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Forest Field Park Improvements Begin

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Construction has begun on the rear parking lot in Forest Field Park to meet the recreation needs of the community. This lot will allow ease of access for those who are playing or watching games in the back fields. The new parking lot will add 100 spaces to the 191 existing spaces in the front lot. The parking lot expansion was part of the 2004 park improvement levy plan approved by the residents of Centerville and Washington Township. The contract was awarded to Flora Excavating. The total cost of the project is \$416,989.

Acquired in three parcels between 1976 and 1983, Forest Field Park was the fifth of the Park District's seven community parks. Designed for large group activity, community parks provide facilities for youth and adult athletic leagues and tournaments, tennis lessons and leagues, as well as special events and camps. In the early 80's, partial funding for the initial improvements to Forest Field Park was provided by Land and Water Conservation Funds. As the needs of the community have changed so has the landscape of the park. The baseball diamonds were removed in 2009 due to decreased demand by the baseball leagues.

Practice soccer fields are being established in the back and west field of Forest Field Park. These practice fields are being established to enable us to move soccer practice out of several neighborhood park sites which are designed primarily for small group and walk-in use. This fall 14 neighborhood park sites, two community parks, and two school sites are being used for soccer practice.

The Centerville-Washington Park District was established in 1959 and currently operates seven community parks, eight nature parks, and 33 neighborhood parks in Centerville and Washington Township. For more information on park improvements or programs of the Centerville-Washington Park District, please call (937) 433-5155 or check our website at www.cwpd.org.