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South Fulton Observing Juneteenth with Forward to Freedom Celebration

(CITY OF SOUTH FULTON, GA – May 24, 2021) – Next month, the City of South Fulton’s Department of Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Affairs will observe Juneteenth with a series of events in a themed celebration entitled, Forward to Freedom.

“Juneteenth is a significant day in American history,” said Mayor William “Bill” Edwards. “This day deserves special recognition and South Fulton families will have an array of events to choose from to celebrate.”

The Forward to Freedom Juneteenth celebration runs from Tuesday, June 15 to Saturday, June 19. The events will include a Freedom Film Festival on Tuesday, June 15, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.; United Tot Olympics on Wednesday, June 16, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Old National Park; a quilt festival, Feeding Our City food distribution, a Community Giveback event held at various locations, throughout the city.

“We are working overtime to make the *Forward to Freedom* Juneteenth celebration a special occasion for residents of all ages,” said Tony Philips parks, recreation, and cultural affairs director.

Patrons can enjoy the Freedom Film Festival’s main feature film, *The Retrieval*. Directed by Chris Eska, the film centers around Will, a Black youth during the American Civil War, and Nate – a Black Union soldier who is the target of bounty hunters.

Juel D. Lane’s “The Maestro” is a short film inspired by painter Ernie Barnes. Told through dance, it offers a positive depiction of a Black man taking charge of his own destiny. Kaleb Mitchell will present his work, “An Open Letter to My Skin”, a poetic film combining the art of spoken word and music to tell the story of the complexities of his complexion.

The celebration will culminate with a Freedom Finale Concert in partnership with St. James Live on Juneteenth on Saturday, June 19, 7p.m. to 10 p.m. at Wilkerson Farris-Mill Park. PRCA will announce the artists scheduled to perform on the city website in June.

To learn the history of Juneteenth, view the schedule of events, and register for the city’s Juneteenth Forward to Freedom celebration, click on the special banner on the city’s website at cityofsouthfultonga.gov. Stay connected with us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#) for event updates.

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