



MEDIA ALERT

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HOUSTON PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT TO UNVEIL NEW CENTERPOINT ENERGY YOUTH FOOTBALL FIELD AND CONGRESSMAN AL GREEN ANNOUNCEMENT OF \$1,550,000 FOR ADDITIONAL PARK IMPROVEMENTS

Mayor Sylvester Turner, Houston Complete Communities, CenterPoint Energy, and the Houston Parks and Recreation Department (HPARD) will unveil improvements to the Sunnyside Park youth recreational field on **Thursday, May 4, 2023 at 4 p.m.** The new **CenterPoint Energy Youth Football Field** will feature turf improvements, refurbished bleacher stands, new concrete bleacher pad, new scoreboard, new goal posts, irrigation and drainage upgrades, new sidewalks, and new fencing. It was funded by a \$600,000 grant agreement between CenterPoint Energy Foundation and the Greater Houston Community Foundation for the benefit of the Complete Communities Improvement Fund.

U.S. Representative Al Green will announce his success in securing an additional \$1,550,000 for future Sunnyside Park improvements. His funding will make it possible to replace the gymnasium roof and floor, make rest room improvements, and complete other community center upgrades.

WHAT: CenterPoint Energy Youth Football Field Ribbon-cutting

WHEN: Thursday, May 4, 2023
4:00 pm

WHERE: Sunnyside Park
3502 Bellfort, 77051

Sunnyside Park was acquired by the City of Houston in 1953. The 206 acre park is located in Houston City Council District D, represented by City Council Member Carolyn Evans-Shabazz.

About the Houston Parks and Recreation Department

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.