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BEVERLY HILLS - IS INVESTING



Capital Improvements: Planning for the Future

On Coldwater Cañon Drive, an 80-year-old concrete tank used to store drinking water for the Beverly Hills community was recently replaced. A series of additional reservoir tanks are being replaced for seismic safety. Each time City Council members approve a Capital Improvement Project (CIP), they are investing in the future of Beverly Hills. Properly planned, a CIP program can help maintain the

City's exemplary credit rating, while ensuring that projects are directly in line with the needs of Beverly Hills residents and businesses.

Upgrading infrastructure such as water storage sources and drainage as well as maintaining green space and building a community center add economic and quality-of-life value to current and future generations. In the works for upcoming years are more CIPs that carry tangible benefits for the community. Among them are:

Public Library Renovation: This CIP is focused on a refurbishment of the lobby and children's areas in the Library. Also included in the plans are some small-scale enhancements involving space planning and desk consolidation that will streamline and improve customer service, while minimizing the impact of reduced staffing levels. The project will provide community members with more functional space and resources within the library.

Roxbury Park: As per Phase I of the Park Master Plan, a key component in this CIP is the development of a new community center, replacing the outdated facility with one that uses energy efficient systems and meets green building standards. The new facility will be ADA compliant per the Americans with Disabilities Act as a way to provide better facility access to individuals with special needs. The project also adds more parking, expanded library space, upgraded meeting rooms, a new teen area, additional recreational programs and a multi-purpose gymnasium, which could also serve as a designated emergency shelter or community meeting space. The estimated cost for Phase I is \$14.6 million. The frequency of programs and overall use of the facility will be determined by policies set forth by the City Council.



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Santa Monica Boulevard

Reconstruction: This project involves a multi-phase approach to improving the section of this roadway within City limits. The planning process is expected to begin later in the year. New design elements to be considered may include a single-direction bicycle lane; landscaping for select medians or gateway treatment; transit amenities, such as bus stop benches and shelters; street lighting and signage. The project does not include widening of the roadway.

Warehouse/Shops Facility: This much needed CIP will replace a temporary tent structure which serves as a City warehouse and storage facility. The new facility would provide space for maintenance shops, a departmental emergency operations center and transportation services. For more information visit www.beverlyhills.org/CIP.

Following is a comparison of the current Roxbury Park facility and the proposed community center:

	Existing Community Center	Proposed Community Center
Parking*		
West side of Roxbury	46	42
Alley	68	68
Olympic Blvd.	23	23
Parking lot	47	125
Total:	184 spaces	258 spaces
Footprint	23,676 square feet (including covered areas, courtyard)	18,489 square feet
Square feet**	17,753 (one story)	26,708 (two story)
Street Setback	40 feet	100 feet
Building Height	22 feet	42 feet
Facility	Small library, limited meeting space, recreation rooms and staff offices	Expanded library space, teen area, fitness area, meeting rooms and service kitchen, small food service area, gym/multi-purpose rooms
Site/Building Notes	Current facility not up to latest building and environmental standards. Not ADA compliant	Upgraded infrastructure meets CALGreen & City's green building standards ADA compliant

This comparison chart provides brief highlights of Phase I for Roxbury Park.

*Includes parking for all of Roxbury Park

**Includes outdoor, covered walkways

RESIDENTS ADVISED TO PLAN AHEAD

Beverly Hills residents are encouraged to shop, dine or stay in town the weekend of Saturday, July 16 - Sunday, July 17. The Metropolitan Transit Authority (Metro) has advised drivers of a scheduled 10-mile construction closure of the I-405 freeway. **The closure is expected to begin on Friday, July 15 at 6:00 p.m. and end on Monday, July 18 at 6:00 a.m.** Alternate routes and additional information are available at www.beverlyhills.org/freewayclosure.

BEVERLY HILLS - IS CONSERVING



Watering Days Remain



Thanks to two years of successful water conservation and above-average rainfall, Beverly Hills residents won't pay penalties this year for excessive water use. Residents should be aware that while the penalty charges have been lifted, **the enforcement of watering days will remain.** For more information visit www.beverlyhills.org/waterconservation.

The following watering restrictions will remain in place:

North of Santa Monica Blvd. – Watering only Monday, Wednesday & Friday
South of Santa Monica Blvd. – Watering only Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday

CITY URGES OPTIMUM SUBWAY ROUTE

The Beverly Hills City Council remains involved with the Westside Subway Extension project, and continues to endorse a route that would be constructed under Wilshire and Santa Monica boulevards. The City Council unanimously supports the "preferred" route. This route prevents tunneling under residential properties and the Beverly Hills High School. City officials have retained advocates in Los Angeles, Sacramento and Washington, D.C. and remain engaged with Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) staff and government representatives on this issue. For more information, visit www.beverlyhills.org/subway.

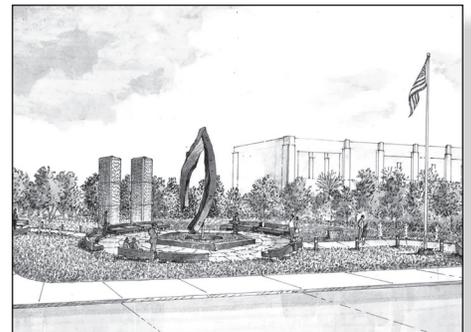
BEVERLY HILLS - IS DEDICATING



9/11 Memorial Garden Offers Pathway to Remembering and Honoring

The Beverly Hills 9/11 Memorial Garden, a project coordinated by volunteers, will be dedicated on September 11 to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the tragic events that rocked our nation in 2001.

Prominently displayed in the Memorial Garden will be a 1,800-pound steel structural beam that once supported the World Trade Center in New York. The site is located on the northwest corner of Rexford Drive and S. Santa Monica Boulevard. No City funds are being used for the memorial. For more information, visit www.beverlyhills.org/911memorial.



BEVERLY HILLS - IS ACTIVE

'Legacy Hikers' Can Speak up on Hastain Trail Plan

The Hastain Trail, although not within Beverly Hills' jurisdiction, is a popular recreational pathway for many City residents. The 2.3-mile loop trail, located in Franklin Canyon Park, has been used by hikers since at least the 1960s. Most of the trail lies within park boundaries, but 150 feet extends onto private property.

A fence on the land has now been constructed by the current property owner, blocking a section of the public trail. Residents and "Legacy Hikers," (those who have used the Hastain Trail prior to 1972) can learn more at www.beverlyhills.org/hastaintrain.

