



JUNETEENTH

2021

NEWPORT NEWS

Join us for our weeklong celebration starting on June 12th!

Hosted by the Downtown Newport News Merchants & Neighbors Association, Inc. and the City of Newport News

Expressions: A Drive-thru Experience

Saturday, June 12 Noon – 2:00 p.m.
Denbigh, Brittingham-Midtown and Doris Miller Community Centers

Drive-thru, In-Person Event — Includes “Freedom” Instagrammable moments, giveaway items and food trucks.

Concert in the Park

Sunday, June 13 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
King-Lincoln Park

In-Person Event — Enjoy live performances by the Unifics, Three Brothers and more. A variety of food trucks will be on site.

Raising of the Flag Ceremony

Monday, June 14 1:00 p.m.
City Hall

Virtual and In-Person Event — Dignitaries, guests and the community will come together for the raising of the Juneteenth flag and the reading of the Mayoral Proclamation.

Bingo Under the Pavilion

Tuesday, June 15 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Brittingham-Midtown Community Center

In-Person Event — Have fun playing bingo, winning prizes and enjoying refreshments while learning about Juneteenth and why it’s an important part of United States history.

Space is limited and registration is required for in-person attendance.

Conversation

Wednesday, June 16 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Denbigh Community Center

Virtual and In-Person Event — A live interview by contemporary historian Dr. Eric Claville with Frederick Douglass (Nathan Richardson) about the Emancipation Proclamation and the meaning of Juneteenth.

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Rally

Thursday, June 17 5:00 p.m.

Virtual Event — The virtual program features performances of melodic slave music and interprets the experience of slaves that had not heard of their freedom when President Abraham Lincoln announced the Emancipation Proclamation.

Tour & Storytime

Thursday, June 17 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Virtual Event — Tour the Newsome House virtually and listen as storyteller Crystal Sessoms shares the story of how the message of freedom was delivered to slaves in Texas.

A Journey to Freedom: A Juneteenth Production

Friday, June 18 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Downing-Gross Cultural Arts Center

Virtual and In-Person Event — Enjoy watching a screening of an original, theatrical production about Juneteenth.

Winners of the Poster Contest will be announced before the production.

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Freedom Festival

Saturday, June 19 Noon – 4:00 p.m.
King-Lincoln Park

In-Person Event — Includes live entertainment, food and craft vendors, exhibitors, children’s pony rides, glitter tattoos and more.

Winners of the Spoken Word & Essay Contests will be announced.

Juneteenth Celebration

Saturday, June 19 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Main Street Library

In-Person Event — Unveiling of the new exhibit *Until Freedom Comes: The African-American Experience in Newport News*, musical concert and more.

Call (757) 592-4858 or contact @SayItLoud_NN on Instagram for more information.

Juneteenth Block Party

Saturday, June 19 Noon – 10:30 p.m.
Contemporary Arts Network

In-Person Event — Live musical performance, boxing showcase, vendors and more. Hosted by the Contemporary Arts Network (CAN).

Visit thecontemporaryartsnetwork.com for more information.

CDC guidelines for COVID-19 will continue to be followed for in-person events.

For more information about Juneteenth events, visit nnva.gov/juneteenth.