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BIPOC Caucus Celebrates Juneteenth, Recognizes Community Celebrations Throughout Oregon

Juneteenth kicks off with statewide community gatherings to celebrate the emancipation of enslaved people and to reflect on ongoing movements for freedom, healing, and justice.

SALEM, Ore. — In June 2021, the Legislature passed [HB 2168](#) to establish Juneteenth as an official state holiday. Shortly after, President Biden signed a bill to make Juneteenth a federal holiday.

Juneteenth commemorates the historic day on June 19, 1865, when enslaved people in Galveston Texas received the delayed, but welcome news, that the Emancipation Proclamation ended slavery in Confederate states. That was nearly two and a half years after the proclamation was issued by President Abraham Lincoln.

“On Juneteenth, we celebrate freedom, the freedom that arrived on horseback on that fateful day and the freedoms denied to formerly enslaved people who organized and mobilized multi-generation freedom movements to secure many of the rights we have today” said [Senator Lew. Frederick](#) (D-Portland), who carried [HB 2168](#) in the Senate. “This holiday recognizes that we are still working to form ‘a more perfect Union’ where racial injustice and disparities are met with coordinated action, not ahistorical denial or ignorance, as part of our collective responsibility to future generations.”

Juneteenth falls during Pride Month, a month after the white supremacist slaughter in Buffalo that targeted Black community members, and amid states roll back protections on the right to live full, authentic lives.

“Despite systemic oppression, both Black and LGBTQ+ communities have enduring traditions of coming together to offer support and celebrate while continuing the fight for freedom and justice.” said [Representative Travis Nelson](#) (D-Portland). “The past year has been hard, and it makes me proud to join celebrations that remind us that we are not alone and are stronger together.”

“I am proud to see Oregonians all over the state have stepped up to organize events to promote Black owned businesses and community celebrations for people of all ages” said [Representative Janelle Bynum](#) (D-Clackamas). “Our work to expand freedom has never been linear, and we often see backslides. My children remind me

that they depend on all of us to enact solutions that will promote justice and healing as a way to honor the courageous leaders who paved the way for us.”

Clara Peoples, known as the “the Mother of Juneteenth, ” brought Juneteenth to Oregon, starting the first celebration in the Portland shipyards in 1945. Miss Peoples helped to initiate Portland’s annual citywide Juneteenth celebration in 1972. This legacy was continued by her family and community leaders who have coordinated in following years and for this year’s 50th anniversary citywide celebration.

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Juneteenth 2022 Events

Juneteenth is celebrated by communities all over the state. These community gatherings offer an opportunity to reflect, learn about the history of movements for Black freedom and liberation, pass on stories and traditions to the next generation, and celebrate the contributions of Black Americans. Please find the event information for 2022 Juneteenth celebrations.

Friday June 17th

Hillsboro Juneteenth - Friday June 17th, 4-8PM

Afternoon celebration with food, music, speakers, and Black owned business vendors. Jerry Willey Plaza at Orenco Station: 943 NE Orenco Station Loop Hillsboro, OR 97124. [Link to Washington County Black Advisory Business Council Event Website.](#)

Wellness Week 2022 - Tuesday June 14th to Sunday June 19th

In celebration of the Juneteenth Holiday, Black Men's Wellness is honored to offer a week of holistic health activities for the Black Community. [Link to Wellness Week Events.](#)

Saturday June 18th

Albany Juneteenth Saturday June 18th, 12-3PM

Celebration featuring Black owned business expo, community tabling, guest speakers, vaccination clinic and more. LBCC, 6500 Pacific Blvd SW, Albany. [Link to Linn County NAACP's Event Website.](#)

Juneteenth at Deschutes Museum Saturday June 18th, 10AM - 4:30PM

Celebrate Juneteenth with Free Day at the Deschutes Historical Museum. Deschutes Historical Museum, 129 NW Idaho Ave, Bend. [Link to Deschutes Historical Museum's Event Website](#)

Coos Bay Juneteenth Celebration Saturday June 18th, 11AM - 4PM

One day celebration with food, music, and dance. Coos History Museum, 1210 N Front Street, Coos Bay, OR. [Link to Coos History Museum's Event Page.](#)

Hermiston Juneteenth Celebration Saturday June 18th, 4PM - 8PM

Annual celebration with food, music, activities for kids. McKenzie Park, 320 S 1st St. Hermiston, OR. [Link to Hermiston Cultural Awareness Coalition Event Page.](#)

Milwaukie Juneteenth Celebration Saturday June 18th, 11AM-3PM

Live music, vendors, and food. Water Tower Park: 9890 SE 40th Avenue, Milwaukie, Oregon, 97222. [Link to the City of Milwaukie's Event Website.](#)

Portland Juneteenth Celebration Saturday, June 18th, 11AM - 7PM.

