



## **JOHN J. RYAN PLAYGROUND CONSTRUCTION UPDATE JUNE 2026**

Thank you for your interest in the renovation of Ryan Playground in Charlestown.

We realize this park is a very important outdoor space for recreation and community gathering in Charlestown, and we aim to have it back open as soon as possible. Our anticipated date for the park opening is Fall 2027, and we appreciate your patience.

We are now in the second of two construction phases. The first phase was site demolition and “setting the stage” for the berm (micropiles and ground improvements) and now we are in Phase 2: installation of a berm, ballfields, playground, splash pad, lighting - the park and playground.

### **CONSTRUCTION IN JUNE:**

- New sports lighting has been delivered and installed throughout the site.
- Lightweight fill and topsoil has been added for the berm by Schraffts, against that new concrete wall.
- Lots of concrete! A mid-berm concrete seawall supporting the playground has been completed, along with a wall for one of our ramp walkways.
- We have submitted the press box to the manufacturer, and now we wait about 6 months for it to be manufactured.
- Drainage piping and manholes continue to be installed by the seawall by Schrafft's. (Installation of drainage infrastructure throughout the site will continue for months.)

### **WORK TO ANTICIPATE IN JULY:**

- Berm and wall construction continues, moving from the Schrafft's edge towards Alford Street;
- Water utility structures and piping will continue to be installed;
- Backstop posts are going to be installed at the ballfield closest to Schrafft's by the water;
- The street hockey rink will be moved to its new location in the park;
- Pedestrian light bases will be installed throughout the site.

**SITE PHOTO, 6/04/2026**



*A new light pole dangles from the crane that will guide it into place on the base in the foreground. Installed light poles are visible in the distance, where the ballfields are located.*

**SITE PHOTO, 6/17/2026**



*New light poles by the Schrafft's corner, and you can start to see the new higher elevation of the ballfield taking form. (The trench in the foreground is where fill will be added, and the new berm will be located.)*

**SITE PHOTO, 6/26/2026**



*Concrete seatwalls to watch baseball games and to climb up and over the berm.*

**SITE PHOTO, 6/26/2026**



*A new concrete retaining wall to support the part of the berm with the playground and splash pad on top of it.*

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*Concrete light pole bases for pedestrian lights are being installed, and the ground is being graded in the part of the site by the new entrance. Once this area is prepared, the street hockey rink will be relocated here.*

**SITE PHOTO, 6/26/2026**



*These walls will all 'disappear' in the new design, supporting the base of the berm or providing an edge to one of our new walkways. Right now though, they are taller than the contractor and designer, shown on our site visit.*

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