



March 7, 2022

Dear Manhattan Juneteenth Supporter:

Freedom • Strength • Resilience

...that's the theme of this year's Juneteenth Celebration. Historically, those three words speak to the civil rights challenges people in our country faced prior to and since 1865 when the emancipation of the slaves was announced and first celebrated in Galveston, Texas. While it is tempting to think we have made sufficient progress, we know there is more work to be done to ensure that the rights and freedoms of everyone are recognized and respected. That can only be achieved through our collective strength and resilience as a community, state, and country.

While the 2021 Juneteenth Celebration was scaled back in comparison to previous years, this year's Celebration will be a ***weeklong event***. It includes many of the popular programs/activities the community enjoyed in the past plus a few new ones.

The schedule for the weeklong celebration includes (subject to change – all events are free and open to the public):

- Sunday, June 5 – Sunday, June 26: Manhattan Juneteenth Flags will debut/fly on Poyntz Avenue
- Tuesday, June 7: City Commission Meeting; Mayor Morse will declare the week of June 13 as Juneteenth Week and Saturday, June 18 as Juneteenth in Manhattan, Kansas (7pm, City Hall)
- Monday, June 13: Showing of The BlackKlansman on the K-State Campus (time and location TBD)
- Tuesday, June 14: Community Panel Discussion/Dialogue: Growing up and living in Manhattan, Kansas 1950's to 2022 (time and location TBD)
- Wednesday, June 15: Kevin Willmott, Academy Award Winning American film director and screenwriter, and professor of film at the University of Kansas will speak on this year's Juneteenth theme (6pm at Bill Snyder Family Stadium)
- Thursday, June 16: Second Annual Juneteenth Art Auction – hand painted artwork submitted by local artists depicting this year's theme (6:30pm, Douglass Recreation Center – online and live)
- Friday June 17: Arts in the Park Performance co-sponsored with City of Manhattan Parks & Recreation Department (7:30pm – Performer TBA) plus Grilling Contest

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- Saturday, June 18: Manhattan Juneteenth Celebration – activities all day long
 - Juneteenth Fun Run (7am - from Douglass Community Center to Manhattan City Park)
 - Zumba / Yoga Demonstrations (9am)
 - Community Unity Walk (10am at City Park/City Proclamation read by the Mayor/first 100 participants will receive a free Juneteenth t-shirt)
 - Vendor Fair – community organizations, small businesses, food trucks (10am – 4pm)
 - Children activities (Home Depot Craft activity, Bounce House, Train, Money Drop, Bike Race, etc.)
 - Car Wash Contest / Car Yard Art / Pioneer Log Cabin Tours
 - Arts in the Parks Performance (7:30pm – Performer TBA)

This is the second year that Juneteenth will be celebrated as a federal holiday (Monday, June 20, 2022). Elevating awareness regarding our community's longest-standing annual community celebration with a week's worth of programs/activities seemed as important as ever.

To organize an event of this size and scope requires community support. We hope we can count on you to provide it. Your sponsorship will be acknowledged on all printed Juneteenth materials – t-shirt, event banner, programs, etc.

This year's sponsorship levels are:

- Platinum Sponsor 1,000 or more
- Gold Sponsor \$500-\$999
- Silver Sponsor 300-\$499
- Underwriter \$60-\$299
- Supporter \$30-59

If you are interested in sponsoring this year's event, please complete the enclosed sponsorship form and mail it with your payment in the enclosed self-addressed envelope. **Sponsorships must be received no later than Monday, May 16 to ensure your information is included on the Juneteenth printed materials.**

We hope we can count on your support. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us at manhattanksjuneteenth@gmail.com.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Manhattan Juneteenth Committee

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Sponsor Commitment Form

Manhattan Juneteenth Celebration Week

Monday, June 13 – Saturday, June 18, 2022

Manhattan, Kansas

Please place a checkmark adjacent to the sponsorship level you are interested in supporting for this year's weeklong Manhattan Juneteenth Celebration scheduled for June 13-18, 2022.

Please return this form along with your payment (payable to *City of Manhattan* with "Manhattan Juneteenth" written on the memo line) in the enclosed self-addressed envelope postmarked no later than Monday, May 16, 2022.

Your name: _____

Address: _____
(Street, City, Zip Code)

Phone number: _____

Email address: _____

Sponsorship Levels:

_____ *Platinum Level \$1,000+*

_____ *Gold Level \$500-\$999*

_____ *Silver Level \$300-\$499*

_____ *Underwriter \$60-\$299*

_____ *Supporter \$30-\$59*

Enclosed is my payment in the amount of \$ _____ (please specify amount) payable to *City of Manhattan* with "Manhattan Juneteenth" written on the memo line.

Please write your name or name of your organization as you would like it to appear on printed materials:

(If you would like to remain anonymous, please leave the above line blank)

_____ I agree to send a high quality image file of our company logo (png preferred but jpeg, tif or pdf are acceptable) by email to manhattanksjuneteenth@gmail.com no later than Monday, May 16.

Please mail your donation to: Manhattan Juneteenth, PO Box 841, Manhattan, KS 66505-0841.

Thank you in advance for your support!