



Juneteenth Resources

What Is Juneteenth?

On June 19, 1865, two and a half years after the Emancipation Proclamation was issued, Major General Granger of the Union Army arrived in Galveston, Texas, and informed slaves that the Civil War had ended, and that slavery had been abolished. Since then, almost every state has celebrated the anniversary of that occasion, which has come to be known as Juneteenth. Juneteenth is an important day both to reflect on the struggles and progress of Black Americans, past and present, and to celebrate the indelible contribution that Black Americans have made to American culture.

Why Do We Observe Juneteenth As A Firm Holiday?

As members of the legal profession, we have a deeper responsibility to achieve racial justice and dismantle racist laws, policies, and practices. The racial injustices that the Black community experiences remind us that the U.S. still has a long way to go to achieve equality and liberty for all. For true progress to be made, we must be more than non-racist. We must be anti-racist and take steps with meaningful action. To that end, firm leadership has embraced the observance of this important day and provided the entire Stradley Ronon community with resources on how to observe and celebrate the holiday, which falls on Monday, June 19th this year.

How Can I Learn More About Juneteenth?

There are many resources available online about Juneteenth, and members of the firm's Black and African American Engagement Group, Black Stradlians United, selected a handful of short articles and videos that are highly informative.

Articles

- [So You Want to Learn About Juneteenth?](#) | *The New York Times*, Derrick Bryson Taylor
- [Juneteenth: Our Other Independence Day](#) | *Smithsonian Magazine*, Kenneth C. Davis
- [The Black American Holiday Everyone Should Celebrate but Doesn't](#) | *Slate Magazine*, Jamelle Bouie
- [The Quintessential Americanness of Juneteenth](#) | *The Atlantic*, Vann R. Newkirk II

Videos

- [This is Why Juneteenth Is Important for America](#), The Root
- [Juneteenth](#), Season 4 opener of *Blackish* (watch with a Hulu membership)
- [Juneteenth Jamboree](#), PBS Documentary
- [Celebrating Juneteenth](#), National Museum of African American History of Culture

- Watch a TV show or movie about the Black experience. A great list can be found [here](#).

How Can I Celebrate Juneteenth?

While Juneteenth is celebrated in many ways – by attending picnics, spending time with loved ones, or learning more about the history of Black Americans – we encourage all Stradlians to take this day to recognize both our collective past and commit to discussing the holiday with friends and family.

Members of Black Stradlians United have recommended the following:

- **Support Black-Owned Businesses** – Visiting a Black-owned business in your community on Juneteenth is a great way to recognize this holiday. Click [here](#) to see a list of Black-owned businesses frequented by Stradlians.
- **Visit a Museum on Juneteenth** – Each of the cities in which our offices are located have museums dedicated to the Black experience and have exhibits related to Juneteenth. Consider visiting the [Smithsonian National Museum of African American History & Culture](#) in Washington D.C., the [African American Museum of Philadelphia](#), the [DuSable Museum of African American History](#) in Chicago, or the [Weeksville Heritage Center](#) in Brooklyn.
- **Attend a Juneteenth Event** – It’s impossible to list all of the events happening this weekend and on Monday, but we have identified an event in each city that you might want to attend:
 - [Philadelphia’s African American Museum Juneteenth Block Party: Liberation Rising](#) – a family-friendly outdoor festival with food, entertainment, activations, games and education for everyone to enjoy! The event will be held on Monday, June 19 from 11 AM – 4 PM and will be held at 701 Arch St, **Philadelphia**, PA 19106
 - [Juneteenth 2023 Block Party Celebration](#) – A celebration with music and food on Saturday, June 17th from 1 PM – 5 PM at 1700 Good Hope Road Southeast, **Washington, DC**
 - [Juneteenth Village Fest](#) – A “family-fun” event with rides, games, music, and food to celebrate Juneteenth on Sunday, June 18th from 12 PM – 8 PM at Anna & Frederick Douglass Park, 1313 S. Sacramento Drive, **Chicago**. Angie Stone is the headliner.
 - [Juneteenth Celebration 2023](#) – A three-day celebration of Black food, culture, music, and family, with the festival on Saturday, June 17th from 10 AM - 6 PM at Gershwin Park in **Brooklyn** (Linden Boulevard) and the concert on Sunday, June 18th from 10 AM – 6PM on at Prospect Park in **Brooklyn**
 - There are many more events happening, so click on each city name to find out more: [Washington DC](#), [Philadelphia](#), [Chicago](#), and [New York City](#).