



Media Alert

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New Community Garden and Fruit Orchard Brings Promise of Fresh Produce to Herman Brown Park Neighbors

The Houston Parks and Recreation Department and the Furr High School Green Ambassador Program will host a festive ribbon cutting, opening the new Fruit Orchard and Community Garden at Herman Brown Park, 5:00 – 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, August 31, 2016. The project has been funded through a \$20,000 Parks Build Community grant from the National Recreation and Park Association and the Walt Disney Company, including Disney Citizenship, Disney|ABC TelevisionGroup and ESPN.

WHO: Joe Turner, Director, Houston Parks and Recreation Department
U.S. Congressman Gene Green, 29th District of Texas
Houston City Council Member Robert Gallegos, District I
Diana Davila, HISD School Board Trustee
Dr. Bertie Simmons, Principal, Furr High School
Furr High School Green Ambassador Program Students and teachers

WHAT: Ribbon Cutting and Celebration

WHEN: Wednesday, August 31, 2016
5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

WHERE: Herman Brown Park
400 Mercury Drive
Houston, TX 77013

To celebrate Earth Month this past April, the public was invited to vote daily for one of three local park projects to receive a \$20,000 grant from the NRPA and Disney. The Fruit Orchard and Community Garden, the winner of the grant, will benefit the Furr High School Green Ambassador Program and the surrounding neighborhood by providing fresh produce and opportunities to learn the art of gardening. It consists of ten raised vegetable beds, an orchard, access to a water supply, and a storage area for hand tools.

The Houston Parks and Recreation Department (H.P.A.R.D.) stewards and manages over 37,851 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.houstontx.gov/parks.