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Work on New Playground Facilities at Arboretum Recreation Center Now Underway
Thomas Credits Role of Civic Leaders and Community Residents at Groundbreaking

Washington, DC—Ward 5 Councilmember Harry “Tommy” Thomas, Jr., Chair of the Council’s Committee on Libraries, Parks and Recreation, participated yesterday in the groundbreaking ceremony for new playground equipment at the Arboretum Recreation Center, located at 2412 Rand Place, NE. Councilmember Thomas was joined by Mayor Adrian M. Fenty, DC Department of Parks & Recreation (DPR) Interim Director Jesus Aguirre, Ward 5 community leaders and residents, and students from the Washington Math, Science & Technology Public Charter School.

Work at the Arboretum Recreation Center will include replacement of existing playground equipment, as well as installation of a new toddler playground, a five to 12 year-old playground, and new fencing. The project will also include landscaping, installation of adult exercise equipment, and new picnic tables and grills.

In his remarks at the groundbreaking, Councilmember Thomas pointed to the active involvement of Arboretum neighborhood civic leaders and residents in realizing the much-needed improvements to the recreation center. “The Arboretum community played a pivotal role in communicating the critical need for these upgrades, and I thank them for their active involvement,” said Councilmember Thomas. “It is essential that we, as a City, provide our residents with the quality facilities they need to engage in activities that promote a healthy lifestyle. With the work underway at the Arboretum Recreation Center, we are one step further along that path,” said Thomas.

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