

NEWSLETTER



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

Margo Williams-Handy joins the MCJCF family!

The MCJCF Executive Board announces a unique collaboration with Margo Williams-Handy and MWH Public Relations whose core objective is to Sell Sponsorship to Emerging Categories and to find untapped sponsorship dollars for both corporate and community based companies that have expressed interest in our endeavors.

Additionally, MWH Public Relations will assist us to enhance the very foundation for which we were organized... cultural awareness and educational support for our college bound young adults.

"The excitement of our planning 2008's celebration is demonstrated throughout the MCJCF's staff and committee members."

"Professionalism, presentation and

image are paramount for our organization and as the excitement of planning our "2008" celebration permeates throughout the MCJCF's staff and committee members we believe that in Margo Williams-Handy and MWH Public Relations, we've found a great partner"

Don Smith

MCJCF Board Chairman and Founder

...and Speaking of MCJCF Partner's!



Villagers 20/20

"Developing Tomorrows Community Leaders and Economy Boosters Today!"

Villagers 20/20, a vision of Missouri City Councilman Don Smith, is a program that umbrellas under the Missouri City Juneteenth Celebration Foundation and is designed to prepare tomorrows leaders today, though the delivery of effective human development initiative and programs. Villagers 20/20 which began operation in November 2006 as a two-week interactive, series of life skills development workshops as young adults and their parents participated in sessions that focused on Healthy Lifestyles, Decision-Making, Character Building, Self-Esteem, Anger Management, Conflict Resolution, Personal Values, Goal Setting and Spirituality.

Villagers 20/20 is committed to building our youth today to ensure that our dreams for a better society tomorrow, clearly reflect our commitment to service, individual accountability and community partnership with other villages and villagers.

For more information on Villagers 20/20 please visit our website at www.villagers2020.org

The MCJCF puts Family First!



The "Missouri City Juneteenth Celebration" offers (5) five days of wholesome family oriented fun with a Parade, Historical Reenactment(s), a Golf Tournament, a 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament, a High School "Battle of the Bands", a Gospel Showcase, the Foundations signature, "Director's Dance, and an outdoor Musical Festival all with the exception of two events... completely FREE courtesy of the foundation and its various supporters... ENJOY!

It's always about family, always!



The original MCJCF Staff
(From left to right) Derrick Woods, Michael Mouton, Pamela Poole, Charles Swindell and Don Smith

Although time brings about change in most all matters and the original executive committee has experienced its share of change from year to year, however these five helped to create

The Missouri City Juneteenth Celebration Foundation and after six years each original member remains involved and committed in some shape or form to the MCJCF's annual success.

This team from the onset demonstrated the required team spirit and synergy to fulfill a vision beginning with **Derrick Woods**, who utilized his experience as a promoter and bank executive and currently operates as the foundation's executive director; **Michael Mouton** utilized his various experiences in festival operations throughout Texas to manage MCJCF operations; **Pamela Poole** initially assumed Juneteenth parade leadership with passion and love among other assignments while **Charles Swindell**, a local businessman, makes the difficult things happen when call upon and finally, **Don Smith**, MCJCF Founder and Board Chairman tries desperately to stay out of everyone's way.

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 dusk 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 to downloadable applications.

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Historical Reenactments & Picnic a "BIG" Hit!!!

Once again our Historical Reenactments under the direction of **James Hudson** and his "Showtime Theater" Ensemble assisted by the "Buffalo Soldiers" and wonderful students from the **Barrington Academy** provided an afternoon of enlightenment as they commemorate African Americans who helped to settle Texas & particularly Ft. Bend County.



Food, Fun & Activities provided during our "Picnic in the Park" after each scheduled performance.

To RSVP your group or organization for this exciting oral and visually stunning event, please contact our office for program details at 281.582.8181 x7 or visit us online at www.MoCityJuneteenth.com for a travel directional map and event locations.



Juneteenth Festival offers more than just music...



Description of the Events

Monday, June 16, 2008

Golf Tournament
Sienna Plantation Golf Club

Thursday, June 19, 2008

Historical Vignettes
Glen Lakes Park, Lake Olympia

Thursday, June 19, 2008

Community Services
Awards Banquet
Sienna Plantation Golf Club

Friday, June 20, 2008

Saturday, June 21, 2008

3-on-3 Basketball
Hunters Glen Park

Friday, June 20, 2008

"Directors Dance"
Missouri City Civic Center

Saturday, June 21, 2008

Juneteenth Parade
TX. Parkway (FM 2234)

Saturday, June 21, 2008

Battle of the Bands
Hunters Glen Park

Saturday, June 21, 2008

Juneteenth Festival
Hunters Glen Park

Sunday, June 22, 2008

Gospel Showcase
Thurgood Marshall HS

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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 which is open to all individuals and skill levels.

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 "Instant Classic" level of play will mark this worthy event as one of the MCJCF Weekend's best happening.

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