

MEDIA ALERT

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9th 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 and hundreds of volunteers, will celebrate the 9th Annual Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Tribute Planting at 9:00 a.m., Saturday, October 10, 2015.

This annual wildflower planting project was started in 2007 and continues today as a tribute to Lady Bird Johnson and her interest and dedication to the environment. In 2015, approximately 40 acres of park land and greenspace will be planted with a mixture of wildflower seeds. Jed Aplaca, H.P.A.R.D. Natural Resources Manager, will be available for media at the Stude Park site.

- WHO:** Volunteers from across Houston
Houston Parks and Recreation Department staff
Houston Parks Board staff
- WHAT:** 9th Annual Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Planting Project
- WHEN:** Saturday, October 10, 2015
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

PLANTING LOCATIONS

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| Alief Park | 11903 Bellaire Boulevard, 77088 | Meet at Community Center |
| Gragg Park | 6200 Wheeler, 77023 | Meet in the parking lot |
| Hackberry Park | 7777 South Dairy Ashford Road, 77072 | Meet at Community Center |
| Herman Brown Park | Oates Road and Mercury Drive, 77013 | Meet in the parking lot |
| Hermann Park Bayou Parkland | 6530 Almeda Road, 77030 | Meet in the parking lot |
| MacGregor Park | 5225 Calhoun, 77021 | Meet at Community Center |
| Reveille Park | 7700 Oak Vista, 77087 | Meet in the parking lot |
| Shady Lane Park | 10220 Shady Lane, 77093 | Meet at Shady Lane and Deutser Street |
| Spotts Park | 401 South Heights Blvd, 77007 | Meet in the parking lot |
| Stude Park | 1031 Stude, 77009 | Meet at Community Center |
| TC Jester Park | 4201 West TC Jester, 77018 | Meet at the parking lot |
| Townwood Park | 3403 Simsbrook, 77045 | Meet at parking lot by the basketball courts |
| W. Orem Esplanades | Hiram Clarke to Almeda Roads, 77045 | Meet at 3225 W. Orem |

Volunteers will plant a mixture of wildflower seeds in parks and esplanades 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 led her to be considered one of America's first environmentalists.

The Houston Parks and Recreation Department (H.P.A.R.D.) stewards and manages over 37,859 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.