

**17th Annual**

# **JUNETEENTH**

**FAMILY-FUN MULTICULTURAL**



**FESTIVAL**

**June 18th, 2016**

**Sebring, FL**

## **Bountiful Blessing Field**

**820 Martin Luther King Blvd.**

**Across From Bountiful Blessings Church Of God.**

**Deadline for all Vendor Applications is June 13th.**

**Donations Greatly Appreciated Please Contact A Person Below**

**257-3314 202-5628 385-6662 214-1842 873-6260**

**Bob Gary Barbara Wellington Shelia**



# 17th Annual Juneteenth Family Fun Festival SOUVENIR BOOKLET



This is one of the oldest celebrations in American History. Which took place in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. This celebration will help us understand that the strength of Country has much to do with unity, brotherhood, friendship for every race and nationality.

More than twenty different races and nationalities are represented in our county and learning centers.

This Year a record number of these spectators are expected to attend this multi-cultural gathering. Which will benefit your churches, businesses and organizations.

Many would like to know how to find you and they are interested to know and partnership with you in the future. Many of the sponsors benefit from the hundreds of men, women and children in attendance that observed this festival in 2016.

Again this year's festival entertainment will be exciting with a variety of music, cultures, games for the young and old, groups, bounce houses, vendors Exotic Food From a variety of cultures for at least eight hours, if weather permits.

This year we will be at 820 Martin Luther King Blvd. Across From Bountiful Blessings Church Of God.

**Festival Gates Will Open At 10:00 A.M.**

**Venders may start setting up at 8A.M. and Must be off event area in in the designated parking before 9:30A.M.**





**Florida Sportsmen, Inc.**  
and  
**The New Washington Heights  
Concerned Citizens, INC.**

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JUNETEENTH FAMILY FUN FESTIVAL**

**Saturday, June 18, 2016 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.**  
820 Martin Luther King Blvd. Across From Bountiful Blessings Church Of God.

**Family Fun Musical Festival  
Wanted: VENDORS!  
MERCHANTS  
GOVERNMENT AGENCIES**

We are looking for your participation for the 16th annual Juneteenth Musical Festival. All areas of participation are welcome. Some suggestions are:

**FOOD**

Bar-B-Q  
Pastries  
Ice Cream  
Juice / Water / Drinks  
Collard Greens  
Fish

**MERCHANTS**

Clothing  
Shoes  
Bags  
Jewelry  
Art  
Hats

**GOV'T / AGENCIES**

Child Care  
Domestic Abuse  
Healthcare  
Small Business Assn.  
Elderly Care  
Housing

The Highlands County Community wants to know about your organization, agency, church or club. Come and share where you are, what you do and how to become involved with your group. Educate us on how your agency helps the citizens of Highlands County. This event is meant to bring together the entire Highlands County community for good clean FAMILY FUN! *We will have story telling, step dancing, exhibits, face painting, music, entertainment and MORE!*

***Reserve Your Space Today!***

To make a reservation or request and entry form please call Ms. Barbara Walker at (863) 385-6662 or Mr. Robert Saffold at (863) 257-3314. Please return your entry forms by June 13, 2016.

**17th annual  
FAMILY FUN FREEDOM FESTIVAL**



**SATURDAY, JUNE 18th, 2016**

**NOTICE: 820 Martin Luther King Blvd. Across From Bountiful  
Blessings Church Of God.**

**This festival is designed with the intent to bring together this county's diverse population in one group setting, to experience what a joy to be an American citizen. We're hoping for a fulfilled atmosphere of hope and friendship to all our fellow countrymen that we have not met. The Latinos, Germans, Europeans, Asians, West Indies, Caribbeans, all cultures...**

**We want to experience your lifestyle, food, dress, music, dance, etc. Setup a booth or tent or just come as a spectator.  
No Charge!!! Bring a chair.**

**Ethnic food, art , dance, costumes.**

**Enjoy the friendship, entertainment, and fun**

**Interracial relationship coming together as one community  
Please Translate in Your Native Language and Print  
For Information On Becoming a Vender**



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Dear Sir or Madam;

The Florida Sportsman Association / New Washington Heights Concerned Citizens, INC. invite your participation in the 15th Annual Juneteenth Family Fun Festival - June 18th 2016 - from 10a.m. to 4 p.m. This event will take place at 820 Martin Luther King Blvd. Across From Bountiful Blessings Church Of God.

Your participation will join other agencies of our city and county which includes - America Cancer Society, Highlands County Board of Commissioners, Democratic Executive Committee, Taylor Rental, Highlands County Sherriff's Office, Highlands County Health Department etc.

