



## Notice to the Community: Updates for Gold Star Mothers Memorial Park

As part of the Goldstar Mothers Park Court Renovation Project, the City conducted routine environmental testing, which identified some soil contamination that will require revised construction plans. The contaminants identified were largely typical of historic uses of the site and / or urban fill used in construction and landscaping in urban areas.

As a safety precaution, the City will undertake further testing in the park. This will impact different areas of the park as follows:

- The **timeline for the basketball court construction project will be extended** to allow for appropriate remediation of the soil.
- The **playing fields will be closed** to allow for soil testing to assess conditions. Staff is coordinating directly with recreational permit holders.
- The **playground will remain open**. As part of an extensive renovation in 2005, this area sits atop a significant bed (18") of clean fill. The area will be tested as part of the overall project but will otherwise remain open.
- The **asphalt paths through the park will remain open**.
- The **Summer Food Program** will continue to run Monday through Friday, breakfast meals will be served from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. and lunch meals will be served from 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at the playground area.

Updates will be provided through the project website, on-site at the park, community notifications and the project email list.

Visit <https://www.cambridgema.gov/CDD/Projects/Parks/goldstarmothersparkcourtenovation> or scan the QR code at the bottom of the page for more information about the project and to sign up for the email list.

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