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**EMANCIPATION GARDEN TEMPORARILY CLOSED
TO PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 1**

CHARLOTTE AMALIE, ST. THOMAS, U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS — The Department of Sports, Parks and Recreation (DSPR) and the Department of Public Works (DPW) advises the public that Emancipation Garden on St. Thomas will be closed to pedestrian traffic on Wednesday, July 1, 2026, as renovation and park improvement work continues.

This temporary closure is necessary to allow contractors to safely complete ongoing upgrades designed to enhance the park's appearance, functionality, and overall visitor experience. Both Departments are committed to preserving Emancipation Garden as one of the Territory's most treasured public spaces while making meaningful improvements that will benefit residents and visitors for years to come.

The public is asked to avoid entering the park during the closure and to observe all posted signage and safety barriers. These measures are in place to protect both pedestrians and construction personnel while work is underway.

We sincerely appreciate the public's patience, understanding, and cooperation as these improvements progress. We recognize the important role Emancipation Garden plays in our community and remain committed to completing the project as safely and efficiently as possible.

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