Each year this event has increased in it's viewers and vendors bringing viewer, vendors, spectators from outside the Sebring Municipalities, who are making an economic impact on our community.

If this trend is to continue we need the benefit of your influence and financial assistance your contributions will enable us to continue to grow and showcase this beautiful city of ours to the adjacent city and counties as well as uniting our whole community.

We ask that you help with additional advertising that's needed to make this annual multi-cultural event a continue success.

By becoming a 2016 FSA / W.H.C.C. supportive member for this community project, your contribution is tax deductible and advances the works of our organization to change this at risk neighborhood and improve the lives of our youth.

We need this translated and printed in your native language. If you can assist please contact Robert Saffold Here's thanking you in advance,

Robert C. Saffold  
863-257-3314

Chairman and Executive Secretary of the Sponsoring Organizations,

Please make checks payable to *The Florida Sportsman, Inc 16th Juneteenth Festival*

Thanks again for your support and remember you are more than welcome to share in the experience.

**PLEASE SUPPORT**  
**THE**  
**FLORIDA SPORTSMAN INC.**

Washington Heights Concerned Citizens, Inc

And

**Help! Dress Up Our Street and Neighborhood**

Advertise Your Business By Purchasing Fence Banners  
The Banners Will Have Printing on Both Sides. Which will  
Include Your Business Advertising.

For  
The 17th Annual  
Juneteenth Family-Fun Culture Festival  
June 18, 2016

and enjoy

The Beautiful Highlands County Sports Complex  
Sebring, Florida

**Only 46 BANNERS May Be Ordered!**  
**Reserve Yours Today!**

**17th Annual Juneteenth  
Family Fun Multi-Cultural Festival  
June 18, 2016  
820 Martin Luther King Blvd. Across From Bountiful Blessings  
Church Of God.**

This festival is co-sponsored by: The Florida Sportsman Association, Inc and The New Washington Heights Concerned Citizens, Inc.

For safety, all participants, spectators, vendors, agencies, organizations, churches and groups participating in the Juneteenth Festival are governed by the following Rules, Regulations, and Procedures of the Festival Planning Committee for the Festival at this years location:

1. All merchants and vendors (food, health, government, organizational, informational, etc) should be set up and vehicles removed from the festival area by 9:30 am on June 18, 2016 to Designated parking for vendors, guest and others.
2. All vendors will be assigned a designated area for their pop up tents or displays. Each vendor is entitled one space per donation or fee. \$35.00– For Profit vendors. Non Profit vendors and Government vendors there will be no fees
3. All vendors who will be cooking on an ‘open fire’ must bring a fire extinguisher to meet the city/county fire code..
4. There MUST be a lane open on in case of emergency. At no time should Fire Department, Police Department, or other Emergency vehicles be blocked in.
5. The Juneteenth Committee has hired Mountain Top as the official photo company for this historical event. No other photography for profit will be permitted. Personal photography is permitted provided it is not intended for resale.
6. The official T-Shirt with the Juneteenth logo for 2015 will be the only T-Shirt sold at this festival.
7. No skateboards, scooters, or other motor or non motor toy vehicles will be used during the duration of the festival. This does not include motor or non motor wheelchairs.
8. No ‘Peddling’, walk through sales, CDs, DVDs, Watches, Etc...You must be stationed in a space or tent.
9. No outside agency, church, business or organization should plan on any activities that utilize the Juneteenth, its name, participants and / or guests for any reason without submitting a vendor application and paying the applicable fees without prior permission from the Juneteenth Planning Committee.

The sponsoring agencies are responsible for all fees, bills, advertising, entertainment, tents, toys, cotton candy, port-t-pot, and other unknown festival expenses. Vendor fees and donations will help offset the expense of the festival.

We encourage our guests and spectators to shop inside the local businesses, stores, and restaurants on Lemon Street and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.

The Sebring Police Department will share in the patrolling of this event.

**The deadline for all vendor applications is June 13, 2016**

For additional information call: 863-257-3314

Thanks for your support. Come enjoy a day of fun. Meet friends and family. Be sure to bring a chair, seat, or umbrella.

**All vendors will receive an Event Tee-Shirt and Cap!**

# 2016 FSA / WHCC Supporter Reply Form

Yes! I am proud to join as a 2016 support member of the Florida Sportsman Association, Inc. / Washington Heights Concerned Citizens, Inc.

In recognition of the need for positive changes that are taking place in this at risk community, I understand that this help I give to these projects will benefit the whole of Highlands County. I (We) compliment you for your dedication and sacrifices that you and your committee makes for our citizens and youth of this city and county.

