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Silverdale Waterfront Park Closes for Upgrades

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What: Navy will be removing the wood chips from the current playground

When: June 10, 2005, 8:00 a.m.

Where: Silverdale Waterfront Park

Silverdale Waterfront Park Playground will close Friday, June 10 until September for installation of a new playground surface made from over 24,000 recycled athletic shoes collected in the Reuse-A-Shoe project, a cooperative effort between Leadership Kitsap and Kitsap County Public Works.

In the first phase of the remodel project, approximately 40 yards of wood chips from the current playground will be removed and used for compost or hog fuel. "Reusing the chips was important to the team, and in keeping with the other environmental aspects of the shoe recycling program," said Terri Washburn of Kitsap County Public Works. Because of the widespread community support and in-kind donations, Kitsap County Public Works was awarded a \$20,000 grant from Nike and the National Recycling Coalition to help defray costs of replacing the current play surface with a Nike Grind® surface. The new type of playground surface, which will be beneficial to children with mobility challenges, is the only Nike Grind® play surface of its type in Washington State.

The inclusion of the unique playground fits in well with the renovations the park was already scheduled to undergo, which include new, larger restroom facilities.

For additional information about the Reuse-A-Shoe playground renovation, visit www.kitsapreuseashoe.org or www.nikereuseashoe.com. Further information about the park's other renovations can be obtained by calling Kitsap County's Facilities, Parks and Recreation Department at 360-337-5350.

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