

The story behind Juneteenth becoming a holiday

Many Americans are celebrating Juneteenth, marking the day in 1865 when the last enslaved people in the United States learned they were free.

For generations, Black Americans have recognized the end of one of the darkest chapters in U.S. history with joy, in the form of parades, street festivals, musical performances or cookouts.

The U.S. government was slow to embrace the occasion — it was only in 2021 that President Joe Biden signed a bill passed by Congress to set aside Juneteenth, or June 19th, as a federal holiday.

And just as many people learn what Juneteenth is all about, the holiday's traditions are facing new pressures — political rhetoric condemning efforts to teach Americans about the nation's racial history, companies using the holiday as a marketing event, people partying without understanding why.

Here is a look at the origins of Juneteenth, how it became a federal holiday and more about its history.

HOW DID JUNETEENTH START?

The celebrations began with enslaved people in Galveston, Texas. Although President Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation freed the slaves in 1863, it could not be enforced in many places in the South until the Civil War ended in 1865. Even then, some white people who had profited from their unpaid labor were reluctant to share the news.

Laura Smalley, freed from a plantation near Bellville, Texas, remembered in a 1941 interview that the man she referred to as "old master" came home from fighting in the Civil War and didn't tell the people he enslaved what had happened.

"Old master didn't tell, you know, they was free," Smalley said. "I think now they say they worked them, six months after that. Six months. And turn them loose on the 19th of June. That's why, you know, we celebrate that day."

News that the war had ended and they were free finally reached Galveston when Union Maj. Gen. Gordon Granger and his troops arrived in the Gulf

Coast city on June 19, 1865, more than two months after Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee surrendered to Union Gen. Ulysses S. Grant in Virginia.

Granger delivered General Order No. 3, which said: "The people of Texas are informed that, in accordance with a proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free. This involves an absolute equality of personal rights and rights of property between former masters and slaves, and the connection heretofore existing between them becomes that between employer and hired labor."

Slavery was permanently abolished six months later, when Georgia ratified the 13th Amendment. And the next year, the now-free people of Galveston started celebrating Juneteenth, an observance that has continued and spread around the world. Events include concerts, parades and readings of the Emancipation Proclamation.

WHAT DOES 'JUNETEENTH' MEAN?

It's a blend of the words June and nineteenth. The

holiday has also been called Juneteenth Independence Day, Freedom Day, second Independence Day and Emancipation Day.

It began with church picnics and speeches, and spread as Black Texans moved elsewhere.

Most U.S. states now hold celebrations honoring Juneteenth as a holiday or a day of recognition, like Flag Day. Juneteenth is a paid holiday for state employees in Texas, New York, Virginia, Washington, and now Nevada as well. Hundreds of companies give workers the day off.

Opal Lee, a former teacher and activist, is largely credited for rallying others behind a campaign to make Juneteenth a federal holiday. The 96-year-old had vivid memories of celebrating Juneteenth in East Texas as a child with music, food and games. In 2016, the "little old lady in tennis shoes" walked through her home city of Fort Worth, Texas and then in other cities before arriving in Washington, D.C. Soon, celebrities and politicians were lending their support.

Lee was one of the people standing next to Biden when he signed Juneteenth into law. **HOW HAVE JUNETEENTH CELEBRATIONS EVOLVED OVER THE YEARS?**

The national reckoning over race ignited by the 2020 murder of George Floyd by police helped set the stage for Juneteenth to become the first new federal holiday since 1983, when Martin Luther King Jr. Day was created.

The bill was sponsored by Sen. Edward Markey, D-Mass., and had 60 co-sponsors, a show of bipartisan support as lawmakers struggled to overcome divisions that are still simmering three years later.

Now there is a movement to use the holiday as an opportunity for activism and education, with community service projects aimed at addressing racial disparities and educational panels on topics such health care inequities and the need for parks and green spaces.

Like most holidays, Juneteenth has also seen its fair share of commercialism.

Retailers, museums and other venues have capitalized on it by selling Juneteenth-themed T-shirts, party ware and ice cream. Some of the marketing has misfired, provoking a social media backlash.

Supporters of the holiday have also worked to make sure Juneteenth celebrators don't forget why the day exists.

"In 1776 the country was freed from the British, but the people were not all free," Dee Evans, national director of communications of the National Juneteenth Observance Foundation, said in 2019. "June 19, 1865, was actually when the people and the entire country was actually free."

There's also sentiment to use the day to remember the sacrifices that were made for freedom in the United States — especially in these racially and politically charged days.

Said Para LaNell Agboga, museum site coordinator at the George Washington Carver Museum, Cultural and Genealogy Center in Austin, Texas: "Our freedoms are fragile, and it doesn't take much for things to go backward."

