



WEST FAIRMOUNT HILL COMMUNITY GROUP PRESENTS

JUNETEENTH JOY: FOCUS ON FREEDOM

**JUNE 18, 2022
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HYDE PARK, MA**

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WELCOME

Thank you for being part of today's celebration of Juneteenth! Today's program is in celebration of our freedom and joy. We will commemorate this pivotal historical moment in American history with arts performances, great food, and conversations with several key leaders in our community. We are also pleased to honor Kim Janey as Boston's first Black mayor.

We are grateful for your presence and hope today brings you an abundance of peace, connections, and joy

Juneteenth Joy was organized by the Racial Equity and Justice Forum and the Planning Committee (in partnership with West Fairmount Hill Community Group), and Hyde Park Main Streets

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Lokita Jackson, Community Leader
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The Racial Equity and Justice Forum of Hyde Park, a part of the West Fairmount Hill Community Group was formed in late 2020 following the murder of George Floyd and in tandem with the international conversations on racial justice in the United States. The Forum is a series of structured inclusive conversations about racial equity and justice that began in 2020 and is intended to deepen the ongoing discourse, and spark and fortify impactful action that result in equity and justice for all. While the priority is the Hyde Park community, the reach is all of Boston area.

More information can be found at www.westfhcommunity.org

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS



We extend our deepest gratitude to the following Hyde Park based food venues and suppliers who contributed to the success of our celebration! Thank you!

Food Samples:

- Zaz Restaurant
- Antonio's Bacaro
- Las Columbias
- Fair Nutrition
- Gourmet Fish/Kray Plates
- Park 54 Restaurant
- Ben and Jerry's
- Manyi Juices
- Cappy's Pizza
- Effie's Homemade
- Shaw's Supermarket
- Dunkin Donuts

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Rockland Trust is the premier sponsor for today's event. Rockland Trust is proud to join forces with The Racial Equity and Justice Forum of Hyde Park/West Fairmount Hill as we share alignment in our dedication to serving and supporting our communities to raise consciousness and inspire action that fosters racial equity and justice.

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Rockland Trust is dedicated to giving back to the communities we serve. That's why we're happy to support **The Racial Equity and Justice Forum of Hyde Park/West Fairmount Hill.**



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Speaking Program Agenda



Opening

The 54th MA Regiment, Company A Color Guard

Welcome, and National Anthem

Councilor Ricardo Arroyo, State Rep. Rob Cansalvo and Roodmarlly Bourand

The Invocation

Pastor Charles Madi-Okin

Welcome & Introduction of Mistresses of Ceremonies

Marcia Kimm-Jackson, Councilors Julia Mejia and Ruthzee Louijeune

Special Remarks and The "What" of Juneteenth

Senator Ed Markey and Representative Brandy Fluker Oakley

The Black National Anthem

Ms. Christina DeVaughn, Guest Soloist

Dance Performance

Wyatt Jackson and Cultural Dance Ensemble

Remarks & Acknowledgment of Kim Janey

Mayor Michelle Wu

Honoring Kim Janey/ Remarks

Kim Janey

Performance/Spoken Word

Keynote Address

Chief Segun Idowu

Speaking Program Agenda, Cont'd



Dance Break Performance

KS Studio

Special Acknowledgements

Activism Address/Freedom Stand

Tanisha Sullivan

Presentation of Citations

Various Elected Officials

Spoken Word Performance and Dance Performance

Alejandro Denis/ The Rhythm Riders

A Father's Day Salute

Conan Harris

Closing Keynote Address

Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley

Wrap Up and Transition

****FIELD ACTIVITIES COMMENCE****

Activities Include:

12:15-1:45: Group Paint Party

12:30: African Drumming Lessons

12:00-2:00: Community Mural Painting

1:00: Dress with Confidence Fashion Show, the Boston Latin Academy Steppers

1:30: African Dance

1:45 Step Lessons

2:00: Rhythm Riders Step Lessons

National Anthems Lyrics

Lift Every Voice and Sing

By James Weldon Johnson

1.

