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### **Hermann Park Gearing Up To Receive 20,000 Plus People a Day During Holiday Weekend**

The Houston Parks and Recreation Department expects heavy crowds at Hermann Park during the Memorial Day weekend. Over 20,000 people a day are expected to visit Hermann Park during the extended holiday weekend. With parking at a premium at Hermann the department recommends park guests avoid traffic tie-ups by taking advantage of the METRO Bus and METRORail systems.

"The more people there are having fun in the parks, the better, especially on holidays," said Joe Turner, Director, Houston Parks and Recreation Department. "We want everyone to enjoy Hermann Park this weekend, but remember that parking will be tight! We have space for thousands of folks, but we can't guarantee we'll have it for their cars!"

Hermann Park is conveniently located off the METRORail system on Fannin and is served by three METRORail stops. Park visitors can park downtown and catch METRORail to Hermann Park from any of the downtown Rail Stations. In addition, the Fannin South Park & Ride lot, located at 1604 West Bellfort between Knight and Fannin provides an alternate parking venue for visitors as well.

METRORail stops serving Hermann Park include: the Museum District Station, between Ewing and Binz; Hermann Park/Rice University Station, at Fannin and Sunset; and the Memorial Hermann Hospital/ Houston Zoo Station, at North MacGregor and Ross Sterling.

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