PUBLIC NOTICE

FORM OR-LB-1	NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING
A public meeting of the City Council of the City of Cave Junction, Oregon will be held on June 28, 2023 at 7 p.m. at the City Hall, 222 Lister Street, Cave Junction, Oregon. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 as approved by the City of Cave Junction Budget Committee. A summary of the budget is presented below. A copy of the budget may be inspected or obtained at City Hall, City of Cave Junction, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. This budget is for an annual budget period. This budget was prepared on the cash basis of accounting that is the same basis of accounting used for the preceding year.	
Contact: Rebecca Patton, City Recorder	Telephone: 541-592-4529 Email: cjrecorder@cityofcj.com

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - RESOURCES			
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS	Actual Amount Last Year 2021-22	Adopted Budget This Year 2022-23	Approved Budget Next Year 2023-24
Beginning Fund Balance/Net Working Capital	2,597,301	3,255,527	3,209,193
Fees, Licenses, Permits, Fines, Assessments & Other Service Charges	2,570,095	4,777,200	4,312,111
Federal, State & all Other Grants, Gifts, Allocations & Donations	348,504	590,000	1,556,386
Revenue from Bonds and Other Debt	10,000	0	0
Interfund Transfers / Internal Service Reimbursements	1,132,684	1,130,684	795,684
All Other Resources Except Current Year Property Taxes	222,800	73,200	175,251
Current Year Property Taxes Estimated to be Received	259,849	283,000	300,000
Total Resources	7,141,233	10,109,611	10,348,625

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS BY OBJECT CLASSIFICATION			
Personnel Services	1,046,900	1,293,570	1,423,487
Materials and Services	1,049,868	1,731,641	1,589,093
Capital Outlay	471,338	4,888,822	5,371,793
Debt Service	257,654	248,292	257,438
Interfund Transfers	1,132,684	1,496,684	795,684
Contingencies	0	165,000	145,000
Special Payments	0	0	0
Unappropriated Ending Balance and Reserved for Future Expenditure	3,182,789	846,602	766,130
Total Requirements	7,141,233	10,670,611	10,348,625

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS AND FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT EMPLOYEES (FTE) BY ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT OR PROGRAM *			
Name Organizational Unit or Program	FTE for that unit or program		
Name Administration & Parks and Recreation	1,037,302	1,592,070	1,349,097
FTE	1.55	1.45	1.89
Name Water Services	1,168,186	3,875,949	3,285,795
FTE	2.30	2.80	4.05
Name Sewer Services	813,779	1,000,142	1,005,493
FTE	3.30	3.80	4.05
Name Street Services	346,019	643,000	657,286
FTE	3.85	2.85	2.20
Name Law Enforcement Services	184,843	190,921	181,000
FTE	0.10	0.10	0.10
Total Organizational Units or Programs	3,550,129	7,302,082	6,478,683
FTE	11.10	11.00	12.29
Not Allocated to Organization Unit or Program	408,315	2,521,927	3,103,812
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00
Unappropriated Ending Balance and Reserved for Future Expenditure	3,182,789	846,602	766,130
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Requirements	7,141,233	10,670,611	10,348,625
Total FTE	11.10	11.00	12.29

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ACTIVITIES and SOURCES OF FINANCING *	
Additional capital outlay projects funded by Federal and Oregon grants.	

PROPERTY TAX LEVIES			
	Rate or Amount Imposed Last Year 2020 - 21	Rate or Amount Imposed This Year 2021 - 22	Rate or Amount Approved Next Year 2022 - 23
Permanent Rate Levy (Rate limit \$1.8959 per \$1,000 Assessed Value)	\$1.8959	\$1.8959	\$1.8959
Local Option Levy			
Levy For General Obligation Bonds			

STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS		
LONG TERM DEBT	Estimated Debt Outstanding on July 1, 2022	Estimated Debt Authorized, But Not Incurred on July 1, 2022
General Obligation Bonds	\$2,101,978	\$0
Other Bonds		\$0
Other Borrowings	\$439,785	\$0
Total	\$2,541,763	\$0

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PUBLIC NOTICE

JOSEPHINE COUNTY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
JOSEPHINE COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICE DISTRICT

TIME: 9 A.M., WEDNESDAY JULY 12, 2023

PLACE: Anne Basker Auditorium, Courthouse Annex 604 NW Sixth Street, Grants Pass, Oregon

SUBJECT: The JOSEPHINE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS has entered an Order declaring its intention to initiate formation of a county service district for law enforcement services organized under ORS Chapter 451 and will conduct the first of two public hearings to solicit comments on the proposal for formation, effective upon approval of the voters at the November 7, 2023, election.

Voters in the proposed JOSEPHINE COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICE DISTRICT will be asked to establish a permanent rate limit to fund the district's operations as authorized by ORS 451.547.

PURPOSE OF PROPOSED DISTRICT: To provide and sustain an adequate level of law enforcement services throughout Josephine County, including the city of Cave Junction; excluding the city of Grants Pass; and excluding certain territory in the Urban Grown Boundary of the city of Grants Pass which have existing city Public Safety Service and Annexation Agreements.

