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Abstract: **Allen Owen**

Allen Owen has served as mayor of the City of Missouri City since 1994 after serving on city council for 8 years. He has been instrumental in guiding the growth of the city and its numerous master-planned communities.

Allen explains the various ways to plan, fund, develop, and manage a multi-diverse region of Fort Bend County. Allen had to utilize the various legal means for the city to purchase an established golf course that was slated for development. Today, the city and its communities enjoy a wide range of park land. After 39 years with Wells Fargo Bank, he retired in 2012 to continue as mayor and enjoy his family.

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Interview Summary

People (in order mentioned in interview)

Jane Crawley Owen – spouse
 Marcus Allen Owen – son
 Sammy Magana – manager of Frost Ranch
 Jim MacNaughton – developer
 Charlie Howard – state representative
 Kyle Janek – state senator
 Joan Huffman – state senator
 George H. W. Bush – former president
 Barbara Bush – former first lady
 Paul Wierzbicki – city’s urban forester
 Rodney Ellis – state senator
 William Wallace – FBC Subsidence District rep
 Lee Duggan – former mayor of Sugar Land
 Leonard Scarcella, - Mayor of Stafford
 Al Green – U. S. Representative for Texas's 9th congressional district

Places / Businesses

Brazos River
 Marshall, Texas
 Nacogdoches, Texas
 City of Houston, Texas
 City of Missouri City
 Fort Bend Independent School District
 Houston Independent School District
 Wells Fargo Bank
 Fort Bend County
 Missouri City Council
 Missouri City Planning and Zoning Commission
 City of Richmond

City of Rosenberg
 Walmart
 State of Missouri
 Missouri Pacific Railroad
 Sugar Land, Texas
 Missouri City Police Department
 Missouri City Public Works Departments
 Municipal Utility District (MUD)
 City of Stafford
 Water Control and Improvement District (WCID)
 Frost Ranch
 Elkins High School
 Texas Rodeo Cowboy Hall of Fame
 Fort Bend County Fair and Rodeo
 Dallas, Texas
 Missouri City Centre
 Marshall High School
 Texas Parks & Wildlife Department (TPWD)
 Kitty Hollow Park, Fort Bend County
 Quail Valley Fund – Quail Valley HOA
 First Tee Program – youth sports program
 Dewalt Cemetery
 Freedom Tree
 Fort Bend Toll Road
 Memorial Hermann Hospital
 Thompsons, Texas
 Austin, Texas
 Dow Chemical

Environmental Protection Agency
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
(TCEQ)
Wichita Falls, Texas
Sam Houston Toll Road (Beltway 8)

Harris County, Texas
Katy, Texas
Dew House
Texas Municipal League

Events

Allen grew up in Marshall, Texas, married and moved to Houston in 1967.

He worked for Wells Fargo Bank for 39 years before retiring in 2012.

Allen has served since 1994 as mayor of the City of Missouri City, diverse and high growth area of Fort Bend County.

He explains how areas are zoned and often developed through creation of municipal utility districts and the sale of bonds to build the infrastructure.

The closing of the Quail Valley Golf course created a unique opportunity for Allen and the city to acquire the land to create a city golf course and park land weaving among residential areas.