

MEDIA ALERT

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HPARD Celebrates Fourth Ward Life With Park To Park Walk

The Houston Parks and Recreation Department will host a fun-filled morning in Houston's historic Fourth Ward, beginning with the ribbon-cutting for the newly-developed West Webster Park, proceeding through a neighborhood parade featuring performers from Gregory-Lincoln Education Center, and culminating with the groundbreaking for new improvements at Wiley Park.

WHO:	District D Council Member Wanda Adams
	District I Council Member James Rodriguez
	Mr. Omar Reid, Chairman of the Board, TIRZ 4
	Mr. Joe Turner, Director, Houston Parks and Recreation Department
	Gregory-Lincoln Elementary Twirlers, Dancers & Singers
	Gregory-Lincoln Education Center Drum Line
	Fourth Ward Citizens

- WHAT: Park To Park Walk, featuring the opening of West Webster Park, a citizens' parade complete with performers from Gregory-Lincoln Education Center, and the beginning of improvements to Wiley Park
- WHEN: Saturday, September 19, 2009 10:00 a.m.
- WHERE: Start: West Webster Park 1501 W. Webster Houston, Texas 77019 End: Wiley Park 1414 Gillette Houston, Texas 77019

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WHY: To celebrate recent and future improvements to parks in the Fourth Ward, brought about through the efforts of the Fourth Ward Redevelopment Authority, TIRZ 4. West Webster Park's new features include a playground, lighting, landscaping and a 5,000-square foot dog run.

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