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7th Annual "Cool Summer" Job Fair Hosted by HPARD

The Houston Parks and Recreation Department's 7th Annual "Cool Summer" Job Fair kicks off on March 18th. This employment fair presents seasonal job opportunities in various fields within the Parks Department. The "Cool Summer" Job Fair will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at two City of Houston community center locations: Judson Robinson, Jr. Community Center (2020 Hermann Drive) and the Mason Park Community Center (541 South 75th Street).

"It's never too early to start thinking about summer employment," said Joe Turner, Director Houston Parks and Recreation Department, "Every summer we offer a variety of seasonal opportunities to choose from. Right now we're looking for enthusiastic qualified individuals to fill everything from lifeguard positions to clerical or supervisory positions."

Last summer, the Houston Parks and Recreation Department hired almost 300 seasonal employees to fill positions in Aquatics, Summer Meals Service and Recreation Facilities and Programs. This year they expect to offer at least the same number of opportunities to interested applicants.

Positions offered include those in administrative, clerical, supervisory and operations positions. Qualified job applicants must be 18 years of age by May 15th, 2005 and possess a high school diploma and a social security identification card.

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Individuals interested in Aquatics must be 16 years of age by May 19th, strong swimmers and capable of completing and passing the Department’s “FREE” Lifeguard Certification program.

Municipal staff members will be available during the “Cool Summer” Job Fair for on-site, one-on-one interviews. All employment offers are contingent upon successful completion of the City of Houston’s drug screening procedures.

For additional information on the **2006 “Cool Summer” Job Fair** or on the Houston Parks and Recreation Department, please call 713-845-1135 or visit our website at www.houstonparks.org.

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