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## Construction Set to Begin on \$7 million Field Renovation at Minnie & Lovie Ward Recreation Center

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**When:** Friday, October 11, 2013  
3:30 p.m.

**What:** Groundbreaking Ceremony for Field Renovation

**Where:** Minnie & Lovie Ward Recreation Center Athletic Fields  
Plymouth and Lobos streets

**Who:** Supervisor John Avalos  
Recreation and Park Commissioner Gloria Bonilla  
Phil Ginsburg, General Manager, SF Recreation and Parks  
City Fields Foundation  
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The Playfields Initiative was created in 2006 to address the fact that the City was 65 fields short to meet the growing demand of soccer, lacrosse and baseball teams. To date, the replacement of dilapidated grass fields with turf and lights has added 76,000 hours of play on city fields each year and has created enough space for 200 new youth soccer teams.

The field renovation at Minnie and Lovie will replace the field's grass turf and rusting fences with synthetic turf, field lights, new fencing, entrances and pathways. The two existing baseball/softball diamonds and soccer field will be redesigned to create enough new space to add a new full-sized soccer field and a new youth soccer field. To allow for a greater variety of youth sports opportunities, the soccer fields will also be lined for football practice, lacrosse and rugby. To accommodate the park's regular volleyball matches, two volleyball courts will be lined in the youth baseball outfield – a first in San Francisco.

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