

# CITY CONNECTION

## *Juneteenth Celebration Stillwater Style*

Exciting upcoming events are scheduled for Juneteenth—the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery. From its Galveston, Texas origin in 1865, the observance of Juneteenth as the African American Emancipation Day has spread across the United States and beyond. The City of Stillwater Community Relations Committee and the Southern Woods Community Association are joining together to provide the Stillwater community an opportunity to celebrate with cities all across the country an important day in our history.

Two events are scheduled for Stillwater's Juneteenth Independence Day celebration. The first is Tuesday, June 19 at 7 p.m. at the Stillwater Community Center. Featured speakers are Stillwater Mayor Roger McMillian and Dr. Earl Mitchell, OSU Professor Emeritus. Dr. Mitchell will speak about the history of Juneteenth. The evening will conclude with music, a documentary style and locally filmed video, followed by an awards presentation.

Included in the Saturday, June 23 Juneteenth celebration at Southern Woods Park will be great music and entertainment, fabulous food, informational booths and displays. Activities begin at 10 a.m. Afternoon entertainment will be provided by a live DJ, and the Studio B Jazz Band will cap off the day's events. In the event of rain, the Saturday activities will be moved to the Stillwater Community Center.

Stillwater citizens are encouraged to join in this special community celebration of diversities and differences.

City Connection is brought to you by the City of Stillwater as a public service to provide regular information about City services and to respond to general questions asked by the public about their local government. For additional information regarding the Juneteenth celebration, please contact James Washington of the Southern Woods Community Association at 742.4009.

