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What an exciting two weeks of Tree Lot 2023 ... many, many accomplishments.

Fixture Moving



On October 29, Steve Boeckman moved, by himself, the fixtures stored for the off-season in Bldg #3 to the Garage which is used as the Tree Lot Cashiering and Inside Inventory Sales area. Steve did use the battery operated cart to help with the move. The fixtures moved include 2 shelves used for selling tree stands, the cash register table, 2 tables used for cashiering functions (telephone, calculator, credit card machine), the popcorn machine chest, and a few other fixtures.

Painting the Parking Lot



Halloween afternoon, Steve Boeckman, Jim Franke, and Bruce Bidwell took to laying out the Parking Lot to indicate where the 32 tree frames (stanchions) are to be placed when assembled.

Using a diagram with measurements, several 150' tape measurers, a variety of screw drivers, hammers, very large spikes, and red spray paint, they were able to determine the beginning and ending locations of each row of stanchions ... both on the east and west side of the main aisle.

Outside Light Strings



Steve Boeckman and Dan O'Neill took time out of their day on November 3 to install the outside lights on the face of the Garage and the roof line of the Maroon Shed. These pictures don't do their work justice. It looks great at nighttime!

Saturday, November 4

A lot happened on this day with some excellent volunteers.



Taking down Batting Cage Nets #2 & #3 for the Winter



Folding up the net for storage in the Jessica Field Shed



**Batting Cage #1
Stored in the Men's Restroom**



Installing the 16" Netter and both Netters Installed



**Green Supports Installed -
Supports Netters Lights &
Stereo Speakers**



**The "Seasons Greeting" sign installed on the South side of
Bldg #3**



A-Frames and 16' Stringers laid out for assembly on Nov 5

Our great volunteers on this day included Bruce Bidwell, Sara Bidwell, Steve Boeckman, Jaime Bohnenblust, Julie Brummett, Paul Dittmar, Jim Franke, Steve Havenstein, Mel Hunt, Gary Lloyd, Mark Locke, Steve McKinzie, Fred Olsen, Dan O'Neill, Bob Seymour, Bruce Spellman, and Greg Wurst.

Sunday, November 5

Only one project was accomplished on this day ... but it was a VERY important one ... assembling of the 32 Tree Stanchions.



Assembling the 16' Stringers to the A-Frames



The assembled Tree Stanchions

Volunteers this day included Jerry Banaka, Bruce Bidwell, Sara Bidwell, Jim Blanton, Steve Boeckman, Todd Chyba, Larry Fox, Jim Franke, Steve Havenstein, Doug Jardine, Kelly Karl, Ken Lewis and his grandson Mason Gish, Mark Locke, Steve McKinzie, Jim Morrison, Dan O'Neill, Bob Seymour, Nick Thilges, Bill Wisdom, and Greg Wurst.

THANKS TO ALL VOLUNTEERS

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Remaining Setup Schedule

Event	Start Date	Start Time	Comments
Setup # 2B - Move Inside Inventory from Bldg #3 to Garage	Sat 11-11	10:00 A	Bidwell; Boeckman; Franke;
Setup # 3A - Wash Inside Sales Area Fixtures	Fri 11-10	1:00 P	Bidwell; Boeckman; Franke;
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;
Setup # 4C - Setup Lot Lights	Wed 11-15	10:00 A	Bidwell; Boeckman; Franke;
Setup # 4D - Setup Cash Register & Stereo System	Thu 11-16	10:00 A	Bidwell;
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;