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Habitat for Humanity of Seneca County

First house getting closer

Site has been purchased; Family Selection process under way

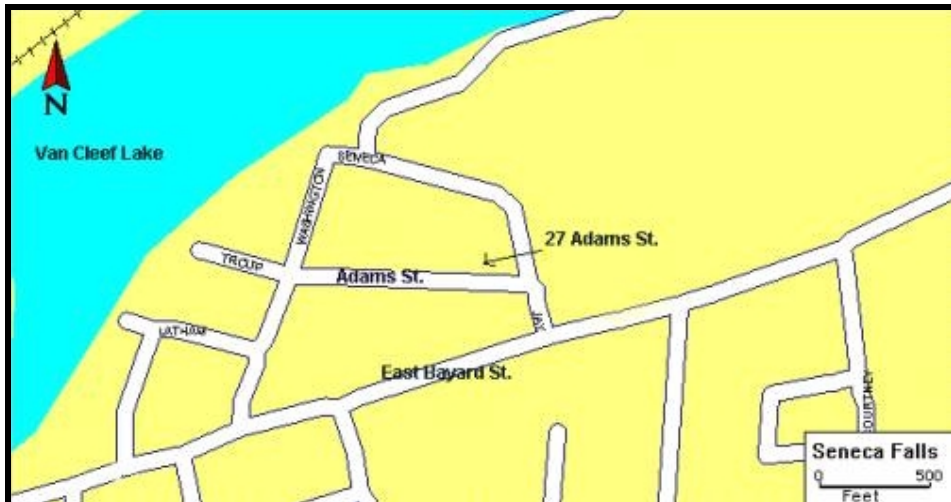
Our affiliate has purchased a lot in Seneca Falls as a location for its first house, and the effort to select a family for that home has begun.

Last Thursday the affiliate took title to a lot at 27 Adams St., in the fourth ward of Seneca Falls, just a block off East Bayard St.

On March 25, the Site Selection Committee canvassed the neighborhood and was gratified to receive overwhelmingly positive response from the neighbors. It was the first time the location of the home had been revealed, and there was general support for Habitat and several expressions of willingness to help with the home's construction.

On March 30, the Family Selection Committee conducted a public meeting attended by more than 50 people. Habitat's process and the family selection criteria were discussed in detail, and questions were answered.

At the end of the session, 26 applica-



tions were picked up, and seven have been submitted for the Family Selection Committee's review.

Publicity about the Family Selection meeting was spread far and wide. There were posters in many county businesses, press releases in local publications and

3,000 flyers were sent home with school children in all of the county's school districts.

The impact of the flyers was seen in the attendance at the meeting, as well as other contacts we have received from people who want to volunteer to join our effort.

General Meeting set for Thursday, May 11

The Board of Directors wanted to wait until there was a need for a General Meeting before scheduling one, and that's why it has been so long since we've called everyone together.

But with the construction pending and

many other events also coming together (see the articles on the next page), now's the time for a general update on where things stand and where we go from here.

The meeting will be at 7:15 p.m. on Thursday, May 11, at the American Le-

gion on State Street in Seneca Falls.

The meeting will be a chance for everyone to get updated on activities as well as sign up for the fund raising events and what so many people have been waiting for so long — the swinging of hammers!

Upcoming Dates

Executive Committee

Monday, May 8, 7:15 p.m.
Goulds Water Systems

General Meeting

Thursday, May 11
American Legion,
Seneca Falls

Canal Fest

Saturday, June 10
Canalside, Seneca Falls

2nd Annual Golf Tournament

Wednesday, June 14
Silver Creek Golf Course

Family Partner needed soon

The Family Partnership Committee is seeking a volunteer to be the Family Partner for our first home.

The Family Partner is the primary contact person between the family selected for the home — known as the Partner Family — and the affiliate.

The relationship begins when the family is selected, and continues at least until one year after they move into the home.

The Family Partner is responsible for monitoring the Partner Family's sweat equity, home ownership workshop attendance, and savings requirements.

The Family Partner also will play a key role as a liaison between the family and the Building Committee as options and issues regarding the home's construction come up.

The Family Partner is asked to go beyond simply being available to assisting the family with involvement in Habitat activities, and in meeting their future neighbors.

The Family Partner also will be involved in helping the family deal with media interviews.

The committee is planning a training program for this obviously important job, and the committee would be available to assist along the way. Duties including monitoring the Partner Family's sweat equity and training programs, and working with them on their home's construction as well as other issues which may come up along the way.

Anyone who may be interested in the job should contact Joyce Sini-cropi, the committee chair, at 568-5933, to talk about the possibility.

“Habitat Week” would highlight effort

Although a great deal of planning remains to be done, events during June are shaping up to be a “Habitat Week” in Seneca County.

Included in the event could be the groundbreaking for our first house, the annual Canal Fest which will be a Habi-

tat benefit this year, and our second annual Golf Tournament.

The first event on Saturday morning, June 10, may be the official groundbreaking for the home at 27 Adams St. The Canal Fest will take place that day in People’s Park and along the

canal in downtown Seneca Falls.

The following Wednesday is the date for this year’s Golf Tournament, which has been the subject of planning meetings which began soon after last year’s successful event ended.

June 10: Canal Fest

The Canal Fest committee has decided to make this year’s event, on Saturday, June 10, a benefit for Habitat for Humanity.

And while that means a lot of the work will be done by others, in order for the event to be as successful as it could be, it will be important that we pitch in.

Not only will the event be a fund-raiser, it also will give us an opportunity to tell the Habitat story to people we have yet to reach.

The Canal Fest committee is working to set up music, other performances, rides, refreshments

and possibly some competitive water-borne events. There’s even talk of a dunking booth.

The Habitat booth will feature information on our effort as well as a fund-raising element. One suggestion is to ask people to pay for 2x4s which they then can sign as an expression of support for the effort. The lumber would then be used to in the home’s construction.

Those interested in volunteering can leave a message on the answering machine at our affiliate office (568-4872) or send an e-mail to: volunteer@habitatseneca.org.

June 14: Golf Tournament

Work has been going on for several weeks on the second annual Habitat for Humanity Golf Tournament, which will take place on Wednesday, June 14, at the Silver Creek Golf Club in Waterloo.

The event, which drew 98 golfers last year, is poised for even more success since there’s more time to prepare this year and with the opportunity to build on last year’s success.

The solicitation of sponsors has been under way for some time and the committee reports that it has had good success, as those who participated last year have agreed to support our effort once again.

The sign-up sheets for the four-player teams who will

play in the tournament also are now being distributed. The fee for the tournament, \$55 per person, is the same as last year and less than that charged by many similar events in the area.

There will be many side attractions for the golfers, including the opportunity to win a car for getting a hole-in-one on one of the holes at Silver Creek.

The fee includes 18 holes of golf, a cart, refreshments during the day and a dinner and prizes at the end.

The deadline for entries is June 7.

Once again this year the tournament is being run by a committee chaired by Jane Cook of Seneca Falls.