



Monthly News



Pride & Joy: A Month of Celebration

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June is an exciting time! It's the first month of summer with beautiful sunny days, more hours of daylight, and kids out of school just being kids. It's also a time of celebration with Pride Month and our newest federal holiday Juneteenth.

Did you know there are more Pride events than just the [Indy Pride Parade](#) and [Festival](#) June 10? Indy Pride, Inc. hosts several events throughout the month of June, including:

[Indy Pride: Pet Pride](#) – June 3

[Indy Pride: Deaf Pride](#) – June 5

[Indy Pride: Bi & Pan Pride](#) – June 6

[La Ball En Couleur \(The Ball in Color\)](#) – June 18

[Latinx Pride – Generacion Orgullo](#) – June 24

Check out [Indy Pride](#) and [Eventbrite](#) for a list of events around the city that you and your family can enjoy while supporting our LGBTQIA+ community.

While **Juneteenth** officially falls on June 19, several Indy organizations will mark the holiday with events later this month. Definitely plan to join Second Helpings and CJT Students/Graduates who will be at the [Foodways Festival](#) on Friday, June 16, and consider participating in other Juneteenth events, including:

[Indy Juneteenth Festival and Parade](#) – June 17

[Madam Walker Legacy Center Legacy Fest Concert featuring Gladys Knight](#) – June 16

[Juneteenth Celebration at the Global Village Welcome Center](#) – June 24

[Indiana Landmarks Black Heritage Juneteenth Concert and Art Show](#) – June 19

[Juneteenth and Jazz Community Celebration](#) – June 17

See more events at [Indy Juneteenth](#), [Madam Walker Legacy Center](#), and [Eventbrite](#) to celebrate Juneteenth with your family and friends.

What will you decide to do this month? Whether you go to a parade, see a show, and/or learn more about our history, have fun celebrating and supporting our diverse community!

Read more about the history of these observances below.

Observances & Celebrations

Juneteenth – June 19

Juneteenth is the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery in the United States. This celebration honors the day in 1865 when slaves in Texas and Louisiana finally heard they were free, two months after the end of the Civil War and two and a half years after Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation.

The observance of June 19th as the African American Emancipation Day has spread across the United States and is now a federal holiday commemorating African American freedom – emphasizing education and achievement. [Learn more](#).

Pride Month - June

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ+) Pride Month is currently celebrated each year in the month of June to honor the 1969 Stonewall Uprising in Manhattan. The Stonewall Uprising was a tipping point for the Gay Liberation Movement in the United States. The purpose of the commemorative month is to recognize the impact that LGBTQ+ individuals have had on history locally, nationally, and internationally. [Learn more](#).

Caribbean American Heritage Month – June

Caribbean American Heritage Month was established to create and disseminate knowledge about the contributions of Caribbean immigrants to the United States and their descendants. Some of the most notable Caribbean Americans include Alexander Hamilton, first Secretary of the Treasury; Colin Powell, the first person of color appointed as the Secretary of State; James Weldon Johnson, the writer of the Black National Anthem; Celia Cruz, the world-renowned "Queen of Salsa" music; and Shirley Chisholm, the first black Congresswoman and first black woman candidate for President. [Learn more.](#)



Subcommittee Updates

Process Policies & Practices

As many of the policies and procedures identified to work on fall into Human Resources' realm of responsibility, the P3 (Policies/Procedures/Processes) ABIDE Sub-Committee has been dissolved. As new policies, procedures and processes are developed, Human Resources will vet those with a DEI lens through the ABIDE Team, the Leadership Team, and/or staff members who either own a process or have an interest in the topic.

Education

We launched our discussion series on May 22 with a video and conversation about *How the Other Half Eats*. The series continues with *So You Want to Talk About Race* on June 29; see below for more details. The education group is working on ways to encourage discussion of resources in the ABIDE-brary, perhaps by using a "Question of the Day." The group has also worked on how to capture ideas for the newsletter from the staff, as well as ensuring all staff members are on all e-communications from Second Helpings to increase awareness and share information.

Community Engagement

The Community Engagement subcommittee is having a meeting Wednesday, June 7th at 1:30pm in the Board Room. If you aren't able to attend but would like to join the subcommittee, reach out to Emily or Keion for details!

Upcoming Events

**So you
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race**

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OPTIONAL: So You Want to Talk About Race Staff Conversation

**Thursday, June 29 | 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Board Room**

Join the ABIDE/Education committee to discuss this month's resource, *So You Want to Talk about Race*, by Ijeoma Oluo.

