

## **Gramercy Park Update - Preparing for Winter and the Holidays**

November 19, 2008

During the past few weeks, the leaves of many of the trees in the Park have turned brilliant fall colors. Our Park caretakers have been gathering approximately 60 bags of leaves per day.

We are now in the process of preparing our Park for the coming cold weather.

Our Park caretakers have now removed the begonias from the four flower beds. They then treated the soil with nourishing bulb fertilizer and planted tulip bulbs.

In the coming days, they will be planting more than 10,000 flower bulbs throughout the Park. For example, Allium bulbs will be added to the existing bulbs in the ivy patch in the southeast quadrant. Grape Hyacinth bulbs will be planted near the east gate. Around the edges of the Park, eight varieties of tulip bulbs will be planted. Two varieties of Iris bulbs will be planted around the Booth Monument.

Soon the Park irrigation system will be winterized and shut down in preparation for the coming cold weather. This will keep the pipes from freezing and bursting.

Of course we will continue to clean our sidewalks. However, it will be more difficult to maintain the sidewalks since there will be no water to hose them down.

On Tuesday, November 25th, our Park Christmas tree will be delivered. On that day, we will be covering our tree gardens surrounding the Park with evergreen branches as a protective measure for the bulbs that are planted there. We will begin lighting our tree on Monday, December 1st.

There will be trucks and equipment in the Park on the day when the Christmas tree arrives. For your safety the Park will be closed from 9:00 am until the time they leave. Signs will be posted on the Park gates.





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