

GARY PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS ITS
**48TH ANNUAL BLACK HISTORY
MONTH PROGRAM**

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2020 @ 3PM
(Doors open at 2:30pm)



WITH FEATURED GUEST SPEAKER

Thomas V. Barnes

FORMER MAYOR OF GARY, INDIANA

- **Program is FREE**
- **Seating is limited**
- **Refreshments served**
- **Library service ends at 5pm**

at the

**Gary Public Library
and Cultural Center**

220 W. 5th Avenue
Gary, IN

Thomas V. Barnes was elected Mayor of the City of Gary in 1987, and re-elected in 1991. Prior to taking office as Mayor, he was elected to three terms as Calumet Township Assessor, serving from 1978 to December 1987.

Born in Marked Tree, Arkansas in 1936, his family moved to Gary when he was four weeks old. A 1954 graduate of Gary Roosevelt High School, he went on to Purdue University where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in 1958. Barnes entered the U.S. Army as a 2nd Lieutenant and served two years of active duty and retired in 1986 as a Colonel.

He managed his father's washer repair business until he entered law school in 1969. He received his Doctorate of Jurisprudence degree from DePaul University in 1972, and had been admitted to practice in the Supreme Court, State of Indiana; U.S.

Court of Appeals (7th Circuit); U.S. District Court (Northern and Southern Districts); and the U.S. Military Court of Appeals.

In 1988, he was appointed Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the U.S. Army for the State of Indiana. Served as Co-Chair of the World Health Organization Conference held in Stockholm, Sweden in 1990.

He was selected DePaul University's Distinguished Graduate in 1993 and in 1994 he was inducted into Purdue University's ROTC Hall of Fame. He is also a 1995 inductee in Gary's Steel City Hall of Fame.

Barnes is a life member of the NAACP, a former advisor and board member of Brothers Keeper, member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity and a life member of AMVETS.

Former Mayor Barnes is one of 11 children of Ollie and Thelma Barnes.

2020 Theme:
African Americans and the Vote

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