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Douglass Community Center Celebrates Juneteenth in Plano

The Plano Douglass Community Center is providing a day full of activities in celebration of **Juneteenth 2009** on Saturday, June 20. The event will be held at the Douglass Community Center, 1111 Avenue H and is **free** to the public. This year's Juneteenth observance features live musical performances by Blues singer Andrea Dawson and the R&B band VINJAC.

New this year is the highly anticipated community basketball game between members of the Plano Police Department and Douglass Community staff/residents. Witness this powerhouse game at 12:00 noon in the Thomas Gymnasium (on-site).

Schedule of Events:

11 a.m. to 7 p.m.	Vendors and Information Booths
Noon	Basketball Game: Plano Police vs. Douglass Community
1 p.m.	Face Painting
1 p.m. to 3 p.m.	Youth Talent Showcase
3 p.m. to 5 p.m.	Adult Talent Showcase
1 p.m. to 7 p.m.	Juneteenth Youth Basketball Innovational Games
7 p.m. to 8 p.m.	Old School vs. New School (men)
5 p.m. to 11 p.m.	Live Music - Blues singer Andrea Dawson and R&B Band VINJAC

Often cited as African-American Independence Day, Juneteenth has been deemed a special day of recognition by many municipalities and states. The observances commemorate June 19, 1865, the day the Emancipation Proclamation was announced in Texas, the last of the seceding states to be occupied by the federal army.

A brief welcome and Juneteenth history will be presented by Douglass Community volunteer Eleanor Evans. For more information on this event, to reserve vendor space or to register for the Talent Showcase, contact Alvis Alexander at 972-941-7174.