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Cheekwood Post-Storm Update

Statement from Cheekwood Estate & Gardens

Like so many across our community, Cheekwood Estate & Gardens was significantly impacted by last weekend's historic storm. We are deeply mindful of our neighbors who continue to be without electricity and heat, or who remain displaced from their homes. Our thoughts are with all those who are still recovering from the storm's effects.

While we continue to assess the condition of our grounds, we know the damage to our trees and gardens is substantial. Most impacts involve heavy fallen limbs, and we have a number of mature trees lost, exact number yet to be determined. With daytime warming, limbs continue to drop, and because the safety of our team remains our top priority it will take time to fully know the total property impact. We are relieved, however, to share that the two majestic, 100-year-old oak trees that frame the front of the Historic Mansion remain fully intact – powerful symbols of strength and resilience as we all weather this moment together.

Cheekwood is and will remain closed until power is restored, facilities are fully operational, and the gardens are safe for visitors. We do not have an estimated reopening date at this time. Please continue to check our website and social channels for reopening updates and rescheduling information for classes, special events and exhibitions including Orchids at Cheekwood, the Middle Tennessee Scholastic Arts Competition and Exhibition, and *Common Ground: The Hainsworth Collection in Conversation with Cheekwood's Permanent Collection*.

We are proud and grateful for our dedicated Cheekwood team members who are securing the property and stand ready to begin cleanup and restoration efforts as soon as it is safe to do so.

At the same time, we remain committed to serving as a valuable community resource as we all turn to the work ahead of replanting and restoring our places of beauty. We will soon announce details on new Cheekwood classes, expert talks, and practical

information to support residents navigating their own post-storm recovery.

Nature is resilient – so is our community, and so is Cheekwood. With spring around the corner will come renewal and the assurance that beauty will return. Cheekwood is honored to continue serving our city as a place of beauty, inspiration, and solace during difficult times. We look forward to welcoming you back to Cheekwood soon!

Media Images

[Cheekwood Storm Aftermath Pictures](#)

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