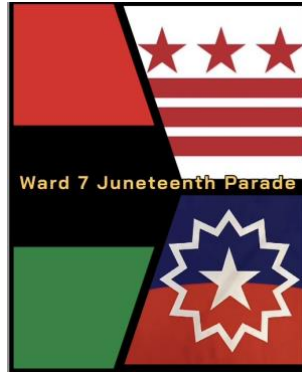




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Celebrate Freedom and Culture at the District of Columbia's First Juneteenth Parade

(Washington, D.C.) The Ward 7 Juneteenth Parade Planning Committee announces the **Ward 7 Juneteenth Parade**, the District of Columbia's first ever Juneteenth Parade, on Thursday, June 19, 2025, starting at 10 a.m., at the Penn Branch Shopping Center Rear Parking Lot (3200 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE).

The community is invited to join in commemorating the emancipation of enslaved African Americans and celebrating the rich history, culture, and contributions of the Black community. The parade will feature an exciting lineup of marching bands, community groups, local leaders, cultural performers, dancers, and more.

"Juneteenth is a powerful day of remembrance, reflection, and joy," said Earl Williams, Parade Chairman. "This parade brings our community together to honor our shared history and promote justice, resilience, and equality in our Ward 7 community and the entire District of Columbia."

Following the parade, attendees can enjoy lunch, recreation, networking, and information from community groups and sponsors in the Fort Dupont Park Picnic Area, a community festival featuring music, food, educational exhibits, art displays, children's activities, and local Black-owned businesses.

Event Details:

Date: Thursday, June 19, 2025

Time: Parade starts at 10 AM; Post Parade Event follows until 3 PM

Location: Starts: 3200 Pennsylvania Ave SE (Penn-Branch Shopping Center Rear Parking Lot)-
Proceed: Down Branch Avenue toward Randle Circle SE- End Randle Circle Park

Cost: Free and open to the public

About Juneteenth

Juneteenth is an annual commemoration of the emancipation of enslaved people in the US. The holiday was first celebrated in Texas, where on that June 19, 1865, in the aftermath of the Civil War, enslaved people were declared free under the terms of the 1862 Emancipation Proclamation. In 2021, President Joe Biden signed legislation that made Juneteenth a federal holiday. As Juneteenth becomes more widely celebrated in the District of Columbia, our vision is for this parade to become a catalyst to influence the public to reflect on the history and significance of Juneteenth, a victory for justice, resilience, and the pursuit of equality.

The parade will highlight these themes by bringing together residents, local artists, small businesses, community groups, cultural organizations, educators, and civic leaders. The parade will also provide a platform to showcase the rich culture and history of the Ward 7 community. We estimate that approximately 1,500 people from Ward 7 communities and other parts of the city will attend making this a perfect opportunity to celebrate and highlight our ANC Leadership and the work they do on behalf of communities in across the Ward.

Join Us!

Bring your family, friends, and neighbors to experience a day of celebration, education, and unity. For more information about the parade, festival activities, or to become a sponsor or volunteer, visit www.ward7jpc.com