

Habitat for Humanity of Seneca County

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Application starting to take shape

One committee -- Building -- has completed its part of the affiliation application and others are getting closer.

The next major event will be on July 15, when Bruce Rodgers, our new Affiliate Support Manager, will be in the county to meet with committees and with the entire group at that evening's general meeting to discuss our progress.

One thing that's becoming more obvious as committees grapple with issues is the interconnections between the various portions of the application. It won't work if Building plans on a new house while Site Selection is working on finding a rehabilitation project. So it's important that the committees talk with each other and find out where they can draw from each others' work. Don't forget that committee meeting minutes are posted on our web site so you can keep track of what other committees are discussing. (Minutes from board meetings and general meetings are posted there as well.)

Progress is occurring on several other fronts as well. The Board of Directors has accepted an offer from St.

Patrick's Church for office space in the rectory. This will allow us to have a central location for the various materials we've been collecting for the past few months. A telephone and answering machine will be installed, providing a central point of contact for Habitat events.

Our own mailing list has grown to more than 60 people as new volunteers join us each month. Recently we received a list of Seneca County residents who Habitat International had listed as supporters. After removing those who are already involved in our effort, there was a list of 275 people from every town in the county who we will be able to approach for support for our efforts.

In addition to working on its part of the affiliation application, the Development Committee is planning a series of speaking engagements at community groups and churches around the county.

Site Selection, which must ascertain the interest of the community in having Habitat build a house, will be sending representatives to upcoming village board meetings in Waterloo, Seneca Falls and Ovid.

Habitat events

A regional Bikeathon for Habitat for Humanity will take place on July 16 and 17. The bikers will start in Philadelphia and end in New York City. Those participating will get sponsors, with the money going to the affiliate designated by the rider. Anyone interested in participating can get more information by calling (800)297-6025.

In October, the Habitat Northeast Regional Conference will take place at St. Thomas Seminary in Bloomfield, Conn. The keynote speaker for the event will be Millard Fuller, co-founder and president of Habitat International.

The event will be Oct. 21-23 and at this point those interested in attending can have their names added to the list to receive registration materials in August. The number to call to get

Upcoming Meetings

Board meeting: Monday, July 12, 7:30 p.m.

General meeting: Thursday, July 15, 7:30 p.m.

Meetings will be at Goulds Water Systems on East Bayard Street Extension, Seneca Falls. Note that the meetings are at 7:30 p.m.

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