



PATRONS *for* BELLAIRE PARKS

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COMMUNITY GETS BEHIND LEMONADE STANDS TO RAISE FUNDS FOR NEW PLAYGROUND

Registration continues to increase as dozens of local families sign up to participate in Bellaire's Citywide Lemonade Stand taking place Saturday, April 26th. Kids of all ages are showing their support by signing up to participate in "Sweet Tarts for Parks," a fundraiser organized by PATRONS for Bellaire Parks. Proceeds from the sale of lemonade will go towards the construction of the new playground planned for Bellaire Town Square (BTS.)

Jillian Ticatch, a 3rd grade student at Condit Elementary and her brother Harlan Ticatch, a 5th grade student at Condit, are already preparing for their lemonade stand and have spent time decorating signs in an effort to raise as much money as possible for the new playground. Mom Paula Ticatch said, "My kids and all their friends are very excited to have a new playground that will have some great features right here in Bellaire." When asked why he was excited about the new playground, Harlan said, "It will be a new place to play and have fun and hang out!"

Each stand registered with PATRONS will receive two "One-Day Passes" for free admission to the Bellaire Aquatic Center, which opens May 3, 2008. Patrons will supply pre-made lemonade to participants when they bring their lemonade containers to the Bellaire Recreation Center at 5125 Laurel St. between 8:00 -10:00 a.m. April 26th. Participants may pick up their pool passes when they return proceeds to the Recreation Center between 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. the day of the event. To participate, Bellaire families need to register by contacting PATRONS at Patrons@swbell.net or 713-661-PARK (7275)

"This citywide event combines something kids love to do with a fund drive to help build a great playground where kids and adults can play and relax. PATRONS hopes it will help make everyone aware of our campaign to raise funds for the new playground in Bellaire Town Square. PATRONS' goal is to help improve our community today in ways that will positively impact the future in Bellaire," said PATRONS President Sharon Veldman.

"The children of Bellaire want to get the word out that PATRONS is raising money to fund the construction of a new, innovative playground in Bellaire," Veldman said. "BTS is of great value to everyone who lives and works in Bellaire. Now is a good time for Bellaire residents to show support for the kind of amenities in Bellaire that they have been asking for and 'give green to get green.' BTS is an excellent utilization of green space and a wonderful community enhancement," Veldman said. If you would like to be involved with PATRONS future efforts, please contact PATRONS at 713-661-PARK (7275).

PATRONS for Bellaire Parks is a 501(c) (3) non profit organization. Contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. Tax deductible contribution can be sent to PATRONS for BELLAIRE PARKS, P.O. Box 3228, Bellaire, Texas, 77402-3228. For information about PATRONS for Bellaire Parks, visit www.bellaireparks.com or call 713-661-PARK (7275).

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