

JOHN H. KELLY PARK IMPROVEMENTS

Construction to Begin: The full perimeter of Kelly Park will be fenced off and inaccessible to the public for the duration of the project, expected to reopen summer 2026. There will be no public access into this area. This footprint is identified within the plan in **red**, referred to as the "Construction Site Boundary".

Community Impacts: Chicago Park District (CPD) has worked with the 44th Ward office, the 46th Ward Office, and the Chicago Police Department in addition to OEMC (Office of Emergency Communications) to develop a plan that will allow these long-awaited park improvements to proceed with the least impact on community as possible. Construction vehicles will need to access Kelly Park for haul-off/disposal and incoming deliveries of equipment and materials throughout the duration of the project.

Event Impacts: CPD and Contractor have committed to work with the Chicago Cubs schedule and Special Events at Wrigley Field. With Kelly Park fully closed off, the pathway within the park is not available for pedestrians to walk south from W. Irving Park Rd to Wrigley Field. For game and event days, pedestrians will be encouraged to use Sheffield/Sheridan from Irving south to Grace and continue to Wrigley Field denoted in **blue** on the plan.



What's changing at Kelly Park:

- New fully accessible path with varying materials (asphalt, stone accent pavers) from Irving Park Rd. south to W. Grace St.
- Irving Park entrance/exit greets visitors with a "Milky Way" pavement pattern
- New benches, chairs, boulders
- New ramp leading to existing playground (adjacent to W. Dakin St.) with knee wall and handrail, new engineered wood fiber surfacing
- Accessible ramp in line with Byron St. at Seminary to enter the park; new chair, picnic table boulder plaza at this location
- South entrance/exit at Grace Street
- Landscape enhancements throughout: 26 trees, 12 evergreens, 230 shrubs and ground cover