JOSEPHINE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
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Public Notice

JLF 23-128270 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

A default has occurred under the terms of a trust deed made by Joseph Milazzo, a single man, whose address is 1129 SE Excalibur Drive, Grants Pass, OR 97526 as grantor to Old Republic National Title Insurance Company, as Trustee, in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Mortgage Research Center, LLC dba Veterans United Home Loans, its successors and assigns, as named Beneficiary, dated July 28, 2021, recorded July 29, 2021, in the mortgage records of Josephine County, Oregon, as Instrument No. 2021-013344, PennyMac Loan Services, LLC is the present Beneficiary as defined by ORS 86.705(2), as covering the following described real property: Unit 2, Building "J", LEISURE ESTATES CONDOMINIUMS, Phase VII, according to the official plat thereof, Josephine County, Oregon, and as set forth in the declarations recorded March 22, 1983, as No. 83-02821, July 21, 1983 as No. 83-07818, April 3, 1984 as 84-03979, January 9, 1986 as No. 86-00340, May 29, 1987 as No. 87-07165, and May 16, 1988 as No. 88-06269, Josephine County Book of Records. TOGETHER WITH an undivided interest in and to the General Common Elements as set forth in the declarations above mentioned. ALSO TOGETHER WITH the exclusive use of the Limited Common Elements appurtenant to said Unit as set forth in the declaration recorded May 16, 1988, as No. 88-06269, Josephine County Book of Records and as shown on the official plat of Phase VII, Leisure Estates Condominiums, Josephine County, Oregon. COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 1129 SE Excalibur Drive, Grants Pass, OR 97526. Both the beneficiary and the trustee have elected to sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by said trust deed and a notice of default has been recorded pursuant to Oregon Revised Statutes 86.752(3); the default for which the foreclosure is made is grantor's failure to pay when due the following sums: Monthly payments in the sum of \$1,124.86, from September 1, 2022 plus prior accrued late charges in the amount of \$179.96, plus the sum of \$75.00 for advances, together with all costs, disbursements, and/or fees incurred or paid by the beneficiary and/or trustee, their employees, agents or assigns. By reason of said default the beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation that the trust deed secures immediately due and payable, said sum being the following, to-wit: \$220,203.76, together with accrued interest in the sum of \$4,498.01 through April 17, 2023, together with interest thereon at the rate of 2.875% per annum from April 18, 2023, plus prior accrued late charges in the amount of \$179.96, plus the sum of \$227.61 for advances, together with all costs, disbursements, and/or fees incurred or paid by the beneficiary and/or trustee, their employees, agents or assigns. WHEREFORE, notice hereby is given that the undersigned trustee will on September 12, 2023, at the hour of 1:00 PM PT, in accord with the standard time established by ORS 187.110, inside the main lobby of the Josephine County Courthouse, located at 500 N.W. 6th Street, in the City of Grants Pass, OR, County of Josephine, State of Oregon, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the interest in the said described real property which the grantor has or had power to convey at the time of the execution of said trust deed, together with any interest which the grantor or his successors in interest acquired after the execution of said trust deed, to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the trustee. Notice is further given to any person named in ORS 86.778 that the right exists, at any time that is not later than five days before the date last set for the sale, to have this foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the trust deed reinstated by paying to the beneficiary of the entire amount due (other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred) and by curing any other default complained of herein that is capable of being cured by tendering the performance required under the obligations or trust deed, and in addition to paying said sums or tendering the performance necessary to cure the default, by paying all costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligation and trust deed, together with trustee's fees and attorney's fees not exceeding the amounts provided by said ORS 86.778. Notice is further given that reinstatement or payoff quotes requested pursuant to ORS 86.786 and ORS 86.789 must be timely communicated in a written request that complies with that statute, addressed to the trustee's "Reinstatements/Payoffs - ORS 86.786" either by personal delivery or by first class, certified mail, return receipt requested, to the trustee's address shown below. Due to potential conflicts with federal law, persons having no record legal or equitable interest in the subject property will only receive information concerning the lender's estimated or actual bid. Lender bid information is also available at the trustee's website, www.logs.com/janeway_law_firm. In construing this notice, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter, the singular includes the plural, the word "grantor" includes any successor in interest to the grantor as well as any other person owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by said trust deed, and the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. Also, please be advised that pursuant to the terms stated on the Deed of Trust and Note, the beneficiary is allowed to conduct property inspections while property is in default. This shall serve as notice that the beneficiary shall be conducting property inspections on the said referenced property. Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. The Fair Debt Collection Practice Act requires that we state the following: This is an attempt to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. If a discharge has been obtained by any party through bankruptcy proceedings: This shall not be construed to be an attempt to collect the outstanding indebtedness or hold you personally liable for the debt. Dated: 4/18/2023 JANEWAY LAW FIRM, LLC, Successor Trustee 1499 SE Tech Center Place, Suite 255, Vancouver, WA 98683 www.logs.com/janeway_law_firm Telephone: (360) 260-2253 Toll-free: 1-800-970-5647 JLF 23-128270 NPP0434001 To: ILLINOIS VALLEY NEWS 05/31/2023, 06/07/2023, 06/14/2023, 06/21/2023