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### **HPARD Announces Pre-Summer Kickoff for 2024 Pool Season**

***Westbury Pool to reopen after 2-year closure for construction***

Houston Mayor Pro-Tem Martha Castex-Tatum, District K, joins Houston Parks and Recreation Department (HPARD) **PRE-SUMMER KICKOFF EVENT AT 1 p.m. on SATURDAY, MAY 25, 2024, AT THE WESTBURY PARK POOL, 10605 Mullins Drive, Houston, Texas 77096.** This event marks the opening of Westbury Park Pool after being closed during the past two years for construction.

This past week's destructive storm and the national lifeguard shortage have impacted the opening schedule for HPARD swimming pools for Memorial Day weekend.

"We are eager to provide Houstonians with a safe place to cool off during the summer. At the same time our priority is to ensure their safety while visiting our pools," said Kenneth Allen, HPARD Director.

Due to these factors, HPARD will open its pools on a multi-phase basis.

The Pre-Summer Schedule is as follows:

#### **PHASE 1 – SATURDAY, MAY 25, 2024, THROUGH MONDAY, MAY 27, 2024**

Saturday 1 p.m. - 7 p.m. | Sunday 1p.m. – 6 p.m. |Monday 1p.m. – 5 p.m.

- Agnes Moffit – 10645 Hammerly Blvd. 77043
- Emancipation – 3018 Emancipation Ave. 77004
- Love – 1000 West 12<sup>th</sup> Street. 77008
- North Wayside - 9551 North Wayside Drive 77028
- Westbury – 10605 Mullins Drive 77096
- Wilson Memorial – 100 Gilpin Street 77034



## **PHASE 2 – SATURDAY, JUNE 1 & SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 2024**

Saturday, June 1 from 1p.m. – 7 p.m.

- Agnes Moffit - 10645 Hammerly Blvd. 77043
- Emancipation - 3018 Emancipation Ave. 77004
- North Wayside - 9551 North Wayside Drive 77028
- Westbury - 10605 Mullins Drive 77096
- Wilson Memorial - 100 Gilpin Street 77034
- Love - 1000 West 12<sup>th</sup> Street. 77008

Sunday, June 2 from 1 p.m. – 6 p.m.

- Greenwood – 602 Beresford Street 77015
- MacGregor – 5225 Calhoun Road 77021
- Mason – 541 South 75<sup>th</sup> Street 77023
- Schwartz – 8203 Vogue Lane 77055
- Stude – 1031 Stude Street 77007
- Townwood - 3402 Simsbrook Drive 77045

HPARD is continuing to assess the department’s pools and will provide more updates.

If interested in being a lifeguard, visit [www.houstonparks.org](http://www.houstonparks.org).

### ***About the Houston Parks & Recreation Department***

*The Houston Parks and Recreation Department (HPARD) stewards and manages 382 developed parks, more than 167 greenspaces, and over 37,729 acres of parkland for the City of Houston. HPARD develops and implements recreational programming for citizens of all ages and abilities. The Department is nationally accredited through the National Recreation and Park Association’s (NRPA) Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies. For more information on the Houston Parks & Recreation Department, visit <http://www.houstonparks.org> or email us at [askparks@houstontx.gov](mailto:askparks@houstontx.gov).*