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**“Juneteenth on the Beach”** is being presented on **Saturday, June 17, from 11 to 2** on the grounds of the **Edmonds Waterfront Center**, 220 Railroad Ave, Edmonds, WA, and will include free food, storybook reading for children, music and the 1961 classic movie ***Raisin in the Sun***. The event is being co-sponsored by **the Edmonds Waterfront Center (EWC), the City of Edmonds and Lift Every Voice Legacy (LEVL)**.

“We are delighted to partner with the City of Edmonds and LEVL in celebrating this new national holiday which has long been a celebration of African Americans for nearly 160 years and now serves as a reminder to all of us who love justice and freedom that shining light on the often-untold stories of our American history provide the stepping stones to a future free of hatred, injustice and discrimination,” said Robin Ullman, Operations Director at EWC.

Celebration will highlight performances by the **Northside Step Team**, songs by Edmonds’ author, mental health advocate and speaker **Richard Taylor, Jr.**, DJ music by **Michael Eddings Phat Factory** of Lynnwood, children storytelling on the history of Juneteenth as well as other activities.

**Free food** by **community chef Dennis Pool** of Edmonds and **Phat Factory BBQ** will also be available to all who attend.

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

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