Spring is just around the corner and the Pacific prom dress ladies are busy sorting through donated party dresses in preparation for the first proms of the year in April.

Donated new and gently used party dresses are sorted by size and stored on racks in the prom dress closet located at Riverbend School at 2085 Highway N.

The prom dress program originated as a ministry of Pacific Presbyterian Church and has now grown to be a service project hosted by the Meramec.

serve teens throughout the area.

Designed to provide prom or other special event dresses to girls, the program was later expanded to include shoes, purses, jewelry and boys' clothing.

After the school district agreed to host the program, under the chairmanship of Jeanne Bandermann, the number of donated dresses grew and the program was expanded to include other area school districts.

Bandermann keeps a calendar of all proms in the area and notifies the schools that girls can find party dresses in the

As proms near, girls and boys are invited to the prom dress closet where they can have their pick of any clothing item and can try them on in an adjoining dressing room. There is no cost for any item in the collection.

Individuals who have prom dresses they no longer need are invited to donate them to the program. To donate a dress or other dress-up item, contact Jeanne Bandermann at 314-960-4694.

Days when the prom dress closet will be open for April proms will be announced soon.

Valentines for Vets

Workshop January 24

Local crafters and members of the public are invited to help make valentines for local homebound veterans.

The Scenic Regional Library Pacific Branch, 111 Lamar Parkway, will hold a valentine creation workshop Thursday, Jan. 24, at 6 p.m.

The event is a repeat of a popular program held in January 2018.

"We made about 50 hand-made valentines that were distributed to homebound veterans last year," said Barb Schweissguth, adult programmer. "After they were made we set them out so members of the public could send notes to the veterans."

Schweissguth said feedback was that veterans really enjoyed the communication and inspired staffers to repeat the program.

The library supplies all the materials and tools. "All people who want to help need to do is just show up," Schweissguth said.

Architects to Redesign

Mayor Steve Myers, left, congratulates after aldermen approved the firm's structural and building renovations. Members of the public architects this month to discuss the future of the building.

Theater

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Dec. 18 board of aldermen meeting, extolling the ethics of the developers and the benefits of developing the old theater and asking aldermen to approve the use. The first reading of the ordinance was completed.

Mayor Steve Myers said the Jan. 15 meeting, where the second reading will be acted on, gives opponents and proponents another chance to voice opinions before a final vote is taken.

Henry Leber for the developers began some idea to use the building as a theater and the theater agents for larger lots in some areas of the county; however the property owner should understand that given this property location next to the city limits, higher-density residential development would be expected to occur at some point in the future. "This property is adjacent to a large lot subarea," he said.

This is a small scale project on a large lot subarea, Gray said. This is a project on a small scale, Gray said.