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After a hiatus of 9 years, and with a lengthy discussion with the Assistant Editor, it has been decided to restart the publication of the “Tree Lot Herald”. We hope that this newsletter will keep our Club members better informed on the progress and needs of this very important fund raiser.

The Manhattan Optimist Foundation Christmas Tree Lot has been selling Christmas Trees in Manhattan, KS since the 1959 Christmas season and has been an annual event ever since. The Tree Lot is manned by Manhattan Optimist Club members, spouses, and friends.

Tree Lot 2023 has started, some accomplishments have been made, but there is still much more to do.

A-Frame and Stringer (Stanchion) Repair



13R



22R



24L



34L



16' Stringers

Set aside at the end of last year's Tree Lot season, 4 A-Frames and 6 16' Stringers were identified as needing to be repaired or replaced. A-Frame repair was done by Steve Boeckman, Jim Franke, and Bruce Bidwell on October 20. Repairs done included: 13R Replaced 1 Side board; 22R Replaced 1 Side board and 2 Bottom boards; 24L Replaced 2 Side boards and 2 Bottom boards; 34L Replaced 1 Bottom board. The 6 16' Stringers will be replaced at the time of Stanchion installation on November 5th. Jim Franke can explain to you the A-Frame coding (i.e. 13R, 34L, etc.).

Doormat

Someone left a brand new Christmas-themed doormat at the Park. If I had to guess, it could have been the Franke family.



New Doormat



"BUD" the Cat

"BUD" the Optimist Park cat, took to the new doormat right away.

Setup Schedule

See the Setup Schedule at the end of this newsletter

More Information and To Help

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Setup Schedule

Event	Start Date	Start Time	Comments
Setup # 0A - Stanchion Repair	Fri 10-20	1:00 P	Bidwell; Boeckman; Franke;
Setup # 1A - Move Fixtures from Bldg #3 to Garage	Sun 10-29		Bidwell; Boeckman; Franke;
Setup # 1B - Mark Row Positions for Tree Stanchions	Tue 10-31		Bidwell; Boeckman; Franke;
Setup # 2A	Sat 11-04	9:00 A	Bidwell; Boeckman; Franke;
- B/C Net Takedown & Storage			Members;
- Netters/Tables & Light/Speaker Holders Inst.			
- Move Stanchions from Storage to Parking Lot			
- Setup "Seasons Greetings" Sign			
Setup # 2B	Sun 11-05	1:00 P	
- Stanchion Setup			Bidwell; Boeckman; Franke;
- Move Inside Inventory from Bldg #3 to Garage			Members;
- Security Camera Installation			Boeckman
Setup # 2C	Mon 11-06		Bidwell; Boeckman; Franke;
- Install Maroon Shed Roof Lights			
- Install Garage Outside Lights			
Setup # 3A	Wed 11-08		Bidwell; Boeckman; Franke;
- Insulate Garage Doors (done from LY)			
- Wash Inside Sales Area Fixtures			
Setup # 4A - Setup Inside Inventory	Sat 11-11	1:00 P	Bidwell; J. Franke; M. Franke;
Setup # 4B - Setup Santa's Workshop	Tue 11-14		P. Bidwell; J. Franke; M. Franke;
Tree Unloading	Fri 11-17		Members;
Tree Setup & Pricing	Wed 11-22	10:00 A	Members;
1st Day Open - Thanksgiving Day	Thu 11-23	10:00 A	Bidwell; J. Franke;