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New playground built at Roxbury housing complex

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By Matt Rocheleau, Town Correspondent

A new playground was built and subsequently opened on a recent weekend afternoon at the Warren Gardens Housing Cooperative in Roxbury.

Residents and officials from the housing complex; representatives from KaBOOM!, a national nonprofit that advocates for children to have places and time to play; Procter & Gamble Gillette and YouthBuild Boston assembled the new playground and celebrated with a kickoff and ribbon cutting ceremony on Nov. 5, according to local elected officials.

Sen. Sonia Chang-Díaz, Boston Mayor Thomas M. Menino, and City Councilor Tito Jackson attended the Saturday event.

“Outdoor play areas are a great way for children to get fresh air and exercise, develop social skills, and use their imaginations,” Chang- Díaz said in a press release. “Just as important, playgrounds give parents a place to connect. I’d especially like to thank the Warren Gardens Housing Cooperative for their continued commitment to Roxbury families.”

Warren Gardens, an approximately 220-unit housing cooperative, sits in an area of Boston that has one of the city’s greatest concentrations of poverty, violence, drug abuse, and health problems, [the Globe reported last month](#) after

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one of two maintenance workers who were shot on Kensington Park, a small dead-end roadway there, died.

That deadly gunfire followed another shooting with a similar end about a month and a half prior on the same, several-hundred-foot-long street. [In late August](#), two men were shot at the housing development. One of the victims died.

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