



## **Kenton Park Playground Bond Project Update - April 2018**

The project has gone out for bid, a contractor has been selected, and a contract is in place, so the project is ready to proceed! The contractor will begin mobilization onsite in the first week of May 2018.

Construction is expected to run from the first week of May 2018 through the end of September 2018, with the playground re-opening in October 2018. We will update the community if we encounter any delays due to weather, equipment suppliers, etc. that will impact the opening of the playground.

### **Construction Impacts**

**Playground and Paths:** The area around the playground and large swingset will be fenced off, including pathways in the play area which will limit access through the park. The smaller set of swings separate from the main playground will be usable.

**Restrooms:** The restrooms will generally be open. The men's restroom may need to be closed for a few days at a time during the work.

**Splash Pad:** We have asked the contractor to maintain access to the splash pad, so it will be open for the summer. It will be accessible from the park entry at N Kilpatrick and N Delaware. This year, all PP&R splash pads will be open in mid-June.

**Summer Free for All - Lunch + Play Program:** After discussion with our partners at Portland Public School (PPS), Portland Parks & Recreation (PP&R) staff have decided we cannot hold the lunch program at Kenton Park this summer. This was not an easy decision to make. We had hoped to be able to keep it operational, as we know this is an important service for the community.

However, last summer, we held the lunch program at Lents Park while the playground was closed for construction. The average number of meals served dropped from 60 meals per day (when the playground was open) to 33 meals



per day last year (when the playground was closed). PPS receives federal funding through the USDA for this program. In order for PPS to get this funding, lunch program sites must serve a minimum of 50 meals per day; otherwise PPS won't get funds for that site. Because of this financial issue, we must pause this year's lunch service at Kenton Park. PP&R plans to bring the Free Lunch + Play program back for summer 2019, so this decision is only for this season. There will be other lunch sites open in North Portland, including Columbia Park, Charles Jordan Community Center (by University Park), McCoy Park, Peninsula Park, and St. Johns Park.

### **Other Playground Options During Construction**

Nearby playgrounds include: Gammans Park (0.5 miles). Harper's Playground at Arbor Lodge Park (0.7 miles), Trenton Park (0.8 miles), Columbia Park (1.0 mile), Farragut Park (1.5 miles), University Park (1.2 miles), and McCoy Park (1.5 miles).

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