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## Forest Hills Playground Project Update – July 1, 2014

**Brief Description:** The Forest Hills Playground Project will bring a renovated playground and new park amenities to the park, located between Brandywine Streets and Chesapeake Streets. NW.

### **Community Engagement:**

A summary of community engagement is provided on the project page: http://dpr.dc.gov/page/play-dc-forest-hills-playground-renovation

## **Project Updates:**

- A. KADCON Corporation, the general contractor, began construction on Monday, June 9, 2014. The playground, picnic area, and tennis courts are all closed during construction. The baseball field remains open.
- B. Construction substantial completion date: September 30, 2014.
- C. Progress to date:
  - a. Demolition of existing playground pieces and picnic area is complete.
  - b. Rough grading and excavation have begun.
  - c. Air spading activities to expose the root systems of the trees was performed. Tree assessment report was completed to determine condition of trees. Care is being taken to preserve as much of the root systems as possible.
  - d. Tree pruning is complete.
  - e. Tree protection has been installed.

#### **Temporary Parking Restriction:**

Temporary "no parking" signs are being placed on the north side of Brandywine Street, at the park entrance. That area will not be available for parking on *Monday, July 7, 2014* to facilitate removal of a dying tree. Appropriate permits and no parking signs have been secured, and residents or visitors parking in the "no parking" area will be towed if they do not comply with the signs.

#### Reminders:

As a reminder, DPR and DGS announced at the pre-construction community meeting on June 4, 2014, as well as via the last community project update, issued on June 13, 2014, that the tennis courts at Forest Hills would be closed during construction. Please be advised that the site is under active construction and is closed for the safety of residents and

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contractors. Tennis courts unaffected by construction are located at Fort Reno (40<sup>th</sup> and Chesapeake Streets NW); Chevy Chase Recreation Center (5500 41<sup>st</sup> Street NW); and Friendship Recreation Center (45<sup>th</sup> and Van Ness Streets NW).

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