

## Annual Juneteenth Emancipation March and Program, *continued*

**LOCATION:** Reedy Chapel A.M.E. Church, 2015 Broadway,  
Galveston, Texas 77550.

Marchers should meet at 5:55 p.m. on the steps of  
the Old Galveston Court House on 21st and Sealy.  
The march to Reedy Chapel A.M.E. Church begins  
promptly at 6:00 p.m. (approximately 3 blocks to 2015  
Broadway)

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This year's program commemorates the 400th anniversary  
of the first Africans to arrive in the new world. As  
customary, we will reenact Galveston's first documented  
citywide celebration of emancipation—a jubilant march  
from the courthouse to the historic sanctuary of Reedy  
Chapel A.M.E. Church, followed by an inspirational  
program. In addition, an African Village will transport you  
to the ancestral motherland with demonstrations and  
exhibits of African music, art and crafts before and after  
the march. Juneteenth refreshments; great family fun.  
One and all welcome.

### Central High School Gathering June 2019 Activities

**LOCATION:** Old Central Cultural Center, 2627 Avenue M,  
Galveston, Texas 77550

**CONTACT:** Sharon Holmes (409) 457-1795

#### "Memorial Service"

Wednesday, June 12, 2019

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

#### "Old Fashion Fish Fry" (BYOB)

Friday, June 14, 2019

6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

#### "Cotton Ball" (BYOB/BYOF)

Saturday, June 15, 2019

8:30 p.m. – 12:30 a.m.

#### Father's Day Barbeque

Old Central Jack Johnson Park Sunday

June 16, 2019

1:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

## HAPPY JUNETEENTH FROM UTMB

The University of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB) in Galveston  
is proud to support the 2019 Juneteenth Celebration  
activities and to serve the African American community  
through health sciences education, research and patient care  
in keeping with its core value of diversity. UTMB has a legacy  
of changing history to improve health and improve lives:

- UTMB has stood with Texas – training the health care  
workforce, serving as a major provider of health care for  
Texas and their families and innovating the future of how  
care is delivered.
- UTMB opened in 1891 as the nation's first public medical  
school and hospital under unified leadership.
- UTMB School of Nursing, established in 1890 as the John  
Sealy Hospital Training School for Nurses, became part of  
the university in 1896 and was the first nursing school in  
Texas.
- UTMB opened the first state-funded hospital for African  
Americans in Texas in 1902.
- In 1949, five years before the landmark Brown v. Board  
of Education case called for desegregation of schools,  
UTMB admitted the first African American student into  
medical school in the state of Texas. That student, a  
Tuskegee Airman named Herman A. Barnett, would go  
on to break down other color barriers throughout his  
life and career. Despite his acceptance to prestigious  
medical schools at historically black universities (Howard  
and Meharry), the NAACP encouraged Barnett to attend  
UTMB to help desegregate medical education and the  
field of medicine in Texas. Barnett courageously agreed,  
earning his MD in 1953.
- UTMB is the largest employer of African Americans in  
Galveston County.

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*The Galveston Juneteenth Coalition was organized in January  
2002 by Douglas Matthews (UTMB) and Ennis Williams (Old  
Central) coming together to help promote all Galveston  
Juneteenth activities during this historic time when African  
Americans in the south learned of their freedom from  
slavery through the Emancipation Proclamation issued by  
President Abraham Lincoln and enforced by Army General  
Gordon Granger and 2,000 troops. Happy Juneteenth 2018!*

# 2019 JUNETEENTH CELEBRATIONS

JUNE  
2-19

Galveston, TX

*"Come on home,  
where it all began"*

Family Picnic  
Parade and Festivals  
Banquets  
Arts and Crafts  
Historical Reenactments  
Gospel Choirs  
Miss Juneteenth Pageant



## SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 2019

### 27th Annual Juneteenth Development Corporation Scholarship Gala

**TIME:** 7:00 p.m.

**TICKETS:** Adults \$15/Children \$7.50 at the door

**LOCATION:** Old Central Cultural Center,  
2627 Avenue M, Galveston, Texas 77550

**CONTACT:** Dorothy Brown (409) 762-0063 or Wyzell  
Wortham-Lewis (409) 256-3208

Young Ladies ages 17 to 22 will compete for scholarships and prizes. The first place winner will be crowned Miss Juneteenth Ambassador. Contestants are judged on an oral presentation of their goals and aspirations; a creative talent; formal wear and a question and answer session.

## TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 2019

### 23rd Annual Al Edwards' Juneteenth Banquet

**TIME:** 7:00 p.m.

**TICKETS:** \$35.00

**LOCATION:** Old Central Cultural Center  
2627 Avenue M, Galveston, Texas 77550

**CONTACT:** Pete Henley (409) 392-0317 or  
Douglas Matthews (409) 599-5520

The state theme "Come on Home Where It All Began" highlights the history of Juneteenth and its importance to our community and heritage. State Representative Senfronia Thompson of Houston will be the banquet speaker. Banquet Sponsorships: \$350, \$500, and \$1,000. Individual Tickets \$35. Old Central Cultural Center is home to Texas' First African American High School and Public Library.

This year's banquet speaker is State Rep. Senfronia Thompson of Houston. Rep. Thompson is the longest serving woman state legislator and African American in Texas history. She received her undergraduate degrees from Texas Southern University and her law degree from TSU Thurgood Marshall School of Law.

## THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 2019

### 6th Annual Juneteenth Gala at Ashton Villa

**TIME:** 7:00 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Ashton Villa Ballroom, 2312 Broadway,  
Galveston, Texas 77550

**CONTACT:** Pete Henley (409) 392-0317 or Douglas  
Matthews (409) 599-5520

**ADMISSION:** Tickets are \$25 each and a Reserved Table  
of 8 is \$225

This event celebrates the Texas Legislature approval of the Juneteenth Holiday (House Bill 1016 approved in 1978) and the Juneteenth Holiday Statue erected at Ashton Villa in June 2006 by the Texas Emancipation Juneteenth Cultural and Historical Commission.

## SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 2019

### Green Book Lecture and Shoebox Luncheon Hosted by Galveston Historical Foundation African American Heritage Committee

**TIMES:** 11 a.m. & 1 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Menard Hall – 3302 Avenue O,  
Galveston, Texas 77550

**TICKETS:** \$40 per person

**RESERVATIONS REQUIRED. SEATING LIMITED:**  
[www.galvestonhistory.org](http://www.galvestonhistory.org)

**CONTACT:** Jami Durham (409) 765-3453 for more  
information.

*Presented by Ruben and Toya Levi* — Travelling during the Jim Crow era carried with it additional hardships for African Americans. With numerous African American families moving from rural to urban locales to take on industrial jobs, the ability for many of those families to attain vehicles became a reality. That didn't stop several cities and states from finding ways to discriminate against the African American traveler, though that was made illegal in the Civil Rights Act of 1875. These travelers had to work together to vacation and trek across the United States and frequently relied on the guidance of the "Negro Motorist Green Book" to find motels, gas stations, restaurants, and more. Although the Green Book supplied places to eat during travel, there were still places in between that were not open to the Negro travelers. Several travelers would pack what is known as a "Shoebox Lunch" to guarantee they had a meal to eat. This was a basic shoebox packed full of foods that would not spoil during a long trip. Seating is limited and reservations include access to the lecture and a specially prepared shoebox lunch for dining during the discussion.

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, 2019

### 40th Annual Al Edwards' Juneteenth Prayer Breakfast in the Ashton Villa Ballroom

**TIME:** 8:30 a.m.

**LOCATION:** Ballroom of Ashton Villa, 2300 Broadway,  
Galveston, Texas 77550

**CONTACT:** Douglas Matthews (409) 599-5520

**ADMISSION:** Event is free and open to the public

The Galveston Nia Cultural Center will provide a historical perspective of Juneteenth, the Emancipation Proclamation and General Order No. 3, along with the Fanfare Lutheran Music Academy and Dr. Stephen Duncan will perform as U.S. Major General Gordon Granger at the Ashton Villa Ballroom which once served as the Confederate Army headquarters. Annual Juneteenth celebrations occur in over 40 states in the United States. This event occurred in Galveston on June 19, 1865, two years after it was enacted in 1863. Galveston holds the distinction of being the place of the first reading of the Proclamation in the South. Former Texas State Representative Al Edwards sponsored two legislative bills establishing Juneteenth as a State Holiday in 1979 and providing for a Juneteenth Statue in Galveston. In June 2006, the Texas Emancipation Juneteenth Commission dedicated a \$100,000 statue commemorating the State Juneteenth Holiday at the historic Ashton Villa, which was the first state government to recognize a holiday for African American people in the United States. Free breakfast after program provided by "You Can't Touch This."

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, 2019

### Reedy Chapel A.M.E. Church Annual Juneteenth Emancipation March and Program *"Celebrating Emancipation and 400 Years of Africa's Gifts to America"*

**TIME: 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.** African Village featuring an African drum circle, exhibits and children's arts and crafts – Reedy Chapel Church parking lot and Fellowship Hall prior to the Emancipation March and Program.

**6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.** Emancipation March and Program

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