

McCONNELL PARK CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

SEPTEMBER 2021



Thank you for your continued interest in the McConnell Park construction project! The piles are beginning to transform into park elements!

WHAT TO EXPECT IN SEPTEMBER:

- Vehicular access to Denny Street and Malibu Beach will be shifting while we build the base for the new roadway. Vehicular access will shift back so work on the parking lot can begin later in the month.
- Playground equipment will start being installed!
- September is the ideal time to establish grass, so the playing fields are being prepared for the cooling temperatures. The fields will need time to grow and get established, so your help in staying off the new grass is greatly appreciated. Other field amenities will begin to take shape.
- Utility work continues.

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.
- Fine grading of planting areas, loam, seed, plantings, and trees will occur in the Fall.
- The temporary access to the Dorchester Yacht Club and DCR parking lot was shifted to the east to allow demolition to be completed. This configuration will continue into the Fall.



TREES:

- In 2020, the City discovered Emerald Ash Borer in some Ash trees (*Fraxinus spp.*). The first round of annual injections to protect approximately 12 ashes at the top of the slope between Denny and Bayside was completed in July. 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](#) 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>

Previous Updates:

June 2021:

<https://www.boston.gov/sites/default/files/file/2021/06/McConnell%20Update%20June%202021.pdf>

July 2021:

<https://www.boston.gov/sites/default/files/file/2021/07/McConnell%20Update%20July%202021%20%281%29.pdf>

August 2021:

<https://www.boston.gov/sites/default/files/file/2021/08/McConnell%20Update%20August%202021.pdf>

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