



## MEDIA ALERT

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### **New \$5 Million Dollar Park To Open in Alief**

**Mayor Bill White, City Councilman M.J. Khan, the Houston Parks Department and the Houston Parks Board will host the Hackberry Park Acquisition Celebration on Saturday, August 18 at 7777 South Dairy Ashford. A press conference is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. and a community celebration will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Hackberry Park will be open for touring this day only and will be closed following the celebration for renovations.**

- WHO:** Mayor Bill White  
Congressman Al Green, Ninth District of Texas  
State Representative Hubert Vo, District 149  
Council Member MJ Khan, District F, City of Houston  
Joe Turner, Director, Houston Parks and Recreation Department  
Ms. Roksan Okan-Vick, AIA, Executive Director, Houston Parks Board  
Michael Manning, President, Alief Super Neighborhood
- WHAT:** Hackberry Park Acquisition Celebration
- WHEN:** Saturday, August 18, 2007  
Community Celebration: 9:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m.  
Press Conference: 10:00 a.m.—10:20 a.m.
- WHERE:** Hackberry Park  
7777 South Dairy Ashford  
Houston, TX 77072
- WHY:** To celebrate the acquisition of 22.435 acres of land in southwest Houston to create a new park to be called Hackberry Park. The Houston Parks and Recreation Department in partnership with the Houston Parks Board purchased the land for Hackberry Park for approximately \$5 million dollars. The new park is located at 7777 Dairy Ashford in District F. Hackberry Park will close for renovations immediately following the celebration.

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

For more information on the Houston Parks Board, call (713) 942-8500 or visit [www.houstonparksboard.org](http://www.houstonparksboard.org).