



Press Release

March 9, 2011

CONTACT: Estella Espinosa
Work: (832) 395-7022
Cell: (832) 465-4782

HPARD - Calendar of Events

March 9 - April 15, 2011

ONGOING REGISTRATION

Youth Tennis – The Youth Tennis Program is **FREE** and offered year-round at a variety of public parks throughout the city. The program, in partnership with the Houston Tennis Association (NJTL) provides children ages 6-18 with one hour of tennis lessons twice a week for eight weeks. Register at your nearest community center, or call the HPARD Youth Tennis Office at (713) 803-1112.

After-School Enrichment Program - Children, ages 6-13, can enjoy arts and crafts, games, homework assistance, special events and a variety of **FREE** activities at community centers throughout Houston. For a list of HPARD community centers visit www.houstonparks.org. Register at a community center near you or call (832) 395-7270 or (832) 395-7292.

Summer Food Service Program Registration – Register today to become a HPARD Summer Food Service Site and help provide **FREE** lunches and snacks to area youth ages 1-18 this summer! The program is federally-funded and administered by the Texas Department of Agriculture and sponsored by The Houston Parks and Recreation Department. Applications must be received by April 15, 2011. Download an application from www.houstonparks.org. For more information call (713) 676-6832.

2011 Houston Corporate Games Presented by AETNA – The 2011 Houston Corporate Games presented by Aetna will be held at Memorial Park on May 6 & 7. Corporate teams will compete during the two-day event in a 3-mile walk/run, basketball hotshot, soccer dribble/shoot, football TD pass, golf putting, tai chi, tug-of-war, and much more. Competitors will have a great time, develop teamwork with their coworkers, and gain an expanded sense of the importance of regular exercise to a healthy lifestyle. All events will take place in Houston's beautiful Memorial Park, and all equipment will be supplied by HPARD. Registration is open until April 15, 2011 - sign up today! For more information email kenneth.allen@houstontx.gov or luci.correa@houstontx.gov.

MARCH 9

CIP Community Meeting at Sharpstown Park – Council Member Al Hoang, District F will hold a meeting to discuss future Capital Improvement Projects with citizens and take community input. CIP Citizen Request Forms are available online at www.houstontx.gov, click on 311 icon or call 3-1-1 to make a CIP request.

Time:

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm, Wed

Location: Sharpstown Park, 6600 Harbor Town, 77036

Information: (713) 988-5328

Line Dance at Hobart Taylor Park Community Center – Calling all seniors 55+ to the dance floor. Come and join other seniors from across the city for a morning of fun learning all types of line dances and get a little cardio at the same time.

Time: 10:00 am – 11:00 am, M & W

Location: Hobart Taylor Park Community Center, 8100 Kenton, 77028

Information: (713) 674-3959

MARCH 12

33rd Annual Bayou City Classic - The 33rd Annual Bayou City Classic 10K for walkers and runners, sponsored by Houston Area Road Runners Association and the Houston Parks & Recreation Department. Race begins in downtown Houston with the Start Line on Louisiana Street near McKinney. The Finish Line is on Walker Street near City Hall. Proceeds from the Bayou City Classic 10K go toward helping maintain and develop trails for running and walking in our city parks.

Time: 8:00 am (Wheelchair Participants Begin at 7:50 am)

Location: Louisiana Street near McKinney (starting line)

Information: www.bayoucityclassic.org

MARCH 14

Line Dance at Hobart Taylor Park Community Center – Calling all seniors 55+ to the dance floor. Come and join other seniors from across the city for a morning of fun learning all types of line dances and get a little cardio at the same time.

