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Juneteenth commemorates the end of slavery in the United States. On June 19, 1865, Union General Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston, Texas, and issued General Order No. 3, declaring that all enslaved people in Texas were free. This announcement came more than two years after President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation on

January 1, 1863, which had already declared freedom for enslaved individuals in Confederate-held territories. Juneteenth holds deep historical and cultural significance. It stands as a powerful reminder of our nation's ongoing pursuit of freedom, equality, and justice for all.

This year's celebration takes place at Lee Jordan Field, named in honor of one of Takoma Park's



Mr. Lee Jordan

beloved community leaders. Known locally as "Mr. Lee," he was instrumental in integrating youth sports in Takoma Park and Montgomery County. In the 1950s, he founded a Boys and Girls Club for Black youth and consistently advocated for equitable public services and spaces. Mr. Lee passed away in 1988, but his legacy continues to inspire future generations.





12:00 - 12:10 PM: Opening Remarks - Rev. Scott Davis,

Timothy Cooper, Mayor Talisha Searcy

12:10 - 1:00 PM: DJ Beezy

1:00 - 1:30 PM: God Glorified

1:45 - 2:30 PM: Unkut Band feat. Tink Jones

2:30 - 3:00 PM: DJ Beezy & Speaker

3:00 - 3:45 PM: Ethan Spalding & the 422 Traprock Band

3:45 - 4:00 PM: DJ Beezy & Speaker

4:00 - 4:45 PM: Backyard Band

4:45 - 5:15 PM: DJ Beezy & Speaker

5:15 - 6:00 PM: Backyard Band (Encore)

## All-Day Family Fun Moonbounce · Face Painting · Outdoor Yard Games for All Ages



















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## Juneteenth Planning Committee

Adia Coleman - Maple Community Association
Timothy Cooper - Maple Community Association
Shannon Floyd - Maple Community Association
Boe Smith - Maple Community Association
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Terrell Thornton - Maple Community Association
Leicia Monfort - Maple Community Association
David Fisher - Maple Community Association

Kurt Gilbert - Councilmember, Ward 4
Terry Seamens - Former Councilmember,
Ward 4/ Community member
Cara Honzak - Councilmember, Ward 5
Roxanne Yamashita - Small Things Matter
Cherwanda Oliver - Village of Takoma Park
Patricia Matthews - Village of Takoma Park

This event is hosted by The City of Takoma Park, the Juneteenth Committee, and the Maple Community Association (MCA)— a nonprofit dedicated to supporting underserved youth and elderly residents in Takoma Park.

Learn more about MCA at maplecommunityassociation.org

