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Millennium Plaza Park Final Phase Taking Shape

LAKE OSWEGO – Construction on the final phase of Millennium Plaza Park has begun. Park improvements include a small grove of Mt. Fuji cherry trees, a water feature and a ramp meeting ADA standards which will increase connectivity and accessibility between the upper and lower park areas. These improvements will also enhance the views of Lakewood Bay and provide more area for the Farmers' Market. Upper Millennium Plaza Park will be closed during construction starting the week of December 7 and will reopen in May 2010 in time for the opening of the Farmers' Market and the Lake Run. Parsons Excavating, Inc., hired by the Redevelopment Agency, will construct the park improvements.

For portions of the construction period, the traffic circle at the intersection of First Street and Evergreen Road will be partially closed. Two-way traffic will continue during the closure, however, parking along Evergreen Road between First and Second Streets will not be allowed except in the recessed parking bay (3-spaces). Additional public parking can be found in the Lakeview Village parking structure where some of the "reserved" spaces will be temporarily converted to public spaces. Enforcement of parking time limits during the holiday season will be modified to provide one additional hour of parking over specific posted time limits.

In addition to the improvements at upper Millennium Plaza Park, final designs and plans are being made to begin construction on the park site north of the Lake Twin Theatre (formerly where U.S. Bank was located). This park will feature lawns, restroom facilities, plaza space, and a bioswale for storm water management. Construction at this site, expected to begin in early 2010 and be completed by fall, will be coordinated with improvements to the Lake Twin Theatre. The Redevelopment Agency's overall plan is to someday connect lower Millennium Park to this new park, thereby enhancing the views of Lakewood Bay and providing more park and recreational opportunities for the community.

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