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The City of Alvin Parks and Recreation Department has been awarded a second KaBOOM! grant to rebuild the playground at Newman Park. On November 17, 2018 volunteers from the City of Alvin and Rebuild Texas Fund will build a great new place for kids to play, all in ONE day.

This project is in partnership with KaBOOM!, the national nonprofit dedicated to giving kids a childhood they deserve through great, safe places to play, by bringing play to those who need it most. The Rebuild Texas Fund has committed its resources to help create 15 community-designed playground projects in communities impacted by Hurricane Harvey in Southeast Texas.

Michelle Nesrsta, Recreation Manager stated, “The goal is to ensure that kids have safe places to play, which is an important part in helping families in our community heal after the recovery from Hurricane Harvey. This project will help transform this area, and revitalize the spirit in the neighborhood”.

On Tuesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, a children’s design session will be held at Passmore Elementary where students will have the chance to draw their dream playground. The drawings will be used as inspiration for the final playground design. An adult planning meeting will be held that evening at 6:00 p.m.at the Alvin Senior Center to discuss the formation of the planning committee for the playground build on Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup>. The children’s drawings will be used to select playground equipment and colors for the new custom playground.

Over 250 volunteers are needed to make this playground come to life. The community is encouraged to register to volunteer. It is promised to be an experience not to be forgotten. For those interested in helping with this build in any way are encouraged to contact Michelle Nesrsta, Recreation Manager at 281-388-4299.