

Habitat for Humanity of Cape Cod

Monthly Update for February

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“Everyone needs a simple, decent place to live and providing it is elemental goodness, truth and love in action”

Millard Fuller, Jan. 3, 1935 – Feb. 3, 2009

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Harwich Special Town Meeting – Thurs. Feb. 5, 7pm, Community Center

We urge all Harwich voters to attend the Special Town Meeting on Thursday. Please vote “yes” on Articles 23 and 25 so that we may continue without further delay to construct 13 affordable homes at Gomes Way in Harwich.

Article 23 simply allows for utility easements

Article 25 approval will allow the Selectmen to convey the Gomes Way parcel (referred to as Driftwood Lane at previous Town Meetings) to Habitat, in place of the 99 year land lease currently in effect. The land lease has proved a major roadblock in continuing this project. If you have not received information by mail on this issue, feel free to call me at 508 775 3559 x15 in advance of the meeting, or refer to the home page of our website www.habitatcapecod.org which will link you to a letter of explanation.

Info for volunteers:

Volunteer Orientation Meetings

If you are new to Habitat for Humanity of Cape Cod or want a little more information about what's involved with becoming a volunteer (of any kind) for HHCC, please come to our one of our **Volunteer Orientation meetings on Thursday, February 26, or March 26 4 PM** at our office, 657 Route 28 in West Yarmouth. You will learn about our organization, volunteer

opportunities, the families we serve and the homes we build. **To RSVP for this meeting, please email Hilary Greene at hilary@habitatcapecod.org**

V-Mail: Are you on Hilary's "V-Mail list?" Hilary sends out occasional news and invitations, specifically for Habitat volunteers: news of specialized volunteer needs, events of interest, training and orientations, requests for help. If you wish to join this e-list, contact hilary@habitatcapecod.org

On-site construction training – Gomes Way: For those who have been awaiting news of crew leader or novice construction training, please note our change in plans. *There will be no training in 2009 in advance of home construction.* Training for novices will be "universal." As we build it, you will learn! Construction Director Mike Williams plans to be in an on-going training mode with all construction volunteers. Those who identify themselves as interested in more specialized or crew leader training will be given the opportunity, as the build progresses, to access more advanced on-site training.

Gomes volunteer kick-off: To be announced. *(The issue referred to above, under "Harwich Special Town Meeting" has delayed our ability to confirm the construction schedule).* Meanwhile, here is the contact info for our volunteer coordinators. Feel free to contact them and let them know of your interest. Coordinator for churches and other groups and teams: Nancy Erskine 508 945-2163 nancybillersk@comcast.net.

Coordinator for individuals: Joanne Broderick 508 240 -5860
jobrode@optonline.net

All efforts continue to be directed towards commencement of volunteer construction this spring.

Coming soon, March Events of special interest to Habitat supporters -

Habitat's **Church Relations Committee** is hosting a series of **Breakfast Gatherings** next month to provide both updates and insights on the work and hopes of the affiliate. All are welcome to attend and asked to **RSVP by calling Reverend Phil Mitchell at: 508-255-1228 by March 1st.**

Thursday, March 12th 8:00am-9:30am, Christ the King Church, Mashpee;
Thursday, March 19th 8:00am-9:30am - The Federated Church of Hyannis;
Thursday, March 26th 8:00am-9:30am - St. Joan of Arc Parish, Orleans

AND

An Afternoon with Betsy Palmer

Sunday, March 29th 2 pm
Harwich Junior Theatre.

Behind the scenes:

Staff: In January we welcomed to our full time staff, Mike Williams, as Director of Construction.

Board members: Welcomed during our December and January Board meetings, to fill remaining vacancy seats on our Board of Directors were: Lisa Bushy of North Eastham, Joseph McPartland of Harwich Port, Fred Thimme of Marstons Mills and Lynette Helms of Falmouth. Each brings great talents and background to our Board in addition to a passion for the mission and work of Habitat for Humanity.

Re-Store: There continues to be great enthusiasm amongst our leadership and local activists for the founding of a Habitat Re-Store on Cape Cod (a Habitat-type thrift shop specializing in re-sale of donated building materials). We plan to move our focus back to the careful planning and prep for this initiative in the very near future. The Babson feasibility study clarified certain Cape-specific challenges that need to be addressed during planning – but this project is NOT on the shelf (more like on a back burner, about to be brought forward again).

CHAPTER MEETING INFORMATION

Upper Cape

Meets on the first Monday of each month. 7 p.m., Mashpee Senior Center.
Chapter Chair: **Bob Leary**

Lower Cape

Chapter Volunteer Coordinator: **Nancy Erskine 508-945-2163**
Nancybillersk@comcast.net (See volunteer info above for Gomes Way project info for volunteers).

Mid-Cape

Chapter Chair: **Marilyn Nouri 508-385-8568**

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Construction updates– x2, bad weather hotline - x3;

Anne Corrieri x10,

Vicki Goldsmith. Executive Director x15

Sue Daggett, Director of Resource Development and Communications x14

Hilary Greene, Coordinator of Volunteer Programs X16
Mike Williams, Director of Construction X17
Linda Caldwell X12

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