

# MISSOURI CITY'S

# Fab 5

*Your guide to great parks,  
events, and attractions*

*Compiled by Jen Petty  
and Missouri City*

The area offers a variety of shops along a stretch of Highway 6



Missouri City has grown by leaps and bounds over the past few decades



Located just east of Sugar Land, Missouri City has seen tremendous growth over the years. With its current population of nearly 70,000 which is expected to double in 20 years, the city continues to

keep up the pace, with the addition of new parks, restaurants, retailers, and family friendly events every day. Missouri City teams up with Sugar Land Magazine to bring you the following fabulous five lists.

The annual Sienna Sip and Stroll features music, food, and wine



# 5 FABULOUS PARKS

## 1 *Buffalo Run Park*

1122 Buffalo Run

Experience a beautiful, 95-acre park with lakes, covered pavilions, an observation tower, fishing piers, nature trails, and a public boat ramp. Enjoy a day of fun dining at one of the picnic tables, playing sand volleyball or horseshoes, or participating in one of many other outdoor opportunities the park offers.

## 2 *Community Park*

1700 Glenn Lakes Ln.

Covering 107 acres of prime land, Community Park is perfect for all types of activities Missouri City families enjoy. Drinking fountains, security lighting, picnic tables, and playground equipment are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. For the sports minded, facilities also include a lake, soccer and softball fields, a jogging trail, basketball and sand volleyball courts, and a nine-hole disc golf course. Four covered pavilions and an open air amphitheater round out the park's amenities.

## 3 *First Colony Trailhead*

5330 Crosslakes Blvd.

Designed for seniors, the life stations at First Colony Trailhead are the perfect way to perk up your exercise routine. Life stations feature exercise equipment placed at the start of a trail that extends for approximately two miles.

## 4 *Hunter's Glen Park*

1340 Independence

Located in the middle of the Hunters Glen subdivision, this facility provides opportunities for the entire city. One of the most popular sites for walking, pickup basketball games, and youth sports activities now has the first public Sprayground in Fort Bend County. Hunter's Glen Park also features a playground and pavilion area.

## 5 *Lexington Village Park*

Lexington Blvd., between Autumn Green and Village View

The 3.2-acre Lexington Village neighborhood park includes playground equipment, a covered pavilion, picnic tables, park benches, and a paved sidewalk throughout the park.

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## 5 FABULOUS SPECIAL EVENTS

### 1 *Dad and Daughter Dance*

FEB. 13

Missouri City Community Center  
1522 Texas Pkwy.

Dads and daughters get into the swing of things at the 13th annual Missouri City Dad and Daughter Dance.

### 2 *Juneteenth Celebration*

JUNE

A week-long event celebrating Missouri City's diversity includes the Community Service Awards Gala, historical dramatizations, a picnic in the park, and the Juneteenth Parade.

### 3 *Fourth of July Celebration*

JULY 4

Buffalo Run Park, 1122 Buffalo Run

Enjoy fireworks, fun, and family entertainment at the city's annual Fourth of July Celebration.

### 4 *Community Wide Garage Sale*

NOV. 6

Missouri City Hall Complex, 1522 Texas Pkwy.

For all the budget-conscious shoppers in Missouri City, this bargain shopping experience is for you! Missouri City's seventh annual Community Wide Garage Sale is a chance to shop 'till you drop. Booths will be stocked with a variety of items for the bargain-hunting crowd.

### 5 *Snowfest Festival*

DEC. 11

Community Park, 1700 Glenn Lakes Ln.

Holiday lovers are sure to have a dog-gone good time at Missouri City's Snowfest, featuring "Pets Overboard", a live animal show about the journey of Captain Jack, his crew of critters, and their adventures with pirates, also known as pi-rats. The show, including animals from shelters and rescue organizations, highlights the 26th annual event. Festival-goers can also enjoy snow tubing, photos with Santa, face painting, dance performances, food, and much more.



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The area is home to 200-year-old oak trees



Missouri City is one of Money Magazine's top 100 cities to live in

## 5 SECRETS OF SIENNA PLANTATION

*Master-planned community has rich history*

1. Once part of Stephen F. Austin's original Old 300 colony in Texas
2. Became Waters Plantation, with sugar cane and cotton grown as crops
3. Named Sienna Plantation after Siena, Italy, by Scanlan sisters, who inherited the land
4. Once used as a religious retreat by the Catholic Diocese of Houston-Galveston
5. Community includes three elementary schools, a middle school, and a high school set to open in August

Adopted from [siennaplantation.com](http://siennaplantation.com)



Enjoy a relaxing round of golf at one of the area's local country clubs

Cool off from the Texas heat at the Sienna Plantation club house



## 5 FABULOUS THINGS TO DO

### 1 *Quail Valley Golf Course*

2880 La Quinta Dr.

Enjoy a round of golf on the scenic La Quinta and El Dorado fairways. The newly renovated El Dorado fairway, sculpted by renowned golf architect Jeffrey Blume, opened for public play in November. After the 18th hole, golfers can dine at the club's restaurant, The Grille, which serves steak and pasta, among other dishes. After the end of the golf day at 5:30 p.m., visitors may take a leisurely walk or light job on trials along the links. Established in 1970, Quail Valley Golf Course is known for hosting the 1973 and 1974 Shell Houston Open.

