



Friends of Emancipation Park's

# 2013 JUNETEENTH

## EMANCIPATION CELEBRATION

Commemorating 150 Years of Freedom in America

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A Brief History

### JUNETEENTH

pays tribute to the official announcement of the abolition of slavery in Texas by Union General Gordon Granger (and 2,000 federal troops) in 1865--nearly 3 years after Abraham Lincoln had declared all slaves be freed. In 1872, Freeman's town residents Jack Yates, Elias Dibble, Richard Allen & Richard Brock purchased 10 acres at Dowling & Elgin and dedicated "Emancipation Park" as a place to celebrate Juneteenth.

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June 19, 2012, Mayor Annise Paker announced a \$33 million renovation of the historic park.

That same year, the parade returned to where it began, going north on Dowling Street to a festival in Emancipation Park

*Dear Business Owner:*

*This year, the Friends of Emancipation Park will be celebrating 150 Years of freedom in historic Emancipation Park--the place where Juneteenth celebrations began 141 years ago.*

*Emancipation Park also has the distinction of being Texas' first public park. Therefore, the city of Houston, with the help of the Friends of Emancipation Park, is orchestrating an infusion of \$33 million dollars into a major renovation of the park.*

*In celebration of this, the Friends of Emancipation Park are asking retail businesses, restaurants and other establishments in the African American Community to say "Thank You" to their patrons by offering a 10% discount though the end of June to patrons who present them with a Friends of Emancipation Park 2013 Juneteenth Celebration flyer.*

*We are asking that you display the 8x11 signage provided here in your window, at your register or on your door to let folk know of the discount. We will be sending out an e-blast to over 5,000 local residents & businesses, sending out ads and advertising this discount at our events, churches, and on our websites at [www.EmancipationUSA.com](http://www.EmancipationUSA.com) and [www.JuneteenthFest.com](http://www.JuneteenthFest.com).*

*Thanks for joining us as we celebrate 150 years of freedom that our ancestors could only dream of!*

*Have a Super Juneteenth!*

*Dorris Ellis Robinson*

*Dorris Ellis-Robinson, President,  
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Friends of Emancipation Park's  
Juneteenth Emancipation Celebration  
at Historic **EMANCIPATION PARK!**  
3018 Dowling at Elgin, Houston, TX 77004  
June 1-19, 2013

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FRIENDS OF EMANCIPATION PARK  
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