



MEDIA ADVISORY

City of Pittsburgh and Pennsylvania Municipal League Unveil Kid-Designed, Community-Built Playground at West Penn Park – Polish Hill

WHEN: *Monday, October 3 – Wednesday, October 5*

Monday	8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Playground prep day
Tuesday	8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Playground prep day (if needed)
Wednesday	8:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Playground build day
Wednesday	3:00 p.m.	Ribbon-cutting ceremony

(times approximate)

WHERE: West Penn Park – Polish Hill
470 30th Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

WHAT: Meet and speak with representatives from the Pennsylvania Municipal League, the City of Pittsburgh, and KABOOM! to learn more about the creation of the community-designed playground at West Penn Park – Polish Hill.

Media may collect photos and b-roll of volunteers constructing the playground.

Pittsburgh Mayor Ed Gainey; Dan Onorato, Executive Vice President, Chief Corporate Affairs Officer and Kenya Boswell, Senior Vice President of Community Affairs from Highmark Health; League Executive Director John S. Brenner; and KABOOM! Project Manager Melanie Barnes, will offer remarks at ribbon-cutting ceremony and will also be available for questions.

For more information, visit <https://www.pml.org/municipal-leadership-summit/west-penn-playground-build>.

CONTACT: To RSVP as a media attendee, please contact:
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ADDITIONAL INFO: Volunteers from [The League](#), [The City of Pittsburgh](#), and [KABOOM!](#) together with partners [Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources \(DCNR\)](#), [The Grable Foundation](#), [Duquesne Light](#), [Highmark Health](#) and [Allegheny Health Network](#) are constructing a new, kid-designed playground to ensure kids have a safe, inclusive place to play. This is part of a nationwide effort by KABOOM! to end playspace inequity – the reality that places to play are not

available to every child, especially in communities of color. This project will provide a state-of-the-art playground to hundreds of children each year.

Community members led the creation of the playground, from design to installation. In August, kids from Pittsburgh Public Schools and the Polish Hill Neighborhood shared drawings of their dream playspaces with project organizers. These ideas were integrated into the new playground design.

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About Pennsylvania Municipal League

The mission of the Pennsylvania Municipal League (The League) is to strengthen, empower and advocate for effective local government. The League is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization established in 1900 as an advocate for Pennsylvania's 3rd class cities. Today, The League represents Pennsylvania cities, boroughs, townships, home rule communities and towns that all share their municipal policy interests. The Board of Directors oversees the administration of a wide array of municipal services including legislative advocacy, publications, education/training, consulting-based programs, and group insurance trusts. For more information, please visit PML.org. Join the conversation on Twitter @PAMunicipalLeag, #StrengthThroughEngagement, #MunicipalLeadershipSummit2022 and facebook.com/PaMunicipalLeague.

About KABOOM!

KABOOM! is the national nonprofit committed to ending playspace inequity – the reality that quality places to play are not available to every child, especially in communities of color. Since 1996, KABOOM! has partnered with kids and communities to build or improve 17,000+ playspaces and ensure that nearly 12 million kids have equitable access to the crucial benefits and opportunities that playspaces offer. In 2022, KABOOM! launched the 25 in 5 Initiative to End Playspace Inequity, the \$250 million plan to accelerate its mission in 25 high-priority locations over five years. Learn more at kaboom.org or join the conversation on Twitter @kaboom, [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [LinkedIn](#).

