

2025 Delaware City-Polktown Juneteenth Observance

Schedule At a Glance



Shove Off Day, Saturday, May 24

10 am at the Delaware City Library

“Shove Off for Freedom” a program for all ages by Kathy Trusty — independent historian, Black history educator, children’s book author
Shove Off Day continues at Fort Delaware

1 pm Ferry to Fort Delaware - Tickets: \$7 each for those attending the morning program

1:30 pm Pizza Lunch at Pavilion, Fort Delaware State Park

3 pm Children’s games and activities typical of the Civil War Era, led by Fort Delaware Staff

Saturday, June 7, “Looking Back / Moving Forward”

1 pm at Delaware City Battery Park Gazebo

“Harriet Tubman and the Tilly Rescue” with Debra Martin

3 pm at the Delaware City Library

Artist’s Tour of “Landscapes of the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad Byway” with E. Lynn Dilliplane

5 pm at the Delaware City Community Center

The Sankofa African Drum and Dance Company

Film: *The Tilly Escape* by the Seaford Historical Society will be shown throughout the afternoon of the 7th at the Delaware City Library

Tuesday, June 17

6 pm at the Delaware City Library: “African American Genealogy Research: Resources and Strategies” presented by Delaware Public Archives and the Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society

Juneteenth, Thursday, June 19

10 am Juneteenth Commemorative Service, a solemn ceremony at the African Union Church Cemetery
Music by the Hildaman Chorale and Mount Salem U.A.M.E. Church Choir

Afternoon through evening Black-Owned Business Exhibits and Vendors at Delaware City Battery Park

5:30 pm Suite Franchon and Friends performance at Battery Park Gazebo

6 pm Best Kept Soul performance at Battery Park Gazebo

Sunday, June 22

12:00 pm Mount Salem U.A.M.E. Church’s Juneteenth Worship Service

After Church Service Community Cookout. A traditional community cookout offered by the Mount Salem U.A.M.E. Church congregation on the church grounds. Performances celebrating Black history and culture.

Throughout the Juneteenth Observance period at the Delaware City Library

- Photography exhibit by E. Lynn Dilliplane, “Landscapes of the Delaware Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad Byway” May 26 through June 21
- Juneteenth themed educational programs: Book Club 5/27; Kids Cook 5/28; MakerSpace for Adults, Folk-Art Inspired Craft 6/2; Teen and Tweens Culture 6/11; Kalmar Nyckel: 5 Ways to Freedom – Navigating Delaware’s Underground Railroad 6/16; Children’s Storytime 6/17; Kids Craft 6/17; Cooking with Cathy for Tweens and Teens 6/18 For details and to register visit

<https://delawarecity.lib.de.us/>

For sponsors, donors and event updates please visit <https://juneteenth-delcity.org/>

For cemetery location, please visit <https://africanunioncemetery.org/> Upd. 040325pm