

Strand Theatre Shelbyville, Inc.

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Strand Weekly Email 2/4/2017

Written by David on February, 4 2017

Dear Strand Fan,

It is a busy week. We had wonderful work sessions. The new colors are taking shape and almost done. Slowly new spaces, unused since 1967, are emerging. It is exciting! Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers who have helped this current project.

Not everything has been inside. We had volunteers go on our roof and make emergency repairs. We replaced one third of our roof last year. Unfortunately the remaining two thirds is in very bad shape. We have pampered and patched the roof since we started. Last week was yet another finger in the dyke of Strand. Hopefully we can buy ourselves a bit more time, as the replacement will be expensive. So far so good, all the patches have held and we are doing well.

The Strand donated a piece of our history to the Shelby County Historical Society this week. As part of the lobby renovation, we removed the old ticket booth. This is where we had our TV that scrolled renovation pictures. In the booth was still installed the mid 1940's ticket dispensing machine. That equipment is now in the hands of the Grover Museum. It is a part of local history and generations of patrons have received their ticket from that machine. Do you remember as a child (or even an adult) watching the ticket seller push the button and out came the correct number of tickets you purchased? That history is now preserved.

We are now planning our work in the Annex. This is the project that was prohibited by the State Fire Marshal. Now that is resolved, we can pick up where we left off. When done this will be one of the best safety upgrades to the Strand in over 100 years.

This project removes our fire exit from the right side of the stage and replaces it with a bigger better exit. They initially put a stop to our increasing the size of the exit from 36' to 72', lessening the slope to get out from an 8' length for the rise, to a 22' length for the rise. Lastly the new doors will exit the theater at alley height. Currently there is a step down to the alley from the existing exit. This is a critically important improvement with many benefits. First and foremost it will make the Strand safer. Second it will allow us to expand our stage and make the stage handicap accessible. We are still mystified why this safety improvement was challenged.

The Strand was invited to speak at the Shelbyville Rotary Club this week. We enjoyed bringing them up to date on all our improvements. Many in the room were Strand volunteers and all have supported us from the beginning. Rotary has a wonderful and positive impact on our community. Thank you for what you do from all of us at the Strand!

We look forward to finishing our work and getting back to what we do best...presenting wonderful performances for our community. We will be holding a work session tomorrow:
WORK SESSION

SATURDAY

FEBRUARY 5, 2017

9:00am - 1:00pm

We still have painting to do. We will also be uncovering all our seats and getting the Strand performance ready. The new carpet is in the lobby and looks great! We hope you can help.

We are back to what we do best next weekend. The Academy Awards are just around the corner. La La Land was nominated for multiple awards. It is a new Hollywood musical. If you saw La La Land you will want to come to the Strand to see the 1946 Hollywood musical TILL THE CLOUDS ROLL BY. This musical is from the height for the MGM musical heyday. It starts a who's who of Hollywood including Judy Garland, Frank Sinatra, Lena Horne and many others. The

movie will be FREE. Come see our improvements and spend the evening with the music of Jerome Kern with TILL THE CLOUDS ROLL BY.

TILL THE CLOUDS ROLL BY (1946)

February 11, 2017

7:30pm

Admission FREE

The Strand is a fun place. We couldn't do it without your help and support, Thank You! See you at the Strand.

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