

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION



**Forest Hills Playground
Project Update – June 13, 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. Community meeting held on November 27, 2012.
- B. Community meeting held on December 18, 2012.
- C. Community meeting held on April 10, 2013.
- D. Community design day held on May 5, 2013.
- E. Community meeting held on September 12, 2013.
- F. Pre-construction community meeting held on June 4, 2013.
- G. Once construction commences, monthly project updates will be posted to the project website and emailed to residents that previously signed in at community meetings. The project page is located here: <http://dpr.dc.gov/page/play-dc-forest-hills-playground-renovation>

Project Updates:

- A. DGS awarded a contract to KADCON Corporation as the Design Builder for the project. KADCON has built several parks in the District and have a great deal of experience on the Play DC initiative. KADCON began on Wednesday, May 7, 2014.
- B. A landscape designer, civil engineer, and arborist have all been engaged by KADCON.
- C. Construction began on Monday, June 9, 2014. The playground, picnic area, and tennis courts are all closed during construction. The baseball field remains open.
- D. Construction substantial completion date: September 30, 2014.
- E. Progress to date:
 - a. Temporary perimeter construction fence installed around site.
 - b. Demolition of existing playground pieces has begun.
 - c. Care is being taken to preserve solar compacting trash cans, donation plaque, donation bricks, Friends of Forest Hills signs at the playground entrances, and the bulletin board at the Chesapeake Street entrance.
 - d. An evaluation was done of two pieces of equipment for possible salvage: red playhouse and fire truck. Upon inspection, both had significant water logging and rot damage and were not able to be salvaged.
 - e. Excavation and rough grading to commence next week.

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