

"Improving our neighborhoods...one house at a time"

# Housing Partnership

OF THE FOX CITIES

News & Events  
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## "Artifacts on the Avenue" scheduled for 2001

Following the success of this year's unique fundraiser, "Artifacts on the Avenue", the Housing Partnership is pleased to announce that this event will again take place on **Saturday, February 17, 2001.**

This year's event, held on February 26th, raised over \$22,000 - a much-needed boost to the HP operating budget. "Artifacts on the Avenue" was also featured in the media and generated valuable public awareness for the organization. Held at the Avenue Mall, the evening jump-started with a silent auction of artifacts. Most artifact items had been recovered from recently renovated houses or hand crafted decorative items made from discarded building materials by HP volunteers. A select number of larger artifacts were available to guests through live auction. Also,

eight local artists were on hand to create special works auctioned at the end of the evening. The auctions were spirited and lively, generating high bids and loads of fun!

Plans for the 2001 event are currently underway. Volunteers are busily at work salvaging items from our renovation projects and creating artifacts. So busy, in fact, that we are currently in need of a large storage and/or work facility for this purpose. If you can help, please contact Dennis at the Housing Partnership at 731-6644.

Tickets will go on sale for the 2001 "Artifacts on the Avenue" in November. Volunteers are also needed for this event. For further ticket or volunteer information, contact Kerry at 731-6644. ■

## Business Casual:

### "People In Partnership Week" Takes the Office Outside

During a beautiful week in June, over 80 participants descended upon the house located at 433 High Street in Neenah during the Housing Partnership's third annual "People In Partnership" Week. They arrived each morning armed with their enthusiasm and desire to help, and left each afternoon with a few new skills and great satisfaction for a job well done.

*"This is hard work... but it's so different from what I do every other day. My husband's never going to believe I did this!"*

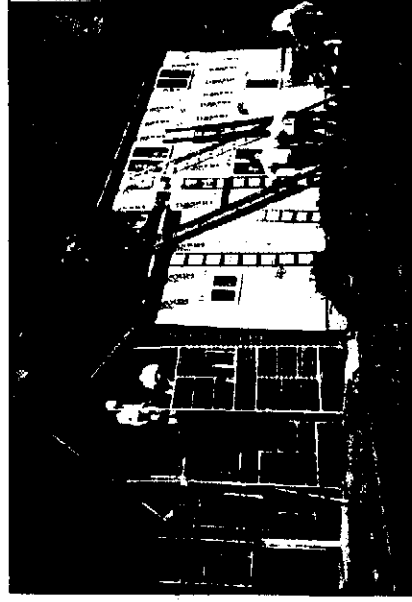
*People in Partnership participant*

On each day, one of five generous local companies sponsored a group of employees to the Housing Partnership to help rebuild a neglected house located on Neenah's historic Doty Island. Employee representatives from Home Depot, Jewelers Mutual Insurance Co., Duralam Inc., Miller Electric, and Community First Credit Union made quick work of residing the house, building two porches, and removing the old garage roof.

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Left:  
Local artist  
Betty Proper  
completes her  
works during  
the "Art In A  
Hurry" portion  
of "Artifacts On  
The Avenue"





Left:  
Workers  
"attack" the  
siding during  
People In  
Partnership  
Week"

## HP On The Web

The Housing Partnership website is currently under construction and will be posted on the web in the very near future. Keep posted on current projects, volunteer opportunities, special events and other HP news at:

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Says Executive Director Kathy Kamp, "I know how hard these crews worked during 'People In Partnership' week. The transformation of the home over this one-week period was truly amazing." Although the property's renovations were at the forefront of the week, participating companies report benefits in addition to the community involvement. Kamp says, "The week was extremely rewarding. It was hard work, but the crews had fun and were able to build relationships with co-workers they may have never met before."

