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City of Beverly Hills Dedicates Will Rogers Memorial Park Fountain to Visionary Margaret J. Anderson

Fountain Named After Margaret J. Anderson, Beverly Hills Community Pioneer and Visionary

Beverly Hills, Calif. – Margaret J. Anderson was a reputable businesswoman and pioneer in her time. As a successful operator of the Hollywood Hotel since 1902, she was recruited in 1911 to build, own and operate The Beverly Hills Hotel. In 1915, Mrs. Anderson and her son Stanley, donated part of the hotel's grounds to the City, which became the first municipal park, known today at Will Rogers Memorial Park. In honor of the late Margaret J. Anderson's pioneering vision and generous contributions to the Beverly Hills Community, the fountain at Will Rogers Memorial Park will be dedicated in her namesake.

A Fountain Dedication Ceremony will be held on Tuesday, August 4, 2015 at 1:30 p.m. at the fountain in Will Rogers Memorial Park. In attendance will be Mayor Julian Gold, M.D., Vice-Mayor John Mirisch and Councilmembers Lili Bosse, Nancy Krasne, William Brien, M.D., along with Recreation and Parks Director Steve Zoet and Recreation and Parks Commissioner Chair Simone Friedman and Commissioners Frances Bilak, Susan Gersh, Howard L. Rosoff and Robert S. Anderson (great-grandson of the late Mrs. Anderson). Also in attendance will be Cultural Heritage Commission Chair Lisa Greer and Commissioners Rebecca Pynoos, Noah Furie, Richard Waldow and Maralee Beck.

"The Plaque's inscription focuses on the life and legacy of Margaret J. Anderson," said Mayor Julian Gold, M.D. It is with the utmost gratitude and respect that we dedicate this prominent historical landmark to a legend and visionary."

The public is welcome to join in the Fountain Dedication Ceremony. For more information, call 310-285-2537.

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