Juneteenth, a Ce-liberation of Freedom 2025 – Event FAQ & Highlights

Welcome to Lockport Township Park District's **Juneteenth, a Ce-liberation of Freedom: Honoring History, Uplifting Community**! Below you'll find helpful information about what to expect at this year's event, so you can enjoy your day to the fullest.

When & Where

Date: Thursday, June 19, 2025 **Time:** 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM **Location:** A.F. Hill Park (Corner of Green Garden and Princeton Ave.), Lockport, IL

O Food & Concessions

- Smokin' Z BBQ and La Joliet will be on site with food available for purchase.
- The first 100 guests will receive a free soul food meal from For the Love of Soul, generously sponsored by Shiloh M.B. Church.

Senior Tent

- A designated, accessible senior tent is sponsored by Lewis University.
- Volunteers will be available to assist seniors with seating, water, and meal service.

Entertainment Schedule

- **4:30 PM** *1619: Journey of a People* (Theatrical performance)
- 5:30 PM Jesse White Tumblers (Acrobatic performance)
- 6:15 PM Joliet Line Dancers (Dance performance)

Sames & Activities

- **Fun Bounces Rental** is bringing a carnival-style experience with bounce houses, obstacle courses, and interactive games!
- Silver & Gold Card Tournament Enjoy our Spades Card Game Tournament hosted by our Senior Club, Silver and Gold as well as our community members. Join the fun and show off your skills!

m Resource Fair

Sponsored by our **Freedom Supporters**, our Resource Fair offers free materials, educational handouts, community resources, and giveaways. Meet representatives from:

- Will County Executive Jennifer Bertino-Tarrant
- State Representatives Dee Avelar & Natalie Manley
- Lockport Township
- Garland Mays, Community Engagement Officer
- Gail Walker
- Kaneena Creations
- Joliet Latino Economic Development Association
- And over 20 other local organizations and community groups

And special thanks to:

- Event Sponsor: Will County Land Use Community Development
- Progress Champions: Lewis University, Shiloh M.B. Church, Habitat for Humanity
- Unity Advocate: FCPGI (Fairmont Community Partnership Group, Inc.)

Parking, Accessibility & Amenities

- Free on-site parking is available, including clearly marked accessible spots.
- Portable restrooms and ADA-accessible restrooms with Handwashing Stations will be provided.
- Shaded tents and picnic tables will be available in the food court area.

Construction Notice

Pardon our dust! A.F. Hill Park is undergoing exciting renovations to add an outdoor fitness area designed to support health and wellness in our community. We appreciate your patience as we improve our space for future enjoyment.

O Have More Questions?

Contact us at rclick@lockportpark.org or call 815-838-1183 x206.

We can't wait to celebrate Juneteenth with you!