



JOHN J. RYAN PLAYGROUND CONSTRUCTION UPDATE SEPTEMBER 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 COMPLETED IN SEPTEMBER:

- Lots of ballfield action, while the sun is still warm. All backstops and scoreboards for the ballfields are in - and we have turf installed at the Little League practice field!
- All irrigation and water lines have been completed. A few larger drainage structures remain to be installed.
- Electrical cabinets have been installed.

WORK TO ANTICIPATE IN OCTOBER:

- Final section of the berm to be completed - lightweight fill, and concrete retaining walls.
- Water piping and drainage structures will continue to be installed.
- Tree planting before frost comes, on the berm.
- Begin installation of concrete footings for playground equipment on the berm

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The Little League practice field now has turf installed, and the scoreboard is up!

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A view of the practice field from rightfield

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Preparing for the infield at the softball diamond.

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Babe Ruth baseball backstop and fence posts installed, along with infield dividers along base paths.

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Electrical cabinets have been installed along Alford Street.

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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 B Chatfield (abigail.chatfield@boston.gov)