



JOHN J. RYAN PLAYGROUND CONSTRUCTION UPDATE JULY 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 JULY:

- The new location for the street hockey rink has been poured along with adjacent pathways, and the rink boards are being relocated.
- Pedestrian light pole bases have been poured - actual lights come next!
- The backstop for the baseball field near the water, by Schrafft's, is complete.
- Drainage piping and manholes continue to be installed. (Installation of drainage infrastructure throughout the site will continue for months.)

WORK TO ANTICIPATE IN AUGUST:

- Berm and wall construction continues;
- Gravel base for paved pathways will get distributed throughout the site;
- Electrical work to connecting lights to power;
- Water utility structures and piping will continue to be installed;
- Pedestrian light poles will be installed throughout the site.

SITE PHOTO, 7/24/2026



Backstop posts for the field by the water near Schraffts, have been installed, along with concrete pads for our shaded dugouts.

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This concrete truck looks like it's in the Mystic, but it is driving carefully next to the existing seawall, pouring concrete along its edge for support.

SITE PHOTO, 7/30/2026



Gravel material that forms the land-side of the berm, where the playground will go. Lightweight fill will go on the water-side of the concrete wall.

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The dashed green line shows where the surface of the land will be - sloping steeply uphill from the existing seawall, and almost covering the concrete wall that we see here. Most of this slope will be made from lightweight fill, because the gas line runs directly underneath this area.

SITE PHOTO, 7/30/2026



The rink framing and boards are starting to be detached and relocated to its new location, closer to the entrance.

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Construction questions and concerns can be directed to B Chatfield (abigail.chatfield@boston.gov)