



Individual Volunteers Working at Gomes Way

Thank you for volunteering for this new and ambitious Habitat build in the Town of Harwich. Your generosity of time and spirit is very much appreciated, particularly by the families for whom these homes are being built.

Following is information about participation on site.

Our work days will be Tuesdays and Saturdays. Tuesdays are the days when we welcome our individual volunteers, while Saturdays are more convenient for groups, though there will be room for individual volunteers on many Saturdays as well.

The first day of work for volunteers will be in April. Wall raising for the first house on Gomes Way will begin on Saturday, April 18th, with a group of volunteers from Church of the Holy Spirit, the generous sponsor of that house. We will welcome our first individual volunteers on the following Tuesday, April 21st.

We have begun to contact volunteers for the first few weeks of the build. Our Individual Volunteer Coordinator, Joanne Broderick, will be looking for a specific number of people for each work day, depending on that day's volunteer needs, as specified by the Director of Construction, Mike Williams, and taking into account the activities you indicated you wish to perform. She will contact individuals about specific dates. We will be working hard to keep our numbers to the specified level for each day's activities, as it promotes safety, expedites the work, and ensures that your volunteer time is well spent.

Given the high number of volunteers, we don't expect to call on everyone every week. But we'll do our best to give everyone a chance to participate as much as possible over the course of the nine-month build.

When you arrive at the site, you will be asked to register. On your first day of work, you will need to sign a waiver form; all volunteers under 18 years of age must have their waiver forms signed by a parent or guardian before they arrive on site. On a regular basis, we ask you to sign in and sign out so that we know who is on site on any given day. Mike Williams will describe the activities for the day and assign individuals to work in teams, each of which will have a crew leader. Don't hesitate to ask questions if you are unsure of the task at hand, or to let Mike or a crew leader know if a task is beyond what you feel comfortable doing. ***We ask that you arrive on site at 7:45 am, so that work can begin at 8:00 am.*** We normally close up shop for the day sometime between 3:30 and 4:00 pm.

Please note that there is no work scheduled on Saturday, May 16th, Tuesday, June 16th, Saturday, June 20th, and Saturday, July 4th.

Please dress appropriately for a construction site. Part of being safe on site is wearing the proper clothing. Please wear heavy shoes. No open-toed shoes, sandals, or flip-flops are allowed. Running shoes are okay. Hats, work gloves, and sunscreen are all useful.

You can bring your own tools. Habitat has a good supply of tools on site which our volunteers can use. However, we suggest that, if possible, you bring a hammer, a utility knife, a tape measure, and a pencil . Please also feel free to bring other tools that you are comfortable working with.

When do we eat? We will provide a snack and coffee mid-morning. Tuesdays are a brown-bag lunch. On Saturdays, normally lunch is provided by one of the Church groups, or by individuals who have volunteered to prepare food. If there is no prepared lunch on a Saturday, we will let you know ahead of time. We will have jugs of water on site, and you may bring your own water bottles as well.

Training for crew leaders will be on the job. Some of you have indicated an interest in becoming crew leaders for the Gomes Way build. Training for crew leaders will take place during the course of the build. If you are interested in being a crew leader, you will have a chance to discuss it with Mike on site.

You can also volunteer to help with registration and food. Several of you indicated a willingness to participate in registration activities and food preparation. The individuals who are coordinating those activities will contact volunteers for those activities. Their names and contact details are attached.

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We look forward to meeting you and working with you over the coming months.



Weather

If you are concerned about weather conditions on the day you are supposed to work, please call our weather hotline. Remember that much of the work is outdoors. Please dress appropriately for the weather conditions on the days you are working at the site.

Habitat Weather Hotline
508-775-3559 extension 3

Directions to Gomes Way

From Route 28 in South Harwich (close to the Chatham line): Turn North on Depot Road; proceed north 0.6 mile. Turn left onto Driftwood Lane and proceed 100 yards to the beginning of the new Gomes Way. (Driftwood Lane is a loop road, beginning and ending on Depot. Coming from the south, turn left on the 1st entry to Driftwood).

From Route 6: Take Exit 11, the Route 137 exit. Proceed south on Route 137 until you intersect with Route 39 at a traffic light. Turn right onto Route 39 and proceed for 0.7 mile to a rotary. Drive through the rotary and continue on Route 39 for another 0.1 mile at which point you will intersect with Depot Rd. Turn left onto Depot Road and proceed 1.0 mile to the second intersection with Driftwood Lane. (Driftwood Lane is a loop road, beginning and ending on Depot Road. You want the second Driftwood Lane). Turn right onto Driftwood Lane and proceed 100 yards to the beginning of the new Gomes Way.

There will be a **Habitat for Humanity** sign at the entry to the site.

Parking: Please park considerately. You can park on Gomes Way if space is available, or on one side of Driftwood Lane. From there, it's a short walk to Gomes Way.



**Gomes Way
Volunteer Coordinator Contact Information**

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