Grande Avenue Park will be closed on Thursday, August 16 as crews resurface the parking lot. The Park will re-open on August 17.

The City will celebrate the completion of the $2.4 million project to install artificial turf soccer fields at a brief ceremony on Wednesday, August 22 at 5:45 p.m. The festivities will “kick-off” the soccer season as AYSO players start practicing on the new fields. Light refreshments will be served and soccer stress balls will be available while supplies last. The public is invited.

“Players will appreciate the new “Cool Play” infill, which is the top layer of infill that holds the blades of grass in place,” said Jonathan Marshall, Community Services Director. “It reduces surface temperatures up to 30 degrees.”

Mr. Marshall said the artificial turf will mean less down time for maintenance, and more playing time on the fields. The turf is provided and installed by FieldTurf USA, Inc. It comes with a 10-year warranty. According to Mr. Marshall, the product has a patented drainage and layered sub-system with an enhanced volume of infill which has been proven to reduce the potential for injuries and increase its longevity. The turf’s new and improved blades of grass have earned the industry’s highest quality certification rating issued by the nationally accredited testing firm, LaboSports.

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