

6TH ANNUAL

#BROADVIEWSTRONG

JUNETEENTH
CELEBRATION OF FREEDOM

Celebrating 100 Years of Black Excellence

HOSTED BY

Mayor Katrina Thompson

JUNE
20 & 21
2026



Schroeder Park

2600 S. 13TH AVE | BROADVIEW, IL

Dear Community Partners, Residents, and Friends,

We are proud to announce the planning phase for the 6th Annual Juneteenth Celebration in the Village of Broadview, a milestone year as we honor **100 Years of Black Excellence**. This year's theme reflects a century of resilience, innovation, leadership, and cultural contributions that have shaped our community and our nation.

This celebration also pays tribute to visionaries like Dr. Carter G. Woodson, the "Father of Black History," whose work in 1926 established Negro History Week, what we now know as Black History Month. Dr. Woodson believed that understanding our history was essential to building pride, purpose, and progress. His legacy reminds us that excellence is rooted in knowledge, culture, and community. For generations, Black excellence has been defined by courage in the face of adversity, commitment to education, entrepreneurship, faith, family, and the pursuit of justice. From the Great Migration to the Civil Rights Movement, from the rise of Black owned businesses to the leadership of educators, artists, and public servants, these past 100 years represent a powerful legacy that continues to inspire the next generation.

Our Juneteenth celebration has grown into a beloved, family friendly tradition that brings together residents, businesses, and visitors of all ages. This year, we invite you to join us as we reflect on our history, celebrate our present, and invest in a future filled with opportunity and unity. Mark your calendars for this year's celebration (Saturday, June 20th and Sunday, June 21st, 2026), which will once again feature local talent, a vibrant kids' zone, delicious food, cultural experiences, and live entertainment, all in a safe and welcoming environment. As always, the safety and wellbeing of our residents, vendors, and guests remain our top priority.

We look forward to partnering with sponsors, vendors, and community organizations who share our commitment to honoring our heritage and uplifting our future. Together, we will create a meaningful and memorable celebration that recognizes the strength, brilliance, and contributions of Black communities over the past century. Thank you for your continued support of the Village of Broadview. We look forward to celebrating 100 Years of Black Excellence with you.

With gratitude and pride,

Mayor Katrina Thompson