The City of Neenah offered the house on High Street to the Housing Partnership for the purpose of renovation and sale to a qualified applicant. Previously, the home was a privately owned two-unit rental. The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

program will provide major funding for renovations, with additional in-kind support provided by VerHalen, Inc. Funds necessary for "People In Partnership Week" were provided through a grant from Bank One.

In addition to "People In Partnership Week", interested companies or organizations can schedule work days with the Housing Partnership throughout the year. Work days provide an excellent community service project and promote teamwork. Please contact the office for available dates and times.

The Housing Partnership is currently seeking applicants to purchase the home on High Street, and can help families and individuals in identifying affordable financing information. ■

## "People In Partnership Week"

[www.housing-partnership.org](http://www.housing-partnership.org)

Special thanks to Patricia Ehaney for volunteering her time to help get us up and running on the world wide web!



## Community Benefits of the Housing Partnership

The efforts of the Housing Partnership are intended to not only benefit those directly served by the organization, but also the community at large. A few of those benefits include:

- Neighborhood Revitalization
- Promote public awareness of homelessness and a lack of available affordable housing
- Recycle valuable homes and materials
- Through volunteer opportunities, promote training and work experience in general construction and housing rehabilitation.

## THANK YOU to the following "People In Partnership" Supporters!

Bank One	The Home Depot	Jewelers Mutual Ins. Co.
Duralam, Inc.	Miller Electric Mfg.	Community First C.U.
Zuppa's	Schweitzer's Catering	Country Kitchen-Neenah
Great Harvest Bread Co.	McVey Tent & Expo	J Edwards Glove Co.
Joyce Bayer	Harvey Lorenz	Tim Begun

## Featured Project: HP and FVTC Team Up For Newberry Project

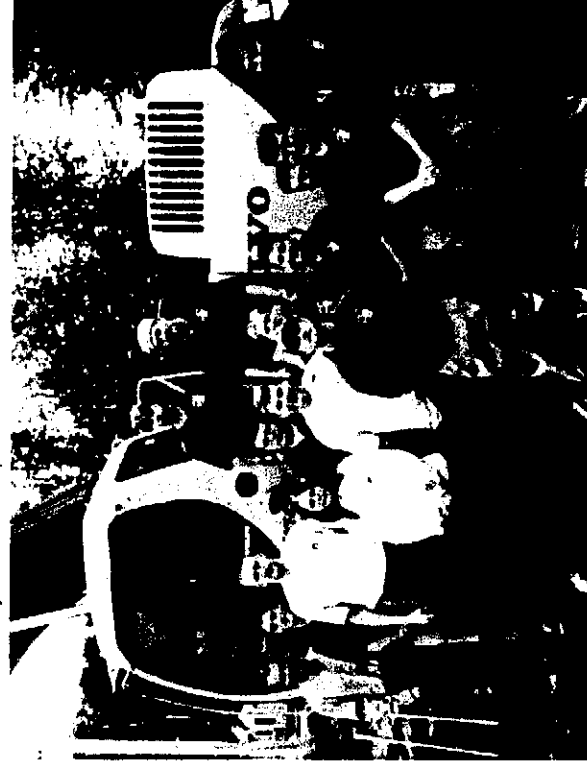
The Housing Partnership and Fox Valley Technical College recently celebrated the groundbreaking of a duplex to be built for the Housing Partnership by FVTC's Wood Technics-Residential Construction students.

The land on which the duplex will be built, located at 1818 and 1820 E. Newberry Street, was purchased by the HP as part of a past project. Collaboration with FVTC has propelled the HP into new construction for the first time.

For the Fall 2000 and Spring 2001 semesters, the FVTC students' project will be to construct the Newberry Street duplex for the Housing Partnership. Through further joint ventures, FVTC students will eventually build an additional duplex and a single-family home that the Housing Partnership can make available to low-income families.

"This new venture represents an ideal strategic alliance where two entities - a nonprofit agency and an educational institution - collaborate and pool resources in order to maximize their individual benefits to the community," said Cathie Tierney, President of the FVTC Foundation Board and Vice President of the HP Board.

