



## CITY OF HUNTSVILLE PARK SYSTEM

The City of Huntsville has the following parks located inside the city limits for each citizen's use. The park names, brief descriptions, and their locations are noted below.

### BAYOU BEND PARK

This 2.3-acre neighborhood green space located on the corner of Magnolia Way and Normal Park Streets in the Forest Hills Subdivision provides an open space recreational area. The area was designated as dedicated parkland as part of the development of the subdivision in 1974. The 911 address is 97 Magnolia Way.

### BOETTCHER MILL PARK

This .75-acre Park has a six-inch, two-foot-tall pipe fence running along its roadside border. It also features a playground module and several picnic tables. The 911 address is 101 Boettcher Mill Road.

### BUSH-MILLER PARK

The Bush-Miller Park was developed in cooperation with the Texas Forest Service under their Small Business Administration - Tree Planting Grant and is located off Normal Park and Hickory Drive. The 3.66 acres for the urban park were donated by Mrs. Josephine Miller Bush in memory of her father, Rufus Walker Miller, Sr., and her husband, Dr. L. E. Bush in 1989. The existing natural landscaping serves as a buffer between the adjacent high-density residential area and the park. Lighted walking trails extend throughout the park and lead up to a gazebo. Drinking fountains and benches are provided. Trees such as crepe myrtle, dogwood, red bud, magnolia, white ash, pecan, and Mexican plum have been planted in the park, and aquatic plants are being established in a small pond. The 911 address is 546 Normal Park Drive.

### EASTHAM-THOMASON PARK

Eastham-Thomason Park (E-T Park, Dinosaur Park) was first developed in December 1993. It is the City's largest community park. Its development began through a grant from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department obtaining 48.25 acres of land for the park. Another 48.25 acres were comprised of a donation of 33.45 acres of land from the estate of Marguerite Eastham-Thomason along with an existing City-owned 14.8 acres. An additional 45.5 acres were also acquired by the City for future expansion. The park, in its entirety, consists of 142 total acres. There is a designated wildflower area and several foot trails for bird watchers in the natural section of Eastham-Thomason Park. This Park is home to the Huntsville Aquatic Center as well as a splash pad, two sand volleyball courts, a skate pad, play modules (installed in 2022), a basketball court, a dog park, picnic tables, barbeque grills, a restroom facility, and ample parking. "E-T" Park also features a lighted 0.4-mile trail with two footbridges that will guide visitors through the natural landscaping of the park. Although there are several, the main 911 address is 1500 7<sup>th</sup> Street. Entrances to the park are off 7<sup>th</sup> Street, 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Avenue N, and

west of Avenue M (FM 247) onto Mesquite and Thomason Streets.

### **EMANCIPATION PARK**

This 10.31-acre community park is located on Avenue F at 3rd Street and was dedicated as a park on March 12, 1963. The Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center can be rented and is adjacent to the park. The MLK Community Center was renovated in 2023. The park contains a covered pavilion area with basketball goals, a stand-alone basketball court, playground equipment, picnic tables, and restroom facilities. The playmodule was renovated in 2023 through a grant from the Powell Foundation after partnering with KABOOM!, HISD, and the Boys and Girls Club. It also has two backstops for pick-up games of baseball, softball, or kickball. The 911 address is 300 Martin Luther King Drive.

### **EMMA ETHEREDGE PARK**

This 1.3-acre neighborhood park is located on Autumn Road and Holly Lane in the Spring Lake Subdivision. Picnic tables and playground equipment help to accent the setting of this beautiful and scenic green space. An additional 12.73 acres have been donated for future development. The 14.03 total acres of property were donated by M.B. Etheredge to honor his wife, Emma Etheredge beginning in 1987. The 911 address is 242 Autumn Road.

### **FOREST HILLS PARK**

Forest Hills Park is a neighborhood park located between Willow Bend and Pineview Streets in the Forest Hills Subdivision. This .6-acre park features picnic tables and playground equipment. The park was dedicated as part of the subdivision in 1974. The 911 address is 130 Pine Valley Drive.

### **FOUNDERS SPRING PARK**

The City of Huntsville and Walker County developed the park under a grant with America the Beautiful - Urban Tree Planting Initiative, a cooperative program between the USDA Forest Service and the Texas Forest Service. This .35-acre downtown park is the site of a spring where the town's founders first settled, and features native trees, grasses, and artwork. Founder's Spring Park also provides additional parking for the downtown area and is located on the corner of University Avenue and 10th Street. The 911 address is 1000 University Avenue.

### **GILLASPIE PARK**

Gillaspie Park is located across from the Sam Houston Gravesite on the campus of Mance Park Junior High School. At the center of the small park is the Veteran's Memorial Monument which was erected in 1936 during the centennial celebration. Landscaping includes crepe myrtles and small shrubs. The original property was part of the W. O. B. Gillaspie Estate. An additional park area was acquired from the Huntsville Independent School District in 1993, which brought the park to a total of .35 acres. The 911 address is 890 Avenue I.

### **JOHN HENRY RATHER PARK**

This 1.6-acre greenbelt/ornamental park is located on the northeast corner of 13th

Street and University Avenue on property leased from the Mary Henry Rather Estate in November 1979. It provides a natural setting with picnic tables and benches to enhance the downtown area. This park has hosted numerous events so a stage was constructed for performers. In 2023, the Chamber of Commerce HLI class adopted the park and updated the stage for their class project. The 911 address is 1223 University Avenue.

