

Habitat for Humanity of Cape Cod

Monthly Update for March

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Gomes Way update:

The big news is simply: YES! We are in motion now for a Spring construction start on Gomes Way. Eight successful applicant families were notified last week that they will soon be building their homes in partnership with our volunteers.

Our community kick-off for new and continuing volunteers, and others who wish to celebrate with us and meet our new partner families, will be in **mid April**. I'll send out a note with the details once the date and location are fixed.

Please feel free to contact our volunteer coordinators now to let them know of your interest, to be on the contact list for THIS build.

Coordinator for individuals: Joanne Broderick 508 240 -5860 jobrode@optonline.net. (If you are planning to be part of a church or other team and group *and ALSO* want to volunteer on your own – let Joanne know).

Coordinator for individuals who have volunteered for Habitat for many years and/or are best friends with Mike: Joanne Broderick – see contact info above.

Coordinator for churches and other groups and teams: Hilary Greene, hilary@habitatcapecod.org 508 775 3559 x 16 (Tues – Fri).

Donations of materials and services: We have a few wonderful commitments already, but we'd love to see more! If you or someone you know may wish to donate (or deeply discount) contract services or new construction materials for one or more houses, please contact Mike Williams at 508 775 3559 x17.

Town by Town:

Just a note to say that while all CONSTRUCTION activity is in Harwich in 2009, certain lead volunteers and staff already have their focus on **Wellfleet, Eastham, Dennis, Mashpee, and Sagamore Beach** where we are preparing for our 2010 and 2011 build schedules.

Legacy: We are honored to have been named in a bequest by Christopher Lovelock who passed away this past year. We will be working with the Town and people of Eastham to honor his wish that we use his generous gift to build Habitat for Humanity homes in the Town of Eastham. We are humbled by this gift of love from Christopher to his community.

Memorial Service, David Wadsworth: We note with sadness the passing of David Wadsworth, long time Habitat volunteer who died at home on Feb. 22nd. One line in his obituary spoke volumes: "He retired on Cape Cod and spent his time volunteering." He touched many, many lives in our community, and was a valued friend and a dedicated Habitat volunteer and contributor. His memorial service is being held at the First Congregational Church, Main St. Harwich on Saturday March 14 at 2 p.m.

March Events: Delicious, Inspiring, Entertaining, Informative

Let's fill the House! Legendary actress Betsy Palmer will bring her one-woman show, "Betsy on Betsy" to the **Harwich Junior Theatre on Sunday, March 29, at 2 pm in a benefit for Habitat of Humanity of Cape Cod.** The star of big and small screen will reflect on her illustrious career in films (in a broad range that includes the award-winning Mister Roberts and the frighteningly popular Friday the 13th) and television from its early years to more contemporary made-for-television specials. **Tickets are \$25, and may be purchased in advance or at the door. For ticket information, contact the Harwich Junior Theatre at 508-432-2002, www.hjtcapecod.org.**

Church Relations Committee is hosting a series of Breakfast Gatherings to provide 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 at least a week in advance of your selected breakfast.**

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

There is no charge for the yummy breakfast. We hope you will join us for a time of fellowship and conversation.

Upper Cape Tool sale

Saturday, June 20th 8 am- 1 pm – Save the date!

St. Patrick's Church, 511 Main Street, Falmouth

Tools for this sale will be collected at the April, May and June Upper Cape Chapter meetings at the Mashpee Senior Center from 6-8 PM.

For more information please call Mary Maraggio at 508-420-6230 or email her at threepsinapod@peoplepc.com

Behind the scenes/Cheers and Kudos: Our cheers and thanks to Nancy **Erskine**, an almost 10 year volunteer with Habitat, who has served nearly all that time as Lower Cape volunteer coordinator. For many years Nancy was the first voice of warm welcome and our main outreach person to the many volunteers and churches from the Lower Cape area. She has recently traded in the role of coordinating all the churches and groups for Gomes Way. However, we are delighted that she will continue to assist our volunteer coordination team as well as continuing to serve as **volunteer coordinator for the kayak raffle** on the Lower Cape (508 945-2163 nancybillersk@comcast.net).

Our best wishes for a safe and productive mission's trip for **our Disaster Relief Team**. They slipped away from Cape Cod around 3 a.m. March 1 to assist with the continuing hurricane recovery efforts in the U.S. Gulf region. We look forward to hearing first hand news of conditions and recovery efforts upon their return – and thank them for their dedication and work

I recently received a letter of thanks from the Chatham Housing Authority praising the great work (and significant value) of our **“Charlie’s Angel’s” construction volunteers**. Having managed a housing authority for many years, I know that when funding is low, apartments can actually sit vacant despite people in need on the waiting list – until the maintenance crew can make time for “turnover” repairs and freshening, on top of their routine work. So – cheers to this volunteer crew for their important partnership work in the community – and expanding the opportunity for decent affordable housing for our neighbors.

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: next meeting to be announced.

Mid-Cape

Chapter Chair: Marilyn Nouri 508-385-8568;

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