

**PLAYGROUND RENOVATION CONSTRUCTION**

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- **Schedule**
  - *When will the Playground Construction be completed?*
    - The Playground Construction is scheduled for completion by October 12, 2012.
    - As is typical with any construction project, this date is subject to change due to weather, unforeseen challenges, or unanticipated site conditions.
- **General Contractor**
  - *Who is the General Contractor responsible for construction of the Project?*
    - The General Contractor is Sparks at Play for Landscape Structures, Inc., headquartered in Owings Mills, MD. The construction contractor is Custom Park Services, Inc., of Jessup, MD.
- **Cost**
  - *What is the cost of the Playground Renovation and are City funds being used?*
    - The Contractor has been awarded the project at a cost of \$194,000. Additional costs for site furnishings and plantings are approximately \$12,000. The total project cost is approximately \$206,000.
    - The City is funding this project through the Playground Renovation Capital Improvement Fund.
    - Pedestrian improvements are being funded by the Department of Transportation at a cost of approximately \$12,000.
- **Construction Activities**
  - *Will any of the play areas be accessible during construction?*
    - No. For safety and security, the playground and multipurpose court will be closed to the public while under construction.
  - *Who do I contact regarding construction activities or construction traffic?*
    - Contractor: Sparks at Play, Isaac Sparks, 443-334-4949.
    - Email: [isparks@SparksatPlay.com](mailto:isparks@SparksatPlay.com)
  - *The trees surrounding the playground provide shade. Will trees be removed?*
    - The Contractor is responsible for avoiding damage to trees and is required to install tree protection. Additional measures to protect trees will be monitored and assessed by the City Arborist. Minor design changes may occur if necessary to protect the tree root systems.
    - Additional native trees and hardy shrubs will be planted as part of the completed project.
  - *I have a tree in my yard that is located along the Park property line. Will it be damaged during construction?*
    - The Contractor is responsible for avoiding damage to existing trees on the property and adjacent to the property.
  - *What are the permitted times for construction activity?*
    - All construction activities must comply with the Alexandria Noise Control Code Title 11, Chapter 5, which permits construction activities to occur between the hours of :

- Monday through Friday from 7:00AM to 6:00PM
  - Saturday from 9:00AM to 6:00PM
  - Construction activity is not permitted on Sundays without special permit.
- *Who is responsible for Construction Traffic?*
  - The Contractor is responsible for construction traffic management. Sidewalks and trails must remain clear and accessible throughout construction.
- *If streets or roadways are damaged by Construction Traffic, will they be repaired?*
  - If the Contractor is found to have damaged streets or public property, the Contractor will be required to make the repair.
- *If my fence or property is damaged by Construction will it be repaired?*
  - If the Contractor is found to have damaged private property, the Contractor will be held responsible for the repair.
- *Where will the Contractor park their vehicles?*
  - Where possible, the Contractor will park their vehicles within the project limits. In situations where it is not feasible, the Contractor will obtain necessary permits for on-street parking.
  - Construction equipment is to be stored within the project limits.

## **PARK DESIGN & MANAGEMENT**

- **Park Security**
  - *Who is responsible for Park security and/or who do I call to report suspicious activity?*
    - City of Alexandria Police Department  
Phone: 703.838.4444  
Emergency Call: 911
    - Please help keep the Park secure during construction.
    - Please report unauthorized access, vandalism or other suspicious activity to the Police immediately. Such activities delay construction and increase public safety risks.
- **Ownership**
  - *Who owns the land?*
    - The land is owned by the City of Alexandria and is administered by the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities.
- **Facilities**
  - *What are the improvements being made to the park?*
    - Improvements being constructed include new play equipment, site furniture, safety surfacing, and stormwater infrastructure upgrades.
    - New crosswalk painting at Raymond and Hume Avenue will also be completed after the playground renovation.
  - *What improvements are in Phase 2, and when will they be done?*
    - Phase 2 improvements include resurfacing of the existing asphalt multipurpose court. Phase 2 is scheduled for implementation in FY14

and will be funded through the Ball Court Renovation Capital Improvement Program.

- *Is a plan available that shows the overall improvements?*
  - A concept plan showing the overall park improvements is available at: <http://alexandriava.gov/recreation/info/default.aspx?id=27060>
- *How did the design of the park come about?*
  - The concept plan was developed by the Division of Park Planning, Design + Capital Development and designed to meet park facility standards, playground safety standards, and community needs.
- *Who is responsible for maintenance and management of the Park?*
  - Upon completion of improvements and acceptance of construction by the City, the City will be responsible for all maintenance and management of the playground and its facilities.
- **Trash Pick-Up**
  - *Who is responsible for trash pick-up in the Park?*
    - During construction, the General Contractor is responsible for trash pick-up within their work limits.
    - Upon completion and acceptance by the City, the City will be responsible for trash pick-up within the playground.

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