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Hello friends,

I am writing on behalf of the Winnsboro Main Street Economic Committee in request of assistance in completing our Davis Park playground renovation project. We have been working hard over the past year to improve the park conditions at the playground at Davis Park located on the south end of town near the tennis courts and girls' softball grounds.

We have been working with Dr. Marybeth Lima, LSU Department of Biological and Agricultural Engineering Chair and director of the LSU Community Playground Project, on plans and specifications for the new playground. We then have worked on fundraising through various grants and donations to complete the \$250,000 project for our community.

We are participating in what is called a "Community Build" for the playground meaning we have made the decision to utilize a committee install where we assume most of the responsibilities that an installation contractor would; however, we will have the supervision of a certified playground installer during the build. Our community build days will be (Thursday) June 9th, (Friday) June 10th, and (Saturday) June 11th from 8:00 am – dusk.

We are almost there! We would love for you to help us get there. We **NEED VOLUNTEERS!** There is an opportunity for you to contribute to the project if you would like to by simply volunteering your time. The volunteer duties will be diverse and may include the following: unpack and assemble equipment, dig holes, assist with layout, and follow instructions. All tools and materials will be on-site, so no need to bring anything other than yourself! Our installation contractor specified that we need (30) volunteers each day to complete the building of the new playground. We are determined to meet that goal, but we do ask that you help us.

You can sign up to volunteer for the community build by following the link here (<https://forms.gle/7ueWngVXtA32fk2R6>) or copying and pasting into your browser. You can also email me directly, and I will sign you up. My email is ssheppard.edc@gmail.com. Lastly, you can stop by my office located inside the Old Post Office Museum on Prairie Street in Winnsboro to fill out a form. Any preference you choose is acceptable and appreciated!

Thank you, and please let me know if you have any questions. I appreciate your time and consideration for this volunteer request.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sam Sheppard".

Sam Sheppard
Franklin Parish Economic Development Coordinator
& Winnsboro Main Street Director
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