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Santa Fe Depot Statue Restoration

On Thursday, July 2, 2015, Park Maintenance staff will remove the train engineer and conductor statues at the Santa Fe Depot, 200 South Jones Avenue, for restoration. One of the two wood carved statues has some minor damage from insects. The best avenue for repairing the statue is to remove it from the elements and make the repairs in a controlled environment. The restoration process will take approximately 12 weeks.

The original carving artist, Clayton Coss, has examined photos and expects to restore the cedar carvings to a like new condition. These repairs will allow the wood carvings to be displayed in the outdoor environment for several years to come. Upon completion of the restoration, the statues will be reinstalled on a new permanent base near the current location.

In October, 1999, the Norman Park Foundation, Inc. was the recipient of a Norman Arts & Humanities Council grant in which two cedar trees were made into sculptures on the grounds of the historic Santa Fe Depot in downtown Norman. The sculptures, which have been on display for the last 16 years, are the depiction of a train engineer and conductor during the period of 1909, which is when the Depot was constructed.

For further information/questions, contact Jeff Edwards, City of Norman Parks Superintendent, at 366-5478 or jeff.edwards@normanok.gov.

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