City of Boston
Parks and Recreation
Mayor Michelle Wu

FIELD IMPROVEMENTS TO MURPHY PLAYGROUND CONSTRUCTION UPDATE APRIL 2025

Thank you for your interest in the Improvements to the Field Improvements to Murphy Playground project! We know this is a very important space for Margarita Muniz Academy, several sports teams, and neighbors. We aim to reopen as soon as possible. We appreciate your patience!

Currently, we are aiming to open the park next spring (2026), but please keep in mind that the lawn, including the playing fields, may remain closed (and un-permitted) until fall 2026. The establishment of the lawn, and subsequently when we can begin to permit the fields, will depend on when the lawn gets seeded and how well it does.

CONSTRUCTION IN APRIL:

- Perimeter chain link fence mesh removed
- Existing trees to remain pruned
- Dead, dying and diseased trees removed
- Electrical conduit installed
- Light pole bases installed
- Wheelchair accessible spaces created at concrete bleachers to be repaired

WHAT TO EXPECT IN MAY:

- Asphalt paving removed at trees
- Porous paving to be installed
- Site furnishings ordered
- Concrete bleachers repaired
- Perimeter site walls reinforced - please note that the surrounding streets (Child Street, Carolina Street and Verona Street) will be closed for a few days (one by one) while the structural team reinforces the walls.

SITE PHOTO APRIL 28, 2025:

The chain link fence has been removed.

SITE PHOTO APRIL 28, 2025:

Light pole bases in the process of being installed.

SITE PHOTO APRIL 28, 2025:

The existing trees have been pruned.

SITE PHOTO APRIL 28, 2025:

The existing baseball backstop has been removed.

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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.