

# Strand Theatre Shelbyville, Inc.

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## Marquee Dedication

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The Strand Theatre started with the a plan for renovation. The plan called for work to progress from West to East. This March the Strand officially dedicated our marquee. The marquee is the furthest point east in our theatre. The marquee renovation has been a labor of love. The present marquee was installed in the early 1930's. It covers the canopy that was originally installed in 1916. The marquee renovation was guided by Steve Dennis Electric and Ron Moenter Signs. Steve and Ron guided the volunteers and did the work that were beyond the scope of our volunteers. The following steps were necessary for the completion of the project:

- Remove the vinyl siding covering the marquee
- Remove the sign extension on the north side
- Remove the vinyl trim
- Remove glass panels
- Remove sockets
- Remove interior lights
- Remove all interior wire (that was a hard job)
- Remove old neon transformers
- Remove old drains
- Clean debris from roof
- Repair rubber roof
- Install new drains
- Install new vinyl ceiling
- Clean and patch rust
- Remove bad panels
- Install new patches
- Clean interior
- Prime interior
- Paint interior white
- Repair letter frames
- Temporarily reinstall letter frames
- Prepare socket holes
- Paint Marquee for protection
- Acquire sequencer
- Install 2 new 20 amp circuits to marquee
- Rebuild flood lights under marquee
- Install new interior florescent lights
- Install new polycarbonate panels in ends
- Purchase new Wagner style marquee letters
- Wire 340 new porcselin sign sockets
- Paint socket rails
- Install sockets
- Rework Stand logo
- Purchase new aluminum for covering
- Design corner logo
- Vector image logo for painting
- Paint aluminum with automotive paint and clear coat
- Install new aluminum over exterior surfaces
- Install panel rails
- Install new neon transformers
- Install new neon

Install front panel polycarbonate  
Install front panel sign frames  
Install lighting relays  
Install bulbs  
Install new sequencer  
Replace sequencer with 1950's sequencer  
Replace with 1930's sequencer  
Wire timers and program  
Dedicate marquee  
Flip the switch!!!

The honor of lighting the marquee for the first time were given to the family that owned the Strand from 1967 until 2004. Dick Delaney, Jim & Connie DeWitt and Patti DeWitt represented their family and their parents who took care of the Strand so it could survive to become what it is today.

**Images on this post:**





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