

Craft Fair  
Hoffer Park  
June 14th



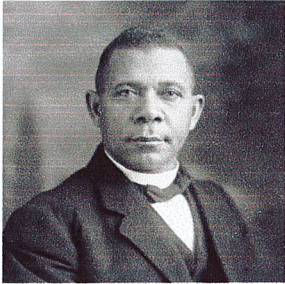
ROYALTON HEARTBEAT

JUNE, 2025



June 15th

## Juneteenth National Independence Day



### June 19th

*Booker T. Washington remembered his mother "was standing by my side, leaned over and kissed her children, while tears of joy ran down her cheeks. She explained to us what it all meant, that this was the day for which she had been so long praying but fearing that she would never live to see."*

Juneteenth National Independence Day was signed into law as a national holiday on June 17, 2021. The word "Juneteenth" is a Black English contraction or portmanteau, of the month "June" and the date "Nineteenth." Juneteenth celebrates the date of June 19, 1865, when enslaved people of African descent located in Galveston, Texas, finally learned of their freedom from the slavery system in the United States.

Freedom was granted through the Emancipation Proclamation signed on January 1, 1863, by President Abraham Lincoln. Texas was the farthest of the Confederate states and slaveholders there made no attempt to free the enslaved African Americans they held in bondage.

This meant that President Lincoln's proclamation was unenforceable without military intervention, which eventually came nearly 2.5 years later with the arrival of 2000 Federal Soldiers of the 13th Army Corps.

### FYI

I'm sure many of you are aware of the many feral cats roaming the neighborhood. Only a few wonderful people are trying their best to help the situation. Their ultimate goal is to prevent cats from ending up on the street and manage the cat population that exists. We have a wonderful young woman in Royalton who volunteers her time, money, love and dedication to these animals. While working a full-time job, she manages to trap as many cats as possible and transports them for spaying/neutering in addition to feeding too many cats to count on a daily basis. She also shows up with her therapy cats at the library, nursing homes, the Ronald McDonald House and wherever there is a need. She does all this that truly benefits all of us at her own expense. As a community, I hope there are many that would like to help. One of the best ways is to purchase cat food. Any food purchased may be dropped off at the Borough Building during regular hours, Monday thru Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Following is a list of cat foods she uses. Any food given will be distributed to area cat colonies and she will continue her work and service to our community in an effort to control the feral population.

Any food purchased and dropped off at the Borough Building will be appreciated. Suggested foods are:

#### Wet food

Purina Friskies Ocean Favorites  
Meow Mix  
Weruva Classic Cat Food  
Tiki Cat Baby Shreds Variety Pack  
Tiki Cat Food (Adults)  
Friskies Wet Cat Food Variety Pack

#### Dry food

Friskies Cat Food Surfin and Turfin  
Friskies Gravy Swirlers  
Purina Cat Chow  
Treats- Catit Creamy Lickable Cat Treats





## JUNE DATES TO REMEMBER

JUNE 10th- Council Meeting- 7 p.m.

JUNE 14th- Middletown Craft Fair  
REMA will be having  
Smoked Pork Sandwiches  
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.



JUNE 15th- Father's Day

JUNE 19th- JUNETEENTH



JUNE 21st-

JUNE 24th- Authority Meeting- 5 p.m.

### IMPORTANT DATE TO MARK IN THE UPCOMING MONTH IS:

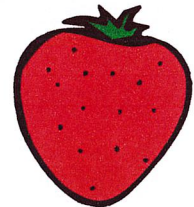
ROYALTON BLOCK PARTY- JULY 26th  
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UPDATES

## JUNE RECIPE

### STRAWBERRY CHEESE BITES

#### Ingredients

1 package (8 oz) cream cheese (softened)  
1/3 cup confectioners' sugar  
1/4 teaspoon vanilla extract  
20 large fresh strawberries  
1/4 cup semisweet chocolate chips  
1 teaspoon shortening  
Graham cracker crumbs (optional)



#### Directions

For filling, beat cream cheese, confectioners' sugar and vanilla extract until smooth.  
Remove stems from strawberries. Using a paring knife or small melon baller, cut a 1 inch deep opening in stem end of strawberries. Pipe or spoon cream cheese mixture into openings. Place berries on a waxed paper-lined baking sheet.  
In a microwave, melt chocolate chips and shortening; stir until smooth. Drizzle over strawberries; if desired, sprinkle with graham cracker crumbs. Refrigerate until set.  
They look fancy but easy to make. Enjoy!

### WANT TO PLAY OR LEARN TO PLAY PICKLEBALL?

Come out and give it a try- Every Wednesday night, weather permitting- Come to the back of Borough Building- 6 -8 p.m.

There is a parking lot in the back.

We have extra paddles if you are trying your hand at this game for the first time and don't have a paddle. Everyone is enjoying the games- lots of laughs and competition is at any level you want it to be.



TO BE KIND IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN TO  
BE RIGHT. MANY TIMES WHAT PEOPLE  
NEED IS NOT A BRILLIANT MIND  
THAT SPEAKS, BUT A  
SPECIAL HEART THAT LISTENS.



Life is so ironic,  
it takes sadness to know what  
happiness is, noise to appreciate  
silence and absence to value  
presence.

