

Strand Theatre Shelbyville, Inc.

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Dear Strand Fan,

The Strand opened Saturday night and we welcomed everyone for the showing of the 1946 MGM musical ?Till The Clouds Roll By.? The predominantly out of town audience had a good chance to see the changes and experience the movie much as it was when first released. A special thank you to the 14 volunteers who just showed up on Saturday morning to get the theater into shape for the evening. The work isn?t done, but for now it is confined to our offices and will not impede any performance.

Our first COMMUNITY TREASURE SERIES was on Wednesday night. Janet Wallace from the Shelby County Public Library gave the presentation. Everyone in attendance learned something new about our library. It was an interesting presentation. Thank you Janet.

Next Saturday comedy returns with MIKE GARDNER. Tickets are \$15 advance and available at Mickey?s T-Mart or online. This is an adult show.

We finished several little projects this week. Among the projects is continuing installation of our public wifi system. (warning, tech talk ahead).

The Strand just doesn?t have enough bandwidth to sustain our needs and those of people wanting to use our wireless connection. Cody V. our board member who takes care of such things has designed a system that will allow public access.

Our new neighbors Mach1PC will be providing the connection for this system at no charge to our patrons. Thank you Scott and Vinny. The system includes fiber optic links from our projection booth, location of our main networking rack, to the ancillary switch locations. Our public system is located in the closet that used to be the ticket booth years ago. During our renovation we cleaned, painted, and carpeted that space. It is now full of hi-tech play toys.

The Strand was built in 1916, but our data infrastructure is cutting edge. It is fun that our network rack is located in the original 1916 nitrate film vault. Little did they know in 1916 that it would be the hub of the digital age at the Strand! Until the system is completed we have no outside connection for our users, but hopefully that will change soon.

Tonight we have the first in our 2017 season of FRIDAY NIGHT FRIGHTS. This popular film series continues with I BURY THE LIVING starring Richard Boone. This 1958 film takes us back to a time when theaters like the Strand showed horror movies every weekend. Tickets are only \$5 and are now available at Mickey?s T-Mart as well as at the door.

The lobby looks great, the upper lobby is looking great, and the theater is back to doing what we do best. Thank you to the numerous volunteers who helped get us to this point.

Thank you for your support. Planning is in full swing for the next round of changes for the Strand. We are also working hard on our upcoming season. As you can tell from the schedule at the left, we have many different and interesting events in the coming weeks. Tonight is Friday Night Frights. See you at the Strand!

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