

MEDIA ALERT

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Nashua to install 'creative' crosswalks for opening day of Silver Knights Crosswalk art designed to support pedestrian safety near Holman Stadium

Nashua, NH (May 31, 2016) - The City of Nashua will be painting new sidewalks around Holman Stadium just in time for opening day of the [Nashua Silver Knights](#) baseball team on June 3, 2016.

These are not typical striped crosswalks. Plan4Health Nashua partnered with Positive Street Art to install the first crosswalk art in the city. Artist Manny Ramirez, co-founder of Positive Street Art, designed the crosswalk template to include baseball bats and balls. This project was organized by the [Plan4Health Nashua](#) coalition which has been working since early 2015 to advance street design that supports health by providing safer and easier ways to get around for pedestrians and bicyclists.

According to Sarah Marchant, Community Development Division Director for the City of Nashua and a member of the Plan4Health Nashua coalition, "This is a fun, creative way to encourage people to use the crosswalks and be safe around Holman Stadium and we are pleased to partner with the Silver Knights on this project. One of our goals is to make it easier and safer for people to walk and bicycle around Nashua and this is just one way we hope to accomplish that."

The crosswalk art will be painted on Wednesday, June 1 (rain date is June 2) at three locations: the crossings parallel to Sargents Avenue and in two areas leading to the parking lot and entrance of Holman Stadium near Amherst School (see map below for locations). On the Silver Knights' opening night this Friday, Plan4Health Nashua will be handing out information about the Complete Streets project, and will be recognized during opening statements by Mike Apfelberg of the United Way after Mayor Jim Donchess throws out the opening pitch. The game will start at 6:45 p.m. and will conclude with a post-game fireworks display.

About Plan4Health Nashua

Plan4Health Nashua began in early 2015 with a \$125,000 grant from the American Planning Association to support active transportation in Nashua. The goal of the project is to advance street planning and design that support safer and easier ways to get around for pedestrians and bicyclists. The project is supported by the Greater Nashua Public Health Advisory Council,

and was selected as a priority project for implementation in Nashua's 2015 Community Health Improvement Plan. Plan4Health Nashua is a collaboration between planning and public health professionals, including the [Nashua Regional Planning Commission \(NRPC\)](#), the [City of Nashua](#), [New Hampshire Public Health Association \(NHPHA\)](#), and [Healthy Eating Active Living \(HEAL NH\)](#).

