

NEWSLETTER



*"The Largest Juneteenth Celebration
in the Country!"*

Award winning artist "Ted Ellis" joins the MCJCF family!

The MCJCF Executive Board announces a new collaboration with nationally renown and award winning artist, **Ted Ellis** who has been recognized as one of the most celebrated artists of the 21st century.

Ted Ellis will join the foundation in its celebration of annual Juneteenth Celebrations by producing "original" prints annually in an effort to highlight and acknowledge this hallowed event.

"I like to think of myself as a creative historian. I was put here to record history...all aspects of American culture and heritage. My sole purpose has always been to educate through my art."

Ted Ellis

"The art this man produces both reveres and celebrates the traditional values of our culture. Not only that, Mr. Ellis' work encompasses the diversity and cultural similarities of all Americans."

"We believe that in Ellis' involvement in the community as an art advocate and educator, we've found a great partner"

Don Smith

MCJCF Board Chairman and Founder

Community Conscience MCJCF Partner!



Wells Fargo

"One team. Pulling together...for Communities."

The Missouri City Juneteenth Celebration Foundation (MCJCF) has partnered with long time supporter Wells Fargo to endow a series of annual scholarships in their name.

The "Wells Fargo" Endowment Scholarship will be available to first-year students with special consideration for students who are members of underrepresented racial groups.

The scholarships awarded will be based on both merit and financial need. It will be renewable for three additional years, provided the student recipient meets the eligibility

requirements, which include maintaining at least a 3.0 grade-point average.

"College is a barometer of success in today's society and there aren't a lot of good jobs for students who don't follow through and obtain a college degree."

Pamela Crawford

MCJCF Advisory Board Chairman

"Knowledge is power and for far too many students from inner-city neighborhoods, college is an almost unattainable goal and thanks to the Wells Fargo Foundation, the individuals selected for these gifts will have that opportunity."

For more information on Wells Fargo please visit their website at www.wellsfargo.com



Ted Ellis



(From left to right)

Derrick Woods, Porter Reed (Houston Eagles, Negro League Ball), **Congressman Al Green**, John "Mule" Miles (Chicago American Giants, Negro League Ball) and Don Smith

The Missouri City Juneteenth Celebration Foundation announces the appointment of this year's Juneteenth Parade **"GRAND MARSHALL"**



Congressman Al Green.

"As a testament to his exceptional service to the community, Congressman Green has accepted our invitation to serve as Grand Marshall to our 6th Annual Juneteenth Parade here in Missouri City to which we could not be more pleased."

In the words of former Houston Mayor Bob Lanier, *"Congressman Al Green is a vigorous spokesman for fairness, justice and equality for all,"* to which we could not agree more!

Derrick L Woods
MCJCF Executive Director

MCJCF Parade Updates

A change is coming as the MCJCF Executive Board announced plans to shift it's annual "One Mile of Smiles" Juneteenth Parade to begin at **5:00pm** to better accommodate both its parade participants and the attending community in beating the heat.



Festival Additions



More information and updates coming soon on this new and exciting festival addition.

Vending Opportunities Abound

Vending opportunities abound in the following areas during the MCJCF Festival & Block Party: **Food, Marketing and Arts & Crafts**

Please contact our office for details at 281.582.8181 x2 or visit us online at www.MoCityJuneteenth.com for a downloadable application.

MCJCF to Honor a stellar list of recipients during its 2nd Annual Community Service Awards Banquet!!!

The 2nd Annual MCJCF Community Service Awards and Directors' Banquet announces this year's Keynote Speaker, Chairman, and former U.S. Secretary of Education,



Dr. Rod Paige

The banquet is the flagship program of the Missouri City Juneteenth Celebration Foundation as this most prestigious event honors leaders who have made significant contributions to the Ft. Bend community and its citizens.

This year's 12 prestigious honorees are: **Willie J. Alexander**, founder, W.J. Alexander & Associates, P.C. and former Houston Oilers player; **Lauren Anderson**, noted ballerina with the Houston Ballet; **Judge Joel Clouser**, Missouri City Justice of the Peace of Precinct 2; **Rodney Harrell**, president and CEO, Alpha Claim Service; **George E. and Thomasine Johnson**, founders, George E. Johnson Development Inc.; **Dr. Lovell Jones**, director, Center for Research on Minority Health, M. D. Anderson Cancer Center; Fort Bend County Commissioner Precinct 2 **Grady Prestage**; **Judge Clarease**

Rankin Yates, U.S. Immigration Court; **Coach John Wilkerson**, mentors youth through tennis and coached several top tennis players such as Zina Garrison and Lori McNeil; and **Pastor Remus and First Lady Mia Wright**, founders, Fountain of Praise Church.

