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Road Closure To Be Factor for July 4th at Hermann Park

The July Fourth holiday is coming, and the Houston Parks and Recreation Department is gearing up for large crowds at Hermann Park. The centrally located public venue will be the site of countless family picnics during the extended holiday, a free day at the Houston Zoo, and the always-popular Houston Symphony "A Star-Spangled Salute" concert and fireworks show at Miller Theater at 8:30 p.m., both on the Fourth itself.

While everyone is invited to enjoy the festivities amid the park's shady expanses, Houstonians should keep in mind that parking will be at a premium, and a major engineering project will block traffic certain days. Main Street will be closed between University Boulevard and North MacGregor Drive from 7:00 p.m. Friday, June 30, through 7:00 p.m. Sunday, July 2 for the dismantling of a construction crane in the Texas Medical Center. Police will be there to direct traffic, and Fannin Street will be open as an alternative.

An ongoing flood control project at the Mecom Fountain traffic circle at the intersection of Main Street and Montrose Boulevard is expected to be finished on Friday, June 30. All lanes of traffic should be open, and Montrose Boulevard, previously closed at Binz Street, should be reopened. This will ease traffic flow at the Sam Houston Monument entrance to Hermann Park, but traffic is expected to remain heavy throughout the holiday weekend.

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“Hermann Park is very popular during the Fourth of July,” says Joe Turner, Director, Houston Parks and Recreation Department. “Carpooling, riding the METRO bus system, and taking advantage of the METRORail which goes right past Hermann Park are options for beating the traffic and parking challenges we expect this holiday.”

Catching METRORail for Hermann Park can happen at any of the downtown Rail Stations, and from the south, riders can get on at the Fannin South Park & Ride lot at 1604 West Bellfort, between Knight and Fannin. Three METRORail stops serve Hermann Park: the Museum District Station, between Ewing and Binz; Hermann Park/Rice University Station, at Fannin and Sunset; and the Memorial Hermann Hospital/Houston Zoo Station, at North MacGregor and Ross Sterling.

For information on Hermann Park or the Houston Parks and Recreation Department, call 713-845-1135 or e-mail www.houstonparks.org.