

JUNETEENTH

*\$3
60 and over
\$5
under 60*

THE AMHERST CENTER FOR SENIOR SERVICES IN
COLLABORATION WITH THE
AMHERST DIVERSITY COMMISSION INVITE YOU TO A

CELEBRATORY LUNCH JUNE 17 AT 12:00 PM



Amherst Center for Senior Services
370 John James Audubon Parkway

Reservations are required 24 hours in
advance by calling 636-3051

**CHICKEN, WAFFLES, CRANBERRY JUICE,
BAKED PEACHES AND LEMON ICE**

Attendees are invited to donate new books that
celebrate Juneteenth with all books going to the
Amherst Libraries



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AMHERST CENTER FOR SENIOR SERVICES HOSTS JUNETEENTH EVENT

Amherst, New York – The Town of Amherst, led by its Center for Senior Services, in partnership with the Town of Amherst Diversity Commission, will host a Juneteenth luncheon on Thursday, June 17 at 12:00 pm at Amherst Center for Senior Services. This celebratory lunch is open to the public at a cost of \$3 for those 60 and over and \$5 for those under 60. The lunch menu includes chicken, waffles, cranberry juice, baked peaches, and lemon ice. Participants are invited to donate a new book celebrating Juneteenth that will be donated to one of the Amherst Libraries.

“I am proud that Amherst will now celebrate and recognize Juneteenth, a celebration that commemorates the ultimate implementation of the Emancipation Proclamation. As our nation and community continues to reckon with the impact of systemic racism and societal inequities, Juneteenth is an important reminder that we must act to ensure justice and equal treatment for all,” said **Amherst Supervisor Brian Kulpa**.

“Juneteenth provides an opportunity for our community to reflect to our country’s painful history of slavery and discrimination. Juneteenth is America’s second Independence Day, a day where the right to ‘life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness’ was extended to all Americans. This day is an opportunity to reflect on the struggles of those who lived under slavery and to honor the sacrifices of those who gallantly fought to end it,” said **Deborah Bruch-Bucki RN, Ph.D. Town Board Liaison to the Diversity Commission**.

“The Amherst Center for Senior Services is proud to host the Town’s first celebration of Juneteenth. Our Center has always been a venue for all residents to celebrate their unique cultures, backgrounds and rich traditions, and we are proud that now includes Juneteenth” said **Senior Services Director Brian Bray**.

“In addition to being a day of remembrance, Juneteenth is an opportunity for us all to honor African American history and culture. This celebration of African American heritage makes our community richer and more vibrant. I expect this occasion will become an annual celebration that grows larger over time,” said **Khalid J. Qazi, M.D., Chair of the Amherst Diversity Commission**.

The Amherst Diversity Commission was organized to enhance and increase cooperation, understanding and dialogue among residents of diverse cultural, religious, socio-economic and racial backgrounds and to promote inclusion throughout the Town of Amherst. For more information on the Commission, please go to:

http://www.amherst.ny.us/content/bandc.php?board_id=brds_07

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