

# DISCOVER DIVERSE FORT WORTH



burned down by a racist mob in 1939, and her family narrowly escaped physical violence that harrowing night. The civil rights leader frequently recounted that moment throughout her lifetime of work for racial justice that included an annual Juneteenth walk of 2.5 miles which she continues to make at the age of 96. She also co-founds the Tarrant County Black Historical and Genealogical Society and speaks publicly about the importance of racial equity. In addition, she is the namesake and visionary of Opal's Farm and Food Bank serving the HIV/Aids homeless community.

To honor the work of Lee and other civil rights icons, and to preserve the history of Juneteenth, Fort Worth will become home to the National Juneteenth Museum, a 50,000-square-foot building scheduled to open mid-2025 on Fort Worth's Historic Southside.

## IN FORT WORTH, Y'ALL MEANS ALL ARE WELCOME

On LGBTQ+ inclusivity, Fort Worth consistently receives top marks — 100 points — from the nonprofit Human Rights Campaign. Campaign's Municipal Equality Index measured city commitment to LGBTQ+ equality and inclusivity, enforcement of non-discrimination laws and policing practices when assessing our city's equity work.

## OPAL LEE & JUNETEENTH

Decades of civil rights advocacy work from Fort Worthian Opal Lee recently paid off when Congress and the President made Juneteenth a federal holiday. Lee's childhood home was



## TRANSFORM 1012

Plans are underway to renovate a former Ku Klux Klan auditorium on Fort Worth's North Side. The project — Transform 1012 — will repurpose the building from a “monument of hate into a beacon of truth-telling, reconciliation and liberation for the nation,” according to a coalition of nonprofits and grassroots groups heading the project.



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