

Kenilworth



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As you walk or drive in town, you may have noticed the poor condition of the public fountain on Kenilworth Ave. The decades of wind, rain, and snow have taken their toll on the sandstone fountain. Over the years, it has been patched so frequently, that it is hard to see any signs of the original surface. We had hoped to replace the fountain with

a near exact duplicate in advance of our 125 year anniversary next year, but the expense has been a tall hurdle.

Recently, a generous family recently approached the Village and offered to contribute \$100,000 toward replacing the fountain with a recreation of the existing. The anonymous donation would cover the cost of a new fountain that will last for generations. The Village sought pricing and selected Carved Stone Creations to create a near exact duplicate of our beloved fountain. The replacement will be made from granite and have a substantially similar appearance to the original sandstone. A sample of the stone is at the counter of Village Hall.

To prepare for a new fountain, the old one must be removed, and a new concrete foundation placed as well as electrical and plumbing updates. The additional foundation work is \$30,000 of work is beyond the donation amount. With our 125 year anniversary occurring next year, the Village is hoping that there are a few other generous families that would be willing to contribute to the cost of installing a new signature fountain. Thus far, two generous donors have contributed for the \$30,000 in site work. **Potential donors may contact Village Hall at 847-251-1666 for additional information.**

We anticipate starting work on replacing the fountain in the next few weeks. The work will start with the Park District removing the existing plantings prior to our Public Works team working to carefully remove the center column of the fountain. If it can be removed intact, our goal is to donate the center bowl to the Historical Society. The original fish will be transferred to the new fountain to complete the effort to duplicate our centerpiece fountain.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions. We will do our best to avoid any traffic impacts as we remove the old fountain and hope to complete our work before cold weather sets in.