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First annual Juneteenth event to be held on June 17

SUMMIT, N.J., June 6, 2022 – The Summit Department of Community Programs is announcing the first annual Juneteenth event will be held on Friday, June 17, 2022. This free event is open to all members of the public.

The event will begin with a march from the Village Green (356 Broad Street) to the Summit Family Aquatic Center (SFAC), located at 100 Ashwood Avenue. Citizens who are interested in joining the march are invited to meet at the Village Green at 4:45PM for a 5PM departure to the SFAC. The march is symbolic of black liberation marches, and the celebration at the SFAC represents the desegregation of facilities, particularly beaches and pools, where black citizens experienced segregation and hate crimes.

Upon arrival to the SFAC, there will be a ceremony which will include a prayer, performance of the black national anthem, and a flag raising for the Juneteenth and Pan-African flags. The event will also feature a black-owned vendor and display fair; a live DJ; spoken word, musical, and dance performances; and a gallery of posters highlighting figures of black excellence in Summit. The Summit High School Black Student Union will present a student-produced movie before the film screening of *Black Panther* at dark.

Beginning at 4:30PM, the Summit Family Aquatic Center will be open to the public; membership is not required to attend. All areas of the facility, including both pools, will be open to attendees.

Black-owned businesses and non-profit organizations are invited to participate in the vendor and display fair. Please contact David Guida at davidguidajr@cityofsummit.org to sign up.

The planning committee for this event includes the City of Summit, Summit Area YMCA, Fountain Baptist Church, Summit Interfaith Council, Tri-City NAACP, and Summit High School Black Student Union. For more information, please visit www.summitcommunityprograms.com.

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