



September 2021 Update

Purvis Store Market (PSM), Landscaping and Trailhead

We have been moving along with the **PSM** now that the nonprofit is the owner. We are working to find funding for the renovation costs - I will get back later on this as our plans develop.

Thanks to a donation from a Friend, **landscaping** will be done October 16 and 17. The entire PSM yard will be cleared with the exception of a few trees, it will be leveled - meaning all tree holes will be filled in - and later, volunteers will spread grass seed and straw!

Regarding the trees, there is a Pecan tree in back of the house and a Magnolia in the side yard that, I believe, are both over 100 years old. A representative from Va Forestry is coming by on Oct 14 to check out those two trees and give us some guidance on caring for them in their old age. I also want to see if either or both of them qualify as Notable Trees in the county. There are a number of Pecan saplings coming up under the old tree and we will save some of those along with the Boxwood close by that came from Enniscorthy Farm.

We need volunteers on Oct 16 and 17. If you want to help us out, please let me know. It is going to be a lot of work cutting and dragging tree limbs to the chipper so I am hoping to have enough volunteers that each only has to work 1/2 day. That would make 4 shifts of at least two volunteers each, it is preferable if the volunteers can bring and operate a chainsaw. We will also need rakes.

Soon after we get the landscaping done, we will be able to start cleaning up and making some repairs on the shed that will be the **Trailhead**. I will send out another email when we are ready to do that work as we will need volunteers. We will need a power washer as part of the cleaning and when it is dry, it will need a paint job inside and out along with some repairs. Essentially that building is in good shape, it is made of cinder block and was built in 1958.

The house trailer in the yard will be hauled away around Oct 11. We have decided to leave the built-on addition so we can pull the siding, and perhaps windows, to use in the PSM renovation. The siding was cut and milled from trees from Guthrie Hall so there is historical significance. It was built in 1959.

Let me know if you have questions, comments, etc.

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