

Patio Update 8/13/2026

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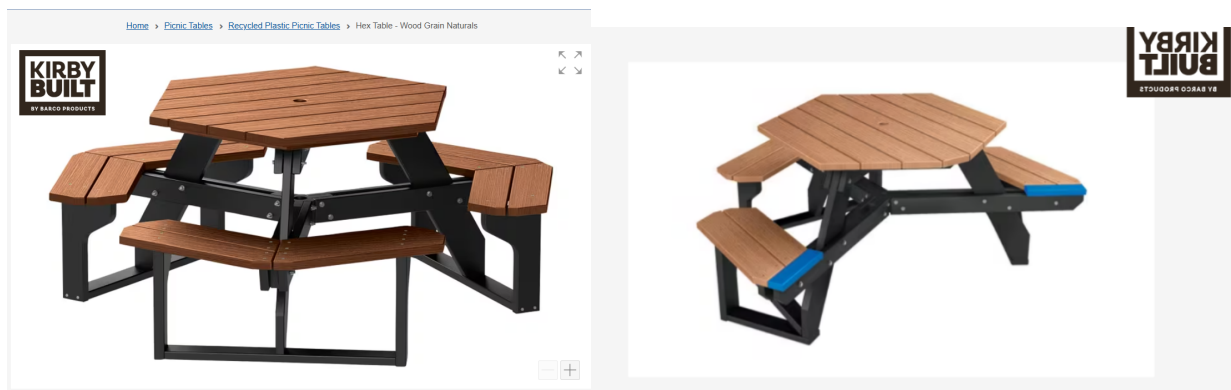
Below is the current progress update in regard to our patio project. If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at maya.benishek@cwcmv.org.

We've made a lot of progress since the last update:

Railing: We decided to close off the railing in front of the café to avoid the tripping and fall hazard of having a step outside of the café door. Greg Davis added in the last piece of railing on Saturday. Thank you, Greg!

Parking Blocks: The parking blocks have been installed and will help protect the seating area from being encroached by cars. Thank you, Richard Dahlquist and Rick Streeter for installing them!

Tables: In all honesty I was having a hard time biting the bullet and spending the money on the tables that I picked. When I was doing my research, I found some tables I really loved, but they were more expensive than I could afford. I picked cheaper tables that were still good quality and looked nice. But every time I went to buy the tables I felt like I shouldn't. The tables that I loved kept coming back to my mind, so I looked them up again to check the price. They were on a markdown but still were going to cost about \$4,500.00 more than I was planning to spend on tables. As I have been purchasing items for the project a few things have been cheaper than what I budgeted. I reviewed the budget and we have enough money to buy the nicer tables! God is so good! I'm glad He gave me pause to wait and see if we could upgrade our seating. I've ordered the tables and they will ship in about 3 weeks. We will have to wait a little longer, but I think it will be worth it. Here are the new tables we are purchasing (9 regular, 1 handi-cap):



Umbrellas and Stands: I also ordered the umbrellas and stands. They have arrived and will be stored until we are ready to install them with the tables. I changed the color of the umbrellas from “Carnation Red” to “Burgundy” I think the new color will be more inviting!

Planters: The planters have arrived and are being stored in the parking spots outside the patio area until they are installed this weekend. This week we will anchor them in place and start setting up the irrigation system. Then, we will fill the planters with lava rock (for drainage) and soil to get ready for planting in the Fall. If you’re interested in helping fill the planters, please reach out to me!

Plants: I am working with Martha Ulmer to figure out what types of plants and how many plants would be best for the planters. We plan on purchasing and planting sometime in late September. (We need cooler weather so the new plants will thrive!)

I am so grateful for the progress we’ve made over the last couple of weeks. Thank you for your continued prayers and patience.

Maya Benishek