



## **MEDIA ALERT**

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### **Groundbreaking Ceremony Celebrates \$1 Million Plus in Renovations For Grady Park**

The Houston Parks and Recreation Department will be joined by Marathon Oil Corporation, Uptown Houston TIRZ # 16 and City Council Member Oliver Pennington for a groundbreaking ceremony at Grady Park (1700 Yorktown) at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 10, 2015. The event celebrates a \$1 million plus renovation project slated for Grady Park.

The project scope of work will include refurbishing and realigning the decomposed granite trail, regrading the open space, installing new drain inlets, creating three entry portals into the park, installing a new decorative fence along Yorktown and along San Felipe, relocating the basketball court, relocating the existing playgrounds, installing two new concrete seat walls, installing new site furnishings and installing new trees/irrigation system. The project is expected to be completed in March 2016.

**WHO:** Joe Turner, Director, Houston Parks and Recreation Department  
Oliver Pennington, Council Member, District G  
Deanna Jones, Marathon Oil Corporation Vice President of Human Resources and Administrative Services  
Sarah Newbery, Uptown Houston TIRZ # 16

**WHAT:** Groundbreaking Ceremony at Grady Park

**WHEN:** Thursday, September 10, 2015  
10:00 a.m.

**WHERE:** Grady Park  
1700 Yorktown  
Houston, TX 77056

Project funding is made possible from a combination of sources, including: a \$450,000 Corporate Contribution from Marathon Oil, a \$165,000 contribution from Uptown TIRZ # 16, \$25,000 from Council Member Pennington's Council District Service Budget, \$490,000 from the Houston Parks and Recreation Dedication Fund and \$102,000 from the Parks Consolidated Construction Fund for a total projected project cost of \$1,360,500.

Grady Park has been part of the neighborhood at the corner of Yorktown and San Felipe since 1952.

*The Houston Parks and Recreation Department (H.P.A.R.D.) stewards and manages over 37,859 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](http://www.houstonparks.org).*