Design of the ranch-style duplex was donated by Steve Gries, of the Gries Architectural Group. Each unit features over 1,100 square feet of living space and three bedrooms. The duplex will ultimately be utilized in the HP Affordable Rental program.



Below: At the groundbreaking of their next project, FVTC students ready for the Newberry Street challenge.

Dr. Susan May, FVTC Vice President of Instructional Services commented that FVTC is very pleased to collaborate with the Housing Partnership. "Our goal in technical education is to build a strong workforce for the local economy and to promote meaningful, hands-on learning experiences for our students," she said. "The projects for the Housing Partnership will allow us to do that and, at the same time, give back to our community by supporting the work of an important community-based organization."

Since the inception of FVTC's Residential Construction Program, students have built four houses in the Greater Fox Valley area. The FVTC Foundation has been in charge of the sale of these four student-built homes.

The Newberry Street project is being funded, in part, by the Outagamie County Housing Authority grant program and the

Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Association Foundation (WHEDA). Expenses for the project, however, will far outweigh other income sources are currently being sought.

Candace Kriner, Board President for the Housing Partnership summarized the goal of the group effort, stating, "It's great to be able to work together to help solve the affordable housing problem. With both organizations working as a team, we can place families in safe, affordable homes much more quickly." ■

### Did You Know....

90% of the families served by the Housing Partnership in 1999 were previously homeless.

## From the Director

The Housing Partnership has accomplished a great deal since our last newsletter. We have:

- held our first ever "Artifacts on the Avenue"-- a great night for affordable housing in our community;
- completed our third People in Partnership Week, during which we "quickly" created housing;
- been working hard to obtain funding to increase the level of supportive services provided to our families; and
- collaborated with the Fox Valley Technical College to develop new affordable rental housing on Newberry Street in Appleton.

Many thanks to our staff and Board of Directors for their commitment to these activities.

Commitment to the needy families we serve is also made by many others at agencies located throughout the Fox Cities. These agencies provide emergency shelter, job training, rental assistance and other

services to the tenants living in Housing Partnership units. We are trying harder than ever to coordinate services with other groups by sharing staff in order to provide comprehensive services to the families needing our assistance. Currently, we are sharing case management staff with the Fox Valley Emergency Shelter and will soon be sharing supportive services staff with the Salvation Army Transitional Housing Program.

There are a lot of exciting things happening at the Housing Partnership with our own programs and our work with other agencies. We wish you would become a part of what we do by contributing to our efforts -- as a volunteer or a financial supporter. Help us "improve our neighborhoods... one house at a time." ■

***Kathy Kamp,  
Executive Director***

## Thanks, WCC

Since 1993, members of the Wisconsin Conservation Corps (WCC) have been working alongside our staff and volunteer renovators. Led by Connie Maloney, this group of five workers joined the Housing Partnership through a joint grant with the Fox River Area Girl Scouts and Bubolz Nature Preserve.

Their help to our organization has been extremely valuable. This

crew has been vital to the completion of several major HP renovation projects. In addition, the experience these young adults have received will continue to benefit them throughout their lives.

After July 1, HP's current WCC crew will be moving on to other community service projects in the Fox Valley. We look forward to their return in the future and wish them good luck! ■

*The Housing Partnership of the Fox Cities, Inc. is a local non-profit housing organization dedicated to the development of affordable housing in the Fox Cities, Wisconsin. By purchasing and rehabilitating older houses in the community, affordable ownership or rental opportunities can be made to low-income families and individuals.*

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## Personnel File

The past year has seen many changes in the Housing Partnership staff. We'd like to introduce you (or re-introduce you) to our team!

### **Kathy Kamp,**

#### **Executive Director**

Kathy joined the Housing Partnership in 1996 in the position of Development Director. In addition to her current responsibilities to the organization, Kathy is credited with helping to organize the Fox Cities Housing Coalition, a unified effort of all area housing agencies to increase affordable housing.

