

# 2025 Delaware City-Polktown Juneteenth Observance

## Schedule At a Glance



### Shove Off Day, Saturday, May 24

#### Morning at the Delaware City Library:

“Shove Off for Freedom” a program for all ages by Kathy Trusty — independent historian, Black history educator, children’s book author

Ferry Tickets: \$7 each for those attending the morning program

#### Lunch at the Pavilion, Fort Delaware State Park

#### Afternoon at the Fort Delaware State Park:

Civil War Era at Fort Delaware, including children’s games led by Fort Delaware staff

### Saturday, June 7, “Looking Back / Moving Forward”

#### Midday at Battery Park Bandstand:

Harriet Tubman and the Tilly Rescue with Debra Martin

#### Afternoon at the Delaware City Library:

Artist’s Tour of “Landscapes of the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad Byway” with E. Lynn Dilliplane

#### Evening at the Community Center:

The Sankofa Drum and Dance Company

### Thursday, June 19 - Juneteenth

Morning: Juneteenth Commemorative Service, a solemn Ceremony at the African Union Church Cemetery. Music by the Hildaman Chorale and others.

Afternoon / Evening: Suite Franchon & Friends, and Best Kept Soul performances

### Sunday, June 22

12:00 Noon: Mount Salem U.A.M.E. Church’s Juneteenth Worship Service

Afternoon: Community Cookout. A traditional community cookout offered by the Mount Salem U.A.M.E. Church congregation on the church grounds. Performances celebrating Black history and culture.

### Throughout the Juneteenth celebration period at the Delaware City Library

Juneteenth themed library programs: Book Club 5/27; Kids Cook 5/28; Teens & Tweens Culture 6/11; Children’s Storytime 6/17; Kids Craft 6/17; Cooking with Cathy for Tweens & Teens 6/18

Photography exhibit by E. Lynn Dilliplane, “Landscapes of the Delaware Harriett Tubman Underground Railroad Byway” revised to include additional scenes highlighting local Underground Railroad history.

### In Development / Specifics TBA

- Essay, Art, and Culinary Challenge for Children and Youth in the area schools
- Black-Owned Businesses and Organizations Exhibits
- Genealogy: Delaware Public Archives & Afro-American Historical & Genealogical Society

Sponsors: City of Delaware City, Delaware City Fire Company, Delaware City Library, Delaware City Police Department, Delaware City Refining Company, Fort Delaware State Park, Friends of the African Union Church Cemetery (FAUCC), Main Street Delaware City, Mt. Salem U.A.M.E. Church and the Underground Railroad Coalition of Delaware

For event updates, please visit

<https://juneteenth-delcity.org/> or <https://africanunioncemetery.org/>