You are welcome to join for all or part of the conversation, and you do not need to have read/watched/listened to a resource to come.

We'll watch part of a conversation with the author about the book and then discuss.

Here are some resources you can check out:

Listen: [WAMC Northeast Public Radio](#) interview with the author

Read: [interview with the author](#)

Extra credit: read the actual book! (available in the ABIDE-brary, plus copies available via the IndyPL)



Special Film Screening - Juneteenth: The Galveston Story

**Saturday, June 3 | 3:00 PM
Newfields, Deboest Lecture Hall**

This documentary film features stories about Juneteenth as told by prominent Galveston County community members and family members of the people who were there in 1865. Galveston is the birthplace of Juneteenth. Learn some of the stories before, on, and after June 19, 1865.

After the film, there will be a panel discussion led by Sam Collins III, film producer, with Dr. Olon Dotson, Associate Professor of Architecture at Ball State University and member of Indiana Landmarks Board of Directors.

Directed by Samuel Collins III & Sam Addington, 2021, 45 minutes, Not Rated.



Second Helpings in the Community

Here are some upcoming events where Second Helpings will be out in the community:

Indy Strawberry Festival **Thursday, June 8 | 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM** **Monument Circle**

Join your colleagues for strawberry shortcake on the Circle for the 57th Annual Strawberry Festival. Our fabulous Second Helpings food rescue team will pick up all the leftover strawberries, ice cream, and shortcakes!

Indy Pride Parade **Saturday, June 10 | 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM** **Mass Ave**

Second Helpings will be in the Indy Pride Parade this year. Our “float” is a Second Helpings van (with a streamer or two added) and will include a crew for our walking rainbow.

If you are interested in walking in the parade (meeting at 9:00 AM), [sign up](#) and select the color you will wear as part of our walking rainbow. Michelle will follow up with all staff and volunteers who sign up, to share final details closer to the event.

Second Helpings Birthday Party on the Circle **Thursday, June 15 | 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM** **Monument Circle**

One of the ways we will be celebrating our 25th anniversary is with a public birthday party on the Circle. We’re closing the southwest quadrant of Monument Circle and will enjoy food from Iozzo’s, Taylor’s Bakery cupcakes, and entertainment. We will also have a pasta drop-off for the last day of the Gr8 Pasta Push and a small program at 12:30pm –featuring several proclamations and City/State officials.

We’d love to have all staff members come enjoy all or part of the birthday party – please coordinate with your manager so you can attend the celebration!

Juneteenth Foodways Festival **Friday, June 16 | 4:30 PM – 8:00 PM** **Benjamin Harrison Presidential Site**

Our CJT students will be participating in the Juneteenth Foodways Festival. Every hour on the half hour, we will demo Cornbread Pudding, a recipe from Chef Dolly Johnson*, including samples for guests. Students/graduates will support other chefs at the event. Stop by and say hello!

**Historical Note – Dolly Johnson was hired by President Benjamin Harrison in December 1889 as the White House cook. Read the brief [“Kitchen Genius”: Dolly Johnson at the White House](#) article to learn more about her story.*

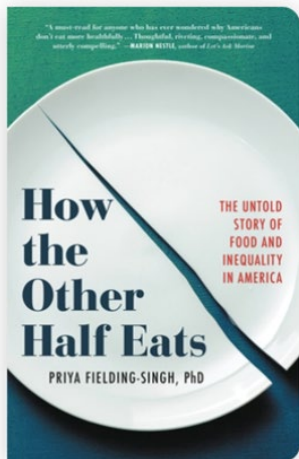


Eiteljorg Indian Market & Festival

Saturday, June 24 – Sunday, June 25 | 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Eiteljorg Museum

Enjoy cultural performances by Native American entertainers – including music, dance, and storytelling – family art-making activities, food, meet Native artists from more than 50 tribes, and shop exquisite jewelry, pottery, paintings, beadwork, weavings, sculptures, carvings and more.

Staff Insights



Emily Reflects on Attending the ABIDE *How the Other Half Eats* Discussion

Emily attended because she wanted to learn more about how food and socioeconomic status are connected, and what that might mean for Second Helpings. Here are her thoughts:

“I was so glad that this conversation started with a video to start from the same point, since I hadn’t read/listened to anything ahead of time. This made me feel not totally behind, and I could still participate in the conversation. I learned that “food deserts” are not a critical piece of the problem. They exist, but aren’t a major contributing factor to food insecurity, as I thought. Leaving our meeting made me want to read the book even more!”

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Have an idea for the newsletter? Let Heather know by [emailing](#) her or using this [form](#).