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Juneteenth Celebration to Feature Picnic, Museum Tributes, Concert

(IRVING, TEXAS) — For more than 22 years, the city has hosted a Juneteenth event, commemorating the date that Texans first learned of President Abraham Lincoln’s Emancipation Proclamation. Join the City of Irving and the West Irving Improvement Association from 5 to 8 p.m. June 17 at 3925 Jackson St., for the 2017 celebration.

This year’s celebration also will pay homage to museums that share information about the origin of the Juneteenth holiday. In addition, the celebration will include a free community picnic and concerts sponsored by In-N-Out Burger. Tributes to the Jackie Townsell Bear Creek Heritage Center and the newly opened National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington D.C. are planned. Outdoor games, a vendor marketplace and children activities will be available. Residents are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and blankets for drama performance and concert.

Event schedule is as follows.

- 5 to 6 p.m. – Museum tours, children’s games, line dancing, vendor marketplace and community picnic sponsored by In-N-Out Burger.
- 6 to 7 p.m. – Main Stage Theatrical Performance “The Magic of Museums” by DVA Productions, Inc.
- 7 to 8 p.m. – Main Stage Performance featuring VIBE The Band.

The Juneteenth celebration is sponsored by the City of Irving and the West Irving Improvement Association. For more information, call (972) 721-2501.

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The [City of Irving](#) is an economic powerhouse in North Texas and is home to the region’s largest office park, where more than 10 percent of Fortune 500 companies are headquartered or have a significant presence. Irving is the 13th largest city in the state with 237,000 residents and the most diverse zip code in the country.