



NEWS RELEASE

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HOUSTON PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT Calendar of Events April 1 – May 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 to 18 with one hour of tennis lessons twice a week for eight weeks. Register at your nearest community center, or for more information call (713) 803-1112.

Junior Golf Program – Junior golfers ages 3 to 18 come and play one of America's favorite sports at The First Tee of Houston at F. M. Law Park. The FREE program is dedicated to providing young golfers an opportunity to learn the game of golf while building character, integrity and sportsmanship. All classes are taught by golf professionals. For more information call (713) 264-2100.

Summer Food Service Program Registration – Register today to become a 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 – www.houstonparks.org. For more information: (713) 676-6832

Houston Corporate Games 2011 Presented by AETNA – Registration open until April 21. HCCG will be held at Memorial Park, 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 the Houston Parks and Recreation Department. Sign your team up today! For more information email: kenneth.allen@houstontx.gov or luci.correa@houstontx.gov.

Lifeguard Jobs Available at HPARD - The following summer positions are available: Lifeguards, head lifeguards and supervisors. For more information: (832) 395-7129.

APRIL 11

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; Mon. & Wed.

Location: 8100 Kenton, 77028

Information: (713) 674-3959

Quilting Classes at HPARD 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 – 2:00 pm

Location: **Crestmont Park**, 5200 Selinsky, 77048

Information: (713) 733-2236

Time: 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Location: **Lincoln Park**, 979 Grenshaw, 77088

Information: (713) 445-1617

Time: 10:30 am – 12:30 pm

Location: **Milroy Park**, 1205 Yale, 77008

Information: (713) 867-0397

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Location: **Montie Beach**, 915 Northwood, 77009

Information: (713) 864-6820

Time: 10:00 p.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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

APRIL 12

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; Tuesdays

Location: **Sharpstown Park**, 6600 Harbor Town, 77036

Information: (713) 988-5328

Sewing Classes at HPARD 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, Tuesdays

Location: **Emancipation Park**, 3018 Dowling, 77004

Information: (713) 284-1302

Time: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm, Tuesdays

Location: **Townwood Park**, 3403 Simsbrook, 77045

Information: (713) 434-3508

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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; Monday & Wednesday

Location: **J Robinson Jr. Community Center**, 2020 Hermann Dr, 77004

Information: (713) 284-1997

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Location: **Linkwood Park**, 3699 Norris, 77025

Information: (713) 314-3107

Time: 12:30 pm – 3:30 pm

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APRIL 14 - 17

Hairspray! at Miller Outdoor Theatre, presented by HITS Theatre - Pleasantly plump teenager Tracy Turnblad teaches 1962 Baltimore a thing or two about integration after landing a spot on a local TV dance show. Hairspray is a social commentary on the injustices of parts of American society in the 1960s. This is a ticketed event for the covered seating area. Free tickets are available (4 per person over age 16 while they last) at the Miller Outdoor Theatre box office the day of the performance between the hours of 10:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. If tickets remain at 1 p.m., the box office will re-open one hour before show time to distribute the remaining tickets. As always, open seating on the hill

Time: 8:00 pm – 10:30 pm

Location: **Miller Outdoor Theatre**, 6000 Hermann Dr, 77030

Information: (281) 533-3276

www.milleroutdoortheatre.com/en/cev/82

APRIL 16

Grand Opening of the Vale-Asche Foundation Playground Without Limits Opening and Adaptive Trail at Metropolitan Multi-Service Center. The Vale-Asche Foundation Playground Without Limits has been designed and built for the enjoyment of children with differing abilities and their friends and families. The fair will include demonstrations of wheelchair tennis and basketball, beep baseball, rock climbing, line dancing, and a recital from the "River." There will be fun and festivities for all!

Time: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Location: **Metropolitan Multi-Service Center**

1475 West Gray Street, 77019

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Swing, Jive & Pop! Into Dance – Miller Outdoor Theatre – dances through the eras of the 1930s Lindy Hop, bops into the 1950s, grooves into the 1970s and ends into the Hip Hop music of today. Presented by Houston Metropolitan Dance Company.

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APRIL 23

3RD Annual Air Alliance's Earth Day Festival at Discovery Green Park – Learn how to apply the 4 Rs: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, and Respect the earth. Attractions include games, plant giveaways, Earth Day incentives and educational displays. Make sure you visit the Parks and Recreation Department's Land Zone Booth!

Time: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm
Location: **Discovery Green Park**, 1500 McKinney, 77002
Information: www.earthdayhouston.org

MAY 6 & 7

2011 Houston Corporate Games – Presented by Aetna – Employees of all fitness levels, from major corporations across Houston will compete against other area companies in friendly competition that build camaraderie, teamwork, team spirit. 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. Houston Corporate Games benefit the Houston Parks and Recreation Department's ASK Program Education Fund, which provides scholarships and resources to assist middle and high school students.

Time: 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm, Friday
8:30 am – 2:30 pm, Saturday
Location: **Memorial Park**, 6501 Memorial Drive, 77007
Information: (832) 395-7293 or (832) 395-7057

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.