

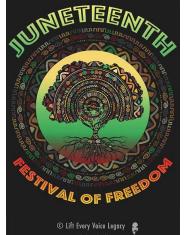
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## **Economic Alliance's Garry Clark to Speak**

Performances and Activities Highlighted at LEVL's "Juneteenth Kind of Father's Day" Picnic celebration at Esperance Park set for Sunday

**Garry Clark**, President and CEO of Economic Alliance of Snohomish County, will deliver a "Juneteenth Kind of Father's Day" spoken word presentation at the **Lift Every Voice Legacy's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Juneteenth Festival of Freedom** picnic on June 19 at Esperance Park, 7830 222<sup>nd</sup> Street SW, it was recently announced.

Free food, picnic games, face painting and arts and craft for children and families are planned activities throughout the day.



While the Sunday picnic festivities are scheduled from 11 am to 4 pm, the song, spoken word and dance performances will began at 1:30 pm. In addition to Clark, feature performances by the Washington Diamonds Drill Team & Drumline, Northwest Tap Connection and Gospel Singer Tyler Beauchamp are also program highlights.

LEVL is hosting the event in collaboration with Community Transit and Snohomish Black Heritage Committee with support from YWCA – Seattle-King-Snohomish, Girls on the Run Snohomish and Feed Me Hospitality and Restaurant Group.

The LEVL community organizing committee and supporters include representatives from Lynnwood, Shoreline, Edmonds, Montlake Terrace, Marysville and Everett with special support from Lynnwood City Council Member Shirley Sutton and; Liz and Steve Woodard, who is a Mountlake Terrace City Council Member.

**Juneteenth** – also known as **Emancipation Day** and **Freedom Day** – marks the day when Union soldiers arrived in Galveston, Texas on **June 19, 1865** and informed the last enslaved outpost of African Americans in the Confederate South that they were no longer under bondage.