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## Lake Houston Wilderness Park Phase I Grand Opening Celebration

The Houston Parks and Recreation Department will celebrate the Phase I Developments Grand Opening at Lake Houston Wilderness Park

Who:	Joe Turner, Director Houston Parks & Recreation Department
What:	Phase I Development Grand Opening Celebration
When:	Friday, March 23, 2012
	11:00 am – 12 noon
Where:	Lake Houston Wilderness Park
	25840 FM 1485
	New Caney, Texas 77357

Lake Houston Park was transferred to the City of Houston by The State of Texas in 2006 Lake Houston State Park was transferred to the City of Houston through a partnership between Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Montgomery County Precinct 4, and the City of Houston. The park was renamed Lake Houston Wilderness Park by the Houston Parks and Recreation Department who manages the park for the City. The wilderness park is approximately 30 minutes north of downtown Houston off of Highway 59 near the town of New Caney, Texas. The Phase I Developments include: a new park access off of FM 1485, new cabins & walk-in campsites, over 5 miles of road and trails, and a new lake. Reservations for the new Phase I amenities are scheduled to be accepted beginning on April 16, 2012

The Houston Parks and Recreation Department (H.P.A.R.D.) stewards and manages over 38,992 acres of parkland and greenspace for the City of Houston and develops and implements recreational programming for citizens of all abilities. For more information on the Houston Parks and Recreation Department, call (832) 395-7022 or visit www.houstonparks.org.