Parade begins at 11AM at Safeway 5920 NE Martin Luther King Blvd (MLK) and ends at Lillis-Albina Park. A two day celebration featuring artists, activists, a parade, and vendors. [Link to Juneteenth Oregon Event Page.](#)

PDX Juneteenth Market Saturday June 18th, 11AM - 4PM
Juneteenth Makers Market, featuring Black vendors, creatives, handmade goods. Honey Latte Cafe, 1033 SE Main St, Portland OR97214. [Link to Honey Latte Cafe's Event Website](#)

Freedom Festival Saturday Saturday June 18th, 12-6PM
All are welcome to celebrate Portland's first annual Black Book festival. Peninsula Park, 700 N Rosa Parks Way, Portland. [Link to Prose Before Bro's Event Website.](#)

Black Owned Business Juneteenth Market Sat. June 18th 10AM - 2PM.
Come, shop local and celebrate black entrepreneurship at our Juneteenth Black Business Fair. Enjoy music, good food and community. All Saints Episcopal Church 4033 Southeast Woodstock Boulevard Portland, OR 97202. [Link to Celebrate B.L.A.C.K. Event Page.](#)

Wilsonville Juneteenth Celebration Saturday June 18th, 10AM - 12PM
Annual Juneteenth Celebration. Town Center Park, 29600 Park Pl, Wilsonville, OR. [Link to the City of Wilsonville's Event Website.](#)

Sunday June 19th

Central Oregon Juneteenth Sat. 6/18 and Sun. 6/19 from 11AM - 6PM
A two day celebration with fun, food, education, and entertainment. Drake Park, 777 NW Riverside Blvd, Bend, OR. Link to [Central Oregon Juneteenth Event Page.](#)

Eugene Juneteenth Celebration Sunday June 19th, 12PM - 6PM
3rd Annual Juneteenth celebration. Alton Baker Park, 100 Day Island Rd, Eugene, OR. [Link to the Eugene Juneteenth Event Page.](#)

Florence Juneteenth Celebration Sunday June 19th, 12:30 PM
Picnic with a program featuring Eugene City Councilor Greg Evans, entertainment provided by Sunny Sundstrom and activities for kids. Florence United Methodist Church, 333 Kingwood St. [Link to Florence Organizes Event Page.](#)

Gresham Juneteenth Celebration Sunday June 19th, 12PM - 6PM
Vance Park, 1400 S.W. 181st Ave 3rd Annual Juneteenth celebration with food, performers, vendor booths and fun for all. [Link to article announcing the 2022 Gresham Juneteenth event.](#)

Medford Juneteenth Celebration Sunday June 19th, 11AM - 7PM
One Day celebration in collaboration between BASE and BEST team at Oregon Dept. of Human Services. Pear Blossom Park 312 East 4th Street Medford, OR, 97501. [Link to Medford's Food Coop's Event Website.](#)

Portland Juneteenth Celebration Sunday, June 19th, 11AM - 6PM.
A two day celebration featuring artists, activists, a parade, and vendors. Lillis-Albina Park, N. Flint and N. Russell Street, Portland. [Juneteenth Oregon Event Page.](#)

Juneteenth Black QT Pride Kick-Back! Sun June 19th, 4-8 PM

Black queer and trans folks are invited to attend the Juneteenth Pride Kickback. The festivities will begin with a collective offering of gratitude to our ancestors followed by celebrating with card games, food, community, and music. 5633 SE Division St, Portland. [Link to Black and Beyond the Binary's Event Page.](#)

Black Liberation Pedalpalooza Ride Sunday, June 19th, 2:30 PM
Community bike ride for Black and Brown folks. If you do not have a bike, free Biketown bikes will be available for up to 3 hours. [Link to Pedalpalooza Event Page.](#)

West Linn Juneteenth Celebration Sunday June 19th, 1PM - 5PM
One day celebration with educational booths, fusion food creations, live jazz, world music, DJ, bounce house, beer cart and more. Willamette Park, 1100 12 St, West Linn, OR 97068. [Link to West Linn Juneteenth Event Page.](#)

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