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## MEDIA ALERT

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### **H.P.A.R.D. TO HOST JR. RBI WORLD SERIES AT DIEZ PARK** ***Mayor Sylvester Turner to Present "Play Ball Summer" Proclamation***

The Houston Parks and Recreation Department hosts the Jr. RBI World Series on Saturday, May 18, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at Diez Park. The event, in partnership with the Houston Astros and H.P.A.R.D., aims to revive baseball in inner cities and encourage an active and healthy lifestyle for kids. Mayor Sylvester Turner will present a proclamation as part of the United States Conference of Mayors proclaiming Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> as "Play Ball Summer Day" in the City of Houston.

- WHO:** Mayor Sylvester Turner  
Earlmond Hammond, Central Region Division Manager  
Debra Lathan, Assistant Director for Community Center Operations
- WHAT:** H.P.A.R.D. Jr. RBI World Series
- WHEN:** Saturday, May 18, 2019 - 9:00 a.m. Jr. RBI World Series  
10:20 a.m. Mayoral Proclamation
- WHERE:** Diez Park  
4700 Diez Street  
Houston, TX 77023

Saturday's event will also feature a skills competition, including a MLB Pitch, Hit and Run contest, and Jr. Home Run Derby. Houston is one of several cities hosting baseball-themed activities to engage citizens and expose children to the sport while providing a fun opportunity to remain active throughout the summer.

The RBI World Series Games will be played pending weather.

*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).*