

PRESS RELEASE

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BELLVILLE TURNVEREIN PAVILION RESTORATION PROJECT

Phase II Work in Progress

Phase II of the Restoration work currently in progress includes air conditioning the hall. AC equipment and ductwork will be installed under the dance floor and conditioned air will exit grills under the perimeter benches.

When removing the perimeter flooring to provide access under the dance floor, it was discovered the ground clearance on the east side of the hall was much less than what could be seen elsewhere. As a result, it was clear excavation would be required to accommodate the AC equipment and ducts. Excavation started late October and was completed last week. The photos show Gaeke Construction workers under the floor creating the needed space.

Gaeke poured the pad for the outside AC compressor units and has run conduit for the electrical service to the units. Honeycutt Air, working under Gaeke, has begun to route refrigerant lines from the pad to the hall. A vapor barrier will be installed on the ground under the floor and installation of the AC air handling units will follow. Once all the AC equipment, ducts, grills, etc. are in place, the remainder of the Phase I work will be completed. This work was paused in May 2020 in anticipation of moving ahead with AC at that time.

Unfortunately because of the delay to excavate, the revised completion date is 1st Q 2022.

As a result of the 14 month delay in receiving the funds for the National Park Service grant, the cost for Phase II is \$52,000 more than if the work could have been done last year.

In an effort to cover the added costs, the Restoration Project has applied for three small grants available from outside sources and is appealing for donations from organizations and the public. Donations of any size are tremendously appreciated!

Sponsorships for exterior shutters are still available for \$2000 and sponsors will be recognized with a permanent plaque for each set of shutters. Other donations of \$1000 or more will be recognized on a permanent donor board in the hall.

Checks can be mailed to Bellville Turnverein Pavilion Restoration Project, PO Box 672, Bellville, TX 77418. Donations can also be made on the website, www.bellvilleturnvereinproject.org