

Salem County Habitat Construction Update - 3/17/08

Thanks to a great effort from Chowan University, NC, led by Mary, Craig and Lauren, Chuck and George, and future homeowners Sabrina and Kelly, parents Gary and Patty, Phil and the Neumann team, with technical assistance from Lonnie and lunches coordinated by Wes. (period costumes and choreography were supplied by.....)

ACCOMPLISHED LAST WEEK

Maple Rd, Pittsgrove Block laying continued last week, we mixed the mud using our own well water (yeah) and began to complete sections of the foundation. Using the "string" method, the 5 person teams were able to get the feel of the task and within a few days were hitting the mark laying level block, properly aligned, height checked within a 1/4", end to end. It was impressive to see this steep learning curve and the willingness to remove any block that were "not just right" to re-set it, again. The mixing team, led by Mary and Chris cranked out consistent mud after a while, and each team mixed sand or water into their batch to get it to their taste. By the week's end they worked like pros, checking it with a transit along the way gives us confidence we are going to be on the money come the final course.

Outside the foundation, Craig led a team to lay stone in the driveway area, which will make it safer to enter and exit onto the street. A cleanup and haul away of trash from the site took place on Saturday, some additional block were laid and areas were touched up.

ReStore Progress was made with the C.O. and the drawings we need, as well as word from the County on our septic system condition. We should now consider going ahead with settlement if we feel the remaining issues are not within the control of the seller.

PLANS FOR THIS WEEK

Maple Rd, Pittsgrove This week the Delaware Valley College of PA will be here Monday thru Thursday. Final block will be laid, the walls parged, waterproofed and a splash angle set, the drain covered with cloth and backfilled with 3/4" stone. We will need an inspection and we can backfill the trench and porch area. The drain will have to be led away from the foundation and into a lower area of stone with 4" perf pipe. The center beam can be nailed together and set into place, the seal and perimeter plate laid down on the top course. The joists will be delivered and we can then begin to nail them into place. It's wood time!!!!

ReStore This week Dan and Paul will meet and review plans for the store layout and get lists going for the Habitat Home and Builders Outlet.

VOLUNTEER CORNER - Future Schedule

Mon	3/17	to	Fri	3/20	Delaware Valley College of PA	Sat	3/22	UPenn/PMHS			
Mon	3/24	to	Thu	3/27	St Agnes	Sat	3/29	Neuman/WPC			
Tue	4/1		Tue	Crew	Wed	4/2	Wed	Crew	Sat	4/5	UPenn/Temple
Tue	4/8		Tue	Crew	Wed	4/9	Wed	Crew	Sat	4/12	1 st Bapt/ Neumn
Tue	4/15		Tue	Crew	Wed	4/16	Wed	Crew	Sat	4/19	Open
Tue	4/22		Tue	Crew	Wed	4/23	Wed	Crew	Sat	4/26	Neumann Coll
Tue	4/29		Tue	Crew	Wed	4/30	Wed	Crew	Sat	5/3	Open
Tue	5/6		Tue	Crew	Wed	5/7	Wed	Crew	Sat	5/17	1 st Bapt Ped.

PLEASE CONTACT US -WE NEED MEMBERS FOR THE WED CREW!!
Volunteers to make up lunches for a day, for our workers!!

Call or email us to volunteer!!!!

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