"Imagine a community where a riot of warm colors, feelings and sounds with sights that would make one from the rural portions of the South feel at home, or a person from Harlem or State Street feels at ease. Then call it Rondo." That's how Roy Wilkins, who grew up in the Rondo community, and later rose to prominence as head of the NAACP described his beloved neighborhood in 1927. And while the name of the community has changed, the sights, sounds and temperament of it remain essentially the same. And that's one reason why for 29 years – and counting – the Rondo Days Festival continues to celebrate its legacy.

The 29th annual Rondo Days Festival is just around the corner! Friends and family from across the country are preparing to come back home to Rondo in celebration of this historic occasion. This year's theme "Putting the U Back Into CommUnity" aims to re-frame Rondo to support the mindset that each of us can make a difference in our communities.

Over the years, the Rondo Days Festival has attracted hundreds of thousands of visitors to its yearly venues. The annual signature events that have always celebrated the Rondo legacy will

be back once again this year.

They include:
Annual Senior Dinner on Thursday, July 19th from 6-8pm, at Mount Olivet Baptist Church (sponsored by the Black Ministerial Alliance)
5K Walk and Run on Saturday, July 21st, registration at 8:30am, Hallie Q Brown Community Center (sponsored by McDonalds)
Grand Parade on Saturday, July 21st, registration beginning at 8am, St. Peter Claver Church (starting point)
Rondo Days Festival on Saturday, July 21st, from 11am to 6pm, at the MLK Park

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