

Newhall Neighborhood Remediation newsletter



Cleanup of parks to begin in November

Cleanup of Rochford Field and Peter Villano Park (formerly Mill Rock Park) is anticipated to be underway by Thanksgiving.

The Town of Hamden has hired a contractor to install a protective barrier on both town properties to keep park users from coming into contact with contaminated waste fill that was deposited there decades ago.

After the barriers are installed, both parks will be restored for recreational use once again. Baseball and soccer games will not resume at Rochford Field and the grassy area of Villano Park will not be ready for public use until

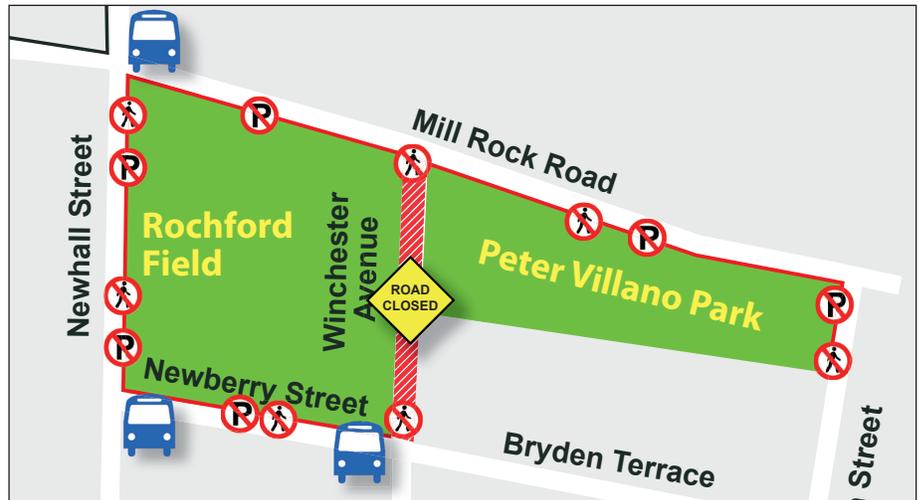
spring 2016. Hardscape areas - playground and tennis courts at Villano Park – are scheduled to re-open by the fall 2015.

Waste will stay on site

Unlike the cleanup of the residential area where trucks took contaminated soil out of the neighborhood, all of the waste at the parks will remain on site. The waste will be mounded into the center of Rochford Field and covered with a Department of Energy and Environmental Protection-approved barrier to prevent exposure to the contamination.

Care will be taken to minimize dust generated during construction by covering soil piles with tarps and applying water to keep soil conditions damp.

Moving and consolidating waste fill and constructing the barrier



will go on throughout the winter months and is expected to be completed by May 2015.

Staging construction

The contractor will secure the work zone with six-foot high chain link fencing around the perimeter of Rochford Field and Villano Park, including the section of Winchester Avenue between the two parks. Both parks will be worked on at the same time.

Pedestrians and vehicles will not be allowed on enter this section of Winchester Avenue until June 30, 2015.

CT Transit will re-route the Winchester Avenue bus. Outbound stops (towards Hamden) will be at Newberry and Newhall

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Traffic changes



Road closed:
Winchester Ave. between Mill Rock Rd. and Newberry St.



Pedestrians:
No through passage on Winchester Ave. by parks and around parks during construction.



Bus:
Winchester Ave. bus route will be re-routed by CT Transit. Bus stops will be re-located to the Newhall Street and Newberry Street sides of the parks.



Parking ban:
In the initial six months (Nov-May) on street parking will be prohibited on:

- Winchester – between Mill Rock and Newbury
- Newbury – north side
- Newhall – east side
- Mill Rock – south side



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Streets and Newberry and Mill Rock Road. Inbound (towards New Haven) will be at Newhall Street and Mill Rock Road and Newberry and Winchester.

Sidewalks surrounding the town parks will be closed to pedestrians.

The parking lot located next to the gym at the former Hamden Middle School will be used as an equipment staging and parking area for the contractor. Contractors will work Mondays through Fridays, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Saturdays from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information

Site plans for Rochford Field and Villano Park and a description of the cleanup plans for the parks and the engineered can be found on the project website, www.newhallinfo.org/town_parks.html.

Other cleanup work

Cleanup at the former Community Center and the grounds of the former Hamden Middle School will be ongoing while the town parks are being cleaned up. The property at the corner of Morse and Newhall Streets is being prepped to become a business incubator center. This project is being overseen by the Hamden Economic Development Corporation.

Cleanup calendar

Nov 17, 2014 – Construction begins

Mid Nov 2014-Mid May 2015 – cleanup construction

Mid May-Fall 2015 - Playground & field restoration

Fall 2015 – Villano Park playground and tennis court re-open

Spring 2016 – Both parks fully re-opened

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