

Commons Facility Manager Report
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My thanks to Mike Guerriero who provided User Support for the first half of October while I was on a journey to the midwest. The Church of God folks had the Commons reserved for most of the time, and he welcomed them and gave them support during their two weeks here. I was able to spend several hours with them as they tore down equipment and moved out - and once again, they are most appreciative of what our facility nicely serves their needs. They are looking forward to being here again next year - dates will be Sept 18th - 30th, 2018. Note that you will not see this on our Events Community calendar on the Goyachats reservation system as this reservation is not open to participation by our community. However, it is listed on the individual room (facility) calendars which they have reserved and will be using. So if you were wanting to make a reservation during those dates in the Multi-purpose room, the Kitchen or rooms 8,7 - or in the Picnic Shelter, you would see that they are not available for reservations. Also, during my time away from the area, I handled numerous phone calls about commons related concerns and problems.

Mike and I have been arranging the storage room. Mike designed and built a storage dolly for the pipes of the Pipe and Drape system. He is working on a rolling storage box for the heavy metal bases. Drapes have been stored in plastic bins on storage room shelves.

We have been using the new cabaret tables for several of recent events - and have been getting very positive reviews! Several folks have mentioned wanting to acquire more of them, so I pass that feedback to the Friends.

Stephen Farish is scheduled to do remodel in the Friends office at the end of October. This will involve tearing out the old sink counter and retooling things in that area to create a safe storage area for the more valuable audio/ visual equipment. And will also involve upgrading the storage shelving and "hooks" where cords and other equipment are stored. This comes at a good time, as earlier noted, we are reorganizing the main storage area off the Multi-Purpose room. Storage is an ongoing issue here at the Commons. We have acquired lots of equipment and furniture - most of which is used regularly.

As winter is approaching, we have a number of ongoing physical exercise activities which usually see more attendance as outside weather moves into the stormy winter months. Volleyball is scheduled for Monday afternoons from 3:30 - 5:30, followed by Zumba at Six and Ping Pong from 7-9. The plan is to store 2 Ping Pong tables in room 8 (where they are used later in the week for " ping pong skill building" on Wednesdays from 11am - 1pm . There is also a plan to use wall mounts for the Volleyball net to eliminate the need for the 2 Heavy Base stanchions which are awkward to move into and out from the Storage room.

The Farmer's Market season is coming to an end after the Mushroom Festival Weekend. I have heard many expressions of appreciation about how the market is organized and how well it is run. Thanks to Ron Vil who manages the market - and for the Friends who support it.

Ongoing : the North Front doors by Friends office are still not working properly. They often do not close when people leave the building through them. Even though they are "locked" , if they do not close all the way, building security is compromised.

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