

Facilities Manager Report
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The exciting news is that the LED lights made it in time to illuminate the Ocean Artistry Quilt Show (OAQS). All Electric did the removal of old fluorescent fixtures and installed the new LED fixtures in the MP room and in Room 8. Additional LED lights were installed and positioned by Leon Sterner and Bob Langley and lit the wall behind the kitchen. The lights provided a very even and high quality lighting as they illuminated a most spectacular array of 101 art quilts. Many of the quilts were hung on the new "Pipe and Drape" system - provided by Polly Plumb Productions. This flexible structure of 8-10' sections of pipe with hanging "banjo" drapes worked perfectly and beautifully for the OAQS. These sections can now be used for a variety of event type applications and will be stored in a rolling cart that can be easily moved and stored. We are considering a rental policy that might fit for those in the community who want to rent the Pipe and Drape system for local events.

Plans have been set for the removal of the old carpeting in the main hallways and in the City Council Chamber (Room 1) - and for the installation of the new carpet squares. This work will take place during the week of March 19th. This carpet will be "high-hide" and durable for heavy traffic areas. The plan is to paint the hallway walls before the new carpeting is installed. It has been a challenge to find a window of opportunity for this work to occur. Shortly after the carpeting installation, the Chamber Arts and Craft Show will follow, and then on its heels, the Library Book Sale. Even though March has proved to be a very busy month for events at the Commons, we found a short space where this work could be done between March 17th and March 23rd. Thank you to all the activities that will have to accommodate this work schedule.

A special thank you to the Exercise group which meets regularly on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays in the MP room at the Commons. They are a "by-donation" group - which means that anyone can attend and make a donation if they choose to attend the class. One dimension of this "by donation" status is that they sometimes get "bumped" for another large and compelling event (or when work needs to be done in that space). For instance, Exercise was bumped when we had that end of the building closed for the installation of the LED lights, and later, for the Ocean Artistry Quilt Show set-up and show. Unfortunately, Exercise will also be displaced during the Friday opening of the Book Sale on the last weekend in March. The backup plan, that has been working, is to hold Exercise class in the 501 building. Although the 501 is not ideal for this activity (carpeted floors), it works well enough as a backup plan. Thanks to all of the exercisers for their flexibility in accommodating what is only becoming a more and more busy schedule of events at the Commons.

The Sunday at the Movies event - sponsored by the Friends on the first Sunday of the month at 2:00 pm - plans to have the last of three movies themed, "Vintage Song and Dance Movies". We're looking for someone who has an idea for another film series. Can be anything - as long as the movies are covered by our License agreement. Spread the word, and have anyone interested contact me.

An after note on the LED lights in MP and Room 8. You will notice that the switch location is different in the MP room. There are now two sections of lighting that are controlled by the white switches on the South wall by the hallway. There is an on/off button on top, and up and down dimmer buttons on the bottom. Room 8 has a similar switch in the same location as before - which operates the same way. Plans are being made to move forward with the LED light project in other areas of the Commons as funds will permit. Thanks to all who have contributed to this exciting - and energy wise project!

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