

Strand Theatre Shelbyville, Inc.

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Strand Theatre Weekly Email ? 8/18/2017

Written by David on August, 18 2017

Dear Strand Fan,

Notice the new exterior color? We haven't finished yet, but it is taking shape. The color is very deep on purpose. First we wanted something that was dark because of the vast amount of dirt that is generated from Harrison Street. Second, we wanted something different. It is different! The paint will require a second and possibly a third coat. This will be accomplished in evening work sessions. If you would like to help, please reply to this email with your contact info and one of the Strand's volunteers will get in touch with you.

We had a trip hazard in our sidewalks. Years ago the natural gas main was in front of the theater. When they moved it to the back they abandoned the old valve. It was a 12" deep hole about four inches across. We filled that with concrete as well as other bad spots. It is one of those little jobs that just makes you feel good to have done.

Finally we cleaned out the lobby storage closet where we keep our marquee letters. Oh my. We found items from when we first renovated in 2007! It was a mess, but is getting better and better. We finished only about half the job. That too will be finished in evening sessions.

In the closet we had our cache of old posters. The Strand keeps everything. Years from now the anthropologists will sift through our archive tubs like a geologist discovers the layers of sediment. The posters brought back fond memories of wonderful performances. The large posters were all rolled. We unrolled them have the weighted down on stage to flatten them out. When done they too will be in a stack. 500 posters just isn't that big of a stack when they are neat. They will be placed in our archive room in the office attic. This room was the former electrical room of the original film equipment. It is very dry, very dark, and not the easiest to access...perfect for the archives!

We have continued to work on our patron wifi. So far so good. It is almost ready to go. (warning, tech talk ahead) Once someone connects to the correct network, most mobile devices will automatically detect there is a captive portal, other devices will be directed to it as soon as they try to load a webpage. All our patrons have to do is accept the terms and conditions on the portal page, and they will then be redirected to the Strand website.

The Free WiFi is driven by a new PC based firewall. It has 3 network connections, one connecting to the uplink from Mach1PC, one going to a Cisco switch for the Free WiFi LAN, and then the 3rd connects to the Strand's LAN. Again thanks to Mach1PC and Comcast for providing this connection.

The Community Treasure Series Lecture was interesting. Amy Haacker, executive director of the Blue River Community Foundation gave the presentation. We learned about all the different types of funds, accounts, and grant opportunities that are available. The Foundation celebrates its 30th anniversary next year! It was a great lecture. In September we will hear from Shelby County Tourism.

Again, please reply to this email to let us know if you would like to be notified of our evening work sessions. It is time to start getting things done!

Thank you for the support. We have received well wishes from across the State this week, it is very gratifying and encouraging. We do this all be because of you. See you at the Strand!

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