

Cranmer Park Sundial Terrace Closure FAQ October 2017

Overview: After routine inspection, Denver Parks and Recreation (DPR) regrets to inform the Cranmer Park community that the terrace will be closed due to deteriorating conditions and associated safety concerns. The terrace will remain closed for public use until reconstruction efforts are complete.

Why has the terrace deteriorated? The terrace was constructed in the 1930s on a rubble base that lacks proper drainage. Over the years, Denver's freeze-thaw cycles have caused significant damage to the terrace flagstone, mortar and mosaic panorama.

How will the reconstruction ensure that the terrace and sundial lasts for future generations? Design plans were developed to ensure that the terrace, mosaic panorama and sundial are historically accurate. The entire terrace will be removed, a new foundation will be built and the terrace will be built with a slight grade to improve drainage. Additionally, the face of the sundial will be repaired.

When will construction begin? DPR has accepted a bid from Krische Construction and the contract is currently being processed. Construction is anticipated to begin in early 2018 and be completed by late fall 2018, weather permitting.

Thanks to The Park People and the Save Our Sundial committee for partnering with Denver Parks and Recreation on the reconstruction project. With your help, the funds necessary to complete the reconstruction have been secured. We are excited to begin reconstruction to ensure future generations enjoy this community treasure!