

Commemorating Juneteenth and Pride Month

Juneteenth commemorates June 19, 1865, the day that the Union army enforced the Emancipation Proclamation in Texas and announced the end of slavery in that state. Texas was the most remote confederate state and one of the last to be emancipated. Juneteenth was declared a Washington State paid holiday on May 13, 2021 (effective in 2022).

LGBTQ+ Pride Month is held in June to recognize the Stonewall Riots, a series of demonstrations which took place in June 1969, in response to violent police raids against the gay community. During Pride Month, we recognize the valuable contributions of LGBTQ+ individuals and reaffirm our commitment to equity, liberty and justice for all.

We hope the information and resources below will inspire our employees, contacts and friends to learn and engage.

Juneteenth

- The Northwest African American Museum is celebrating Juneteenth Week (June 13–21) with virtual events every evening, ranging from interactive stories, local historical perspectives on Juneteenth, and book, art, and music showcases, [in partnership with](#) 10 other museums across the country. Here is a [link](#) to the detailed calendar.
- [LegallyBLACK](#) is hosting a [Juneteenth Royal Masquerade Gala](#) at the Washington State History Museum in Tacoma, which will have live music and poetry performances, food, and a silent auction, all featuring local black-owned businesses and artists.
- Juneteenth is a [free day](#) at Washington state parks!
- In-person/outdoor events on Juneteenth at the [MOHAI](#), [MLK Jr. Memorial Park](#), and [Othello Park](#).
- Articles on the history of Juneteenth, written from a few different perspectives:
 - [Article](#) by Clyde Ford, local author and journalist
 - [Short history](#) published by the National Museum of African American History and Culture

LGBTQ+ Pride Month

- On June 26, there will be a celebration to mark the completion of the [AIDS Memorial Pathway \(AMP\)](#) at the Capitol Hill Light Rail Station. The AMP uses public art to create a physical space for remembrance and reflection on the Seattle AIDS crisis. The project was facilitated by Pacifica clients, the Seattle Parks Foundation and MOHAI, with the support of our firm.
- Attend virtual or live events in Seattle ([Seattle Pride Schedule \(Virtual\)](#)), Tacoma ([Tacoma Pride Schedule \(Points of Pride Event\)](#)) and the surrounding areas ([eventbrite list of Pride Events](#))
- Explore and participate in [#ObjectsOfPride](#), a collaboration between MOHAI and the King County Library System to weave a collective regional LGBTQ+ history
- Articles on the history of Pride and LGBTQ+ rights in Washington:
 - [Article](#) on History of Pride in Washington
 - [LGBTQ+ rights history](#) published by the Department of Archeology and Historic Preservation