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Erickson Playfield Dream Playground Removal

The City of Port Angeles Parks & Recreation Department and the Dream Playground Foundation will be dismantling the Dream Playground at Erickson Playfield in preparation for the Generation II Dream Playground community build in the spring of 2021. The demolition project will begin in early November and will continue throughout the winter of 2020/2021. This project is weather pending; notice will be posted on the playground once a demolition date has been finalized.

The playground, built in 2002, is being torn down after eighteen years of heavy use. The deteriorating wooden structure will be replaced by a new playground, the *Generation II Dream Playground*, made from composite materials. Other improvements include pour-in-place surfacing, increased ADA accessibility and inclusive play elements. The build of the Generation II Dream Playground was originally slated to take place in August 2020, with the hope of opening on September 11, 2020. However, the project was postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Recently, on October 6, 2020, the City Council approved and authorized the City to purchase the new playground equipment. The build is now projected to take place in June 2021. Fundraising for the project will continue from now through June, with customized, engraved pickets and bricks available for purchase for the holidays.

For more information on the Generation II Dream Playground, or to sign up to volunteer to be a part of the community build, please visit the Dream Playground Foundation website: www.padreamplayground.org.

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