



# Office of the City Council

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### **Dedication of Rev. Glenn Raybon's Basketball Court at Gluck Park**

**Niagara Falls** – Saturday July 25, 2015 at 10:00am in Gluck Park the city will dedicate Raybon's Court.

Pastor Raybon served 56 years as the Pastor of the Trinity Baptist Church 1366 South Avenue, Niagara Falls NY. He was considered as a father and grandfather to the community. His dedication to people went beyond the walls of Trinity, and spilled out to the civil rights movement as he lead protests in front of city stores demanding they hire minorities. He lead marches to create a national holiday for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and opened his church doors to all.

He also spent a lot of time in the park (Gluck Park) where he would encourage children to be positive, and at times chastise those who was unruly, gaining the respect of all he came in contact with.

Pastor Raybon was a dean with the Great Lakes and Empire State Baptist Associations, which had a Christian basketball program. Pastor Raybon was very supportive of the program here in Niagara Falls even allowing young men to play on the Trinity team even though they didn't belong to the Trinity church. The workshops had great value and membership to his particular congregation wasn't as important to him as winning souls and educating these young men to be good productive individuals.

The City of Niagara Falls dedicates this court in his honor, all are welcome.

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