Lift every voice and sing
Till earth and heaven ring
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty
Let our rejoicing rise
High as the listening skies
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun
Let us march on till victory is won

2.

Stony the road we trod
Bitter the chastening rod
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died
Yet with a steady beat
Have not our weary feet
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the
slaughtered
Out from the gloomy past
Till now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast

3.

God of our weary years
God of our silent tears
Thou who has brought us thus far on the way
Thou who has by Thy might Led us into the light
Keep us forever in the path, we pray
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee
Lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee
Shadowed beneath Thy hand
May we forever stand
True to our God
True to our native land
Our native land

The Star-Spangled Banner

By John Stafford Smith

Oh, say can you see by the dawn's early light
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last
gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars thru the perilous
fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly
streaming?
And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still
there.

Oh, say does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!

KEYNOTE & SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES



Ricardo Arroyo
City Councilor, District 5



Rob Consalvo
State Representative



Brandy Fluker Oakley
State Representative



Conan Harris
Conan Harris & Associates



Segun Idowu
Chief of Economic Opportunity and Inclusion



Kim Janey
Former Mayor of Boston



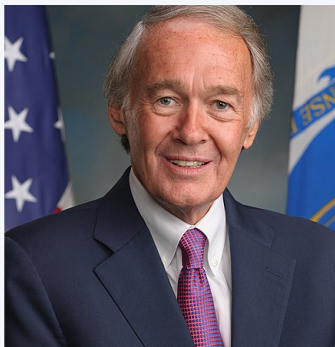
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Blue Hills Collaborative



Julia Mejia
Boston City Councilor at Large



Ed Markey
Senator



Ayanna Pressley
Congresswoman



Tanisha Sullivan,
Candidate, Secretary fo State



Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston

Citations & Resolutions

Congratulations to the following recipients of City of Boston Citations/Resolutions or Massachusetts State Legislature Resolutions. We salute you and thank you for your many contributions to the greater Hyde Park Community. Hooray!!

- Belnel Family Neighborhood Association/Helena Tonge
- Emily Carrara
- Lisa Evans/Tim Smith/We Grow Microgreens
- Stephanie Fredericks
- Barbara Gibbs
- Michelle Joseph
- Joseph Okafor
- Marietta Phinney
- April Ricci
- Bennett Steele
- PJ Terranova

Special Thanks To Our Performers

We appreciate your gift of artistry to the Juneteenth Celebration and the Hyde Park Community:

- Roodmarly Bourand, Roosevelt School Student
- Christina Devaughn, Soprano
- Boston Rhythm Riders/Angie Dickerson
- Callain Kyra Campbell, Roosevelt School
- Hector Colon, Hyde Park Dance Ensemble
- Alejandro Denis - YOFES
- KS Dance Studio/Karm-Syndia Augustin
- Wyatt Jackson, Artist and Educator
- Louisemia Laguerre, Roosevelt School Student
- Mari Luna, Hyde Park Dance Ensemble
- Desirae Smith, Hyde Park Dance Ensemble

Acknowledgements

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- Videography: Erwins Cazeau
- Songwriter: Kim Ecevido
- Designer: Miranda Del Valle - for Mayor Janey's custom designed sneakers
- Other In Kind Support: The Hyde Park Municipal Building, Dunkin Donuts, McCreas Candies and Akiki and Sons

ACTIVITIES AND PRODUCT VENDORS

Small businesses are the backbone of our economy and we hope you will continue to support them.

ACTIVITIES:

- **At Peace Arts - Group Paint Party**
- **Wyatt Jackson - African Dance Lessons & Drumming Lessons**
- **Boston Rhythm Riders-Chicago Step Lessons**
- **Relax Now- 5-minute Massages**
- **Menino YMCA -Children's Activities – Field games**
- **Michelle Laconti - Author;Kids Storytelling**
- **Lisa StringFellow - Free Book Giveaway**
- **Kidogo Kids Paint Kits**
- **Meaningful Creations -Family Photo Booth**
- **Hourly Giveaways from Ron's Ice Cream, Anthony Baccaros and The New England Aquarium**
- **Roosevelt School Student performances**
- **Boston Latin Academy Steppers and Step Lessons**

PRODUCT VENDORS

- **Dress with Confidence**
- **Intriguing Hair**
- **Kensho Life**
- **My Crown Speaks**
- **The Switch Coop**
- **We Grow Microgreens**

Did you Know?

