



## **Cheyenne Park Site Renovation Work**

### *Frequently Asked Questions*

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1. Q. ***What happened to the restroom/concession building in the plaza by the baseball fields?***

A. The building was destroyed by fire. The irrigation pump and controllers, along with the sports field lighting controls inside the building were also destroyed.

2. Q. ***Why has it taken so long to replace the building?***

A. The irrigation and electrical systems had to be relocated first. The City took a little extra time in developing a new process enabling the installation of a pre-engineered restroom building. This is the first project of it's kind in Plano and will save substantial tax dollars in architectural and engineering design fees. The new facility meets or exceeds park standards and has established a new process for future needs.

3. Q. ***Why are the soccer fields and some of the grass areas unlevel and what is being done about it?***

A. The soil in these grass areas has had some unusual shrinking and swelling occur during the recent drought over the past 3-4 months. The shifting soil has damaged the underground piping and electrical wires running to the irrigation valves. Along with previous controller relocation issues, the site has not received sufficient watering to compensate for this exceptionally long drought. Many of these irrigation components are part of the original system installed in the late 1970's, thus they are brittle or are obsolete.

Consequently, the irrigation system must be renovated, the ground will have to be leveled, and grass re-established.

4. Q. ***When will grass renovation work be done?***

Some of the irrigation work needed to grow turf began in November 2005. The replacement of the restroom building is complete.

The unlevel grass areas will have to be re-graded and replanted, much like a farmer prepares his soil for new crops. There may be irrigation trenches and holes. The newly planted turf will not be able to withstand sports activities or play while the grass is establishing.

To address these issues, a temporary fence will be erected in early December 2005 around a large part of the turf area. This is being done to prevent public access for safety and quality redevelopment reasons.

A contract bid packages for the dirt, irrigation, and hydro mulching work has been awarded. Many of the irrigation repairs were completed in January and February 2006. Irrigation wiring and final head placement will be completed in May 2006.

Importing suitable topsoil and the re-grading/leveling of the site will take place in late May 2006, just prior to the growing season for Bermuda grass. When the weather is warm enough, the area will be hydro mulched. It is anticipated that this phase of the work will begin approximately June 1. The areas will be reopened in the Fall of 2006 when the new grass is established and can withstand the rigors of sports activities.

5. Q. ***Will the whole park be closed?***

- A. No. The baseball infields will be available for practice. They may also be used for scheduled games for young age groups. The playground and most of the northwest corner of the park will be available for typical neighborhood park use. Parking lots will remain open and the renovation work should not impact school use.

6. Q. ***When will this renovation project be finished?***

- A. Cheyenne Park is almost 30 years old. It is unfortunate that the restroom was destroyed by arson, but the resulting repair and renovation work has been expanded by the City of Plano to provide a more comprehensive update than just the replacement of the building.

This phase of renovation work will be completed by Fall 2006. The grass areas will be available for scheduled soccer games beginning with the fall 2006 sports season.

Another phase of renovation work will begin in late 2007. This work will focus on renovating backstops, dugouts and ball field plaza. Also, the aging parking lots will be improved with a concrete surface. These projects will be completed in time for the summer 2008 sports season.

7. Q. **What effect will water restrictions have on the project?**

- A. Stage 3 water conservation measures are being implemented on June 1, 2006. Thus, the City can not begin turf establishment since Stage 3 water restrictions allow water to be applied only once per week. That amount is not adequate to establish new turf. The situation will be closely monitored and the project will resume at a time when water restrictions are lifted. All other work in-progress, not requiring the use of irrigation water, will be completed. Additional phases of renovation described above may also be delayed.

8. Q. ***Who can I contact for more information?***

- A. Please call the Plano Parks and Recreation Department at 972-941-7263 if you have any questions or concerns. This information is also available on-line at [www.planoparks.org](http://www.planoparks.org).