sam Cooke, Ike and Tina Turner, Bobby Womack and many other music legends including The Enchanters, his stint as the lead guitarist with his band the Rockin' Cabanas once Otis Redding's touring back-up band, and most of all his headlining at BayShore's Dance Pavilion. After sharing his experiences, Chavis will take questions from the audience.

There will also be a plethora of rare and vintage BayShore Beach artifacts on display, along with hundreds of vintage photos from the resort's heyday to give those in attendance "The BayShore Experience."

The Hampton History Museum is located at 120 Old Hampton Lane in Downtown Hampton. There is free parking in the garage across the street from the museum. For more information visit BayShore memories on Facebook, the museum's website at www.hamptonhistorymuseum.org, or call the Hampton Visitor Center at 757-727-1102.

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Photos attached courtesy of Reginald Robinson, BayShore Memories

Chuck "Guitar" Chavis

1402 - The saxophone section of the International Sweethearts of Rhythm, the 1st all girl and racially integrated female band. The founding member of the Sweethearts of Rhythm is the mother of radio and television mogul Kathy Hughes. The all-girl band played numerous dates at the Dance Pavilion at BayShore.

1459 - The Sweethearts of the Blues. Shirley and Lee recorded their hit "Let The Good Times Roll" during the 1950's and sang that song and others at numerous engagements at the BayShore Dance Pavilion

5304 -Jap Curry and the Jap Curry Blazers. Mr. Curry was inducted into the BayShore at Buckroe Beach Hall of Fame in 2017.

5407 - Dance pavilion at BayShore