



JUNETEENTH

CELEBRATING FREEDOM IN KETTERING

Dear Kettering Vendor,

The city of Kettering and our Board of Community Relations are busy planning the city's **3rd Annual JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION** and we need your help! We hope you will consider becoming a vendor of this free, family-friendly event in Kettering.

JUNETEENTH: Celebrating Freedom In Kettering takes place on Wednesday, June 19, 2024, 5 – 8 p.m. at the Lincoln Park Civic Commons. This event recognizes our newest federal holiday with live music, food, and fun—and it's all FREE! In addition to a featured live band, dozens of businesses and nonprofits will provide information, services and samples. A family area will have special activities for kids of all ages. A variety of food trucks will be available for the purchase of tasty meals, snacks and desserts. Plus, in the days leading up to Juneteenth, we're planning to host related exhibits, documentary screenings and other programs that will celebrate and educate at the gorgeous, newly renovated Rosewood Arts Center.

We are eager to build on the success of the past two years and grow our city's Juneteenth celebration into an anticipated annual family festival.

The cost of securing a vendor space is only \$50.

Questions? Please call Amy Hayslip, Community Development Coordinator at 937-296-3308 or email amy.hayslip@ketteringoh.org.

Thank you!



What is Juneteenth?

The Juneteenth holiday was signed into federal law in 2021, but it commemorates an event that took place more than 150 years ago. While the Emancipation Proclamation of 1863 had freed enslaved people in all the Southern secessionist states, it wasn't until June 19, 1865 that federal troops arrived in Texas and proclaimed freedom for the last remaining enslaved people of Galveston. The first celebration of "Jubilee Day" took place the following year, and as people migrated across the US, the annual celebration spread.

Today, Juneteenth celebrates the real end of slavery, the joy of shared freedom, and a continued commitment to equity in the U.S.

YES! I want to be a vendor at **JUNETEENTH: Celebrating Freedom in Kettering!**

Business/Organization Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Website: _____

Vendor Space Reservation: \$50

Mail checks to: City of Kettering
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