



# MEDIA ADVISORY

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## **Lancaster Joins Best Southwest Cities in Duncanville for Juneteenth**

**Lancaster, TX** – President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation on September 22, 1862. Although rumors of freedom for the slaves were widespread, actual emancipation for slaves in Texas did not come until two and half years later when General Gordon Granger rode into Galveston, Texas issuing General Order No. 3 on June 19, 1865. As the news spread, thousands flooded the streets of Galveston, rejoicing in their newfound freedom and celebration with song, dance and prayers, creating the day we now celebrate as Juneteenth to commemorate African American freedom. Today, these same celebrations are an opportunity to remember the past, recognize the significant contributions of African Americans, celebrate our diversity, and reinforce our hope for the future.

The City of Lancaster is pleased to join the cities of Duncanville, DeSoto, and Cedar Hill in the Best Southwest Juneteenth Celebration recognizing the rich diversity within the communities. This year's Juneteenth Festival will be hosted by the City of Duncanville on Saturday, June 14, 2014 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Armstrong Park located at 100 James Collins Boulevard, in Duncanville. Event-goers are promised the best celebration yet, with live music performances including this year's headliner Memphis Soul Revue, as well as Gospel, Dance and Urban Pop/R&B local performances. An ultimate experience also awaits children of all ages with fun activities planned throughout the evening such as bounce houses, water slides, a rock-climbing wall, face-painting, balloon twisters and a game party truck. There will also be a variety of food and merchandise vendors to enjoy! For more information about the Juneteenth Celebration hosted by the City of Duncanville, please contact the City of Duncanville Recreation Superintendent, Amy Sisler, at 972-780-5074 or visit [www.duncanville.com](http://www.duncanville.com).

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