



Dear Community Supporter,

If you have been through the Town of Jena lately, you have probably noticed some of the improvements being made in our community. One in particular that is very exciting is the restoration of the historic Strand Theater. The goal of this rehabilitation is to capture the building's history while making it a multi-function space for the whole community to use.

While Jena residents of recent generations may only remember the Strand as a storage facility, people growing up in the 50's, 60's, and 70's, remember Saturday nights spent at the Strand. Some of you had your first date there, or maybe you remember the first time you saw a classic movie such as *Singin' in the Rain* or *Gone with the Wind*. As people grew up and moved away from the area, the Strand was almost forgotten until recent years.

The Town purchased the Strand in 2008. If you have passed by lately, you have certainly noticed its new façade, but much is left to be done to make the Strand functional again. The goal of the Mayor, Town Council, and Jena Merchants' Association is to rehabilitate this historic building for many uses. It will be used as a performing arts center for little theater productions, art works, and memorabilia display. The theater interior design will accommodate large and small groups with theater-style seating on the lower floor and the balcony, and banquet-type activities on the lower floor--events like wedding receptions, reunions, and other special celebrations; and even an occasional movie will be featured.

The Strand is a critical piece of Jena's history, but also essential to its future. You have the opportunity to be a part of this monumental undertaking by contributing financially to the cause. If you would like to donate, you can mail in the attached form with a check. Any amount would be greatly appreciated. Remember, your donation is tax deductible and will provide opportunities for growth and new activities for years to come!

Thank you for helping make Jena a place that past and present residents can take great pride.

Sincerely,

Murphy McMillin
Mayor

Please fill out this stub and return with your donation to: Strand Theater Project P.O. Box 26 Jena, LA 71342

Name	Phone Number	Amount of Donation
Mailing Address		

Check here if you would like your donation to be anonymous. For any questions, call (318)992-2148.