



MILWAUKEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

FOR PLANNING PURPOSES: Friday, June 19, 2026

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*****Media Advisory*****

Chairwoman, Supervisors to Participate in Milwaukee Juneteenth Parade and Celebration

MILWAUKEE - Milwaukee County Board Chairwoman Marcelia Nicholson-Bovell and Supervisors Priscilla E. Coggs-Jones, Sheldon A. Wasserman, Kathleen Vincent, Caroline Gómez-Tom, Leevan Roundtree Jr., Shawn Rolland, Anne O'Connor, Justin Bielinski, Sky Z. Capriolo, Juan Miguel Martinez, Steve F. Taylor, and Felesia A. Martin will join thousands of residents, families, and community leaders in Milwaukee's annual Juneteenth Day Celebration, honoring the enduring legacy of freedom, resilience, and Black excellence.

In 2020, the Milwaukee County Board adopted [legislation](#) establishing Juneteenth as a Milwaukee County holiday, so County employees could observe and celebrate African American freedom and achievement. The action reflected Milwaukee County's broader commitment to advancing racial equity and recognizing the significance of Juneteenth in our community's history.

Milwaukee's Juneteenth celebration is one of the nation's longest-running commemorations of the holiday, serving as both a remembrance of the past and a renewed commitment to the ongoing pursuit of equity and justice. The event brings together generations of Milwaukeean to celebrate Black culture, history, achievement, and community through a parade, live performances, booths hosted by local businesses and community organizations, including the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors, and a variety of family-friendly activities.

County Board members offered the following joint statement about their participation in this year's celebration:

"With Juneteenth celebrations, we honor the enduring spirit of freedom, resilience, and hope that strengthen our community. This year's celebration is especially meaningful as we mark the 100th anniversary of Black History Month in 2026, a century of uplifting the achievements, leadership, and lasting contributions of Black Americans who have shaped our nation and local communities.

"As County leaders, we are proud to serve a community enriched by Black residents, leaders, entrepreneurs, advocates, educators, and public servants whose work helps create opportunity and belonging for all. We are also inspired by the next generation of our leaders, including the young people on the County Youth Commission, who remind us that the future is brightest when every voice is welcomed, and every person sees themselves represented.

"Juneteenth is both a celebration and a call to continue building communities where equity, inclusion, and opportunity are reflected in the services we provide and the decisions we make. Representation matters, and when people see themselves reflected in leadership and public service, our entire

community grows stronger. Today, we celebrate freedom, honor those who paved the way, and look forward with joy and optimism to the generations of leaders still to come.”

Event Details:

WHAT: Participation in Milwaukee’s 2026 Juneteenth Parade and Festival

WHO: Milwaukee County Board Chairwoman Marcelia Nicholson-Bovell, County Executive David Crowley, Supervisors Priscilla E. Coggs-Jones, Sheldon A. Wasserman, Kathleen Vincent, Caroline Gómez-Tom, Leevan Roundtree Jr., Shawn Rolland, Anne O'Connor, Justin Bielinski, Felesia A. Martin, Steve F. Taylor, Juan Miguel Martinez, and Sky Z. Capriolo, alongside Milwaukee County employees and community members.

WHEN: Friday, June 19, 2026, 9 a.m.- 4 p.m.

WHERE: Milwaukee Juneteenth Parade, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive

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