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Phase 3 of Beverly Gardens Park Restoration Begins Next Week

Several Park Blocks will be Closed to Allow for Beautification



Beverly Hills, Calif. - Beginning March 12, Phase 3 of the Beverly Gardens Park Restoration Project will commence and includes restoring park blocks along Santa Monica Boulevard from Beverly Drive to Crescent Drive and from Arden Drive to Doheny Drive. Beverly Gardens Park is a 1.9 mile linear park in Beverly Hills that spans 23 blocks on Santa Monica Boulevard from Wilshire Boulevard to Doheny Drive.

Construction on the block from Beverly Drive to Crescent Drive, where the popular Lily Pond and Beverly Hills

Monument Sign are located, will be closed for approximately 2 ½ months to allow for new plantings, upgrade of irrigation system, enhanced protection for the monument sign and installation of pavers in the front of the Lily Pond. With the monument sign and lily pond being one of the most photographed landmarks in the City by visitors, other options for photo opportunities include:

- Heart Wall behind Alfred's Coffee, 490 North Beverly Drive
- Will Rogers Memorial Park, 9650 Sunset Boulevard
- Electric Fountain, Intersection of Wilshire Boulevard and Santa Monica Boulevard
- Beverly Hills Shield Sign at Beverly Hills Conference and Visitors Bureau, 9400 South Santa Monica Boulevard
- Two Rodeo Drive, Dayton Way and Rodeo Drive
- Beverly Hills City Hall, 455 North Rexford Drive
- Bijan's Car on Rodeo Drive

In addition, intermittent blocks between Doheny Drive and Arden Drive will be closed to allow for construction, beginning with the block from Alpine Drive to Foothill Road, and four blocks between Arden Drive and Doheny Drive. The work will include demolition of site paving, new landscaping, new irrigation system, new decomposed granite walkways and lighting fixtures. The remaining eight eastern blocks will undergo construction later in the year. Completion of the entire restoration project is anticipated for mid-fall of this year.

The Beverly Gardens Park Restoration Project was initiated in 2011 by Beverly Hills resident and businessman, Steve Gordon; restoration efforts began in 2014. Mr. Gordon promoted restoring the park to its original condition with historic design elements and led a private fundraising effort in order to offset costs to the City of Beverly Hills. Donations of \$4 million earmarked for the Beverly Gardens Park Restoration Project through the Beverly Hills Community Charitable Foundation contributed to the restoration of the century-old landmark.

If interested in making a donation toward the Beverly Gardens Park Restoration Project through the Beverly Hills Community Charitable Foundation, contact Senior Management Analyst Stephanie Harris at 310-285-2531 or SHarris@beverlyhills.org. To learn more about the City of Beverly Hills' charitable gift giving opportunities or to view a copy of the "Legacy and Charitable Community Gifting" brochure, visit www.beverlyhills.org/CharitableGifting.

For information about Beverly Gardens Park Restoration Project, go to www.beverlyhills.org/beverlygardensparkrestoration. Any questions regarding construction, please contact Public Works Customer Service at 310-285-2467 or AskPW@beverlyhills.org.

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