



Sneak Peek at Victoria's Trademark Hanging Baskets Before They Go Up

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VICTORIA, BC — Over the past few weeks City Parks staff, including a team of five apprentices, have been busy assembling over 100 hanging baskets a day in preparation for their return to downtown lampposts starting Monday, June 6.

Approximately 1,300 hanging baskets are now complete and will spend the next two weeks becoming acclimatized, the final step in the year-long process which includes growing the flowering plants at the Beacon Hill Park Nursery.

PHOTO OPPORTUNITY:

Media are invited to visit the Beacon Hill Park greenhouses to view the completed baskets. Please check in at the Beacon Hill Park Maintenance Yard office upon arrival.

What: A viewing of Victoria's Hanging Baskets

When: Tuesday, May 31, 2016, from 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Where: Parks Maintenance Office, Beacon Hill Park (located at the end of Nursery Road)

Up to nine different varieties of plants are used in Victoria's baskets, with a total of 25 plants featured. When fully grown, the baskets can weigh over 20 kilograms (approximately 45 pounds). Each year new plants are tested.

Begonias 'Summerwings', successful last year, will once again be offering pops of red, apricot and white in Bastion Square. Look for them to be accompanied by trailing golden leaves of the Lysimachia 'Goldilocks'. Impatiens 'South Beach Mix' will be trialed in shade baskets this year and tested for mildew resistance.

Victoria's hanging flower baskets are a trademark recognized around the world. They were introduced in 1937 to celebrate the City of Victoria's 75th year of incorporation. To learn how to make your own Victoria hanging basket, visit www.victoria.ca/hangingbaskets.

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