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**Greater Philadelphia YMCA Hosts Array of Local Celebrations In Honor of Juneteenth**

**Philadelphia, PA** — Monday, 6/16/24 — The Greater Philadelphia YMCA is inviting area residents to join them for a day of family-friendly games, music, entertainment, and more in honor of Juneteenth at a number of branches across the Philadelphia area.

Celebrations will be held at:

- The **West Philadelphia YMCA** (5120 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia) on **Thursday, June 19<sup>th</sup> from 5p – 7pm**, featuring a presentation on the history of Juneteenth, arts & crafts, a family Zumba & African Dance class, spoken word performance and more. The event is free and open to the community. No registration / membership is required. For details visit: <https://www.philaymca.org/events/juneteenth-celebration-west-philadelphia-ymca>
- The **Christian Street YMCA** (1724 Christian Street, Philadelphia) on **Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup> from 1pm-5pm**. The "Juneteenth Block Party at the Y" will feature food, music, local Black-owned businesses, giveaways and more. "No Longer Bound: The Musical" will also perform. The event is free and open to the community. No registration / membership is required. For details, visit: <https://www.philaymca.org/events/christian-street-y-juneteenth-celebration>.
- The **Roxborough YMCA** (7201 Ridge Ave, Philadelphia) on **Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup> from 10a – 2pm**. This event will feature music, dancing, community partners, local vendors and more. The event is free and open to the community. No registration / membership is required. For details, visit: <https://www.philaymca.org/events/juneteenth-celebration-roxborough-ymca>.

“Juneteenth is a vital piece of our history. Without it, we can’t fully appreciate the value of our freedoms, or how they were won”, says Shaun Elliott, CEO of the Greater Philadelphia YMCA. “We know that by coming together to mark the occasion, we bring our community closer together. And building strong, healthy communities is at the very core of the YMCA’s mission. We look forward to seeing people there.”

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### **About the Greater Philadelphia YMCA**

The Y is one of the nation’s leading nonprofits, strengthening communities through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility. Throughout the Delaware Valley, the Greater Philadelphia YMCA serves more than 150,000 individuals each year – regardless of age, income or background – across 15 branches located in Berks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, Philadelphia, Pike, Burlington and Camden counties. Coupled with dozens of childcare sites, and one overnight camp in the Poconos, the Y has extraordinary reach in connecting people to healthier lives. For more information, please call 215-963- 3700 or visit [philaymca.org](http://philaymca.org).

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