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## HOUSTON PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT TO UNVEIL IMPROVEMENTS TO IRVINGTON PARK IN NEAR NORTH HOUSTON

*Park is the second to receive upgrades in round two of Mayor Sylvester Turner's Complete Communities Initiative*

Mayor Sylvester Turner, the Mayor's Office of Complete Communities, and the Houston Parks and Recreation Department will celebrate improvements to Irvington Park on Saturday, December 17, 2022. The park is located at 1000 Cavalcade in Near North Houston. To celebrate the event the Parks Department is hosting a Love Our Parks Fest at Irvington Park from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., with a ceremony at 11 a.m. The fest will feature family-friendly activities and programming from Houston Parks and Recreation, Houston Public Library, HPD's Greater Houston Police Activities League (GHPAL), and other City departments.

"The Love Our Parks initiative is helping to transform Houston neighborhoods," said Mayor Sylvester Turner. "It has been a priority for me from the start. I am excited for this community and its residents, and I'm excited for the City of Houston as we work to upgrade and improve neighborhood parks."

The Irvington Park improvements include new playground equipment, new furnishings, new basketball pavilion roof, barbecue pits, sidewalk upgrades, landscaping, and new artwork. Cheniere Energy, Inc. is a strong supporter of the "Love Our Parks" initiative. The company has generously donated more than \$200,000 for Round Two of the Love Our Parks initiative.

"What a privilege we have to help the city improve neighborhood parks," said Zach Davis, Executive Vice President and CFO, Cheniere Energy and Board Member, Cheniere Foundation. "I'd like to send a special thanks to our employees who have worked alongside the Houston Parks and Recreation Department to make seven Houston parks safer and more inviting over the past two years. We look forward to more in 2023!"

"Projects like this one at Irvington Park are why the Houston Parks and Recreation Department brings smiles to the faces of so many Houstonians," said Kenneth Allen, Director, Houston Parks and Recreation Department. "This neighborhood deserves a park that residents can enjoy with their families. We hope it's now a big source of pride for everyone."

The Mayor Sylvester Turner Love Our Parks Complete Communities initiative is a collaborative effort created by the Mayor to improve and upgrade neighborhood parks in under-resourced Houston communities. The first phase featured five neighborhood parks – Our Park and Malone Park in Third

Ward, Woodruff Park in Magnolia-Manchester, Earl Henderson Park on the Near Northside, and Catherine Delce Park in Kashmere Gardens. Phase two kicked off in August at Hobart Taylor Park. Other parks in this round are Lincoln Park, Evella Park, Independence Heights Park, in addition to Irvington Park.

Irvington Park is located in City Council District H, represented by Council Member Karla Cisneros. It was acquired by the City of Houston in 1965. For more information on the Houston Parks and Recreation Department, please visit [www.HoustonParks.org](http://www.HoustonParks.org).

*The Houston Parks and Recreation Department (H.P.A.R.D.) stewards and manages 382 parks and over 39,501 acres of parkland and greenspace for the City of Houston and develops and implements recreational programming for citizens of all ages and abilities. For more information on the Houston Parks and Recreation Department, call (832) 395-7022 or visit [www.houstonparks.org](http://www.houstonparks.org).*