

Please be informed that the Department of Public Works has recently completed and will be following up over upcoming weeks with an extensive and very aggressive turf maintenance program on the West Knoll Soccer Complex. This proactive measure was undertaken in an attempt to strengthen the fields long term.

Over recent seasons, this facility has seen extensive use, dating back to the reconstruction of the High School Complex when both Lacrosse and Soccer used this facility in the same season. This has resulted in worn and weakened turf/grass in the main play areas of the fields.

In the past, we have tried replacing worn areas with sod after heavy seasonal use. Unfortunately, given the short window in the summer where the facility doesn't see use, there simply is not enough time to strengthen and establish the new turf long term. Consequently the sod doesn't last through the season, becomes unsafe and we find ourselves in a vicious circle from season to season.

The City continues to be committed to maintaining our facilities in the highest level possible as our budgets allow. The goal is to have fields which can support the amount of play we need as a community and to make sure they are safe and playable for years to come.

Please be informed that moving forward, the West Knoll complex is closed until further notice. Nets have been removed from the field and secured against the fencing to eliminate play. I will be posting signs around the field and would appreciate if you could post this information on your web sites, and let your coaches and players know we are working on the field, in hopes of having a healthier, stronger field for our community and for your upcoming seasons.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

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