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Best of American Towns Selects Lee & Joe Jamail Skatepark as One of Best Skateparks In U.S.

The Lee & Joe Jamail Skatepark has been chosen as one of the nation's best skateparks in the U.S. by *Best of American Towns*. *Best of American Towns* selected 15 skateparks from across the country as their top choices in skateparks for enthusiasts to visit.

"The Houston Parks and Recreation Department is particularly proud of this fine facility," said Joe Turner, Director, Houston Parks and Recreation Department. "It is gratifying to know that its excellence is recognized by people around the nation."

Built in 2008, the Lee & Joe Jamail Skatepark was the first world class, in-ground skatepark in the Houston area. The 30,000 square-foot facility offers a variety of skate experiences in Buffalo Bayou Park, with a spectacular view of downtown Houston skyscrapers. Its layout is the work of the design firm Grindline. The skatepark is currently being renovated and is expected to reopen by the end of the year. New amenities will include: shade structures, terraced seating, new fencing, LED light poles, and new graffiti boards.

"Lee & Joe Jamail Skatepark is a great facility and very popular with skateboarders of all ages," Turner continued. "The new additions to the park will provide comfort amenities that will be welcomed by skateboarders."

The list of the top 15 skateparks in the U.S. can be found on line at <http://bestskateparks.org>. For over fifteen years, AmericanTowns Media has highlighted the work of great local organizations and initiatives. Best of AmericanTowns offers information on interesting and unique places in America.

The Houston Parks and Recreation Department (H.P.A.R.D.) stewards and manages over 37,851 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.