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Monessen To Hold Its First Juneteenth Ceremony

MONESSEN – The City of Monessen and its new Human Relations Commission will host its first ever ceremony, commemorating Juneteenth. The ceremony will be held at Noon on Saturday, June 19, 2021 at the Monessen City Hall Courtyard 557 Donner Avenue.

The ceremony will commemorate the freeing of slaves during the Civil War Era. “Historically, Monessen residents – especially the black community - celebrated Juneteenth from the beginning of our City’s founding. We are going back to those roots. Back then, many referred to the celebrations as “Freedom Day” or “Emancipation Day”. Says Mayor Matt Shorraw.

Saturday’s event will feature local singers and community members to who will participate in the commemoration. The main focus will be the reading of the Emancipation Proclamation, which was given on January 1, 1863 by President Lincoln.

The event is free and open to the public, and anyone is welcome to attend.

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