



The Memorial Park Conservancy

**HAPPENINGS AT THE PARK**



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### *Have You Seen a Seedling ?*

Can you find this seedling? Do you know any location in the park where new pine tree seedlings can be found? Conservancy staff and volunteers have identified only four locations in Memorial Park where visitors can find naturally occurring pine regeneration. This is a clear example of the habitat challenges facing the park.

Non-native plant species such as Japanese privet and tallow trees are crowding out native trees and plants. These invasive species - also called exotics - are pervasive and aggressive, and have a huge and damaging impact on the park's habitat. By removing invasive species from the parkland, and by introducing the right mix of native species, the habitat will become healthier and more sustainable.

The Conservancy is dedicated to ensuring that the forested and other natural areas of the park remain healthy, allowing visitors to enjoy the native flora and fauna of Texas. We have already held several events to remove invasives. And a comprehensive habitat management study is now in the planning stages. To learn more about these programs, or to become involved, contact the conservancy at [info@memorialparkconservancy.org](mailto:info@memorialparkconservancy.org)



Do you know where in the park this photo was taken? Volunteer Frank Blake examines pine tree seedlings, a relatively uncommon site in Memorial Park.



Tallow trees are an invasive species that inhibit naturally occurring pine tree regeneration here in the park.

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### Conservancy Thanks Two Financial Supporters That Are Making New Trails Happen

**The Conservancy wishes to give special appreciation for two of our financial supporters of Memorial Park trail projects. Mr. Richard Weekley and the R-E-I Corporation each donated \$10,000 towards trail improvements in the park. These funds have already allowed the completion of the new Infantry Woods Trail, an almost mile long crushed granite path along Memorial Loop West.**

**Their generosity will also help the Conservancy implement other trail improvements, as well as an important trail**

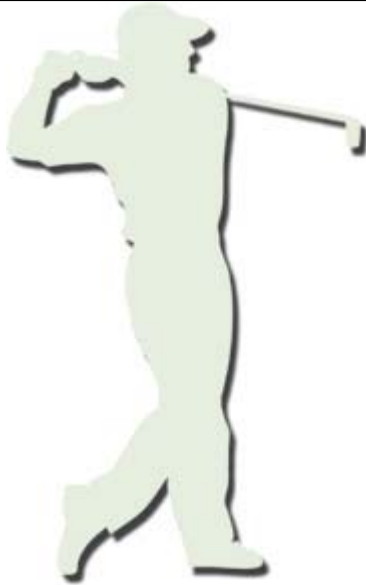


signage program. For more information, see a recent [Houston Chronicle article](#) describing Memorial Park's trail programs.

Students from the YES Preparatory Academy join the Conservancy and R-E-I on the Infantry Woods Trail.

## May 7<sup>th</sup> History Tour Of Memorial Park

Who founded Memorial Park? What does it memorialize? How has the vision changed since its founding? On Sunday, May 7th from 2-4pm, learn the answers to these questions and more on a history tour of the park, sponsored by Buffalo Bayou Partnership and the Memorial Park Conservancy. The tour will highlight the area's history from Camp Logan, the WWI military base, to the present day. For more information and to make reservations, contact Trudi Smith at Buffalo Bayou Partnership (713.752.0314) ext. 3 or e-mail at [tsmith@buffalobayou.org](mailto:tsmith@buffalobayou.org).



## Celebrate The Golf Course's Birthday And Help The Park

Join the celebration! The Conservancy is celebrating the Memorial Park golf course anniversary on the afternoon of May 23<sup>rd</sup> by hosting a golf tournament. Proceeds will benefit our efforts in the park, as well as improvements to the golf course. For more information and to participate, contact [Peter Tyler](#) at 713-863-8403. You can also [register online](#) today.

## Join the Memorial Park Conservancy!

As a member of the Memorial Park Conservancy, you are key to fulfilling the Conservancy's mission of preserving and enhancing Houston's premier park. Show your support for Memorial Park by becoming a [member today!](#) Members receive our monthly e-newsletter, *Happenings at the Park*, a special Members Update of the *Memorial Park Conservation Master Plan*, a Memorial Park Conservancy Member static window decal, as well as special invitations to volunteer events and park programs.



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