

# WINDSOR-OSBORNE ART CROSSWALK | Turiya Clark

## ABOUT THE CROSSWALK

Lynwood Park was established in the early 1900's and was the first predominantly African American subdivision in DeKalb County. While the demographics of the community changed dramatically, the sense of pride to preserve the rich history of the community remains.

On October 13, 2020, the City of Brookhaven adopted a resolution recognizing the historic importance of the Lynwood Park community and school. This crosswalk serves to further commemorate the unique heritage of the Lynwood Park Community.

## ABOUT THE ARTIST

Atlanta based artist, Turiya Clark, has dedicated over 15 years to studio art. Growing up in Lynwood Park has greatly shaped Turiya's lived experience, as well as her artistic vision. Participating in murals and public art has remained as a dream of hers for many years, so Turiya was the perfect fit to bring the Windsor-Osborne Crosswalk to life.

ARTIST'S WEBSITE



## Symbology Behind the Art

*As Described by the Artist*



### LITTLE RED SCHOOL HOUSE

The "Little Red School House" was established to serve the children of the predominately Black community. The school was built by families in the community who donated their labor, supplies and money. The Little Red School House gallantly served the Lynwood Park community from 1942 – 1949.



### WHITE BUTTERFLY

The white butterfly symbolizes peace, transformation, and in some cultures the spirit of our ancestors. The butterflies are shown in increasing numbers as they arrive to the Little Red School House, representing the community coming together. Butterflies are used as a symbol across many other forms of Public Art in Brookhaven.



### THE BIG TREE

The "Big Tree" was a large oak tree, previously located on Osborne Road, just after crossing over Windsor Parkway. The area surrounding the tree was commonly used as a social gathering spot for members of the community throughout the years.



### RED POPPY

The red poppy is often used as remembrance and hope for a peaceful future. This flower was chosen to remember those from our community that are no longer with us.



### LYNWOOD PARK RECREATION CENTER

The Lynwood Park Recreation Center was originally utilized as the Lynwood Park Elementary School & High School from 1949 to 1968. Even after the school was closed, the building still served as a focal point of the community as variety of uses over the years included a library, healthcare clinic, several learning centers, and presently Lynwood Park Recreation Center.

The Recreation Center is included to represent the unity and kinship that continues today.



### YELLOW WILDFLOWERS

The yellow wildflowers represent resilience and willpower to survive against the odds. Given that Lynwood Park was the first Black Subdivision in DeKalb County, the resilience of the community is certainly worth celebrating.



### SUN

The abstracted sun is included as a sign of happiness and the harmony within our community.