Time: 10:00 am – 11:00 am, M & W

Location: Hobart Taylor Park Community Center, 8100 Kenton, 77028

Information: (713) 674-3959

Quilting Classes in Houston Park Community Centers - Learn to make a quilt one stitch at a time. You don't have to be an expert sewer or quilter. The Houston Parks and Recreation Department offers many great places to learn the art of quilting have fun and make new friends.

| | |
|---------------------|---|
| Time: | 10:00 am - 12:00 pm |
| Location: | Carverdale Park Community Center, 9920 Porto Rico, 77041 |
| Information: | (713) 895-6141 |
| Time: | 11:00 am - 2:00 pm |
| Location: | Crestmont Park Community Center, 5200 Selinsky, 77048 |
| Information: | (713) 733-2236 |
| Time: | 9:00 am - 1:00 pm |
| Location: | Lincoln City Park Community Center, 979 Grenshaw, Houston 77088 |
| Information: | (281) 445-1617 |
| Time: | 10:30 pm – 12:30 pm |
| Location: | Milroy Park Community Center, 1205 Yale, Houston 77008 |
| Information: | (713) 867-0397 |
| Time: | 10:30 pm – 12:30 pm |
| Location: | Montie Beach, 915 Northwood, Houston 77009 |
| Information: | (713) -864-6820 |
| Time: | 10:00 am – 12:00 pm |
| Location: | Platou Park, 11655 Chimney Rock, 77053 |
| Information: | (713) 726-7107 |
| Time: | 11:00 am - 2:00 pm |
| Location: | Sunnyside Park, 3502 Bellfort, 77051 |
| Information: | (713) 734-5061 |

MARCH 15

Zen Tai Chi Classes - Based on Vietnamese Tai Chi, classes deal with the body and mind. Open to

adults and seniors. **FREE.** Registration required.

Time: 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm, Tues

Location: Sharpstown Park 6600 Harbor Town, 77036

Information: (713) 988-5328

Sewing Classes in Houston Park Community Centers– Open to all adults who are interested in learning basic and intermediate sewing skills:

Time: 8:00 am - 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm, Tues

Location: Emancipation Park, 3018 Dowling, 77004

Information: (713) 284-1302

Time: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm, Tues

Location: Townwood Park Community Center, 3403 Simsbrook, Houston, 77045

Information: (713) 434-3508

MARCH 16

Line Dance at Judson Robinson, Jr. Community Center – Calling all Seniors 55+ to the dance floor. Come and join other seniors from across the city for a morning of fun learning all types of line dances and get a little cardio at the same time.

Time: 10:00 am - 11:00 am, Mon & Wed

Location: Judson Robinson, Jr. Community Center, 2020 Hermann Drive, 77004

Information: (713) 284-1997

Quilting Classes in Houston Park Community Centers – Learn to make a quilt one stitch at a time. You don't have to be an expert sewer or quilter. The Houston Parks and Recreation Department offers many great places to learn the art of quilting have fun and make new friends.

Time: 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Location: Carverdale Park Community Center, 9920 Porto Rico, 77041

Information: (713) 895-6141

Time: 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Location: Linkwood Park, 3699 Norris, Houston 77025

Information: (713) 314-3107

Time: 12:30 pm – 3:30 pm

Location: Sharpstown Park, 6600 Harbor Town, 77036

Information: (713) 988-5328

MARCH 26

Grand Slam for Youth Baseball Opening Day Festival – Come out and join hundreds of Houston’s up and coming future baseball stars as they celebrate the opening of the 2011 Spring Baseball Season. The Houston Astros and makers of Minute Mad sponsor this **FREE** program for youth ages 4 to 18. The program provides young athletes the opportunity to play T-Ball, baseball, and slow pitch softball. T-shirts and equipment are provided.

Time: 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Location: 2800 West Little York, 77091

Information: (832) 395-7292 or (832) 395-7294

MARCH 30

11TH Annual After- School Partnership Fair - Connection for Kids is a partnership between Harris County Department of Education, Case Cooperative for After School Enrichment and the Houston Parks and Recreation Department’s After School Achievement Program (A.S.A.P.). The Partnership Fair is **FREE** and offers workshops to learn about after-school funding opportunities, networking, explore new material to strengthen existing community after school programs and visit; with more 90 vendors who will offers lots of innovative products and materials.

Time: 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Location: Harris County Department of Education, 6300 Irvington Blvd, 77022

Information: (713) 696-1331 or www.afterschoolzone.org

Line Dance at Judson Robinson, Jr. Community Center – Calling all Seniors 55+ to the dance floor. Come and join other seniors from across the city for a morning of fun learning all types of line dances and get a little cardio at the same time.

