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**Columbus Park of Roses Foundation Breaks Ground  
for Large Scale Rose Garden Project**

**Columbus, Ohio, March 7, 2017:** Many plants, trees and shrubs in the Park of Roses are still dormant, but ideas for improvements are in full bloom. The Park of Roses Foundation has announced plans to build a grand new entrance to the rose garden, in partnership with the Columbus Recreation and Parks Department. The foundation is the nonprofit organization that provides financial support to the garden and oversees the volunteer program through the Friends of Columbus Park of Roses group.

The new entrance (near the north end of the shelter house) will consist of ten stone columns connected by decorative iron fence that will support climbing roses. The columns will be 6 feet tall and 2 feet square. Each column will contain two plaques - one with an inspirational garden quotation and one with the donor name. (See sketches on page 2.)

The foundation is very happy to announce that all ten columns have been dedicated by donors who wanted to create a timeless gift in a unique garden setting. Several donors are Clintonville institutions. Anand Saha, owner of [Mozart's Cafe](#), said "the Park of Roses is a wonderful asset to our community, enriching our neighborhood by providing a beautiful space. Mozart's and the Saha family are proud to be a part of its continuing legacy."

[Experience Clintonville](#) president Oliver Bratich commented that "the Park of Roses is a jewel of our community and Experience Clintonville is proud to help ensure it is around for many generations to come."

Expected completion date is spring, 2017. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$50,000, but two thirds of that amount is offset by the dedicated columns. Additional funds are being sought to cover the costs of decorative fencing, flowering trees and additional roses. To discuss donor opportunities for this project, contact Nancy Walsh at (614) 645-3391 or [rosefoundation@parkofroses.org](mailto:rosefoundation@parkofroses.org).

The volunteer gardening season will start again on Saturday, March 18, with the annual Spring Pruning. Most of the thousands of roses need to be pruned before they begin to leaf out. Current volunteers and members of the public are invited to help Columbus Recreation and Parks Department staff with this task. Meet at 8:30 am in the volunteer office (in south end of shelter house). Light refreshments will be available.