I am rushing a special, generous, tax-deductible gift of:

\_\_\_\_\_ \$25 \_\_\_\_\_ \$50 \_\_\_\_\_ \$100 \_\_\_\_\_ \$250 \_\_\_\_\_ \$500 \_\_\_\_\_ Other (Please Write In Amount) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Your contribution will be greatly helpful and appreciated)

I will [ ] will not [ ] be attending at this 16th annual Juneteenth Family Fun Multi-Cultural Festival, June 25, 2016

My name is \_\_\_\_\_

Individual \_\_\_\_\_ Company \_\_\_\_\_ Bank \_\_\_\_\_ Club \_\_\_\_\_ Church \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Make Check Payable to:

Florida Sportsmen Inc.

Or

Washington Heights Concerned Citizens, Inc.

C/O: Robert Saffold  
608 Bowman Ave  
Sebring, FL 33870  
863-257-3314





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**Vendors Participation Form**

Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_

Agency/Company \_\_\_\_\_

Health Care, Hospital, Medical, Child Abuse, Spouse Abuse, Housing, Habitat of Humanity, Welfare, ACS, Loons, Diabetes, ETC

Address & Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Please indicate the category that best describes your participation.**

**FOOD** \_\_\_\_\_

*Please indicate type/style of food product(s) you will be selling.*

**ART** \_\_\_\_\_

*Ceramics, Pottery, Painting, Crafts, Etc.*

**GENERAL MERCHANDISE** \_\_\_\_\_

*Please indicate type/style of merchandise you will be selling.*

**JEWELRY** \_\_\_\_\_

**ENTERTAINMENT** \_\_\_\_\_

*Please indicate type entertainment (story telling, step dancing, face painting etc.)*

**EXHIBIT** \_\_\_\_\_

**PASSING OUT INFORMATION** \_\_\_\_\_

*Please indicate name of organization, club, agency etc.*

**CHURCH - COMMUNITY MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT** \_\_\_\_\_

*Please indicate church/choir or community group name.*

**All vendors must be set up and all vehicles removed from the block-off area by 9:30 a.m. Break down and removal must be completed by 6 p.m. Please!! Bring a Pop-up tent for Shelter.**

**There is no setup charge.. Also, as a spectator music festival spectator all donations will help offset expenses and will be greatly appreciated. Make check payable to Florida Sportsman Inc, 608 Bowman Ave, Sebring, FL 33870, C/O Robert C. Saffold. Reserve your space by June 13, 2016. Vendor fees are \$35.00 per space.**

**PLEASE INDICATE THE NUMBER OF SPACES YOU WILL NEED** \_\_\_\_\_

**YOUR ASSIGNED SPACE NUMBER(S)** \_\_\_\_\_

**For further information please call (863) 385-6662 or (863) 257-3314 The committee wishes to thank you for your participation and for making this event a successful community activity.**

Please reserve your space and tent by the deadline on this application

# JUNETEENTH HISTORY

Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation on September 22, 1862 with an effective date of January 1, 1863 it had minimal immediate effect on most slaves' day-to-day lives, particularly in the Confederate States of America. Texas, as a part of the Confederacy, was resistant to the Emancipation Proclamation, and though slavery was very prevalent in East Texas, it was not as common in the Western areas of Texas, particularly the Hill Country, where most German-Americans were opposed to the practice. Juneteenth commemorates June 18 and 19, 1865. June 18 is the day Union General Gordon Granger and 2,000 federal troops arrived in Galveston, Texas, to take possession of the state and enforce the emancipation of its slaves. On June 19, 1865, legend has it while standing on the balcony of Galveston's Ashton Villa, Granger read the contents of "General Order No. 3":

"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. The freedmen are advised to remain quietly at their present homes and work for wages. They are informed that they will not be allowed to collect at military posts and that they will not be supported in idleness either there or elsewhere."

That day has since become known as Juneteenth, a name derived from a portmanteau of the words June and nineteenth.

Former slaves in Galveston rejoiced in the streets with jubilant celebrations. Juneteenth celebrations began in Texas the following year. Across many parts of Texas, freed people pooled their funds to purchase land specifically for their communities' increasingly large Juneteenth gatherings — including Houston's Emancipation Park, Mexia's Booker T. Washington Park, and Emancipation Park in Austin.

## **Observation**

The state of Texas is widely considered the first U.S. state to begin Juneteenth celebrations with informal observances taking place for over a century, it has been an official state holiday since 1980. It is considered a "partial staffing holiday", meaning that state offices do not close, but some employees will be using a floating holiday to take the day off. Its observance has spread to many other states, with a few celebrations even taking place in other countries.

As of May 2011, 39 states and the District of Columbia have recognized Juneteenth as either a state holiday or state holiday observance; these are Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New Jersey, New Mexico, Nevada, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin and Wyoming.