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Proposed
Maplewood Barn

Groundbreaking
Maplewood Barn at Nifong Park
July 31, 2011
The groundbreaking ceremony tonight marks an exciting milestone in the reconstruction of the historic Maplewood Barn. The rebuilding process—which actually began the day after fire destroyed the old barn on April 5, 2010—is made possible by the support and generosity of the entire community.

A group of interested parties began meeting informally after the fire to discuss the future of the barn. This committee was made up of representatives of Columbia Parks and Recreation, the Maplewood Barn Community Theatre, the City’s Office of Cultural Affairs, Boone County Historical Society, Firefighters Local 1055 and Ms. Lyria Bartlett, a local architect who is donating her time for this project. The initial committee narrowed its focus into a design group, which came up with two concepts for the barn’s reconstruction.

Public input meetings were held over several months, which led to the final design being approved by the Columbia City Council earlier this summer. During the entire design and public input phase, the Community Theatre has worked to raise funds to assist in the project. Those efforts continue. Funds raised will be added to the insurance reimbursement and Park Sales Tax funds as approved by voters last November to pay for the construction of the new structure. The architect and engineering services (valued at $77,000) are being generously donated.

The new barn will remain as true to the historic structure as possible, while remaining within current building and accessibility requirements. It will be red with white trim in keeping with the traditional facade. Its interior will be designed for use by the Theatre with storage space, dressing rooms, restrooms and other amenities.

Construction of the new barn will start in the near future, with plans for it to reopen in time for the Community Theatre’s 2012 season. For the remainder of the 2011 season, the Theatre will perform at the Stephens Lake Park Amphitheater.

Thank you for being here to mark this special occasion!