



Notice to the Community: Updates for Gold Star Mothers Memorial Park (September 10, 2025)

As part of the Gold Star Mothers Park Court Renovation Project, the City conducted environmental testing of park soils. Initial results identified contamination beneath the former basketball court. Follow-up testing has now confirmed that similar contaminants are present in multiple areas throughout the park. The contaminants identified were largely typical of historic uses of the site and / or urban fill used in construction and landscaping in urban areas.

Park Closure

As a safety precaution, **the entire park including the playground, most asphalt paths, and all recreational areas will be closed until soil remediation can be completed.**

Access

- The paved path adjacent to the Simoni Memorial Rink building will remain open to the public.
- All other areas of the park will be closed during this period.
- To explore alternative parks and playgrounds throughout the City visit the Parks and Playgrounds Interactive Map: www.cambridgema.gov/CDD/parks/parksmap

Next Steps

- Soil testing will continue in additional areas of the park to fully assess conditions.
- Test results will continue to be made publicly available.
- As new information becomes available, updates will be shared through the project website, on-site postings, community notifications, and the project email list.
- DPW will continue to maintain the park including lawn maintenance and cleanups.
- The City is working with environmental consultants and regulators to develop and implement a soil

remediation plan. At this time, the specific timeframe for remediation and reopening is not yet known.

Visit www.cambridgema.gov/CDD/Projects/Parks/goldstarmothersparkcourtenovation or scan the QR code on this page for more information and to sign up for the email list.

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