



Habitat Happenings



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Let's get ready to Rock the Block!

That's right we are on! Saturday, August 15, 2020 in the North and South Boulevard area of Port Huron. We are taking all the current conditions into consideration and are following the stay safe guidelines and will be putting all safety procedures and measures in place to protect our volunteers and families in the neighborhood. Rock the Block is an annual event in partnership with Blue Water Habitat for Humanity and the Blue Water Area Chamber of Commerce. This year we are including an extended partnership with the City of Port Huron Parks and Recreation. The work this year will involve the continued improvements of Lincoln Park. The city has been instrumental in the use of CDBG grant funding to help with the Critical Home Repairs projects and for the other committed

dollars connected with the park project. We are very grateful for the continued support from The James C. Acheson Fund and the St. Clair County Community Foundation. The generous support to Blue Water Habitat for Humanity and the City of Port Huron is crucial to the event. Because of this support we are able to match sponsorship funds to these dollars, allowing us the opportunity to serve more families.

While working on Lincoln Park we will also be doing Critical Home Repairs to 14 homes in the area. Though the official Rock the Block Day is August 15, 2020, the work will take place over a 3 to 4 week period. Meeting the safety guidelines, we will place volunteers over a large area and be able to accommodate all volunteers, while practicing social distancing and getting the much needed work accomplished. **We are looking for volunteers and sponsors!** Please contact the Blue Water Area Chamber or Blue Water Habitat for Humanity to get involved. (See the contact information below). We look forward to you helping us to Rock the Block !

For sponsorship and volunteer opportunities please contact either:

Kara Geib, Blue Water Habitat for Humanity
kara@bwhabitat.org or 810-985-9080 ext. 200

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years of partnerships
building **HOUSES**, building **HOMES**,
building **HOPE**.

30 Years and Counting!

30 Years! We may have been postponed but our 30 Year Anniversary Celebration is back on! The venue is the same, Alexander's in Marysville. The date is Tuesday, September 15, 2020. What's new? Some very exciting details. We will be changing to an open house format to accommodate serving the expected number of guests. There will be two serving times a Noon and a 5:30 PM. This will allow for all of us who want to attend to seat comfortably and safely and to view and bid on auction items. There will be two separate programs with inspirational and motivational speakers at both. The even more fabulous news, EBWTV will be live streaming both program times, which means you can actually attend both virtually or one in person and the other virtually. The best of both worlds. This promises to be one of the best events ever in the Blue Water Area, while meeting all safety procedures. You can also continue to bid on auction items throughout the day with our virtual access. Watch our FB Page and our website for speaker information and other details. To register for either program time or for virtual attendance please see the contact info below. We look forward to your participation at this important and exciting Habitat Celebration!

To register please contact Robin at
robin@bwhabtiat.org or
810-985-9080 ext. 204

Blue Water Habitat for Humanity

- BWHFH serves St. Clair and Sanilac Counties.
- Formed in 1990, BWHFH has helped over 175 families build or improve a place to call home.
- Each housing project required roughly 2,000 volunteer hours from start to finish to complete.
- Families purchase their homes after contributing more than 300 (*500 for two adult families*) hours of sweat equity with BWHFH.
- Affordable mortgages and energy efficiency make homes affordable for our low-income neighbors.

Other opportunities throughout the year:



Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the charitable organization of your choice.

All you have to do is shop at Kroger and swipe your existing Kroger Plus card! Ready to earn for BWHFH on your next trip and every shopping trip you make to Kroger (groceries and pharmacy) .

Simply register online at krogercommunityrewards.com . Please take a few minutes to...**Help BWHFH, Help Others... simply by shopping!**



An excerpt from: Habitat's commitment: Be actively anti- racist ...

“Habitat for Humanity is more than a nonprofit housing ministry. We have a vision of a world where we share one humanity, and that’s a world that we believe in and fight for every day. We are a faith-based organization, but we realize that faith alone is not enough. Our faith must be coupled with works and action.

We must commit to doing the work in our practices, our programs and our networks that brings equity to our efforts and helps bring justice to the communities in which we work. We must, throughout our ministry, do a better job of connecting issues of racial and social injustice with historic barriers to affordable housing and working to eradicate those barriers.

Historic discrimination in U.S. housing policy — particularly discrimination against Black Americans — is one of the chief drivers of racial inequities that persist today. Organizations like Habitat that work on housing must understand that history, and it must inform our work moving forward.

We want each of you, and all of our friends and supporters, to know the decisions we will make in how to proceed. Our answers cannot always be immediate, but I promise you that we will communicate with transparency.

Steps we are undertaking now:

- We have created a Global Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Officer, a new position that will be posted on [habitat.org/careers](https://www.habitat.org/careers). This new role will serve as a member of our senior leadership team and will report to our chief operating officer.
- We recommit ourselves to taking bold actions to ensure racial equity through our collective advocacy efforts, specifically [the Cost of Home campaign](#). The Cost of Home Policy Platform states, “Advocates and policymakers must acknowledge and address the well-documented patterns of racial discrimination in housing and land use policies — at all levels of government — that still impact the makeup and opportunities of our communities.” We will work to effectively address and respond to these urgent needs.
- Our recently launched +You thought leadership series will seek to inform and educate our audiences on significant and pressing issues in housing today — health, the impacts of COVID-19 on low-income families and particularly in communities of color, the role of redlining and racial inequality in housing disparities, and more.”

Author: Jonathan T.M. Reckford, CEO of Habitat for Humanity International

To view the entire article please visit: <https://www.habitat.org/stories/habitats-commitment-be-actively-anti-racist-and-affirm-black-lives-matter?keyword=promo1--home>

Help Habitat make the #CostOfHome something we all can afford.

Answering A Call

Blue Water Habitat for Humanity is currently working on build plans and volunteer opportunities for 2020. How can you, your business or organization get involved with projects? Contact us today at 810-985-9080 ext. 206.

July-September: New house build at 513 14th Street, Port Huon— the schedule is still being planned. In addition to working on construction projects, volunteers are invited to participate in hospitality projects, fundraising events and on committees.

The Habitat for Humanity ReStore in Port Huron utilizes volunteers in a number of ways. Call 810-364-6919 to volunteer at the ReStore!

To see a list of volunteer opportunities visit: www.bwhabitat.org

Are you working on a remodel? Stop into the **ReStore** for all your material needs!



We are continuing to stay up to date on safety guidelines and following COVID-19 protocols. Please remember to keep social distancing, wash your hands frequently and wear a face mask/cover.



We are currently still doing curbside pickups and deliveries. Our hope is to return to in home pick up and delivery procedures sometime in July.



And don't forget about our reclaimed wood products! Featuring Tervol's Wood Products and Raven Farm Recycled Woodworks.

WE ALWAYS ACCEPT DONATIONS!
Call 810.364.6919 FOR PICKUP!
 3524 Pine Grove Ave. Port Huron
 Mon-Sat 9am-5pm

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