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MEDIA ALERT

GUM WALL and POST ALLEY CLEANING

The annual roundup of gum on the Gum Wall will begin on Wednesday, September 13, after the busy summer season and Labor Day holiday weekend. The cleanup is one aspect of annual maintenance of Post Alley by the Pike Place Market Preservation and Development Authority (PDA), which cleans and maintains the alley throughout the year. The fall roundup will clear gum from the entire alley over a period of days beginning Wednesday, September 13 and ending Friday, September 15. The steam cleaning will be done by a local contractor hired by the PDA and uses high powered steam equipment to remove the gum from the historic walls of the alley without damaging the bricks. The gum, trash and debris from the wall will be collected and disposed of by the Market.

While the work is taking place, there will be a barricade at First Avenue and cars will not be able to enter the alley due to the presence of workers and equipment. There will be pedestrian access from First Avenue to Ghost Alley Espresso and to the ramp to the Senior Center and the Lower Levels. Stairs from PDA office to the Alibi Room will remain open. Pedestrian access will be closed in the work area.

Who: Pike Place Preservation and Development Authority (PDA) hired Cascadian Building Maintenance to clean the Gum Wall and Post Alley

What: Annual steam cleaning of the Gum Wall and adjacent historic walls of Post Alley

When:

Wednesday, September 13

Thursday, September 14

Friday, September 15

8 a.m. - 5 p.m. each day

Where: Post Alley, south of First Avenue