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## MEDIA ALERT

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### **River Oaks Park Groundbreaking Celebration Kicks Off \$686,000 Playground Construction**

Friends of River Oaks Park, Council Member Oliver Pennington and the Houston Parks and Recreation Department will hold a groundbreaking ceremony to kick off the construction of a new playground at River Oaks Park. The June 11<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m. event will signal the beginning of a \$686,000 playground construction project that will provide new playground equipment for 2-5 year olds and 5-12 year olds, as well as other amenities. The iconic pumpkin coach will also be refurbished under a separate contract with Horizon Group International.

**WHO:** Council Member Oliver Pennington, District G  
Susan Cooley, Friends of River Oaks Park  
Joe Turner, Director, Houston Parks and Recreation Department

**WHAT:** Groundbreaking for new playground

**WHEN:** Thursday, June 11, 2015  
10:00 a.m.

**WHERE:** River Oaks Park  
3600 Locke Lane  
Houston, TX 77027

The scope of work includes: the demolition of a portion of the existing sidewalk, playground and playground border; preservation of existing donor pavers; new sidewalks with relocated donor pavers and new donor pavers; entry gates with decorative columns; a new pergola and decks; site grading; site furnishings; and the construction of new playground equipment for 2-5 year-olds and 5-12 year-olds; and swings.

The project cost is \$686,000.00. This includes: design, construction, contingency, and material testing. \$540,320.00 was funded with the Parks & Recreation Dedication Fund, \$67,680.00 with the Council District Service Funds (Reimbursement of Equipment/Projects Fund), and \$78,000.00 with Parks Consolidated Construction Funds. Carrera Construction, Inc., is the General Contractor. Lauren Griffith, Inc., is the design consultant. Duncan Elliott is the Project Manager for the General Services Department.

*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](http://www.houstonparks.org).*