

## **E.S. Rose Park Athletic Fields**

Located at Nashville's E.S. Rose Park on the historic Edgehill Civil War battleground area, the E. S. Rose Park Athletic Fields is a revolutionary shared facilities concept. E.S. Rose Park will provide a state-of-the-art, 24-acre community facility which will include baseball, softball and soccer fields; a basketball court; a walking track; and a training facility that meets NCAA Division I standards.

Belmont University is investing over \$9 million in the park and will make annual lease payments of \$50,000 to provide support to the surrounding schools as well as support the programming for youth and seniors at the Easley Center. Metro Nashville Parks and Recreation will own and control the scheduling of E.S. Rose Park Athletic Fields and its improvements.

Prior to current construction, the dated condition of the park limited organized sports for children and local schools. Top-of-the-line facilities are certain to generate new enthusiasm for youth sports, fitness and added support for the neighborhood schools. In addition, the new sports fields will bring many of Belmont University's athletic teams to one central location, allowing for the opportunity to host collegiate sports in the area and support the local neighborhood.

In addition to its athletic offerings, the \$9 million renovated facility promotes new and improved collaborations between the Easley Center, the Metro Nashville Parks and Recreation facility located in the park; Carter Lawrence Elementary School; Rose Park Middle School; local neighborhood organizations; and nearby Belmont University.

Unique features of the E.S. Rose Park Athletic Fields will include:

- a 750-seat synthetic turf baseball field;
- a 250-seat natural grass softball field;
- a new 300-seat track;
- soccer facilities with synthetic turf for safety and speed;
- relocated basketball courts; and
- a single-story 5,150-square-foot center providing team locker space and concession stands.

### About E.S. Rose

Reverend E.S. Rose was a religious and Nashville community activist who served as pastor of Greater Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, founded in 1866, from 1928-1944.

Nashville's Metro Parks and Recreation Department manages this innovative, shared facilities concept. Interested in booking the facility? Contact Dottie Hale by emailing [Dottie.Hale@nashville.gov](mailto:Dottie.Hale@nashville.gov) or calling (615) 862-8400.