

McCONNELL PARK CONSTRUCTION UPDATE NOVEMBER 2021



Thank you for your continued interest in the McConnell Park construction project! The fields are now emerald gems -**Your help in staying off the new grass is greatly appreciated!**



WHAT TO EXPECT IN NOVEMBER:

- Most of the work in November will be concentrated on the parking and roadway work. This intense period of work will shift access temporarily, but is needed now to have a safe passage this winter.
- Vehicular access to Denny Street and Malibu Beach will be shifting while we build the base for the new roadway. Pedestrians will still be able to access the beach from Denny, Southview, and Bayside. NYC access will be provided through Morrissey Boulevard.
- Playground surfacing is being installed the first week of November. Fencing needs to be installed before the playground can be opened. **Please be patient while the fencing is installed - it is necessary to keep kids safe!**
- More planting will occur this month! Trees were delivered in October and planted where possible. Trees planned for the parking lot area will be planted as their plant beds are prepared.
- Fields are sodded and are growing in. More work, including seeding additional areas, may be needed to establish lawns in the Spring.
- Drainage and electrical work continues in the parking area.

ACCESS TO MALIBU BEACH

- The access to the Harborwalk has been restored from Bayside Street and Southview Street. There is also an accessible route from Denny Street. Minor refinements are still underway.
- This area is still a work in progress, although it is safe to travel through. Minor repairs will be addressed as we get closer to the end of construction.

TREES:

In July, we completed the first round of Emerald Ash Borer injections to protect approximately 12 ashes at the top of the slope between Denny and Bayside. The injection treatment will continue for the next few years as we continue to monitor the canopy citywide.

NEIGHBORHOOD PARKING:

The Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services has requested that neighborhood parking issues be directed to 311 (or www.boston.gov/311). This will allow them to document the need for relief and coordinate with BTM.

OTHER ITEMS:

Please use [311](http://311.boston.gov) to document non-emergency issues relating to park use, and 911 for emergency situations relating to public safety. Construction questions and concerns can be directed to Cathy Baker-Eclipse, Project Manager for Boston Parks and Recreation (cathy.baker-eclipse@boston.gov).

Project Website:

<https://www.boston.gov/departments/parks-and-recreation/improvements-mcconnell-playground>

Last Month's Update:

October 2021:

<https://www.boston.gov/sites/default/files/file/2021/10/McConnell%20Update%20October%202021.pdf>

Please reach out with any additional questions. cathy.baker-eclipse@boston.gov or 617-961-3058.