



McCONNELL PARK CONSTRUCTION UPDATE APRIL 2022

Happy Spring! The end of construction season is in sight! The ground has thawed and almost dry enough to resume final work on the ballfields. **Your continuing help in staying off the new grass is greatly appreciated!**

UPCOMING WORK FOR THE SPRING:

There is some work that we were not able to perform in cold weather. This work will be completed in the Spring, including:

- Early April:
 - Planting the rest of the trees and shrubs, including in the islands of the parking area.
 - Additional traffic signage
 - Lights including parking lot poles and fixtures
 - Power to the parking lot fixtures
 - Site furnishing installation
- Mid April:
 - Top course of asphalt on parking lot
 - Line striping for parking spaces
 - Final sidewalks
 - Playground Inspection
- Late April
 - Fencing fabric on ballfields and backstops. Fence fabric has been impacted by supply chain challenges since Spring 2021.
 - Dugout shade shelter installation
- TBD
 - Final electrical work for field lighting
 - Interpretive Signage installation
 - New Bronze plaque for the McConnell Boulder





WHAT ABOUT THE PLAYGROUND?

Final inspections of the playground are being scheduled as soon as possible. After the gates are installed, we expect to be able to move the temporary fences and allow kids to play in the new playground while the rest of construction continues. **Once the playground is open, please respect the construction activities and stay on the paths to and from the playground. Safety for all is our most important priority!**

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://www.boston.gov/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 Construction Update:

October 2021:

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

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