

McCONNELL PARK CONSTRUCTION UPDATE OCTOBER 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 OCTOBER:

- More planting will occur this month! Trees will be delivered in October and will be planted where possible. Trees planned for the parking lot area may have to be stored on site and maintained until their final locations are prepared.
- Fields are sodded and will use the final warm days to begin their growing period. Additional perimeter lawn areas will be seeded this fall. More work may be needed to establish lawns in the Spring - we'll see how the weather cooperates.
- 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.
- You may see deliveries of a strange looking stone delivered to the site. This is a lightweight fill - lighter in mass than typical gravel - that will be used in the parking lot under the asphalt. The park was created over 100 years ago by filling in a marshy area. We're using this lighter weight aggregate to allow us to raise the elevation of the parking lot out of the frequent flooding level and protect nearby homes without the risk of future settlement from the marshy soils below.
- Playground equipment will start being installed as the work flow allows.
- Utility work continues with drainage and electrical 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.
- Shrub plantings have been installed. Tree plantings are expected in October.
- 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:

September 2021:

<https://www.boston.gov/sites/default/files/file/2021/09/McConnell%20Update%20September%202021.pdf>

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