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### **HPARD Expects Big Crowds at Hermann Park Labor Day Weekend**

The Houston Parks and Recreation Department is gearing up for an active Labor Day weekend in Hermann Park. All HPARD parks will be open and ready for family outings, but Hermann Park is expected to be the epicenter for fun this holiday weekend. The tree-shaded lawns and picnic areas will host countless get-togethers. Miller Theater will be showing free films Friday, Saturday, and Sunday nights. McGovern Lake will be the scene of paddleboat fun, golfers will be getting in some tee time exercise before the official close of the summer season, and the Houston Zoo will be open free of charge on Monday, September 4. Houstonians will be in Hermann Park in large numbers.

"We love having happy people fill the parks during the holidays," said Joe Turner, Director, Houston Parks and Recreation Department. "We want everyone to join us in Hermann Park this weekend, but remember that parking is limited so plan accordingly."

HPARD reminds Houstonians to take advantage of the METRO bus system and METRORail. Park downtown or at the Fannin South Park & Ride lot to catch the train that runs right past Hermann Park. Save yourself from the parking hassle that may occur in Hermann Park.

For more information on Hermann Park or the Houston Parks and Recreation Department, call 713-845-1135 or visit [www.houstonparks.org](http://www.houstonparks.org).