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JUNETEENTH IN THE WB

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Welcome to the second annual Juneteenth in the WB!

It is a pleasure to celebrate this important history once again with the diverse community of West Bloomfield Township and the surrounding areas. We would like to also thank our founding sponsor, the West Bloomfield-Lakes Area Dems Club, for their passion for social justice and inclusion and celebrating diversity all while helping the Juneteenth Committee realize their vision of a community where the color of one's skin does not matter.

As we celebrate this day, let us remember its history.

Juneteenth is the oldest African American celebration commemorating the end of slavery in the United States. The day celebrates when Union Soldiers, led by Major General Gordon Granger landed in Galveston, Texas on June 19, 1865, with the news that the war had ended and all slaves were free. This was two years after President Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation of 1863, freeing all slaves. The first Juneteenth celebration began on June 19, 1866, in Galveston, Texas. President Biden recognized Juneteenth as a federal holiday when he signed the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act on June 17, 2021.

We would like to thank our supporters: West Bloomfield Public Library; West Bloomfield Friends of the Library; Henry Ford Health West Bloomfield; West Bloomfield Parks & Rec; West Bloomfield Public Safety; West Bloomfield High School and School District; United We Walk/MLK 365; Road Masters Vette Club; Jet's Pizza-West Bloomfield; Busch's Fresh Food Market; Trader Joe's; Costco. Thank you to those who bought ads, your in-kind donations, and your presence at this event.

We hope you enjoy it as much as we enjoyed planning it. Without you – we could not do this. And without your presence the celebration would not be the same.

Thank you for joining us, and we hope you enjoy the day.

