

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **8<sup>th</sup> Annual Father/Child Charity Golf Tournament Kicks off Father's Day Celebrations in Houston**

The Houston Parks and Recreation Department, in conjunction with the Houston Parks Board, will host the 8th Annual Father/Child Charity Golf Tournament, presented by Sterling Bank on Thursday, June 18, 2009. A 12:30 p.m. shotgun start is scheduled, with the tournament taking place at Wildcat Golf Club, 12000 Almeda Road, 77045.

The tournament is designed to kick off the Father's Day weekend celebrations by teaming fathers with their young golfers to play a round of golf. Proceeds benefit the First Tee of Houston at FM Law Park Junior Golf Program and Athletes Seeking Knowledge Education Fund (A.S.K.).

"We are happy to give Houston's golfers the chance to play a round with their kids as part of Father's Day celebrations," said Joe Turner, Director, Houston Parks and Recreation Department. "The tournament proceeds are used to support the First Tee of Houston Junior Golf program and A.S.K., our educational program. Both of these programs seek to use sports and athletics to help young people apply the life skills they learn in sports to their daily lives. We're very thankful for the generous support and response that Houstonians have given us for the past 8 years and are especially thankful to our first-time event sponsor, Sterling Bank, for making this tournament a win-win situation for everyone."

#### About HPARD's First Tee of Houston at FM Law Park

The First Tee of Houston offers FREE instruction in the principles of golf, sportsmanship, and life skills for young people ages 7-18. Classes are FREE to registered participants. All equipment is provided by HPARD. The program is taught at the 70-acre, nine-hole course at F.M. Law Park on a year-round basis.

#### About HPARD's Athletes Seeking Knowledge Program

Athletes Seeking Knowledge is a year-round program for youth ages 12 – 18. A.S.K. participants are provided with FREE educational resources, including tutorial sessions, test preparation sessions, university tours and scholarships to encourage and support their efforts to make the most of their academic standing.

For more information on the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Father/Child Charity Golf Tournament or the Houston Parks and Recreation Department, please call (713) 865-4537 or go to [www.houstonparks.org](http://www.houstonparks.org).