### **Anne Hubley,**

#### **Open Door Resident**

#### **Coordinator**

Since Anne's addition to our team, she has become an integral liaison between the residents of the Open Door Transitional Housing Program and the Housing Partnership. In addition, Anne also serves as a part-time case worker with the Emergency Shelter, thereby providing continuity for families moving from the shelter to Open Door.

### **Kerry Arndt,**

#### **Development Director**

Kerry recently joined the organization in December of 1999, after relocating to the area from Milwaukee. She is responsible for coordinating special events, media contacts, and resource development.

### **Cindy Steinke,**

#### **Office Manager**

Having been with the organization since 1995, Cindy has become well known to friends and residents of the Housing Partnership. She is responsible for the office bookkeeping and file maintenance, and assists applicants and residents with their questions or concerns.

### **Dennis Luebke,**

#### **Rehabilitation & Property Mgr.**

With a keen eye for the finished product, Dennis' ability to transform properties from eyesores to eye-openers has been proven again and again. He joined the Housing Partnership in 1998 and is responsible for planning our rehabilitation projects, including leading our volunteer groups and designing the new floor plans.

### **Bob Schuelke,**

#### **Maintenance Assistant**

Bob joined the Housing Partnership in March to assist the organization with day to day maintenance of over 30 rental units. In addition, he also assists Dennis with current renovation projects, but always has time for a quick joke and a laugh.

We are currently interviewing candidates for the position of Program Manager and will be welcoming this new team member soon! ■

## Current/Recent Renovations

- 334 W. Wisconsin Ave., Appleton  
(Completed: April, 2000)
- 433 High Street, Neenah (In progress)
- 825 N. Division St., Appleton  
(Purchased recently)
- 528 W. 5th Street, Appleton  
(Purchased recently)
- 1818 W. Newberry, Appleton (New construction project)

## Wish List

- Copier Paper
- Painting Supplies
- Power Tools
- Hand Tools
- Cartons of Soda
- Lawn Mowers or
- Snow Blowers in
- good condition



## Could You Be An "Iron Man"?

Plans are currently in the works for the 2000 Iron Man Golf Marathon golf outing to benefit the Housing Partnership. On September 8th, participants will golf 54 holes of golf -- in one day!! -- a true test of "Iron Man" status!

Riverview Country Club has again generously offered the use of their course for this unique event. In order to participate, each individual must raise \$1,000 or more in pledged money. Individuals will be assigned to a foursome, or interested groups may register as a foursome. And, just in case you're not a golfer, a "Phantom Foursome" has been established for participants who wish to forego the course.

The Iron Man Golf Marathon event will be held Friday, September 8, with a rain date of Friday, September 15. For further information, contact Harvey Lorenz at 725-5546. ■

## Upcoming Events

July, 2000  
September 8, 2000  
September 15, 2000  
September 28, 2000  
February 17, 2001

HP Rummage Sale  
Iron Man Golf Marathon  
Rain Date - Iron Man  
Board of Directors Annual Meeting  
Artifacts on the Avenue

*This is the true nature of  
home-it is the place of Peace;  
the shelter, not only from injury,  
but from all terror, doubt  
and division.*

— John Ruskin

## Volunteers Make It All Happen!

Without our dedicated group of volunteers, the Housing Partnership could not continue its mission to provide affordable housing in our community. Volunteers are the soul of everything we do. Please spread the word about volunteer opportunities at the Housing Partnership to your friends, co-workers, and relatives!

We are currently seeking additional volunteers to:

- work, or organize a work group at one of our work sites.
- become a part of our Family Selection Committee - help interview prospective tenant and homeowner applicants.
- become a part of our Resource Development Committee--help

organize fundraisers and develop new sources for funding.

- help out at special events.

To become an HP volunteer, please contact our office at 731-6644.



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