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MEETING NOTICE

VOLUNTEER PARK NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

The City of Melrose will be conducting a neighborhood meeting to discuss upcoming changes to Volunteer Park, located at the corner of Melrose and Warren Streets.

This neighborhood meeting will be held in Volunteer Park on Thursday, March 31st at 6 PM.

This year, the City is investing in a systematic equipment replacement at Volunteer Park. As playgrounds are upgraded, we are attempting to make them as inclusive as possible. All playgrounds must meet the minimum requirements of ADA accessibility, meaning that access is feasible. To be inclusive, however, means designing to meet the needs of children of various abilities, such as those who use wheelchairs, have autism, or are sight impaired. There are no "special needs" sections, because all the equipment is designed to challenge all children, without segregation or stigmatization.

Inclusive play may include some of the following elements:

- A fence to protect children from running out
- ADA swings in same area as other swings
- A quiet area to give children time to watch the action and adapt to a new situation until they feel ready to engage

An accessible playground is about travel, movement and approach. An inclusive playground is one that encourages and enables all children to engage in play and discovery together in the same area. If you would like to join in on the conversation about how this is going to look at Volunteer Park, come join us on March 31st at 6:00 PM.

If you have any questions in advance of the meeting, please contact the Melrose Parks Department at 781-979-4169. We hope you will be able to join us.