Time: 10:00 am - 11:00 am, Mon and Wed

Location: Judson Robinson, Jr. Community Center, 2020 Hermann Drive, 77004

Information: (713) 284-1997

Quilting Classes in Houston Park Community Centers – Learn to make a quilt one stitch at a time. You don't have to be an expert sewer or quilter. The Houston Parks and Recreation Department offers many great places to learn the art of quilting have fun and make new friends.

Time: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Location: Carverdale Park Community Center, 9920 Porto Rico, 77041

Information: (713) 895-6141

Time: 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Location: Linkwood Park Community Center, 3699 Norris, Houston 77025

Information: (713) 314-3107

Time: 12:30 pm – 3:30 pm

Location: Sharpstown Park, 6600 Harbor Town, 77036

Information: (713) 988-5328

MARCH 31

Redistricting Town Hall Meeting at Sharpstown Community Center - This public town hall meeting is sponsored by the Planning Dept. in reference to council redistricting. As per the 2010 Census, the City of Houston will create two additional council districts. Mayor Parker wants to conduct public town hall meetings to educate the public on this redistricting process and give the public an opportunity to have input in this process.

Time: 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Location: Sharpstown Park Community Center, 6600 Harbor Town, 77036

Information: (713) 837-7719

APRIL 2

East End Clean Up Day - Come out and show your pride and commitment to Houston's parks and green spaces. Join in on the clean up fun at Settegast Park.

Time: 7:30 am – 12:00 pm

Location: Settegast Park, 3000 Garrow, 77003

Information: (832) 395-7030

APRIL 4

Line Dance at Judson Robinson, Jr. Community Center – Calling all seniors 55+ to the dance floor. Come and join other seniors from across the city for a morning of fun learning all types of line dances and get a little cardio at the same time.

Time: 10:00 am - 11:00 am

Location: Judson Robinson, Jr. Community Center, 2020 Hermann Drive, 77004

Information: (713) 284-1997

Quilting Classes in Houston Park Community Centers – Learn to make a quilt one stitch at a time. You don't have to be an expert sewer or quilter. The Houston Parks and Recreation Department offers many great places to learn the art of quilting have fun and make new friends.

Time: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Location: Carverdale Park Community Center, 9920 Porto Rico, 77041

Information: (713) 895-6141

Time: Linkwood Park Community Center, 3699 Norris, Houston 77025

Location: 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Information: (713) 314-3107

Time: 12:30 pm – 3:30 pm

Location: Sharpstown Park Community Center, 6600 Harbor Town, 77036

Information: (713) 988-5328

APRIL 6

Line Dance at Judson Robinson, Jr. Community Center – Calling all seniors 55+ to the dance floor. Come and join other seniors from across the city for a morning of fun learning all types of line

dances and get a little cardio at the same time.

| | |
|---------------------|--|
| Time: | 10:00 am - 11:00 am, Mon & Wed |
| Location: | Judson Robinson, Jr. Community Center, 2020 Hermann Drive, 77004 |
| Information: | (713) 284-1997 |

Quilting Classes in Houston Park Community Centers – Learn to make a quilt one stitch at a time. You don't have to be an expert sewer or quilter. The Houston Parks and Recreation Department offers many great places to learn the art of quilting have fun and make new friends.

| | |
|---------------------|---|
| Time: | 10:00 am - 12:00 pm |
| Location: | Carverdale Park, 9920 Porto Rico, 77041 |
| Information: | (713) 895-6141 |

| | |
|---------------------|---|
| Time: | 11:00 am - 1:00 pm |
| Location: | Linkwood Park, 3699 Norris, Houston 77025 |
| Information: | (713) 314-3107 |

| | |
|---------------------|--|
| Time: | 12:30 pm – 3:30 pm |
| Location: | Sharpstown Park, 6600 Harbor Town, 77036 |
| Information: | (713) 988-5328 |

The Houston Parks and Recreation Department (H.P.A.R.D.) stewards and manages over 38,992 acres of parkland and greenspace for the City of Houston and develops and implements recreational programming for citizens of all abilities. For more information on the Houston Parks and Recreation Department, call (832) 395-7022 or visit www.houstonparks.org.