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PLEASE PARDON OUR DIGGING, WE'RE ENHANCING OUR CITY'S TREASURE

WINTER PARK, Fla., an internationally recognized ICMA Excellence Award winner (March 23, 2010) - In accordance with the Central Park Master Plan that was accepted by the City Commission in 2002, the city will begin Phase I of its renovations to Central Park from Morse Boulevard to New England Avenue beginning in late March 2010. Phase II, between Morse Boulevard and Garfield Avenue, will begin after the Olde Fashion 4th of July Celebration and will be completed well before the large string of events that occur in the fall.

Renovations will include replacing the current lighting with new decorative light posts, installing a new electrical system, replacing the irrigation with a more water-efficient system, laying new sod, and adding new landscaping that will spruce up the natural beauty of the park. In addition, the size of the main sidewalk that runs parallel to the railroad tracks will be increased from a 5-foot-wide sidewalk to an 8-foot-wide sidewalk, and the sidewalks inside the park will also be increased by one foot making them six feet wide.

During large major events, many attendees of Central Park often find themselves trying to maneuver their baby strollers on the narrow sidewalks through the crowds, while others try to find the best route off the sidewalk to pass the bottleneck that can sometimes occur. After the city completes its renovation of Central Park, strollers with wheels and strollers on foot will have more room to roam.

Maintenance and upgrades are the best way to preserve the park's natural beauty and keep Central Park a viable destination and treasure for thousands to enjoy for years to come. For more information regarding the Central Park renovations, please call 407-599-3397.

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