### 2 *Shopping*

Hwy. 6 from Dulles Ave. to the Fort Bend Pkwy.

What's on your shopping list? Find everything from clothing, shoes, groceries, wine, and a latte to pets, jewelry, electronics, home goods, and a massage along the lengthy stretch of road. The area features a variety of new and established businesses, with bargains for every buyer.

### 3 *Sienna Sip and Stroll*

APRIL 24

Sienna Plantation, 1 Waters Lake Blvd.

This exciting, annual event is the toast of the five-day Grand Wine and Food Affair, which is the brainchild of the Fort Bend Chamber of Commerce. Guests enjoy music, sip, and stroll from tent to tent, sampling beverages and fine foods from award-winning restaurants.

### 4 *Spray Park at Hunters Glen Park*

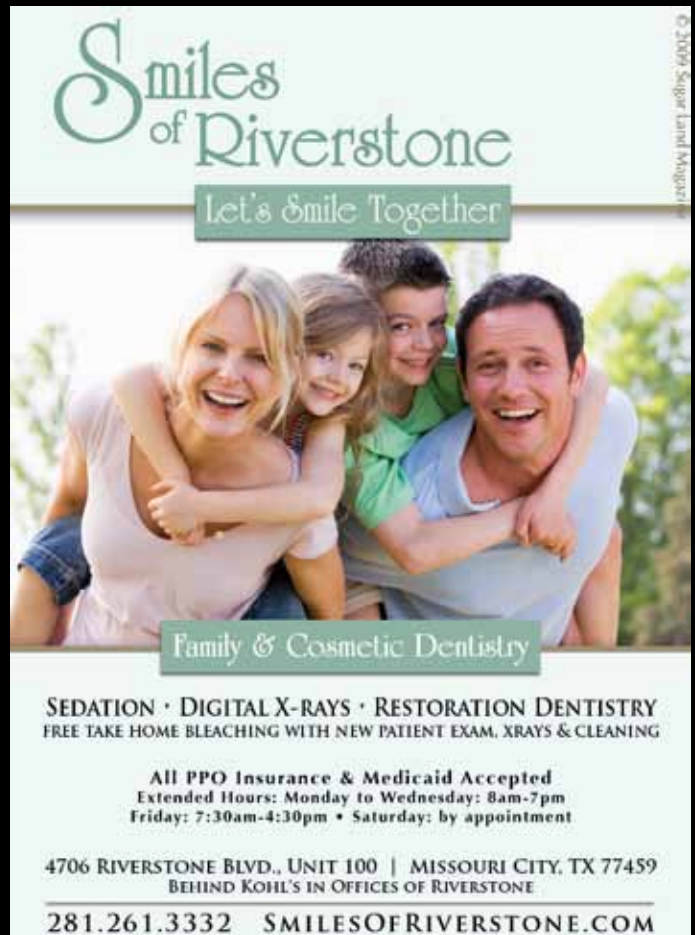
1340 Independence Blvd.

Enjoy a splash-splash time at Missouri City's spray park. The popular new recreation area, which debuted in June, provides refreshing fun from the hot sun. Water flows from stainless-steel flower features so that visitors sloshing around the park can soak up gallons of fun while enjoying the aquatic playground. While drying off, catch a game of football or basketball, romp on the playground, or hit the .6-mile track for a brisk walk.

### 5 *Urban Forestry Program*

Feast your eyes on some great nature sights. The city's urban forester Paul Wierzbicki works in partnership with residents and local companies to tend a variety of projects. The program oversees the Freedom Tree, a great Oak, on Misty Hollow Road that sits on a spot reported to be an area where slaves gathered in 1865 to learn of their freedom through the Emancipation Proclamation. Volunteers also helped beautify Buffalo Run Park through a prairie restoration program, creating a garden of native plants and shrubs.

The trees at Independence Park feature canopies of green in a lush forest that helps control soil erosion and flooding, while providing a habitat for wildlife. City volunteers also greened up Right Tree Trail at Ridgeview Park, creating it as a learning tool for planting trees in an urban environment. Medians across Missouri City display more of the program's work, providing scenic landscapes as they wind through the community. The Texas Parkway and Cartwright Road Beautification Plan will soon transform the medians into navigable green areas complete with pedestrian and bicycle paths.



