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## Upgrades planned for Phil Johnson ballfields Two public meetings to be held this week

EVERETT – Everett Parks & Community Services is planning a major renovation project for the [Phil Johnson ballfields](#), located near the Boeing factory at 400 W. Sievers-Duecy Blvd. Work is scheduled to begin in the fall and expected to be complete by summer of 2019.

The project, which includes grant funding totaling \$750,000, involves resurfacing the existing ball fields with synthetic turf. The new turf will allow for year-round play and multi-sport options, including youth soccer and programmable open space.

“The ballfields were originally constructed in 2001 and are very popular with the community,” said Lori Cummings, director of parks and community services. “The upgrades will help us serve a wider range of people and accommodate groups that we previously could not.”

The renovations will also improve accessibility. Establishing new lines on the sports fields will accommodate adaptive recreational play for children with special needs, and new ADA access paths to all fields will encourage greater participation by community members of all abilities.

Two public meetings will be held for community members to learn about the renovation project. Sport-field user groups are invited to attend a meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 20, in Forest Park’s Spruce Hall, 802. E. Mukilteo Blvd. Neighbors of the Phil Johnson ballfields are invited to attend a second meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 21, also in Spruce Hall.

For more information, visit [www.everettwa.gov/parks](http://www.everettwa.gov/parks) or contact Cory Rettenmier: 425-257-7314, [crittenmier@everettwa.gov](mailto:crittenmier@everettwa.gov).

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