

Keeping Up

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Roses are in full bloom at the old rose garden in Capitol Park. The red, orange, yellow and pink flowers offer a stunning view and lovely aroma for those who like to spend their lunch break outside.

Les Strike, Capitol Park Building Manager, says he's "never seen them look as spectacular as they do right now."

Strike can see the roses from his office in the brick Dept. of General Services building nearby, and says these colorful roses will be in bloom all summer long. He says the shrubs require "medium maintenance," adding workers "constantly" trim the plants when roses begin to wither, to allow other rose buds to grow.

For those who like to garden at home, Strike says roses should be watered from the base and need a lot of sunlight. He calls the old rose garden his "favorite place in the park," and says "the rest of the season will be nice, but not as nice as it is right now."