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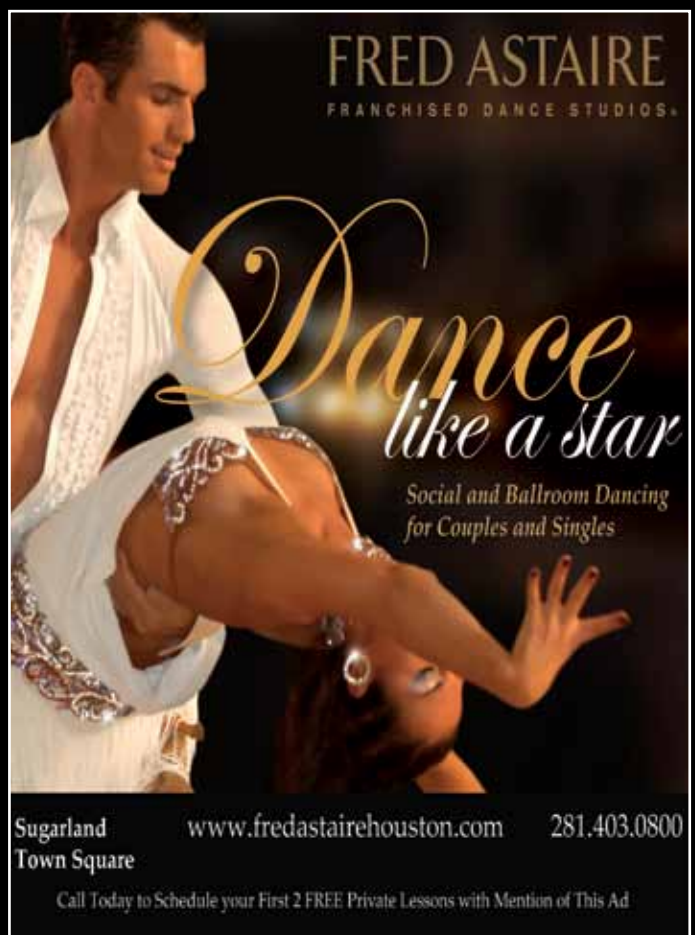
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## GROWING CITY

### Missouri City's Change in Population over the Years

- **1940:** 100 inhabitants and three businesses
- **1956:** The city incorporates, with Robert Stallings serving as its first mayor
- **1970:** 4,136 people live in Missouri City
- **1980:** Population has grown 628 percent to 24,423 people
- **2002:** Population has doubled in size to 55,554 people
- **Today:** Missouri City is home to approximately 70,000 residents

## 5 FABULOUS FACTS

**1** Missouri City was so named after two real estate investors purchased a small area of land, advertising it to people in St. Louis, MO as a "land of genial sunshine and eternal summer." Three years later, when W.R. McElroy purchased 80 acres nearby, he named it Missouri City to help promote it to the people of St. Louis. Following along with Missouri's nickname of "the show me state," Missouri City's nickname is "the show me city."

**2** Missouri City ranks ninth out of large Texas cities in having the most high school graduates, according to the U.S. Census.

**3** Missouri City is the home of Crystle Stewart, who was Miss Texas USA and Miss USA in 2008.

**4** Money magazine named Missouri City one of the top 100 cities in America to live in and raise a family.

**5** The Missouri City Police Department is the 18th agency in Texas to receive recognized law enforcement agency status by the Texas Police Chiefs Association Foundation Recognition Program. **SLM**

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## 5 FABULOUS UPCOMING EVENTS

1. **Jan. 30** - Trout Fishing Fest
2. **Feb. 13** - Dad and Daughter Dance
3. **Feb. 27** - Mom and Son Western Round
4. **March 27** - Bunny Hop
5. **May 19** - Community Health Fair

Local restaurants include new favorites and old classics



## 5 FABULOUS RESTAURANTS

### 1 *Aura Restaurant*

3340 FM 1092, Ste. 160

Named one of the Houston area's top 10 new restaurants, Aura features innovative American cuisine with a hint of French flavor.

### 2 *Baytown Seafood in Missouri City*

2409 FM 1092

Baytown Seafood offers seafood delights in a relaxing atmosphere.

### 3 *La Escondida Mexican Grill*

7270 Hwy. 6, Ste. 500

Discover authentic Mexican food and great margaritas at La Escondida.

### 4 *Old Hickory Inn Barbecue*

3334 FM 1092, Ste. 400

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### 5 *The Grille at Quail Valley Golf Course*

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