



MEDIA ALERT

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HPARD Celebrates Groundbreaking For New Buffalo Bayou Pedestrian Bridge

The Houston Parks and Recreation Department will break ground on Saturday, March 13, 2010, for the construction of the Rosemont Bridge. When completed, the Rosemont Bridge will provide pedestrians, bicyclists and joggers with a safe route across Memorial Drive to Buffalo Bayou Park. The bridge will span Memorial Drive and Buffalo Bayou and connect the two sides of Buffalo Bayou Park, west of Eleanor Tinsley Park and east of the Studemont-Montrose Boulevard Bridge. The new bridge will also connect to a new trail being built along Memorial Drive. This trail will run from the Sabine Street Bridge to Spotts Park and will allow joggers a new alternative for outdoor exercise.

WHO: Houston Mayor Annise Parker
District H Council Member Ed Gonzalez
Super Neighborhood 22 President, Tom Dornbusch
TIRZ Board Chairman, Charlie Leyendecker
Mr. Joe Turner, Director, Houston Parks and Recreation Department

WHAT: Groundbreaking for a new pedestrian bridge across Buffalo Bayou utilizing the trestles of the old railroad bridge near the Studemont-Montrose Bridge

WHEN: Saturday, March 13, 2010
11:00 a.m.

WHERE: 3003 Memorial Court
Houston, Texas 77007
Near the AMLI Residential Complex
Street parking available on Memorial Heights Court Circle

WHY: To celebrate the future with a tangible improvement to the Buffalo Bayou park system. The new bridge will make it easier and safer for park visitors to access both sides of the bayou without risking being caught up in traffic on the Studemont-Montrose Bridge.

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