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## INSIDE WILLOW FORK DRAINAGE DISTRICT



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## Project Barker Town Hall

Learn the latest on Project Barker, a flood risk reduction and community park project within Barker Reservoir, at a town hall hosted by WFDD Monday, Dec. 6 at 6:30 p.m. at The Golf Club at Cinco Ranch. Residents should have received postcard invitations, but anyone interested in the project is welcome to attend. Craig Kalkomey, Sr. Project Engineer at LIA Engineering and engineer for WFDD, will present on the project's drainage and park features and Steve Robinson, Partner at ABHR and District Attorney, will provide an overview on the historical impact of flooding in Katy and Houston as well as discuss conveyance and storage solutions Project Barker will provide. District President Wendy Duncan will share why WFDD believes Project Barker is the advisable solution to reducing flooding for the District and its residents.

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## Preview Project Barker on New Website

Want to preview Project Barker? Check out <u>ProjectBarker.com</u> to learn more about this creative solution to reducing flooding in the Katy area while providing increased flood storage and active park spaces—all planned with environmental benefit in mind. You will find projection reports and video of past flood events as well as conceptual renderings of the project space, including flood storage and park designs.

Project Barker Website

## A Railroad Ran Though Where?

It's hard to imagine today that a railroad once ran through Willow Fork Park, yet in 1875, the Texas Western Narrow-Gauge Railroad traveled through the greater Katy area as far west as Sealy, transporting cotton to Houston across where the park is today. Hear the story of the rise and fall of the Texas



Western Narrow-Gauge Railroad at the opening of a new exhibit, Dec. 4 from 9-11 a.m., planned by Friends of Willow Fork Park. Following a 30-minute program that shares the railroad's history, visitors will walk to where the railroad crossed the park to view the exhibit, which features historically correct railroad rails, ties and spikes. A special exhibit feature is the ability to scan a QR code to hear the railroad's history in multiple languages. Come see and hear for yourself! Read more about all Willow Fork Park has to offer.

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