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Volunteers needed to 'Paint the Fence'

If you're handy with a paintbrush and can spare a few hours, your help is needed to spruce up Oakland University's campus.

Student, staff and alumni volunteers are being recruited to "Paint the Fence" on July 20 and 21. The mile-long white serpentine fence that needs to be painted borders Meadow Brook Hall, Katke-Cousins Golf Course, Sunset Terrace, John Dodge House and Meadow Brook Health Enhancement Institute.

Jon Levin, lead guard at **Meadow Brook Hall**, is spearheading the project. He recently contacted Ed Dorich, general foreman, to ask if Facilities Maintenance was planning to paint the fence.

"Ed said if I could find volunteer painters, Facilities Maintenance could supply the scrapers, paint and brushes," Levin said.

Although it's not his responsibility, Levin is stepping up to the challenge. He's hoping all university departments will volunteer "teams" to work on sections of the fence together.

To complete the job in a two-day time frame, 60 to 90 volunteers are needed. Volunteers are asked to work at least a four-hour shift, either 8 a.m. to noon, or noon to 4 p.m.

The goal is to finish painting prior to this year's **Concours d'Elegance**, which is Aug. 4. If it rains, the "Paint the Fence" project will be rescheduled for July 27 and 28.

As an Oakland University alumnus, Levin recalls when the east campus area, including **Meadow Brook Hall**, opened to the public in 1971.

"This area of the campus looked fresh and clean, and it made a good impression on all who visited Oakland," said Levin, who wants to make sure the east side of campus stays that way.

Thousands of people annually visit the east campus venues, including Meadow Brook Hall and its Concours d'Elegance, Meadow Brook Music Festival, Katke-Cousins and R&S Sharf golf courses, and Meadow Brook Health Enhancement Institute.

Those interested in volunteering should contact Levin at (248) 505-4884 or at levin@oakland.edu.

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