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MAYOR SYLVESTER TURNER, TOGETHER WITH HOUSTON POLICE, HOUSTON FIRE, & HOUSTON PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENTS KICK OFF "ONE SAFE SUMMER CAMPAIGN" AS SUMMER SWIM SEASON IS SET TO BEGIN

Mayor Sylvester Turner, Houston Police Department, Houston Fire Department, and the Houston Parks & Recreation Department will kick off, "One Safe Summer," a safety campaign focused on keeping Houstonians safe during the busy summer season.

The kick-off event will be held at **Townwood Park, 3403 Simsbrook, 77045** on **Saturday, May 27, 2023, at 11 a.m.** with a speaking ceremony at **12:30 p.m. with Mayor Sylvester Turner.**

"We plan to do everything we can to keep our citizens safe this summer," said Mayor Sylvester Turner. "It requires a huge team effort from several City of Houston departments focused on one thing -- keeping everyone out of harm's way. With the start of the summer swim season also upon us, we want Houstonians to know we're looking out for their safety & well-being."

The Houston Police & Fire Departments will be on the front lines for the ***One Safe Summer*** campaign. Both departments will continue the good work that began with the ***One Safe Houston*** campaign that has resulted in a reduction in crime in several categories in the City of Houston.

"This is a fabulous opportunity to build community engagement, while providing an avenue for our youth to safely have fun during their summer break. It also creates employment opportunities for our teens and young adults," said HPD Chief Troy Finner. "We are thankful for Mayor Sylvester Turner, Houston Parks and Recreation Dept. Director Kenneth Allen, Houston Fire Dept. Chief Samuel Pena and the leaders from across the city for working together to make this available this summer."

"The Houston Fire Department would like to remind citizens about the importance of taking summer safety measures. When cooling off in pools and bodies of water, Be Aware. Focused adult supervision is the most important safety measure to prevent a water-related tragedy. Also, caregivers should always "Look Before They Lock". Do not leave children, citizens with disabilities and pets unattended in vehicles. HFD urges citizens to be mindful of these preventable accidents."

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The national lifeguard shortage is again impacting the Houston Parks & Recreation Department's Summer Swim Season. Because of lifeguard staffing issues, the Parks & Recreation Department is planning a **three phased opening of pools** to equitably distribute the workforce.

"The Houston Parks & Recreation Department is again excited to kick off another summer swim season," said Kenneth Allen, Director, Houston Parks & Recreation Department. "While we are still in need of more lifeguards, we will be opening pools in every City Council District, and as more lifeguards come onboard and are certified this summer, we will open additional pools. Our number one goal remains unchanged & that is making this summer as safe as possible for everyone who visits our swimming pools."

In **Phase I**, Memorial Day weekend, twelve pools (**6 pools will operate on Saturday, May 27th and 6 pools will open on Sunday, May 28th**) will open for the weekend only. **All pools will be closed on Memorial Day May 29th.**

Phase I - Schedule A

Saturday, May 27th – 1 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Aquatic Center	Address	Council District
Agnes Moffitt	10645 Hammerly Blvd., 77043	A
Lincoln City	979 Grenshaw St., 77088	B
Emancipation	3018 Emancipation Ave., 77004	D
Wilson Memorial	100 Gilpin St., 77034	E
Sharpstown	6855-A Harbor Town Dr., 77036	J
Townwood	3402 Simsbrook Dr., 77045	K

Sunday, May 28th – 1 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Aquatic Center	Address	
Love	1000 West 12th St., 77008	C
T. C. Jester	4205 T. C. Jester Blvd., 77018	C
Sunnyside	3502 Bellfort St., 77051	D
Alief	11903 Bellaire Blvd., 77072	F
S. Quintanilla (Denver Harbor)	1020 Gazin St., 77020	H
Mason	541 South 75 th St., 77023	I

In **Phase II**, twenty-four Aquatic Centers (**Schedule A and B**) will open on a **rotating schedule beginning Saturday, June 3** throughout the summer swim season

Phase II – Schedule A Operations

June 3 – September 3, 2023

Saturday, Tuesday, & Thursday – 1 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Aquatic Center	Address	Council District
Agnes Moffitt	10645 Hammerly Blvd., 77043	A
Lincoln City	979 Grenshaw St., 77088	B
Emancipation	3018 Emancipation Ave., 77004	D
Wilson Memorial	100 Gilpin St., 77034	E
Sharpstown	6855-A Harbor Town Dr., 77036	J
Townwood	3402 Simsbrook Dr., 77045	K
North Wayside	9551 N. Wayside Dr., 77028	B

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Judson Robinson, Sr.	1422 Ledwicke St., 77029	B
Reveille	7700 Oak Vista, 77088	I
Cloverland	3801 Hickock Ln., 77047	D
Greenwood	602 Beresford St., 77015	E
Independence Heights	603 East 35th St., 77022	H

Phase II – Schedule B Operations

Sunday, June 4 – Sunday, September 3, 2023

Sunday – 1 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Wednesday, and Friday - 1 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Aquatic Center	Address	Council District
Schwartz	8203 Vogue St. 77055	A
Memorial	6402 Arnot St. 77007	C
MacGregor	5225 Calhoun Rd. 77021	D
Sagemont	11507 Hughes Rd. 77089	D
Northline	6911 Nordling Rd. 77076	H
Stude	1031 Stude St. 77007	H
Love	1000 West 12th St. 77008	C
T. C. Jester	4205 T. C. Jester Blvd. 77018	C
Sunnyside	3502 Bellfort St. 77051	D
Alief	11903 Bellaire Blvd. 77072	F
S Quintanilla (Denver Harbor)	1020 Gazin St. 77020	H
Mason	541 South 75 th St. 77023	I

Phase III, will be enacted only if additional hiring and onboarding of staff occurs. Ongoing recruitment and certification will continue through the month of June.

Aquatic Center	Address	Council District
Eastwood	5000 Harrisburg Blvd., 77011	B
Finnigan	4900 Providence St. 77020	B
Hobart Taylor	8100 Kenton St. 77028	B
Oak Forest	2100 Judiway St. 77018	C
George Nelson	6900 LaSalette St. 77021	D
Moody	3201 Fulton St. 77009	H
DeZavala	907 75 th St. 77012	I
Clinton	200 Mississippi St. 77029	I
Glenbrook	8201 North Bayou Dr. 77017	I

All pools will be closed on Mondays for regular maintenance. Please note that as more lifeguards are processed & come on board, additional swim days will be added to the schedule. For more information visit www.houstonparks.org.

About the Houston Parks & Recreation Department

The Houston Parks & Recreation Department (H.P.A.R.D.) stewards & manages 382 parks & over 39,501 acres of parkland & greenspace for the City of Houston & develops & implements recreational programming for citizens of all abilities. For more information on the Houston Parks & Recreation Department, call (832) 395-7022 or visit www.houstonparks.org.