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## Re: Kennedy Park Playground Development

Dear Resident,

Exciting things are happening at Kennedy Park. As our park neighbor we wanted to keep you informed about two important developments at the Kennedy playground: updates to the existing playground and the kick-off neighborhood planning for a new and improved playground.

### Kennedy Park Playground Today

Recently, parks staff have removed select playground equipment (including roller slide, sand play tower, and swings) and added new surfacing for the safety of our residents. The remaining equipment will continue to be maintained for you and your family to enjoy over the next several months until the new playground equipment is installed. Please see the photo on the right to view the updated playground.



### A NEW Kennedy Park Playground

Now the process begins to work with you and your neighbors on a new and improved playground plan for Kennedy Park. Project completion is anticipated by Spring 2018.

It is the Park District's practice to gather input from residents regarding major local improvements. Therefore, it is extremely important to us that you, your family, and neighbors have a participatory voice in your neighborhood park improvements. We encourage all ages to be a part of this planning process especially children and grandchildren who will use the playground most often. To ensure our meetings are productive, children should be accompanied by an adult.

**Please join us for the kick-off meeting for a new Kennedy Park Playground Monday, July 10, 2017 at 7p.m. at West Ridge Center, 636 Ridge Road to provide your input. The meeting will last approximately 1 hour and light refreshments will be served.**



At the meeting, we will ask you to share your ideas and vision for the overall playground site as well as playground equipment features and equipment you would like to see incorporated into the plan. Special “playground planning” activities are planned for your children to provide their valuable input as well.

A second meeting will be held shortly thereafter to allow you to review and finalize the playground plan. You will be notified by mail regarding the date, time and location of that meeting.

We hope you will join us on July 10 to provide your valuable ideas and insights for the new Kennedy Park playground. If you are unable to join us at the meeting, project updates are available at [pdhp.org](http://pdhp.org).

Please feel free to call me at any time at (847) 579-3109, if you have questions or ideas you would like to share about the project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Smith". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jeff" being more prominent than the last name "Smith".

Jeff Smith  
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