

Community News

East New York Development Newsletter



CELEBRATING BLACK FATHERHOOD

By Ashley Govan

I'm sure we can all agree that 2022 has been an exceptional year for us all; recovering as a nation from the pandemic and reclaiming societal normalcy. This month, in particular, there are a few special occasions to celebrate. We begin the summer season paying special tribute to fathers everywhere on Father's Day, supporting the LGBTQ+ community with Pride month, and celebrating the freedom of enslaved black Americans on Juneteenth (June 19th). I think it goes without saying that Father's Day and Juneteenth falling on the same day is a refreshing coincidence calling for a grand celebration in our community!

Through the efforts of Sonora Smart Dodd, one woman of six children raised by a single father, the state of Washington celebrated its first official Father's Day on June 19th, 1910. Sonora sought out to honor her father (and all fathers) in the same manner as mothers. After many years of campaigning, President Richard Nixon signed Father's Day into law in 1972 finally declaring it the national holiday we know today.

On this exact day in 1865, Union General Gordon Granger lead 1,800 federal troops to Galveston, Texas, a formerly Confederate state, and enforced Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation that was signed 2 years earlier. This event has since become the most popular celebration of Black emancipation in the U.S.

I encourage members of the community to find the true meaning of this significant chapter in history. From contributions to organizations dedicated to equality and empowering Black Americans, to simply showing love and appreciation to all fathers and father figures – we can truly celebrate this special moment in time.

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HIGHLIGHTING OUR TENANT LEADERS: ANABELLE DIAZ ALSTON - BOULEVARD HOUSES

By David Amon

How long have you been living in your development?

I became a resident of Boulevard Houses 56 years ago as the first Hispanic family to reside there. After graduating from Canarsie High School, I began working as a home attendant assisting the elderly and later as a personal care aide with a more diverse population. Throughout this time, I continued to explore my passion for cooking. I can now say that I have my own catering business; Campana Cater, where I create delicious vegan meals as well as various meat dishes.

Tell me how you first became involved with the Tenant Association?

I became engaged with the Tenant Patrol at the early age of fifteen; accompanying my mother to meetings. I was motivated to advocate for others, embracing the challenges that existed in the community. Over time, I became well known throughout East New York as a member of the Neighborhood Safety Initiatives (NSTAT); working towards the betterment of the community. I consider myself an activist.

What makes you most proud of your development?

The love that is shared. The community comes together for one another.

What's your first memory of something good that happened to your community?

Something it very much needed.

Family game night. That was the opportunity that brought everyone out for Family Feud, music, and good times without violence.

What would you like to see improved in your community?

I would like to see better relationships between the Neighborhood Community Officers of the NYPD (NCO) and our young men; developing essential qualities to improve the relationships between community members and safety officers.

