



## **City of McKinney Press Release**

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### **Celebrate Juneteenth Saturday**

*McKinney joins in national freedom celebration*

McKINNEY, Texas (June 15, 2010) – The Parks, Recreation and Open Space department will host a historical celebration of Independence on Saturday, June 19 at Old Settler's Park, 1201 E. Louisiana. The event will feature a cookout, live entertainment and a children's area with games and activities.

**Date:** Saturday, June 19

**Time:** 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

**Where:** Old Settler's Park

Juneteenth has been a recognized Texas State Holiday since 1980. The holiday observes the emancipation of African-American slaves in Texas on June 19, 1865. This distinctive public holiday originates from Texas but is declared and recognized worldwide.

For more information about McKinney's Juneteenth celebration, call 972-542-5014.

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#### **About McKinney**

McKinney, Texas, is unique by nature. As one of the fastest-growing cities in the U.S., McKinney has a current population of 126,500. Incorporated in 1848, the city is located 30 miles north of Dallas and is the county seat of Collin County. McKinney offers rolling hills, lush trees, a historic downtown square and unique neighborhoods and developments, and it was recently ranked as one of the Top 10 Best Places to Move by Forbes Magazine. Visit the city's Web site at [www.mckinneytexas.org](http://www.mckinneytexas.org).

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