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HPARD Pools to Open in Two Phases

The Houston Parks and Recreation Department will open its pools in two phases this summer. The decision was made after the department reviewed the local ISD's summer release schedules and the status of retrofitted pool drains mandated by the Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act. Twenty pools are scheduled to open on May 23rd and an additional 15 are scheduled to open on June 5th.

"We decided to open pools in two phases because most of our lifeguards and pool guests will still be in school after the Memorial Day Weekend finishing finals or attending graduation ceremonies," said Joe Turner, Director, Houston Parks and Recreation Department. "This also provides us with the opportunity to complete the retrofitting of our pool drains."

HPARD has been working to retrofit all pool drains since October of 2008. The department expects to have 35 of its 39 pools retrofitted, inspected and opened by June 5. Two pools, Sharpstown and Schwartz, will open later in June.

The Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act (VGB), administered by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), was passed into law to prevent injury and death to users from underwater entrapment on suction drain covers installed in pools and spas. This Act requires all owners of public swimming pools, spas and hot tubs to replace ALL suction drain covers (grating) with ASME/ANSI A112.19.8 – 2007 compliant drain covers.

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POOLS OPENING MAY 23

NORTHEAST

Greenwood
602 Beresford, 77015
Moody
3201 Fulton, 77009
Northline
6911 Nordling, 77076
TC Jester
4205 T.C. Jester, 77018

NORTHWEST

Lincoln
1048 Grenshaw, 77007
Love
1000 West 12th, 77008
Oak Forest
1400 Du Barry Lane, 77018

SOUTHWEST

Lansdale
8201 Roos, 77036
Memorial
6402 Arnot, 77007
Westbury
10605 Mullins, 77096
Windsor Village
14441 Croquet, 77085

SOUTHEAST

Beverly Hills
9800 Kingspoint, 77075
Denver Harbor
1020 Gazin, 77020
Yellow Stone/George T. Nelson
6900 La Salette, 77021
Glenbrook
8201 North Bayou, 77017
MacGregor
5225 Calhoun, 77021
Mason
541 South 75th, 77023
Reveille
7700 Oak Vista, 77087
Sagemont
11507 Hughes, 77089
Sunnyside
3502 Bellfort, 77051

POOLS OPENING JUNE 5

NORTHEAST

Stude
1031 Stude, 77009
Tidwell
9720 Spaulding, 77016
Tuffly
3200 Russell, 77026

NORTHWEST

Agnes Moffit
10645 Hammerly, 77043
Independence Heights
603 East 35th, 77022

SOUTHWEST

Alief
11903 Bellaire, 77072
Ervan Chew
4400 Dunlavy, 77098

SOUTHEAST

Clinton
203 Mississippi, 77029
Cloverland
11800 Scott, 77047
DeZavala
7521 Avenue H., 77012
Eastwood
5000 Harrisburg 77011
Emancipation
3018 Dowling, 77004
Finnigan
4900 Providence 77020
Judson Robinson, Sr.
1422 Ledwicke, 77029
Wilson Memorial
100 Gilpin, 77034

POOLS OPENING LATER IN JUNE

Schwartz – June 9th
8203 Vogue, 77055

Sharpstown – June 16th
6600 Harbor Town, 77036

POOLS TO REMAIN CLOSED FOR THE SUMMER

The Hobart Taylor Pool, 8100 Kenton 77028, is closed for the summer due to park renovation.

The Townwood Pool, 3403 Simsbrook, has been removed and is scheduled for replacement.

For more information on the Houston Parks and Recreation Department call (713) 865-4537 or visit www.houstonparks.org.

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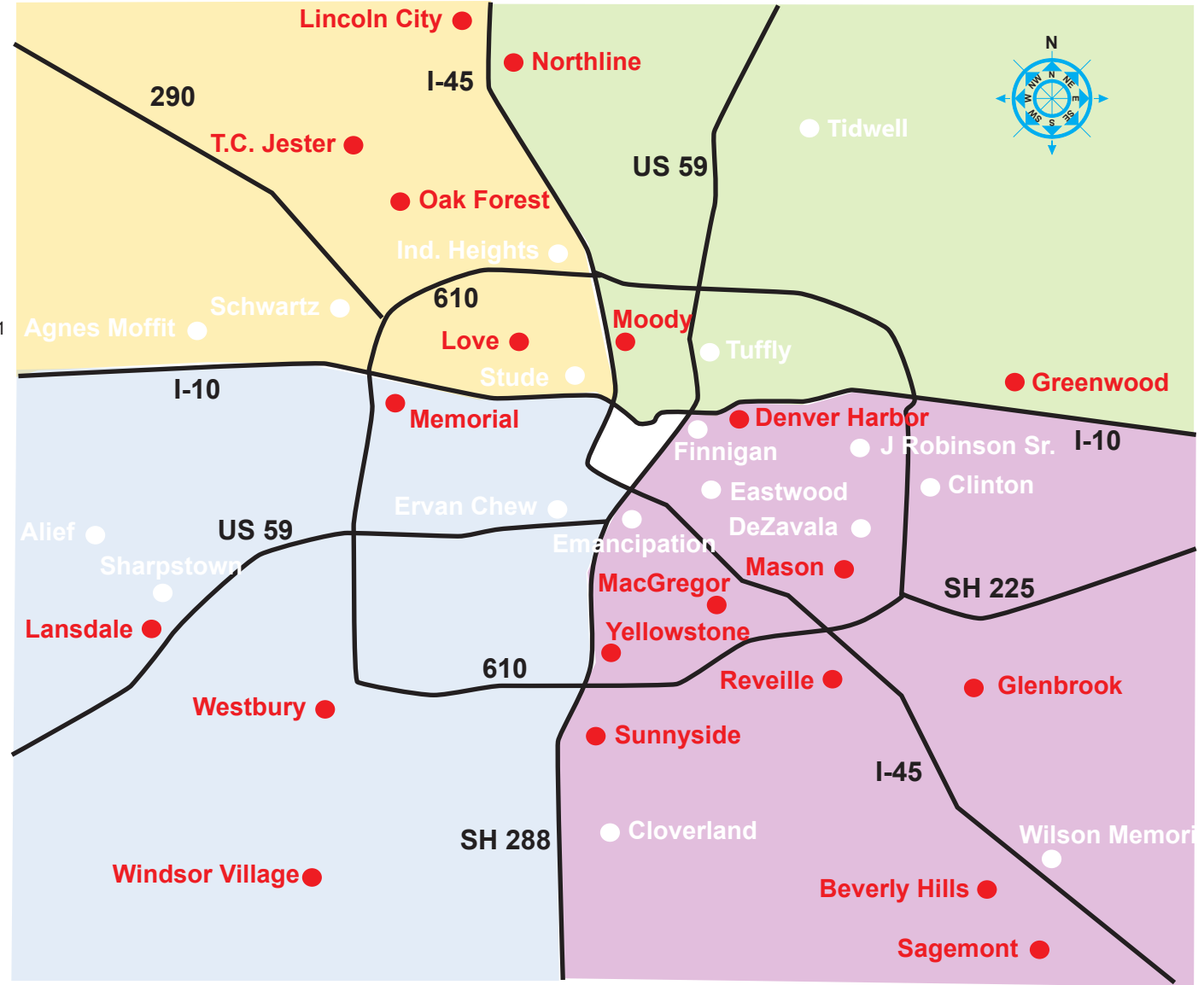
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Phase I - Pools Opening May 23

