

# Juneteenth picnic planned

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Winston-Salem's third annual Juneteenth celebration will take place on Saturday, June 16, at the Winston Lake Family YMCA. Juneteenth, the oldest African-American holiday, is a celebration to commemorate the end of slavery.

"Until you remember (the struggles of slavery) with a holiday like Juneteenth, people will continue to be ashamed of the past," said Dr. Anthony Parent, an associate professor of history at Wake Forest University. Juneteenth, and its tradition of cultural celebration and family, has experienced a renewal and is now being celebrated around the country in many African-American communities.

The Juneteenth celebration will open at 1 p.m. with a parade and continue with an expansive list of daylong activities until 6 p.m. The co-sponsors of the event are radio station FM 97. Juneteenth is a celebration that brings families and friends together. It's an ideal match for the station. This is the third year that 97.1 has been sponsor.

Festival organizers are excited about this year's event. A very strong interest has been shown in the Juneteenth celebration.

Events will include gospel and jazz performances, inspirational messages, poetry and dramatic presentations, storytelling, skits and African dance. The Medina Market will feature African-American crafts

and an array of food vendors with everything from ribs to homemade ice cream. In the children's area, African masks and crafts will be created.

Program participants include N.C. Rep. Larry Womble and Alderman Nelson Malloy.

Entertainment will include Carlotta Samuels Fleming, Jackie Sinclair and Zakiyyah Samuels of Expressions, Otesha Creative Arts Ensemble, the Winston Lake YMCA BOSS Drummers, the Charles Green Band, the Union Baptist Church Gospel Jazz Ensemble and several community and church groups. Rhythm and blues recording artist Tony Terry will close out the event beginning at 5 p.m. Festival attendees are encouraged to bring blankets and lawn chairs for seating.

The Winston Lake Family YMCA also will hold an open house from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. to offer the community an opportunity to use the facility for one day at no charge.

Facilities include Nautilus room, indoor swimming pool, basketball courts, racquetball courts, indoor track, sauna, steam and whirlpool.

Aerobic classes will be offered on the hour, beginning at 9:15 am with Power Step, Cardio Blast, Tone and Trim, and ending with Power Step at 1:15 p.m.

The enslaved in Galveston, Texas, became the last people in the nation to learn that they had been freed. On June 19, 1865, Major General Gordon Granger read General Order 3 to the people of Galveston, which stated, "The people of Texas are informed that, in accordance with a proclamation from the Executive of the United States, ALL SLAVES ARE FREE..."

With that announcement, many communities' celebrations began to happen all around the state as blacks celebrated their freedom and reunited with family members. Many left to find family members that they had been separated from, and did their celebrating once they found them. The celebration of June 19 as Emancipation Day spread from Texas to the neighboring states of Louisiana, Arkansas and Oklahoma. As African Americans migrated, the celebrations spread across the country. In 1988, the U.S. Senate approved a resolution, co-sponsored by then-Majority Leader Trent Lott, to encourage states to recognize June 19 as Juneteenth Independence Day.

The Emancipation Proclamation will be read at the opening of Juneteenth. There has always been controversy about whether the emancipation actually freed the enslaved.



Womble



Maurice Horsey of the Winston Lake Y poses with guests at last year's event.

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"The Emancipation Proclamation is an event more than anything," Parent stated in a recent article. "In and of itself, it didn't free the slaves, but it was a great symbol of emancipation."

Frederick Douglass, who celebrated independence on New Year's Day, called Jan. 1 "the most memorable day in American annals." He added, "The Fourth of July was great, but the first of January, when we consider it in all its relations and bearings, is incomparably greater."

For more information, call the Winston Lake Family YMCA at 724-9205.

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*"The individual who can do something that the world wants done will, in the end, make his way regardless of his race."*  
 — Booker T. Washington, 1901

## Step One has new substance abuse program for older adults

BY PAUL COLLINS  
THE CHRONICLE

Step One Substance Abuse Services has a new addiction treatment program for low-income older adults.

The program is for three months of outpatient treatment, which includes individual, group and family counseling; education on the science of addiction; and work with age-specific issues such as medication misuse, grief and physical changes.

Services will be free to people at or below the federal poverty level. Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust

funding will pay for program start up and implementation. The total grant award is \$195,000. The grant will be paid over three years on the basis of \$65,000 in 2001, \$65,000 in 2002 and \$65,000 in 2003.

The 2002 Report by the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence says, "According to a consensus panel assembled by the U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), nearly 6 million Americans over age 60 have become seriously dependent on alcohol or prescription drugs, or both together."



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Nothing I've ever done has given me more joys and rewards than being a father to my children.

— Bill Cosby

Portrait by Leo Rucker

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