

Garden of Surging Waves rolls forward

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Starting today, the western half of the Heritage Square block will be closed to public parking for construction of the Garden of Surging Waves.

City Manager Paul Benoit said the southwest corner, neighboring Exchange Street and the American Legion building will be used as a staging area for construction and will reopen to parking when the project is complete – in approximately four months.

The garden will permanently occupy the northwest corner of the lot.

Robinson Construction Company is the project's contractor. The first sequence of the project will include artwork installation and foundation work. When funds become available, sequences two through four will be installed, and include landscaping, the center pavillion, pillars and benches.

The project in total is expected to cost \$1.29 million. The city has \$973,604 including a \$200,000 gift from the late developer Art DeMuro that has not yet been received and is expected to be gifted in installments.

Sidewalks will remain open during construction.

For more information about the Garden of Surging Waves, visit www.astoriachineseheritage.org