



2022 marks the first federal observance, and the second New Jersey state observance, of Juneteenth!

This holiday commemorates June 19, 1865, the day that enslaved people in Gavelston, TX were made aware that slavery had been abolished. It was two years after the actual abolition of slavery and these people were the last to learn of their freedom. [Read more about the history and significance of Juneteenth here.](#)

This weekend, many observances and celebrations will be held in New Jersey and across the country. Below are a few events occurring in Newark. We encourage you to participate in these celebrations or to seek out observances local to you.



Newark-based film-making duo Marylou and Jerome Bongiorno have produced three films which highlight issues specific to urban America and featuring important events, people, and places in Newark.

Two of these films, [The Rule](#) and [RUST](#) will be available to stream via PBS throughout the month of June in honor of Juneteenth.

[The Rule](#) explores school reform in cities and highlights the story of St. Benedict's Preparatory School.

[RUST](#) explores the causes of generational poverty in urban centers and offers solutions.

NRBP has proudly supported the Bongiorno's and their films via our Renaissance Newark Foundation and through partnering on a public, virtual screening and discussion for [RUST](#).

[Click here](#) to view [The Rule](#) and [click here](#) to view [RUST](#).