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**Sherwood/School-Within-School Playground Project
Project update – July 21, 2014**

Brief description of project: The Sherwood/School-Within-School (SWS) Playground Project will bring a new playground to Sherwood Recreation Center and a new parking lot to School-Within-School at Goding Elementary.

Community Engagement:

A summary of community engagement (previous meetings and presentations) is provided on the project page: <http://dpr.dc.gov/page/play-dc-sherwood-playground-construction>

Project Updates:

- A. DGS awarded a contract to Bennett Paschen Joint Venture to serve as the general contractor. Bennett Paschen mobilized on site beginning June 12, 2014 after a pre-construction community meeting held on June 11, 2014.
- B. Construction substantial completion date: September 2014.
- C. Progress to date:
 - a. Construction fencing installed.
 - b. Tree protection installed.
 - c. Demolition of playground at SWS and half of parking area (to become new playground) at Sherwood.
 - d. Removal of Norway maples and one black gum deemed by the arborist to be in extremely poor condition. The black gum will be replaced with a similarly-sized caliper specimen as the playground construction is completed.
 - e. Excavation and grading of new playground area is nearing completion.
 - f. Playground equipment is starting to be delivered to the contractor and installation will begin soon.
- D. Looking ahead: In the next few weeks, you may see the following work occurring:
 - a. Final grading of new playground area, and preparation for safety surfacing.
 - b. Installation of play equipment.
 - c. Re-surfacing of basketball court and installation of additional basketball hoops.
 - d. Milling and striping of the SWS parking lot.

Site Security Update:

It was brought to the attention of DPR, DGS, and DCPS that individuals were entering the construction site after hours. DPR and DGS worked with the contractor to add additional site security mechanisms and to discourage trespassing, such as asking MPD to put additional eyes on the site. If you happen to see unauthorized persons at the site, please do

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not hesitate to alert the contacts listed below, and if it is after hours, please do not hesitate to contact MPD to report unauthorized activity. We thank you for your assistance; your alerts to us ensure that we can address concerns in a timely fashion.

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