

2023

Juneteenth

Rock Hill



JOIN US FOR A CELEBRATION OF FREEDOM

FRIDAY, JUNE 17, 2023

Food Truck Friday | 6PM
Fountain Park
300 E Main Street
Rock Hill, SC 29730



SATURDAY, JUNE 18, 2023

Freedom Fest | 11AM-2PM
Clinton College
1029 Crawford Road
Rock Hill, SC 29730

SUNDAY, JUNE 19, 2023

Sunday Service | 11:15AM
Mt. Prospect Baptist Church
339 W. Black Street
Rock Hill, SC 29730

JUNE 19, 1865



MEET OUR PERFORMERS



JUST BLESSED



CARLO DAWSON



ELOVEATION



ANGELO GETER



ERIC BROWN



**RED ROSE MAFIA
DANCE TROUPE**

FROM OUR PRESIDENT



As we approach the ninth year of the Juneteenth Rock Hill Celebration, I am ecstatic to celebrate the rich legacy of African Americans while educating the Rock Hill Community about the Juneteenth holiday. It is imperative that we remember and acknowledge that Black History is American History.

The Juneteenth Rock Hill Board is thankful for the partnerships with the City of Rock Hill, event sponsors, participants, volunteers and citizens who will celebrate with us. Without each of you, this event would not be possible nor a success. I am so proud of the collaborations and the number of organizations and churches that have come together to celebrate Juneteenth.

I would like to thank each Juneteenth Board Member for your leadership, hard work, creativity, commitment and determination in ensuring the continued recognition of Juneteenth.

We hope you will join us and invite family and friends to celebrate on June 16th-18th. You can expect to learn, grow, and have fun during our three day celebration.

I am thankful to have the opportunity to serve in this capacity! It has truly been my honor and pleasure to serve as the president of this most esteemed group of citizens of Rock Hill.

Thank you for your support as we move forward in freedom!

Yours in Freedom,
Seberina Myles

“You can’t separate peace from freedom because no one can be at peace unless he has freedom.” Malcolm X



ROOTS OF JUNETEENTH



Juneteenth is a federal holiday, declared in 2021, that falls on June 19th of every year, celebrating the abolition of slavery and the emancipation of enslaved African-Americans in the state of Texas. On September 22, 1862, President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation, an executive order that freed all enslaved people in the Confederate states during the Civil War. The proclamation went into effect on January 1, 1863 but it was not widely enforced until two years later on June 19, 1865 when Union soldiers traveled to Galveston, Texas to inform the inhabitants about the end of the Civil War and General Order No. 3 which announced the freedom of over 250,000 slaves in Texas and nationwide. This moment in history marked the end of bondage, and the beginning of the road to freedom and equality.

In 1980, Texas became the first state to establish Juneteenth as a state holiday and now forty-five states recognize the emancipation celebration as a state holiday. In 2008, South Carolina legislature established June 19 as the official "Juneteenth Celebration of Freedom Day" to commemorate and celebrate the freedom and contributions of African-Americans in the state and nationwide.

The Juneteenth celebration in Rock Hill started at Mt. Prospect Church in the 1980s with educator and community leader, Zora Holmes, who was involved with the church in developing the Juneteenth program. Dr. Ann Cain was also an educator and church leader who catalyzed the development of York County's Juneteenth program to what it is today. Leadership of the program was passed down to area native and member of the African American Cultural Resource Committee of Rock Hill, Dr. Love-Mills-Byrd. The committee collaborated with the Juneteenth program and "Juneteenth Rock Hill" became the official board in 2015, celebrating the first city-wide Juneteenth celebration that year.

14 WAYS TO THOUGHTFULLY CELEBRATE JUNETEENTH

1

Learn the history of Juneteenth

8

Buy a gift card from a Black-owned restaurant

2

Watch a documentary about enslavement
(*13th on Netflix*)

9

Donate to Black-led nonprofits and community organizations

3

Visit a museum
(*The Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History & Culture, Washington, DC*)

10

Talk to your kids about race

4

Read books written by Black authors and poets to understand Juneteenth, and the events that followed
(*"Black Reconstruction" by W.E.B. Dubois*)

11

Access free educational resources on American slavery

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Listen to audiobooks written or narrated by Black authors and poets

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Share photos of past or present Juneteenth celebrations

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Support Black-owned businesses

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Acknowledge and learn about contributions made by Blacks in our country throughout the year

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Visit local historical sites such as Heritage Trail

RESOURCES



The Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture website



Kid's guide on understanding and celebrating Juneteenth

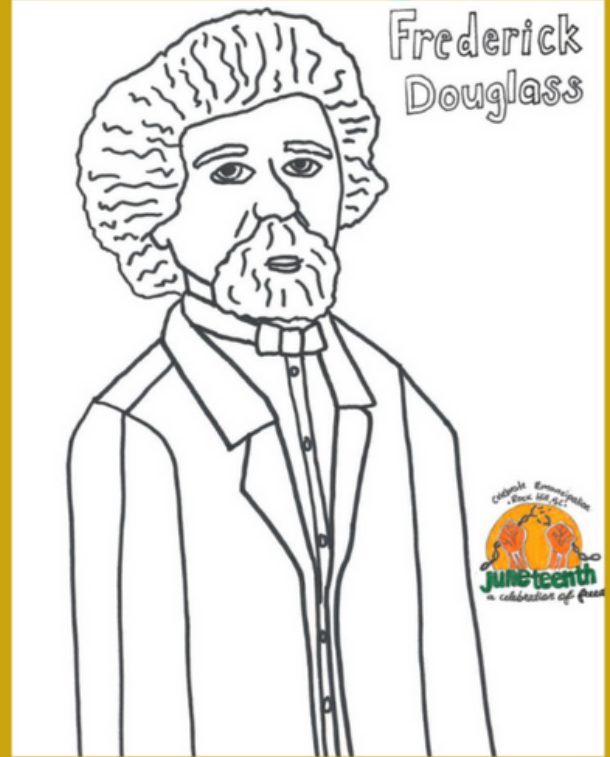
COLORING CONTEST SKETCHES



Rosa
Parks



Frederick
Douglass



Harriet
Tubman



The Artist: Olivia Hess

Rosa Parks



Frederick Douglass



Harriet Tubman



MEET THE BOARD



Pictured from left to right

Front row: Mr. Antonio Knox, Ms. Seberina Myles (President), Mrs. Valerie Watkins, Mrs. Dana Williams (Treasurer), Ms. Sandra Oborokumo, Ms. Rose Garvey, Mr. Stacey Anderson (Secretary)

Back row: Mrs. Connie Cain, Mr. Willie Ware

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