

Media Alert

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Emancipation Park Capital Campaign One Step Closer to Reality

Juneteenth Celebration Will Feature Announcement on Campaign Status

The Emancipation Park Capital Campaign to renovate the park will get a boost in fundraising following an announcement to be delivered by Mayor Annise Parker & the Houston Parks & Recreation Department during the Friends of Emancipation Park's Juneteenth celebration on June 19 at 11:45 am - 12:15 pm.

Who:	Joe Turner, Director, Houston Parks & Recreation Department Mayor Annise Parker, City of Houston State Senator Rodney Ellis, District 13, Texas State Senate Council Member Wanda Adams, District D Dorris Ellis, President, Friends of Emancipation Park Theola Petteway, Executive Director, OST/Almeda Corridors Redevelopment Authority Debbie McNulty, Grant Officer, Houston Endowment Elizabeth Love, Grant Officer, Houston Endowment
What:	Emancipation Park Capital Campaign Announcement
When:	Tuesday, June 19th, 2012 11:45am - 12:15 pm

- Where: Emancipation Park 3018 Dowling - Houston, TX 77004
- Why: To celebrate Juneteenth with an update on the Emancipation Park Capital Campaign

The Emancipation Park renovation project began following the 2007 Juneteenth celebration & Emancipation Park's 135th Anniversary celebration. Partnering agencies include: The OST/Almeda Corridors Redevelopment Authority (TIRZ#7), The Houston Parks Board, & The Friends of Emancipation Park.

About The Houston Parks & Recreation Department

The Houston Parks & Recreation Department (H.P.A.R.D.) stewards & manages over 38,752 acres of parkland & greenspace for the City of Houston & develops & implements recreational programming for citizens of all abilities. For more information on the Houston Parks & Recreation Department, call (832) 395-7022 or visit <u>www.houstonparks.org</u>.