City of Boston
Parks and Recreation
Mayor Michelle Wu

FIELD IMPROVEMENTS TO MURPHY PLAYGROUND
CONSTRUCTION UPDATE
JUNE 2025

Thank you for your interest in the Murphy Playground Field Improvements project! We know this is an important space for Margarita Muñiz Academy, local sports teams, and neighborhood residents. Our goal is to reopen the park in late fall 2025, with the athletic fields remaining offline until the following season (exact date TBD). We appreciate your patience.

Thank you all for bearing with us through the noisiest part of construction, which occurred along the streetscape. Now that the perimeter walls have been stabilized, the majority of the remaining site work will take place inside the fenced area, which should be much quieter for neighbors. Repairs to the wall mural are scheduled for September and will be completed using hand tools only.

Because the athletic fields at Murphy Playground are in high demand—and with other Parks fields currently offline affecting overall field availability—the Parks Department is working to reopen the fields by spring 2026. While accelerating the schedule by switching from a seeded field to a sodded field will incur additional costs, Parks recognizes the value that this upgrade will bring to the community. We will keep you posted once this proposed change is finalized!

CONSTRUCTION IN JUNE:

- Porous paving installed
- Dust scrim installed at Child and Verona St
- Concrete pads for site furnishings installed
- Grading of athletic field subgrade
- Perimeter site walls stabilized with soil nails
- Site furnishings ordered
- Subgrade plumbing and electrical installed
- Musco sports lights installed
- Rain garden depression dug
- Ballfield backstop construction has begun
- The bleachers have been repaired and patched
- Wheelchair spaces in the bleachers have been cut
- Some concrete walkways have been poured

WHAT TO EXPECT IN JULY:

- Site furnishings will be installed
- Rain garden installed
- Baseball backstop installed
- New chain link fence installation will have begun
- Installation of fields will progress

SITE PHOTO JUNE 30, 2025:

Concrete walkways and porous paving are partially installed

SITE PHOTO JUNE 30, 2025:

The concrete bleachers have been patched and repaired with wheelchair spaces added.

SITE PHOTO JUNE 30, 2025:

The installation of the ballfield backstop has begun and the sports lights have been installed.

SITE PHOTO JUNE 30, 2025:

The porous paving and the concrete pads for the site furnishings have been installed.

SITE PHOTO JUNE 30, 2025:

The site walls have been patched. Repairs to the mural will occur in September.

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For employment opportunities, call ANJ Construction at (610) 704-4275

OTHER ITEMS:

- Please use 311 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 Nelle Ward (nelle.ward@boston.gov), Project Manager for Boston Parks and Recreation.
- Project Website: Boston.gov/field-improvements-murphy-playground
- Please reach out with any additional questions: nelle.ward@boston.gov or 617-961-3035.