Best wishes,

Juneteenth in the WB, the West Bloomfield-Lakes Area Social Justice Committee

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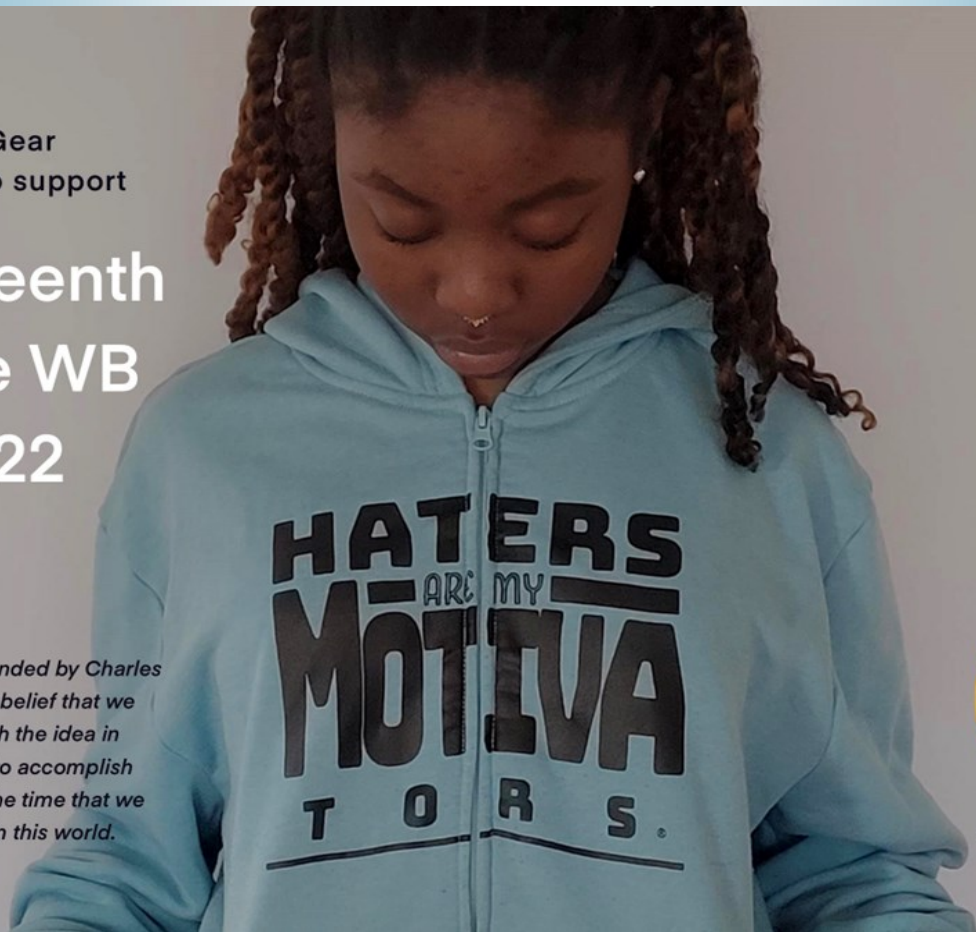
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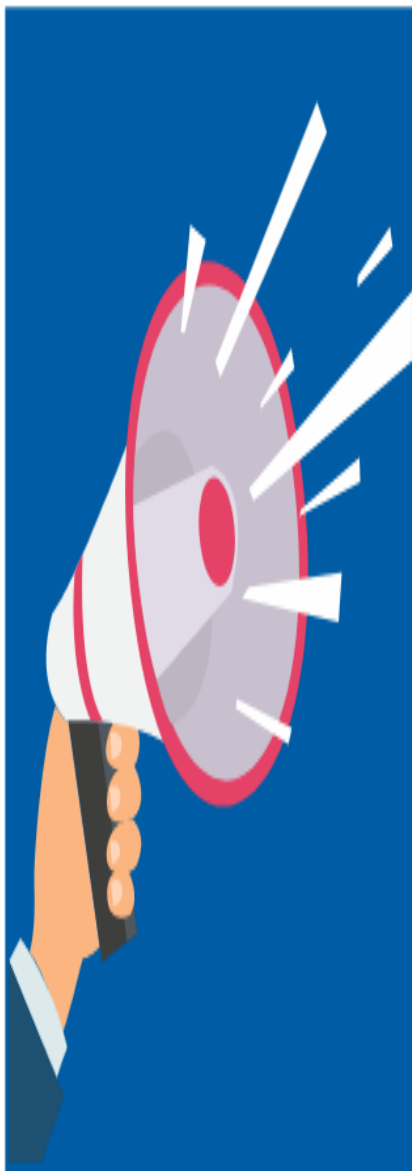
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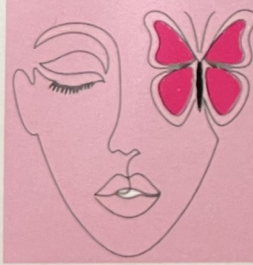
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Program for Juneteenth in the WB 2022

Speakers and Storytellers:

Benediction by Pastor Dr. John DeVar Tolbert,
Trinity Missionary Baptist Church, Pontiac

"Lift Every Voice," by trumpeter Quincy Stewart

Juneteenth Libation Ceremony, James Hill

Remarks on the Importance of Celebrating Diversity: Robin Carter-Cooper, Oakland County's first Chief Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Officer

Remarks by Shanna Johnson, President, Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital

The History of Juneteenth: La'Ron Williams, storyteller

A Brief Introduction to the Tuskegee Airmen

Major William H. Burnett, West Bloomfield Chapter President

Performances:

Dany African drum and Dance Nanou Djiapo African Dance

A Capella Gospel Music

The Gospel Deliverers

WBHS student Jazz Band

Motor City Dance Factory

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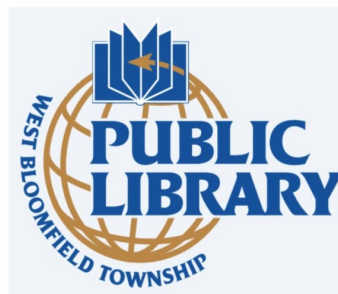
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The third Saturday in June is known as Juneteenth National Freedom Day. We pause and reflect on the strong survival instinct of the African American people and the great joy with which African Americans first celebrated the abolition of slavery. It is a reminder to all Americans of the importance of African Americans in our society.

—from the West Bloomfield Township Resolution, 2022.

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