

Missouri City Juneteenth Celebration Foundation
Newsletter

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 was present during all events



(From L-R) Sonya Brown-Marshall – Marshall Management Group, Inc., Kate Krahn – MetLife, Fort Bend County Commissioner – Grady Prestage, Sonja Thornton – MCJCF Event Manager, City of Missouri City Mayor – Allen Owen, Mena Freeman – MetLife, and Don Smith.

The above photo was taken at the Annual VIP Kickoff Reception.

Each year the Juneteenth festivities start with the VIP Kick-Off Reception. The reception was held at the newly built Michael Rose, CPA Professional Building.

Michael and Sonya Brown-Marshall – Marshall Management Group, Inc. were co-sponsors of the reception.

In addition to the VIP's in the photo, State Representative (elect) Ron Reynolds, Dr. Jonita Reynolds, Constable Ruben Davis, City Councilmen Bobby Marshall and Jerry Wyatt, State Senator Rodney Ellis representative, Clarence (Doc) Holliday, Congressman Al Green Fort Bend representative, Loveless Mitchell, Fort Bend Democratic Chair, Steve Brown, the City of Stafford Councilwoman Felicia Smith-Evans, and MetLife's Branch Manager Larry Mott, attended as well.



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Fiesta Mart – Best Float 2010 “Mile of Smiles Parade”



Congratulation to Fiesta!

The craftsmanship displayed in the construction of this year’s Fiesta entry is indicative of the company’s overall work ethic.



One of two living African - American Medal of Honor winners Clarence Eugene Sassor was honored.

Others honored were **Sonya Brown-Marshall, Llarance Turner, Margaret Garner, Dr. Bobby Mills, Sugar Land Councilwoman Jacquie Chaumette, and Missouri City Sgt. Daryl Smith.**

Over 300 in attendance were on hand for State Senator Royce West's (D) Dallas – keynote address at the luxurious Marriott Town Center Hotel. This eight annual **Community Service Award Gala** honored citizens in Fort Bend County who have contributed to the well being of the community. We will continue to appreciate the services of the honorees show cased on this night.



2010 Missouri City Juneteenth Celebration concluded with 3000 in attendance



Troy Barnett and his band **Raw Energy** was top billing at the **Festival Under the Stars.**

People came from nearby neighborhoods, across town, Houston, and other surrounding towns to Hunters Glen Park with tents, blankets, chairs, and other devices to aid in their comfort while they watched some of the best talent around.

Two families said it was their seventh year attending.





Melisa Thibodaux, portrayal of a strong African-American woman during the 1800's, encourages her audience to touch the Freedom Tree (an oak tree, certified to be well over 200 years old and 7 ft. in diameter) and try to connect with their ancestors.

Ms. Thibodeaux gave several 30 minute performances to over 400 students throughout the day.

The inaugural Community Health & Wellness Fair

.... a rousing success



With the **American Heart Association** as a partner and an involved participant, the 1st **Community Health & Wellness Fair** accommodated approximately 350 area citizens.

In addition to the screening of the major causes of mortality among African-Americans, dental check up, podiatry exams, medical consultation, healthy cooking classes, children ID registration, and door prizes were available to patrons. All of this was housed in the **Covenant Glen United Methodist Church Multi-Purpose building Center, Dr. Robert E. Childress – Pastor.**



Juneteenth Schedule 2011

June 9 - **Annual VIP Kick-Off Reception**

Location – TBA

June 13 – **Scholarship Golf Tournament**

Quail Valley Golf Course

June 16 – **Dramatization Under the**

Freedom Tree -

Freedom Tree Park

June 16 – **Annual Community Service**

Award Gala - Marriott Hotel

Town Center Sugar Land, TX

June 17 – **Gospel Explosion**

Location – TBA

June 18 – **Annual Community Health & Wellness Fair**

Covenant Glen United

Methodist Church

June 18 – **"Mile of Smiles" Parade**

Texas Parkway

June 18 - **Festival Under the Stars**

Hunters Glen Park