The Juneteenth flag is full of symbolism—the colors red, white, and blue echo the American Flag to symbolize that the enslaved people and their descendants were Americans. The star in the middle pays homage to Texas, while the bursting “new star” on the “horizon” of the red and blue fields represents a new freedom and a new people.



Exhibitors

Keep Hyde Park Beautiful: Empowers everyone to make Hyde Park cleaner, greener and a more beautiful place to live, work, learn and play. Display: brochures, educational material, and information on upcoming events

Friends of the Hyde Park Branch Library: A volunteer group supporting library programs since 1981. Display: Juneteenth library books, and information on programs and events

The Hyde Park Historical Society: Founded in 1888 to promote the study of history, with particular reference to Hyde Park, through the collection of print materials and objects of local interest. Display: New Hyde Park Black History pamphlet and local history materials

Linda Jones - Hadeem: A retired Activity Therapist who exhibits and sells jewelry and mixed media collages with African fabrics at The Switch Co-op and at her business Hands of Imani.

Michelle Loconte: Children's author and educator for science and nature programs. Book reading/ giveaways and face painting of her storybook Squirrel and Snake.

54th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry Regiment Company: A Encampment demonstration of combat unit of the Regiment - the f

Lady Dye Yarns: Owner and Creative Director Diane Ives makes one-of-a-kind hand dyed yarn and offers clubs, kits, classes and more . Stop by to see her colorful products.

Boston Acupuncture Project: Learn about Black contributions to acupuncture in the USA and get a free sample acupuncture treatment from Oren "Ren" Pilinger, licensed acupuncturist. Display: informational flyers, brochures, sample advocacy letters for your MA state senator and the experience in a gravity recliner.

Suffolk County Sheriff's Department: The largest sheriff's department in the Commonwealth and the 30th largest in the United States.

The New England Aquarium: A catalyst for global change through public engagement, commitment to marine animal conservation, leadership in education, innovative scientific research, and effective advocacy for vital and vibrant oceans for all.

BLA Step and Stroll Team: Originated at Boston Latin Academy, BLA performs all over Boston.

Kenshosholife.com These African Queen T-shirts are from a wood carving done at the Menino Arts Center several years ago. The carving represents how African American people have always been integral physically and creatively in making America great. The stars represent the original 13 colonies of the United States, the side squares represent Kente cloth, and her eyes represent her world vision and internal spiritual strength.

Whittier Street Health Center is an urban health and wellness center accredited by the Joint Commission and recognized by the NCQA as a Level 3 Patient Centered Medical Home. Our mission is to serve as a center of excellence that provides high quality, and accessible health care and social services that achieve health equity, social justice, and the economic well-being of our diverse populations. Visit www.wshc.org for more information. Whittier Street Health Center:

The Boston Public Health Commission, the country's oldest health department, is an independent public agency providing a wide range of health services and programs. Public service and access to quality health care are the cornerstones of our mission - to protect, preserve, and promote the health and well-being of all Boston residents, particularly those who are most vulnerable. In attendance today will be a few of our Community Health Workers (long time residents of Hyde Park and Mattapan), who look forward to sharing resources about city programs and answering your health questions!

Flexibility and Benefits for Massachusetts is a ballot question committee registered with the state of Massachusetts to provide educational opportunities for drivers and voters to learn more about the 2022 ballot question. The committee is funded by Uber, Lyft, DoorDash and Instacart who work with more than 200,000 Massachusetts app-based drivers.



**Thank
you!**

<https://westfhcommunity.org/juneteenth/>