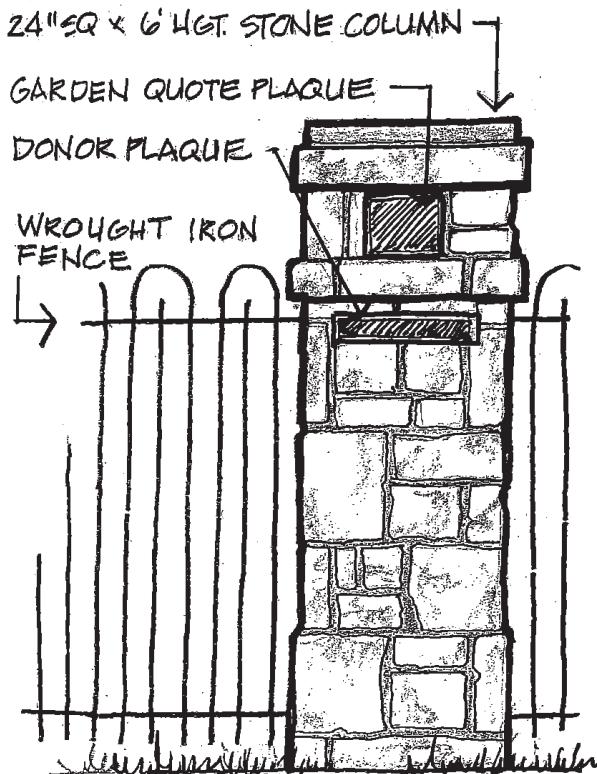
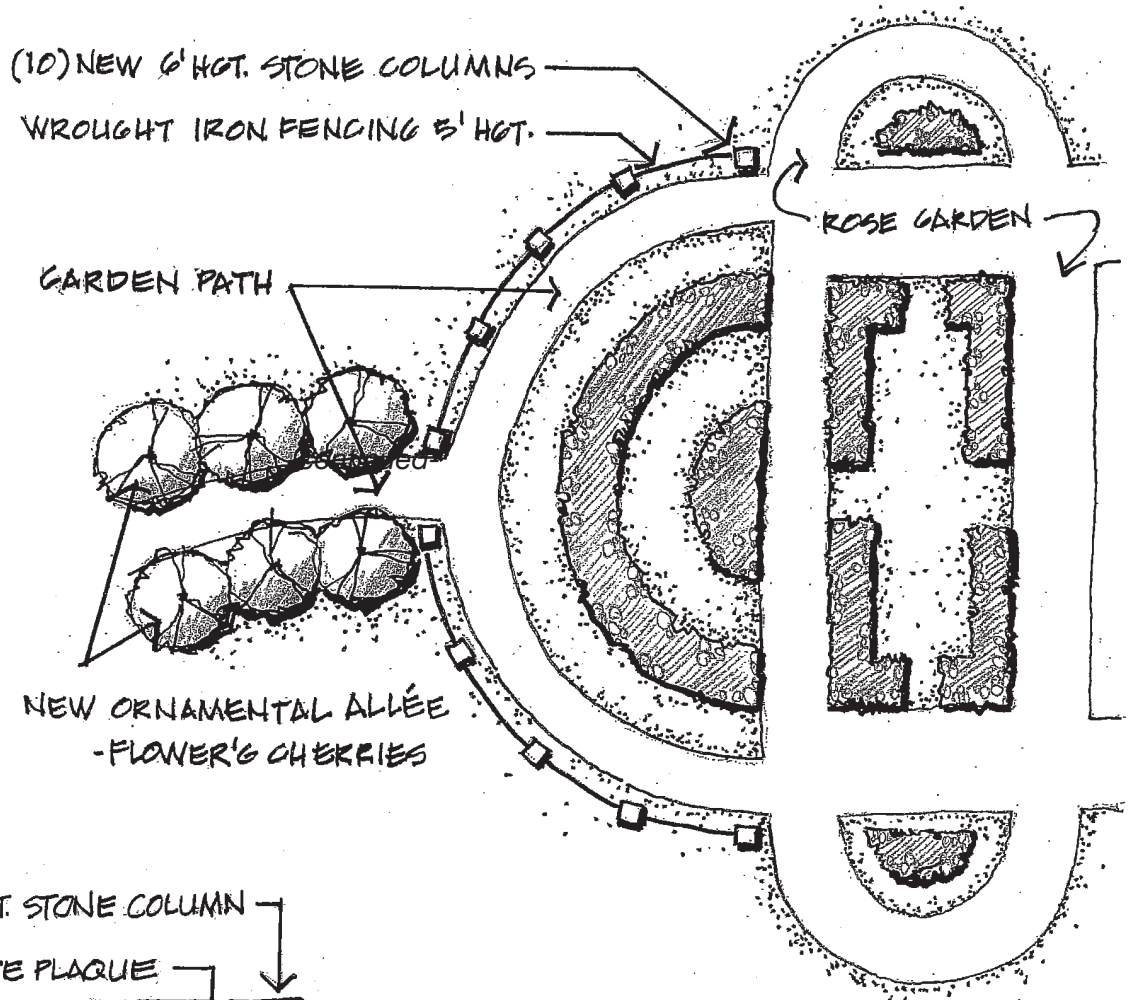
Everyone is advised to dress according to the weather, since work will continue unless it is raining. Bring gloves and hand pruners if you have them. There are other jobs that can be done with tools provided by staff gardeners. If weather is questionable on Saturday, March 18, call 614-592-4492 after 7:30 am to confirm whether the Spring Pruning event will be held or canceled.

This three-hour event marks the beginning of the active volunteer year that continues through mid-September and concludes with the fall cutback in late November. Weekly volunteer groups will start working in April. For more information on volunteering, go to [www.parkofroses.org/support/volunteer](http://www.parkofroses.org/support/volunteer). For more information on the Park of Roses, visit [www.parkofroses.org](http://www.parkofroses.org).

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# New Northwest Rose Garden Entrance: Spring, 2017

The new entrance will consist of ten stone columns, connected by sections of iron fence that will support climbing roses. The columns are 6 feet tall and 2 feet square. Each column will have a 8-inch by 10-inch plaque inscribed with an pre-inspirational garden quotation and a 3-inch by 10-inch plaque with donor name. The iron fence sections are 5 feet tall and connected to each column.



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