



MEDIA ALERT

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8th Annual Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Tribute Planting Project

The Houston Parks and Recreation Department (H.P.A.R.D.), in partnership with the Houston Parks Board, will hold its 8th Annual Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Tribute Planting on Saturday, October 4, 2014. Saturday's planting project begins at 9:00 am. While all sites are available for photos **the Gragg Park (2999 South Wayside parking lot off of Wheeler) site is scheduled to have the largest number of volunteers planting along 11 acres of Brays Bayou. Please be aware that this event will be completed at each site once all the seeds are dispersed and can end before the 10:00 a.m. scheduled end time.**

Additional parks will be planted by H.P.A.R.D. personnel. Altogether, 45 acres of bayou, park, and greenspace land will have been planted during the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Tribute Planting Project.

- WHO:** Volunteers from across Houston
Houston Parks and Recreation Department staff
- WHAT:** 8th Annual Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Planting Project
- WHEN:** Saturday, October 4, 2014
9:00 am - 10:00 am (or until all seeds have been dispersed)
- WHERE:** **Gragg Park (Brays Bayou) - 2999 South Wayside, 77023**
Hackberry Park - 7777 South Dairy Ashford Road, 77072
Herman Brown Park - 400 Mercury Drive, 77013
Hogg Park (White Oak Bayou) - 2211 South Street, 77009
Reveille Park (Sims Bayou) - 7700 Oak Vista, 77087
Spotts Park - 401 South Heights Blvd, 77007
Spurlock Park (Brays Bayou) - 3600 N. MacGregor at Park Lane, 77023
Stude Park (White Oak Bayou) - 1031 Stude, 77009
Tony Marron Park (Buffalo Bayou) - 808 North York Street, 77003
- WHY:** Volunteers will plant a mixture of wildflower seeds in parks and greenspace across Houston. This event pays tribute to Lady Bird Johnson and her efforts to promote the use of wildflowers and native plants in public beautification projects. Her efforts have led her to be considered one of America's first environmentalists. Now in its eighth year, the wildflower planting is a favorite volunteer project in Houston. The wildflowers planted by volunteers will bloom in the spring.

The Houston Parks and Recreation Department (H.P.A.R.D.) stewards and manages over 37,851 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.