

## PRESS RELEASE

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### **RE: HURD STADIUM STANDS**

On, September 14, 2015, Mayor Cahill announced the following plan for Hurd Stadium.

This fall, the City will tear down all existing stands. The city will also issue a Request for Proposals, as required by state law, to build 2,000 seats of new stands on the current visitor's side of the stadium. Projected cost for this project is \$550,000.

Once the existing home stands are removed, the City's Department of Public Services will clean up that side, smooth out the terrain and plant grass allowing for spectators to also stand and sit on.

"Our goal is to complete construction in time for next June's High School graduation, although that is an aggressive timeline." Mayor Michael Cahill said. "The High School football program will return home to Hurd Stadium for their fall 2016 season."

Hurd Stadium attendance shows that 2,000 seats will be sufficient for most games. In the event a regular season or home playoff game projects to attract a larger crowd, the City will rent portable stands at an affordable cost to accommodate the larger crowd.

Mayor Cahill continued, "Next fall Hurd Stadium will again be home to Beverly High School's football team, cheerleaders and marching band. We have worked through this process as quickly as possible while being thorough and responsible. I want to publicly thank the Beverly High School administration, all coaches and directors involved with the football team, cheerleaders and marching band as well as students and families for their goodwill during this current fall season. I wish them all a great season and hope to join many of you in cheering them on this fall."

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