



Newberg Area Habitat for Humanity e-News – July 2008

Committees

Family Selection - The Family Selection Committee has selected 3 families to move into our next set of homes. These families were selected out of 16 applicants. We have an empty home on Everest that the family most in need will move into. This family is currently living in a travel trailer that is not in a mobile home park. The father is a grounds maintenance person here in Newberg and he has one daughter. They are currently repainting the Everest unit while the purchase documents are being drafted.

The other two families are waiting for new homes to be built on North Main St. One family is a single parent female with 2 children with special needs and the other is a couple with 2 children. We are holding the names back until we hold the ground breaking for the Main St build. Thank you to Karen Maas, Diane McNay, Carol Jones, Barbara Zahler and Rick Rogers for all of the hours served.

Building Committee - The committee has numerous meetings and is working with design professionals to get the final house plans to the city for approval. Unfortunately this is taking much more time than anticipated, but the pros are donating their services, so we understand. We are filing with the Planning Department to partition one lot into 2 buildable lots soon. Plus we are working with the neighbors on Main Street to get new easements for the utilities. It turns out the lot never had an official utility easement when the lot was built upon in 1939.

The architect has downsized the house plans to be 3 bedrooms and 2 baths to fit the selected families. We are looking at a technique called "Advanced framing" where walls are simplified, built 24 inches on center, aligned joists and a single top plate. This takes less material and can be better insulated. We are also looking at putting all heat ducts into heated space (in the floor joist rather than the attic). The experts say these steps plus a few others can save up to 30% in heating costs! Here is a link for more information: <http://www.toolbase.org/Construction-Methods/Wood-Framing/advance-framing-techniques>

The Building Committee itself has been enlarged to include 3 building professionals -- Gary Fox of Integrity Structures, Scott Robbins of Sundance Homes and Roger Hirsch of 4R house. We offer many thanks to Larry Rummel for doing the recruiting.

Because of the lack of permits and funding we don't have a ground-breaking date yet!

Financial Development Committee - This committee has been formed and is chaired by affiliate board member, Ron Wolfe of Columbia River Bank. The team is currently negotiating to hire a part time consultant to help this Habitat affiliate launch a major fund raising campaign. The campaign goal and time frame will be announced soon. We need to get this activity going before we start building.

Web site – Since our last report Larry Rummel and George Vigileos have worked with a consultant to revise the web site. The new URL is <http://www.newberghabitat.org/>

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Needs

- We need help on the Financial Development committee
- We still have our old rusty green construction truck. Let us know if you know of someone who can help paint it.

Calendar

Aug 19 – Board meeting
Aug xx – Dedication of Everest unit
Sep 10 – George Fox University Service Day
Fall - Ground breaking on Main Street

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