

Strand Theatre Shelbyville, Inc.

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Strand Theatre Weekly Email: June 17, 2010

Written by David on June, 17 2010

First off, we need to mention that we had to cancel "The Godfather". Sometimes things just don't work out. This was the case with this event. We regret we had to cancel, but there was no other viable option left to us. We still have an exciting event coming up. This Sunday June 20th (yes, that would be Father's Day), you can take Dad out for a cheap date?..The Shelby Community Band Summer Concert. The downbeat is at 2:00 pm and admission is FREE. The community band performs 4 times per year at the Strand and they are always very entertaining concerts. Please show your support and come hear the band at the Strand.

We have so much going on, we would hate to clog your inbox with the Tolstoy text, but this week we'll condense a few things down so you are in the know. We need to discuss a little power (warning, tech talk ahead). As all you regular readers know, the Strand has had a power struggle since day one. Our power issues are with the electrical type power. We have too little some places, and plenty others. This week we had great progress on our overall plan for the complete upgrade of our electrical system.

The Strand will soon be on a single service entrance with 120/240 4 wire 3 phase. Until that occurs, we still are running on two separate single phase drops, and two different 3 phase drops. Basically one set feeds the back of the theatre (by the alley), the other set feeds the front of the theatre (by Harrison St.). The panel at the front of the theatre is the original. Now think about it?..the Strand was built in 1916?..the panel was original?..wow, it is 94 years old! Our electrician Steve Dennis has dubbed it our Frankenstein switch. There are pictures of this bad boy on our web site. It isn't a pretty site. To get rid of it is the process we are doing now.

First off we had to remove all the circuits feeding from the Frankenstein switch to the stage area. At the stage these wires met at another panel (you guessed it, Son of Frankenstein). Steve had been slowly working the plan to get everything rerouted so we can remove Son of Frankenstein. This week it was finally put to rest. Our furnaces have been operating from electricity that entered the theatre over the concession area on the south wall, went over to the middle of the theatre, down the wall 2 stories, into the basement, through the tunnel, up the tunnel under the concrete, over to the north side of the theatre back stage and to this electrical box, then up to the on stage furnaces. Now it is gone! All those circuits are fed from our new 400 amp panel under the stage. This is a big improvement. We now have separate circuits for our furnaces, emergency lights, floor lights and all sorts of things. It also lowered our load on the original panel. Frankenstein, the clock is ticking.

That is not the only work that was done at the theatre. The Strand was able to re-open because Steve Dennis installed our fire alarm system. This is his main business. The Strand is the beneficiary of his work not only with the alarm, but also the security video, real-time security video feed, security system and a whole bunch of other things. Steve also installs this handy gadget on cars that allows someone to track that vehicle via the internet. All the Strand volunteers with teenagers are looking at that one?..but back to the alarm (even if Ron B. wants that on our microphones). We had a major upgrade in our alarm system this week. All the components were checked and certified. There are quite a few smoke detectors and strobe in the theatre, so this is no small feat?..thank you Steve and Darin.

Not wanting to be left out of the fun, we had plumbing work done too. This was courtesy of Indiana-American Water Company. They installed a new water main and meters for everyone in our block, including the Strand. Strand friend Rick

R. was contracted by the water company to remove our old water main, and install the new feed. Along with this was the much needed new ball valve main shut-off. Should we ever have a leak, the easiest and quickest thing for any volunteer to do is to just turn this valve and shut the water off. This is a big improvement and we are thrilled to be included by the water company in this work.

We had a real spirit lifter this week. The Strand received a call from someone asking if we still needed tables. We said "yes we did". They asked how much and we said that the 60" round tables that we need were \$100 each. Sure enough this week we were informed by the Blue River Community Foundation that we received a donation of \$200 with the instructions to "go buy 2 tables." We live in a GREAT community. Thank you to the donor for making that possible.

The rest of the month has the following:

Sun	June 20th	2:00pm	Shelby Community Band	FREE		
Wed	June 23rd	6:00pm	Blue River Community Foundation Annual	Meeting	RSVP 317-392-7955	
Fri	June 25th	8:00pm	Muthaship - Rock Concert	\$7.00		
Sat	June 26th	7:00pm	Shelby Idol First Round	\$3.00		

We look forward to seeing you at the theatre. We appreciate your support. Stop in and say "hello".

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