### **KATE BARR ROSS MEMORIAL PARK**

This 31.5-acre community park is located one mile north of 11th Street on Hwy. 75 N. The park was dedicated in June 1974 and named in honor of Kate Barr Ross who served as City Secretary from 1926 to 1938 and again from 1944 to 1967. Soccer fields have been developed on additional City property adjacent to the park. This property, along with the police firing range, brings the total acreage to 60. The property features three soccer fields (Fields 6, 9A & 9B); 2 football fields that can also double as soccer fields (Fields 10A & 10B); five baseball fields (Fields 1,2,3,4 & 11); three softball fields (Fields 5,7 & 8); a covered pavilion with a barbecue pit; playground equipment (updated in 2020 and the inclusive playground in 2021); picnic tables with barbecue grills; and restrooms. This park is utilized by HISD for their High School baseball and softball teams. Sam Houston State University, along with HISD, also use this park during the fall for their UIL Track Meets. We have a fenced-in "Safety Town" area for the training of small children in pedestrian safety featured at this site. Although there are several, the primary 911 address is 486 State Highway 75 North.

### **MONTGOMERY ROAD PARK**

This .642-acre green space is split by Montgomery Road after crossing State Highway 75 south. Several trees and shrubs were planted along with existing greenery to enhance the area. The 911 address is 2533 State Highway 75 South.

### **NEW ADDITION PARK**

This approximate 8-acre park, developed in 1982, is a City/public school joint-use neighborhood park located at the corner of Elm Street and Highway 190 East. It contains six multipurpose softball/soccer fields, three picnic areas with barbecue grills, and playground equipment. The park is available to the public during non-school hours. The property was provided by the HISD School District. The 911 address is 1249 Goodrich Drive.

### **PINE SHADOWS PARK**

This is a 1.5-acre neighborhood park located on Knob Oaks Drive in the Pine Shadows Subdivision on Highway 1374. Playground equipment and picnic tables have been placed in the park. The original 1.2-acre property was part of the subdivision development in 1972 and was dedicated as a park in 1987. In November of 1997, the City purchased three-tenths of an acre lot, joining the property and making the total park one and one-half acres. The 911 address is 3336 Knob Oaks.

### **PINEVIEW PARK**

This is a 2-acre property with a dog park located at Avenue N½ and 23rd Street. Elton Brimberry donated the property in 1983, and it was dedicated as a park in 1985. The 911 address is 2335 23<sup>rd</sup> Street.

### **RAVEN HILLS**

This 1-acre of green space surrounds the drainage area at the entrance of Raven Hills Trailer Park. It has been left in its natural state. The 911 address is 671 State Highway 30 East.

### **SALLIE E. GIBBS**

This small .10-acre park is nestled downtown near City Hall on 12<sup>th</sup> Street. It contains a picnic table and a walking path.

### **SAM HOUSTON STATUE PARK**

This 5.78-acre wooded park and approximately 6 acres of State Right-of-Way is located at 31,000 South Sam Houston (Highway 75 South) and features the 67' statue of General Sam Houston entitled "A Tribute to Courage" by David Adickes. This park area was developed in 1994 to provide a picturesque setting for the statue of one of Texas' greatest heroes. There is a visitor's center containing an information center, a gift shop, and restroom facilities. A nature trail runs through the grounds. The 911 address is 7600 State Highway 75 South.

### **SANDBROOK PARK**

Sandbrook Park is a 1.3-acre neighborhood park located at the end of Clay Circle in the Sandbrook Subdivision on Old Houston Road. Playground equipment, picnic tables, and barbeque pits are some of the items that have been placed in this park, which was dedicated as part of the subdivision development in 1987. The 911 address is 3166 Clay Circle.

### **SHADY ACRES PARK**

This undeveloped green space is about 1.5 acres. It is located in the Shady Acres Subdivision on Vicki Drive off Powell Road and was given to the City by the developers in 1986. The 911 address is 722 Vicki Drive.

### **SMITHER PARK**

Smither Park is a .4-acre ornamental park located at I-45 and Avenue S. It provides a pastoral setting, park benches, and fourteen sculptures. Highland Properties, Inc., owners John T. Smither, Wilbur L. Smither, and Robert Smither, President, donated the property in 1983. The 911 address is 2420 Avenue S.

### **THOMAS CLIFTON GIBBS PARK**

This is a neighborhood park located on the northwest corner of Avenue S and 19th Street. This 4-acre park provides a pastoral setting and contains park benches and picnic tables. The Four G Company and the J.P. Gibbs Estate donated the property in 1985. The 911 address is 1890 Avenue S.

### **TOWN CREEK PARK**

Town Creek Park is a .2-acre greenbelt area behind City Hall located at 1212 Avenue M. It contains park benches, a Peabworth sculpture, a walking bridge spanning Town Creek, a memorial to Dennis Baker, and the Jane Monday Amphitheater. The 911 address is

1200 Avenue M.

**WEST HILL**

This 2.5-acre green space runs along the drainage behind Walmart and has been left in its natural state. The 911 address is 139 Col. Etheridge Boulevard.

**WOODS ADDITION**

This 2.5-acre greenbelt has no equipment and is left natural except for mowing.

As our community continues to grow, the City Council and staff continue to examine ways to enhance the above-listed parks and any additional acreage that can be used in our neighborhoods as parks and recreational facilities.