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Hello Welles and Winnemac Park Stakeholders,

Our landscape team at the Chicago Park District has been evaluating our fields across the city and planning for seasonal preparation. During these site visits, they have discovered a grub infestation, (similar to what occurred in 2023) with grubs visible at two North Region sites, Welles and Winnemac Parks.

The landscape team has scheduled with our contractor, Christy Webber Landscapes, for grub treatment and reseeded to begin mid-April. This is the earliest date as this work is weather dependent.

Once the fields have been reseeded, they will be closed for 8-10 weeks for restoration to allow the new grass to become established.

Again, all of this work is weather permitting, but we are hoping for the fields and baseball diamonds to be ready for play on June 1st at Winnemac Park and on July 1st for Welles Park.

In order to continue our programming, including youth baseball, CPS High School Sports, partnerships and special events, we are securing nearby locations as alternative sites. This was very successful in 2023 due to our communication, flexibility and collaboration with these groups and should be again in 2026.

My team, including Area Manager Dennis Gonzalez, Park Supervisors Joe Benson (Welles) and Lisa Ragucci (Winnemac) will work closely with partners to secure nearby sites for relocation.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out.

Thank you,

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