

Town of Amherst

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Amherst Community Diversity Commission Presents Juneteenth Freedom Day Celebration

Featuring Live Performances, Children's Crafts and Guest Speaker
Buffalo Councilwoman Zeneta Everhart

(Town of Amherst, NY) – The Town of Amherst Community Diversity Commission is proud to announce its sponsorship of the Juneteenth Freedom Day Celebration, scheduled to take place on Wednesday, June 12, 2024, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Bassett Park, 359 Klein Road, Amherst. This free, family friendly, event will commemorate the emancipation of enslaved African Americans and celebrate the rich cultural heritage of the community.

The Juneteenth Freedom Day Celebration promises an evening of unity, remembrance, and joy, with activities for the entire family. Highlights of the event include:

- **Crafts for Children**: Engaging activities tailored for children ages 5 to 12, fostering creativity and learning in a fun environment.
- Food Trucks: A diverse selection of food trucks offering delicious culinary delights for attendees to enjoy.
- Vendors and Artisans: Jewelry and other unique Items by local craftsmen and women will be on display for sale.
- **Live Performances**: Vibrant performances highlighting local talent and celebrating the spirit of Juneteenth through music, dance, and spoken word.
- Guest Speaker: Renowned Buffalo Council Woman Zeneta Everhart will deliver a keynote address.
 Councilwoman Everhart, whose son Zaire Goodman was among the victims of the tragic May 14th Tops shooting, will share her insights and reflections on resilience, community, and the importance of coming together in times of adversity.

"We are thrilled to host the Juneteenth Freedom Day Celebration," said Danessia Scott-Warren, Esq., Amherst Community Diversity Commission member and event organizer. "This event is a testament to our commitment to promoting diversity, inclusion, and understanding within our community. We invite everyone to join us for an evening of celebration, reflection, and solidarity."

The Juneteenth Freedom Day Celebration is open to all members of the community, welcoming individuals of every background and identity. Attendees are encouraged to bring blankets or lawn chairs and to come prepared for a memorable experience.

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Freedom Day Celebration



Buffalo Councilwoman **Zeneta Everhart** Guest Speaker

6 PM -8 PM BASSETT PARK

359 Klein Rd Amherst, NY

Free Admission

- EVERYONE WELCOME
- FAMILY-FRIENDLY
- CRAFTS FOR 5-12 yrs
- FOOD TRUCKS
- LIVE PERFORMANCES





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