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**Forest Hills Playground
Project Update – July 15, 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 and are almost complete.
 - c. Tree protection has been installed.
 - d. New basketball half court has been excavated.
 - e. Retaining walls are being constructed.
 - f. Drainage work is getting started.
- D. Design update: Per the request of community members, different adult fitness equipment was requested from the equipment shown at the June 4th community meeting. Note that the plan showed space for 5 pieces, and with the cost of the new equipment, 3 pieces will be installed. These pieces, however, have multiple activities on them, for a total of 6 fitness activities at the park.

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 21, 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,

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

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