

## Growth News

**Volunteer call:** Summer is allowing work on the building to progress rapidly and will give many people an opportunity to volunteer their labor beyond carpentry, such things as landscape and memorial garden work as well as the stucco parties coming up in August and September. Al Thompson will be leading the memorial garden/fountain restoration and Kate Dwyer is in charge of preparing the landscaping – planting will come later in the fall when the weather cools down.

To volunteer your help, please pick up a volunteer sheet, fill it out, and get it to Susan Pratt so that she can put you on her email list. If you have questions or can't find the paperwork, call Susan at 379-2981 or email her at [wmspratt@ncplus.net](mailto:wmspratt@ncplus.net).

**Dates for the stucco parties are August 1, 8, 15, and September 12 and 19.** Children can work with their parents on the stucco, and for smaller children (or tired ones) there will be child care.

Other tasks for volunteers are repairs and/or replacement of the shed and installing low-voltage conduit, as well as continuation of the construction itself with the Wallyworks crew. The garden walls must be restored, the fountain rebuilt, and steps and paths leading to the main door must be laid out. Plenty of work for all!

And if you want to join the snack crew, call Joanna England at 385-1789,

**Progress:** As of this writing, the sprinkler system is being fitted into all three buildings, causing some mess and dislocation of staff. You might ask why the system is needed in the buildings that have not had it thus far. Evidently, the code requires that if the main building is large enough to need sprinklers, the others have to have them as well. If there were ever to be a fire, the area it started in would be flooded with water but the building would be saved – expensive but in the long run could be well worth it!

The upper siding is being painted in sections and installed. Windows and exterior doors are due to arrive soon, and once they are in place, the rest of the siding can go up and the building will be weather proof.

Within the next few weeks subcontractors will wire the building and the HVAC (Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning) people will prepare the ducts and equipment for our heating system.

**Finances:** Our project is still running at budget but as we move forward money continues to be tight. The Donation Committee is working hard to quantify the UFO's (UnFunded Objects of our desire) and we will be prioritizing the list so that, when the time comes, donations will go to the highest priority items.

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