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## HOUSTON'S NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

### **HONORING FIRST RESPONDERS WITH COMMUNITY**

Congressman Al Green, and/or members of his staff, visited 11 events on Houston's National Night Out, on October 2, 2012.

National Night Out is an annual event that brings together law enforcement, first responders, and the community to learn about the services as well as the protections available to the public. Several different communities and organizations held gatherings to raise awareness of public safety efforts in Houston.

"This was a perfect opportunity for the communities to come together on an issue

that crosses partisan and ideological divides, the safety of our communities," Congressman Green said.

- \*Cloverland Park
- \*Crescent Park
- \*Diho Square
- \*Greater Sugar Valley
- \*Gulfton SNC
- \*Northfield
- \*Precinct 239
- \*Raindrop Turkish House
- \*Ridgemont Subdivision
- \*Sunnyside Community
- \*Sunnyside Park

### **DIHO SQUARE**

Congressman Al Green spoke at the Diho Square National Night Out, on October 2, 2012. He came out along with other community leaders, Assistant Police Chief John Chen and City Councilman Al Hoang. The event drew 150 people from the community.

"Diho Square is a vital part of our community," Congressman Green said. "It was my

pleasure to honor a place that generates so many jobs and opportunities in our community during National Night Out."



Congressman Al Green addresses the crowd at Diho Square, along with Assistant Police Chief John Chen and City Councilman Al Hoang.

## **CLOVERLAND PARK'S NIGHT OUT**

On October 2, 2012, Congressman Al Green greeted the crowd at the National Night Out event at Cloverland Park.

The event was sponsored by the Cloverland Civic Club, Circle Civic Club, Bayou Terrace Civic Club, South Acres West Civic Club, and South Acres Estates Civic Club. Chief of Police Charles A. McClelland, Jr. and ten officers came out to educate Houstonians on the services, as well as programs, of the Houston Police Department (HPD) in their ongoing efforts to serve and protect. Homeowners were also able to take their concerns directly to the HPD concerning crime and the community.



Congressman Al Green with Ms. Bessie Swindle, President of the Cloverland Civic Club, Councilmember Rev. Andrew Burks and his wife during the Cloverland National Night Out Celebration.

Congressman Green, along with State Rep. Dr. Alma Allen, State Rep. Boris Miles, State Senator Rodney Ellis, and Councilmen Andrew Burks all presented certificates in recognition of the importance of the event.

The Houston Parks Department was represented by JoAnn Newsome and Mark Davis. Local singer Marcus Harris entertained the crowd with some original songs.

Dr. William Harmon also spoke about the unique opportunities available to Challenge Early College students. Congressman Green's office also had tables to help visitors attain information on services for seniors.

## GREATER SUGAR VALLEY



Congressman Al Green with State Rep. Boris Miles, Civic Club President Margaret Jenkins, and children from the community.

Congressman Al Green attended the Greater Sugar Valley National Night Out, on October 2, 2012. He came out, along with other community leaders, State Rep. Boris Miles and Civic Club President Margaret Jenkins, to show his continued support for peace officers and first-responders.

“Events like these provide the community with the opportunity to show their appreciation for the first responders and peace officers protecting our community,” Congressman Green said. “Citizens also have the chance to air their concerns and learn about efforts in the community.”

## CRESCENT SUBDIVISION

Congressman Al Green addressed the Homeowners Association (HOA) of the Crescent Subdivision in Alief, TX for their National Night Out event. Residents and first responders gathered to raise awareness about community safety at the annual event.

The event drew around fifty residents of different ethnic groups (Indian, Vietnamese, Hispanic). Crescent HOA president, Roland Gramajo; president of Alief Super Neighborhood Council, Barbara Quattro; and the Principal Melissa Scott of the Alexander Elementary School.

“The people of the Crescent subdivision have such a great community ethic,” Congressman Green said. “It was absolutely inspiring to see such a diverse neighborhood come together for the betterment of their community.”



Congressman Al Green addresses the crowd at the Crescent subdivision in Alief, next to HOA President Roland Gramajo.

## RAINDROP TURKISH HOUSE

Congressman Al Green addressed the Raindrop Turkish House at its National Night Out celebration. He was introduced to the gathering by President Mehmet Okumus and Chairman Salih Cifci of Raindrop Turkish House. Officers from the HPD also came out to discuss issues vital to community.

“I was happy to have the chance to speak to the group assembled at the Raindrop Turkish House,” Congressman Green said. “It was so great to see so many diverse communities out, not just at the Raindrop Turkish House but all over Houston, supporting community unity and the people who keep us safe.”



Congressman Al Green with President Mehmet Okumus and Chairman Salih Cifci of Raindrop Turkish House.

## SUNNYSIDE COMMUNITY

Congressman Al Green celebrated National Night Out in the Sunnyside community on October 2, 2012. The event was sponsored by Reliant Energy and Fiesta Mart, Inc. Over 200 community members came out to the Fiesta Store parking lot, across from the city’s multiservice center, for the celebration.

Congressman Green was introduced to the gathering by the masters of ceremony, Ms. Sandra Hines and Mr. Reynaud Thibodeaux. He then greeted the crowd and presented a Congressional Certificate of Recognition to organizers of the event.

Representatives from the Harris County Sheriff’s Office, the Houston Metropolitan Police Department (HPD), and the Precinct 7 Constable’s Office were also at the event to address the concerns of and inform citizens.



Congressman Green presents organizers of the Sunnyside National Night Out event with a Certificate of Recognition.