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## MEDIA ALERT

### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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## The Pumpkin Is Back! Ribbon Cutting Celebration Reopens River Oaks Park Today

Friends of River Oaks Park, District G Council Member Greg Travis and the Houston Parks and Recreation Department will hold a ribbon cutting to celebrate the return of the pumpkin carriage and the debut of a new playground at River Oaks Park.

The iconic pumpkin coach, refurbished under a separate contract with Horizon Group International, will return to the park to serve as a touchstone for generations to come. Refreshments will be provided by Martha Turner Sotheby's International.

**WHO:** Greg Travis, Council Member, District G  
Oliver Pennington, Former Council Member, District G  
Dr. Susan Cooley, President, Friends of River Oaks Park  
Mike Nichols, Interim Executive Director, Houston Parks Board  
Joe Turner, Director, Houston Parks and Recreation Department

**WHAT:** Ribbon cutting for renovations at River Oaks Park

**WHEN:** Monday, March 7, 2016  
4:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** River Oaks Park  
3600 Locke Lane  
Houston, TX 77027

The scope of work includes: the demolition of a portion of the existing sidewalk, playground and playground border; preservation of existing donor pavers; new sidewalks with relocated donor pavers and new donor pavers; entry gates with decorative columns; a new pergola and decks; site grading; site furnishings; and the construction of new playground equipment for 2-5 year-olds and 5-12 year-olds; and swings.

*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](http://www.houstonparks.org).*