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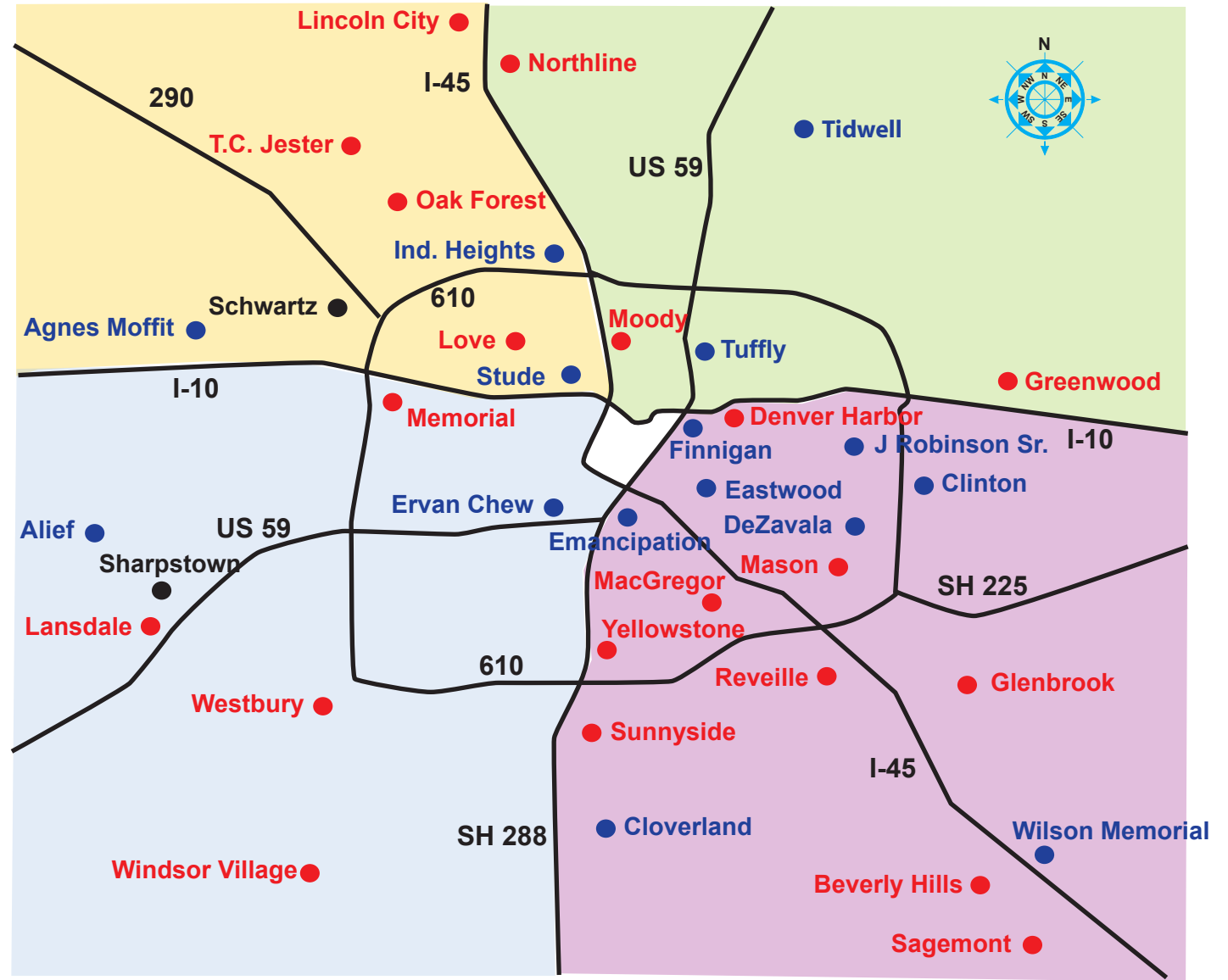
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Phase II - Pools Opening June 5