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### **Houston Housing Authority & City Council Member Announce \$150,000 to Renovate Hike & Bike Trail**

(Houston, TX) - The Houston Housing Authority's National Night Out Block Party at Cuney Homes in Historic Third Ward will be unlike any other in the city because this year, a \$150,000 donation will be made to support safety and sustainability for the Columbia Tap Trail renovation project.

District D Council Member Dr. Carolyn Evans-Shabazz, HHA President & CEO David A. Northern, Sr., and Houston Chief of Police Troy Finner will join attendees for a night of community building. The block party will serve an equally important purpose of investing in improving a historic part of the Third Ward.

The Columbia Tap Trail is a four-mile hike and bike trail that runs through Third Ward. Decades of wear-and-tear have caused the section of the trail that meets HHA's Cuney Homes to become a dangerous eye sore. HHA committed to joining forces with District D and Harris County to uplift the Columbia Tap Trail with long-term improvements.

***“District D is pleased to support our friends in the Cuney Homes community on National Night Out. Our \$100,000 funding commitment will increase safety and security for all citizens to enjoy the Columbia Tap Trail,” says Council Member Evans - Shabazz.***

HHA is contributing \$50,000 to create an official gateway to welcome people to Cuney Homes and the trailhead and to install lighting, benches, an emergency call box, public art, and a new entryway sign featuring the historical significance of the site.

***“We’re honored to partner with District D to revitalize the Columbia Tap Trail. We look forward to enhancing this area of Third Ward and Cuney Homes to uplift the well-being of the community,” says HHA President & CEO David A. Northern, Sr.***

HHA's National Night Out starts at 4:00 pm on Tuesday, October 4, 2022, at the Cuney Homes Basketball Court (3260 Truxillo Street, Houston, TX 77004). 400 meals will be provided to kick off the event. A **press conference will be held at 5:00 pm**, where Council Member Evans-Shabazz and President Northern will announce the donations. The festivities will continue from 5:30 - 7:30 pm with a block party, more food, music, line dancing, and fun for the whole family.

National Night Out at Cuney Homes is sponsored in part by the Third Ward – Cuney Homes Choice Neighborhood Initiative. In partnership with the City of Houston, this two-year resident-led planning process reimagines a new Cuney Homes and Third Ward by bringing people together to create a shared vision that supports the revitalization of the entire Third Ward community. For more information about the Third Ward – Cuney Homes Choice Initiative, visit [thirdwardchoice.com](http://thirdwardchoice.com).

This year's HHA National Night Out is made possible through partnerships with the City of Houston, Common Market, the Houston Food Bank, Kids Meals, the American Heart Association, and Friends of Columbia Tap.

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