

Press Release

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After-School Meal Program To Offer Free Snack & Supper For Area Youth Registration Is Required - Program Operates Weekdays From January 22 Through May 17

*Program Available to Youth Ages 6 to 13 in 49 HPARD Community Centers & 4 After-School
Achievement Program Sites*

Mayor Annise Parker and the Houston Parks and Recreation Department (HPARD) are happy to announce the addition of a new After-School Meal Program to be offered at HPARD Community Centers. The program will offer youth ages 6 to 13 free snacks and suppers during the school year (January 22 through May 17, 2013). The program will be available at 49 HPARD Community Centers and 4 After-School Achievement Program sites. All youth must be registered in HPARD's After School Achievement Program to be eligible for the After-School Meal Program at HPARD Community Centers.

"Hunger is something no one should have to feel. Yet across our country and here in Houston this is daily problem for many," said Mayor Annise Parker. "That is why we are very pleased to be able to kick off this new After School Meal Program for Houston's youth."

The After-School Meal program is funded by a grant from the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). All meals and program costs are funded by the grant. Sites were chosen by the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) based on TDA eligibility requirements. Eligible areas were those served by a school in which 50% or more of the children are eligible for free or reduced-price meals.

"We're thankful to the Texas Department of Agriculture and to the Child and Adult Care Food Program for this grant," said Joe Turner, Director, Houston Parks and Recreation Department. "Their funding will make it possible for us to address the nutritional needs of many of the young people we serve every day."

Registration in HPARD's After-School Achievement Program is required for youth to be eligible to receive a meal or snack at participating HPARD Community Centers. Snacks will be served to youth ages 6 to 13 from 3:00 pm to 3:45 pm and suppers will be served from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm during the week. Registration is open and ongoing in January for the spring and in September for fall at all designated After-School Achievement Program sites through the site managers. Participating sites include:

HPARD Community Centers Offering After-School Meal Program

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| 1. Alief Park Community Center
11903 Bellaire, 77072 | 26. Lansdale Park Community Center
8201 Roos, 77036 |
| 2. Almeda Park Community Center
14201 Almeda School Rd, 77047 | 27. Lincoln Park Community Center
979 Greshaw, 77007 |
| 3. Bessie Swindle Community Center
11800 Scott, 77047 | 28. Linkwood Park Community Center
3699 Norris, 77025 |
| 4. Burnett-Bayland Park Community Center
6000 Chimney Rock, 77081 | 29. Love Park Community Center
1000 West 12 th , 77008 |

5. **Candlelight Park Community Center**
1520 Candlelight, 77018
6. **Carverdale Community Center**
9920 Porto Rico, 77041
7. **Charlton Park Community Center**
8200 Park Place Blvd, 77017
8. **Cherryhurst Park Community Center**
1700 Missouri, 77006
9. **Clark Park Community Center**
9718 Clark, 77076
10. **Clinton Park Community Center**
200 Mississippi, 77029
11. **Crestmont Park Community Center**
5200 Selinsky, 77048
12. **DeZavala Park Community Center**
907 76th Street, 77012
13. **Eastwood Park Community Center**
5020 Harrisburg, 77011
14. **Edgewood Park Community Center**
5803 Bellfort, 77033
15. **Emancipation Park Community Center**
3018 Dowling, 77004
16. **Finnigan Park Community Center**
4900 Providence, 77020
17. **Freed Park Community Center**
3818 Shady Villa Lane, 77055
18. **Garden Villas Park Community Center**
6720 S. Haywood, 77061
19. **Godwin Park Community Center**
5101 Rutherglen, 77096
20. **Hartman Park Community Center**
9311 E. Avenue P, 77012
21. **Highland Park Community Center**
3316 Desoto, 77091
22. **Hobart Taylor Park Community Center**
8100 Kenton, 77028
23. **Indep. Heights Community Center**
603 East 35th Street, 77022
24. **Ingrando Park Community Center**
7302 Keller, 77012
25. **Lakewood Park Community Center**
8811 Feland, 77028
30. **Marian Park Community Center**
11000 S. Gessner, 77071
31. **Mason Park Community Center**
541 South 75th, 77023
32. **Meadowcreek Park Community Center**
5333 Berry Creek, 77017
33. **Melrose Park Community Center**
1001 Canino, 77076
34. **Montie Beach Park Community Center**
915 Northwood, 77009
35. **Moody Park Community Center ***
3725 Fulton, 77009
36. **Platou Community Center**
11655 Chimney Rock, 77053
37. **Proctor Plaza Park Community Center**
803 West Temple, 77009
38. **Judson Robinson Jr., Community Center** 2020 Hermann Drive, 77004
39. **Judson Robinson Sr., Community Center** 1422 Ledwicke, 77029
40. **Selena Quintanilla/Denver Harbor Community Center** 6402 Market, 77020
41. **Settegast Park Community Center**
3000 Garrow, 77003
42. **Shady Lane Park Community Center** 10220 Shady Lane, 77093
43. **Sunnyside Park Community Center**
3502 Bellfort, 77051
44. **Swiney Park Community Center**
2812 Cline, 77020
45. **Tidwell Park Community Center**
9720 Spaulding, 77016
46. **Townwood Park Community Center** 3403 Simsbrook, 77045
47. **Tuffly Park Community Center**
3200 Russell, 77026
48. **Windsor Park Community Center**
14441 Croquet, 77085
49. **Woodland Park Community Center**
212 Parkview, 77009

**Moody Park is currently closed for renovation. Its TDA site eligibility is valid for 5 years and will be included in future After-School Meal programs.*

Other Non-Profit Community Groups Offering After-School Meal Program

1. **Community Family Centers @ J.P. McGovern Sports & Recreation Center**
7318 Avenue F, 77012
2. **Julia C. Hester House, Inc**
2020 Solo Street, 77020
3. **Lily Grove Baptist Church**
3505 Alice Street, 77021
4. **St. James School**
3129 Southmore, 77004

The Houston Parks and Recreation Department (H.P.A.R.D.) stewards and manages over 37,832 acres of parkland and greenspace for the City of Houston and develops and implements recreational programming for citizens of all abilities. For more information on the Houston Parks and Recreation Department, call (832) 395-7022 or visit www.houstonparks.org.