

Going On at Crossroads!!

From the Executive Director

Save the Date – Saturday, May 16, 2020

We will be having a Volunteer Appreciation Lunch on this date in the St. Paul's Parish Hall. Lunch will be served at 12 o'clock and consist of fried fish, French fries, coleslaw and hush puppies. Dessert is a surprise.

Plan on getting to the church around 10:30 for education, fun and fellowship. We will have some discussions about Crossroads projects and various volunteer initiatives.

It will be an informative and fun event. We are inviting all past volunteers, current volunteers, our Crossroads Board and members from St. Paul's.

Facebook

We want to re-energize our presence on Facebook. Currently our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/Crossroadsatparkplace/>) has not been maintained in quite some time and we want to change that.

We believe that this page can be effectively used to communicate information about our activities, fund raise and help us in coordinating volunteer opportunities.

What we need is a few volunteers who could help us manage the page, keep it current and post items of interest regularly.

Houston Food Bank

Our plan to provide a food pantry type service to the community is still in the works. We will not be able to do that until our buildings are installed and functional. Until then it is still our goal to utilize the Houston Foodbank Mobile food service truck to distribute food to our clients.

This service would be a once a week service and will require 8 – 12 volunteers at each service. This food service work will be our largest volunteer effort to date. Please contact me for more information.

Showers

The showers became operational at the end of January after many months of permitting issues, plumbing issues and propane issues. But today, all of our units are operations. We are averaging about 20 – 30 showers per service day and expect that number to rise.

Thanks to all our volunteers and donors who made this possible.

Building

Back in August, we engaged a site planner to prepare the installation drawings and submit them to the City of Houston for our construction permit. The process has taken a lot longer than I ever imagined but the drawings have been submitted to the city now and we await their feedback and hopefully the issued permit.

As soon as that occurs, we will purchase the buildings and installation would occur 30 – 45 days after purchase. But there is still more needed. Plumbing, electrical and building interiors will need to be completed.

And let me tell you there is plenty of need for volunteer efforts in those areas. I will be coordinating with several groups to get the required finish work done. If you would like more information on how you could help in this area, please contact me.

Church Property

Our partnership with St. Paul's continues to be productive for Crossroads and for St. Paul's. Crossroads supported the creation of a clinic examination room to be used as part of St. Paul's mission to deliver low cost medical services to the community.

The shared use of the kitchen facilities has been smoothed out and is now very efficient for Crossroads and St. Paul's.

Our care of the church facility during our operations and cleanup after has left the parish hall none the less and maybe a little more sparkly for other church

functions. I am very proud of the work done by our volunteers related to janitorial and cleanup services. Crossroads is committed to respecting and caring for St. Paul's facilities.