



Maryland Department of General Services to Safeguard Lawyers' Mall Statues for Future Generations

Thurgood Marshall Memorial Q & A

Q: Why does General Services need to temporarily remove the statues?

A: The utilities to the underground infrastructure lie directly underneath the current position of the artistic property. To remove old piping and install new services requires the use of heavy equipment to excavate the ground. As the statues cannot remain in place, they will be temporarily removed for their protection.

Q: What is going to happen to the Thurgood Marshall Memorial?

A: Contractors will mobilize to relocate the artistic property in Lawyers' Mall including the statues of Thurgood Marshall, Donald Gaines Murray and Anonymous Children Representing Brown v. the Board of Education to facilitate improvements to Lawyers' Mall underground infrastructure. This includes the statues, statues bases, plaques, and columns.

Q: What are the benefits of preserving the statues?

A: Preservation of the Thurgood Marshall, Donald Gaines Murray, and the Anonymous Children Representing Brown v. the Board of Education statues will help prolong the life of the statues for future generations.

Q: Where are the statues going?

A: Maryland State Archives will temporarily move the artistic property in Lawyers' Mall to a secure state facility where they will be evaluated for conservation. General Services is evaluating if in the near future, the Thurgood Marshall statue can be temporarily installed in front of the Court of Appeals building in Annapolis, once construction at the Court of Appeals has been completed. When the infrastructure project is complete the memorial will be restored in its original location.

Q: When will relocation project commence?

A: The relocation of the artistic property in Lawyers' Mall including the statues of Thurgood Marshall, Donald Gaines Murray, and the Anonymous Children Representing Brown v. the Board of Education will commence on Monday, September 17, 2018, weather permitting.



Q: Will Lawyers' Mall be closed during relocation?

A: Public access will be provided through the mall during the relocation project. Work areas will be fenced off. Lawyers' Mall may completely close for short periods of time while large machinery is being positioned/moved.

Q: What is going on at Lawyers' Mall ?

A: Please click link below to learn more about the Government Campus Utility System project.

<https://dgs.maryland.gov/Documents/LawyersMall-FAQ.pdf>