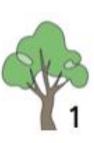
# Houston Heights LAWRENCE PARK AND MILROY PARK Remodel



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#### Dear Friends and Neighbors,



# Let's Get Outside!

Whether you are a parent, grandparent, caregiver, or neighborhood resident, it's in our best interest for every one of us to spend more time outside in our Heights parks.

Outdoor activity increases fitness levels and builds active, healthy bodies and minds! Studies have shown that being outside reduces cortisol levels, lowers obesity, and boosts mental well-being. The Houston Heights has no shortage of outdoor spaces open dawn to dusk but they are in desperate need of remodeling. It benefits us all – no matter your age – to rejuvenate these spaces! A group of neighborhood families came together in 2021 to create a 501c3 to get these parks the love they deserve.

As a friend of these parks, you have the opportunity to improve community life by helping us remodel Lawrence Park and Milroy Park. The primary four goals are:

- Build new playscapes for children of all ages | The current play structures are 25 years old, in disrepair, and with no shade. Additional play areas will be added as well to meet the needs of our growing Heights community.
- Add developmentally appropriate challenges for toddlers | Currently there are no toddler playscapes at either park; other sensory playscapes will be added for older children as well.
- · Improve exercise areas | All current exercise areas will be remodeled.
  - Milroy Park tennis court and volleyball court (TBD pickleball area)
  - Lawrence Park basketball court and walking path surrounding the park
- Increase shade | We will add shade over the main playscapes at each park and also add more shaded tables and benches. Hooray for shade!

The average child now spends the majority of non-school hours using a smart phone, computer, television, or other electronic device. Adults spend more time sitting or being non-active than children, so we can all benefit from renovating these Heights parks!

# We Need Your Support!

Let's make these parks the best they can be – a place to gather, play, exercise, socialize, celebrate occasions, and more! Please donate by completing the commitment form to make these visions a reality!

Thank you for your help in rejuvenating our beloved Heights parks,

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### Friends of Lawrence and Milroy Parks

# RENOVATION BENEFITS

- Friends of Lawrence and Milroy Park is a non-profit organization that was created by a group of neighborhood families to renovate and maintain these parks that would otherwise go neglected.
- Two refurbished neighborhood parks to connect and play with new and old friends.
- Improved handicap accessibility around all play and sports areas will make these parks a place for all children and adults.
- New drainage and leveling will assist in water management. No more low, soggy spots.

- All new shaded playground equipment that will activate sensory needs of all ages of children toddlers to teenagers!
- Improved fitness areas will encourage more outdoor activity.
- New shaded benches and tables will make these parks more accessible in the hot summer months.
- 8 Beautification of our neighborhood!

# Why should I contribute to our community parks?

The highlights of each park are the new, incredible, shaded playground equipment that challenges both physical and mental aspects of children ages 18 months – 14 years. Through hours of direct observation, community requests, and detailed playground equipment research, the newly designed areas offer the best equipment and shade protection on the market.

### No matter your age, there are compelling reasons:

#### **ADULTS**

Exercise | Graded and leveled public space for safer (and less wet) outdoor activities; updated tennis and volleyball courts at Milroy Park; updated track and basketball court at Lawrence Park

Nature | Plans to update the landscape and put a community garden at both parks

Community | Giving back to the greater Houston Heights children for current and future generations

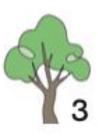
Gathering space | New tables with shade for parties and picnics

Tax contribution | We are a 501c3 and therefore all contributions are tax deductible

#### PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS, AND CAREGIVERS

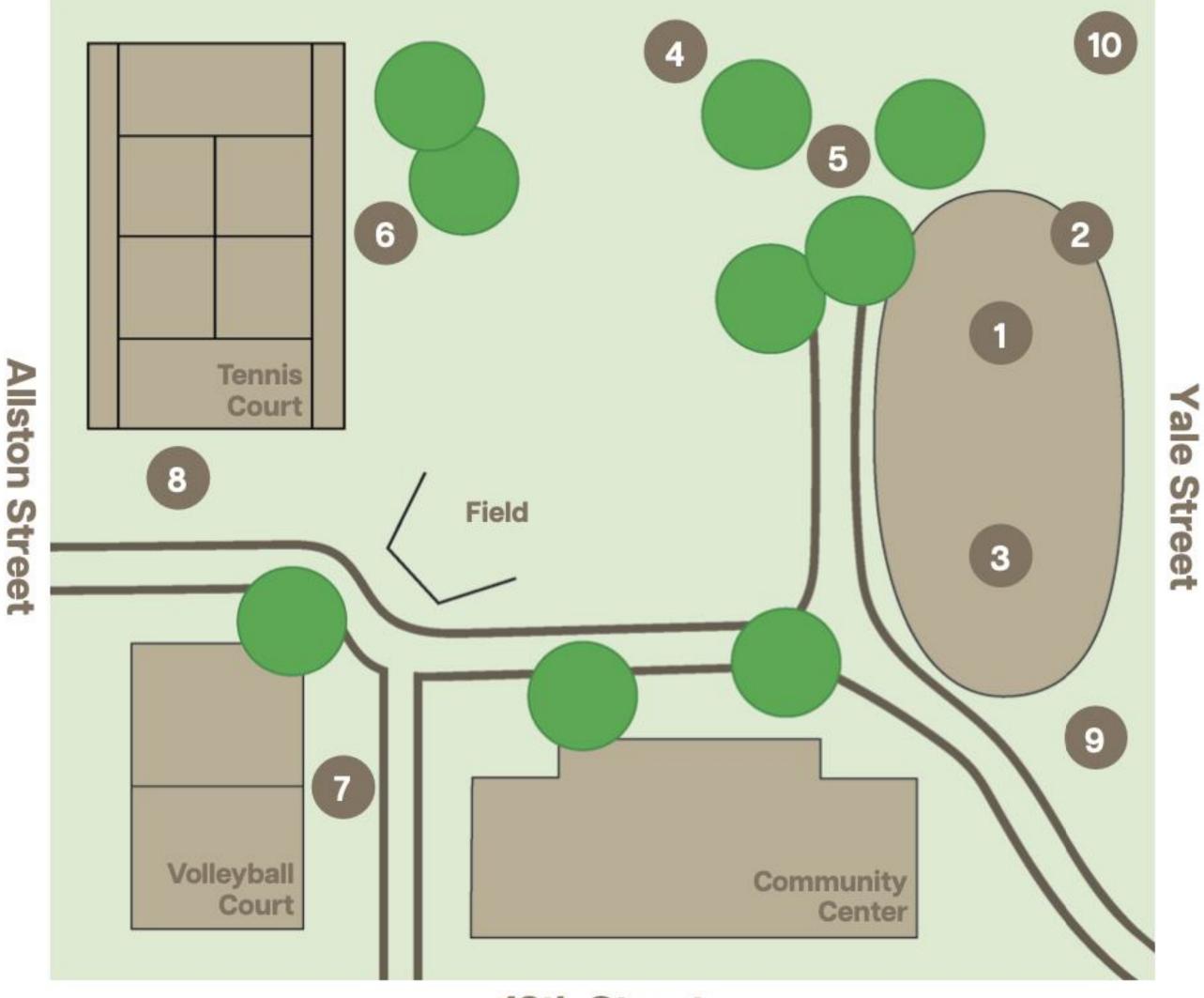
The more time our children are outside, the less time they are online or in front of a device.

- There's a direct correlation between screen time and obesity.
- On average, children get less than 20 minutes per day of outdoor play. On the other hand, the average child ages 8 – 18 spends 7.5 hours in front of an electronic device each day.



# MILROY PARK | Master Plan









Big kid playscape wilderness hideout



New swing set



Updated volleyball court with shaded benches



Super-span shade over wilderness hideout



Dynamic toddler climbing structure



New shaded picnic table area



More shaded picnic tables



Neptune rope climbing fort



Updated tennis court with shaded benches



More shaded picnic tables





## Milroy Park

## UNDERWRITING AND SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

#### **UNDERWRITING LEVELS**

#### \$175,000 | WILDERNESS HIDEOUT

Fantastic new play fort with 4 slides, crawl tunnel, monkey bars, and climbing boulders that offers challenges for all ages.

#### \$125,000 | SUPER SPAN SHADE

A 6 column massive state-of-the-art shade that will cover the entire wilderness hideout. Will be the same colors and theme of the rest of the park.

#### \$100,000 | NEW TODDLER TOWN (or 4 at \$25,000 / 2 at \$50,000)

Brand new toddler area will rest under the existing canopy of oaks at Milroy and will include slides, climbing structures, and a cute hideout.

## \$80,000 | NEPTUNE ROPE CLIMBING FORT (or 2 at \$40,000 / 4 at \$20,000)

Shapes and ropes move with the child for an ever-changing experience, creating new routes each time they play. It encourages social interaction, risk taking, and problem solving.

#### \$40,000 | TENNIS COURT

Refurbished tennis court!

#### \$25,000 | PICNIC TABLES WITH SHADE (4 available)

New, shaded park-style picnic tables will be installed throughout Milroy Park.

#### \$20,000 | VOLLEYBALL COURT

Revamped volleyball court with new borders, sand, and net.

#### \$10,000 | SHADED BENCHES (5 available)

These new shaded benches will be around the volleyball court, tennis court, and both new playscapes.

#### \$5,000 | FRIEND OF MILROY PARK (6 available)

New benches will match the shaded ones.

#### \$2,500 | SUPPORTER OF MILROY PARK (100 available)

Paint a ceramic tile that will be permanently displayed at Milroy Park. (like the ones surrounding Donovan Park on Heights Boulevard).

#### \$1,000 | BRICK PAVER

Personalized brick paver at Milroy Park.

#### **UNDERWRITER AMENITIES**

- Sign recognition on underwritten area
- Donor name on website
- Name on donor wall at Milroy Park



Check with your company about corporate matching or donating!



ALL opportunities can be paid via 4 payments over the course of the next 12 months!





## Milroy Park

## UNDERWRITING AND SPONSORSHIP FORM

Please check one:   Business  Individ	ual
ALL contributions can be made into quarterly posses check one:   Yes  No to be billed.	
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