The MCJCF has selected the Marriott Sugar Land Town Square, as this elegant event will attract approximately 350-400 guests comprised of the honorees and their special guests, corporate sponsors, event partners, community and political leaders, and the press.

MCJCF Historical Reenactments

Come witness living history reenacted with performances by the James Hudson "Showtime Theatre" and supported by the children from the Barrington School as they commemorate African Americans who helped to settle Texas & particularly Ft. Bend County.

The dramatizations take place under a 200 Year-Old Oak Tree located inside of "Freedom Tree" Park in the Lake Olympia Sub-division on Misty Hollow Drive.

Performances start at 9:15 AM and every 30 minutes thereafter until 2 PM. Free "Picnic in the Park" after each performance.

R.S.V.P required!

For detailed event information go online:

www.MoCityJuneteenth.com



Description of the Events

Monday, June 9, 2008

Golf Tournament
Sienna Plantation Golf Club

Thursday, June 12, 2008

Historical Vignettes
Glen Lakes Park, Lake Olympia

Thursday, June 12, 2008

Community Services
Awards Banquet
Marriott Sugar Land Town Square

Friday, June 13, 2008

Saturday, June 21, 2008

3-on-3 Basketball
Hunters Glen Park

Friday, June 13, 2008

"Directors Dance"
Missouri City Civic Center

Saturday, June 14, 2008

Juneteenth Parade
TX. Parkway (FM 2234)

Saturday, June 14, 2008

Battle of the Bands
Hunters Glen Park

Saturday, June 14, 2008

Juneteenth Festival
Hunters Glen Park

***EVENT PENDING**

Gospel Showcase
Hunters Glen Park

The MCJCF and its promotional partner, the **City of Missouri City** announce supporters for their **6th Annual MCJCF Celebration & Parade**



The MCJCF and its promotional partner, the **City of Missouri City** announce **Wells Fargo** as one of this year's celebration presenting sponsors.

"Thanks to Wells Fargo and our generous supporters, we are gearing up for our largest celebration to date filled with activities for every member of the family," said Don Smith, MCJCF founder and former Missouri City, TX city councilman.

"Our goal is to commemorate the Emancipation Proclamation, by raising the cultural awareness on the many great influences African-Americans have made to our nation, while raising funds to assist several charitable organizations and provide college scholarships.

Supporters to date include presenting sponsor **Wells Fargo** include: **CenterPoint Energy, Centex Homes, Comerica Bank, Edward Jones, Fiesta Mart, Sienna-Johnson Development, Silver Eagle Distributors, Unity National Bank, Washington Mutual Bank, and Capitol One** with presenting media partner **KROI-FM Praise 92.1**, media

partner **Gumbo Media Network** of Lake Charles, LA, media partner **Fox 26** and many other local and national corporations who also proudly support our collective efforts.

For sponsorship or festival exhibitor information, please contact Margo Williams Handy, MWH Public Relations, 281.213.9554, 832.492.2407 or margo@mwhpublicrelations.com

OUR VISION

The Missouri City Juneteenth Celebration Foundation is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization created by then Missouri City Councilman, **Don Smith** was designed to positively teach, recognize, and demonstrate the importance of this hallowed day in American history.

The vision of the Missouri City Juneteenth Celebration Foundation seeks to enhance the quality of life for Missouri City residents and surrounding communities' citizens by bringing together persons from all walks of life in an atmosphere of community and goodwill. It also looks to enhance opportunities for Fort Bend County students and other worthy charitable organizations via scholarships and financial support.

Most importantly, the event provides a family forum for entertainment, music and African-American historical education. Additionally, it promotes community involvement as civic leaders, politicians, educators, musicians and volunteer's work together to build a lasting event in Fort Bend County Texas.

For more information, visit www.MoCityJuneteenth.com

MCJCF Golf Fundraiser

Not all of the "Juneteenth" action takes place on stage, join us for a fun and entertaining 18 holes of star-studded golf as we hold our 3rd Annual Scholarship Fundraiser "Juneteenth" Golf Tournament highlighted by title sponsor, **Edward Jones**.

Celebrity participants from the world of sports and entertainment will highlight this "All Star" golf outing with numerous contests on the course, fabulous goodie bags and a post-event awards luncheon.



The "Juneteenth" Golf Tournament, which is open to all individuals and skill levels, will mark this worthy event as one of the MCJCF Weekend's best happening as.

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