**RHDC is on the Move in Saratoga Springs and Heber**

RHDC has purchased more lots in Saratoga Springs and Heber. Recently, seven lots were purchased in the *Western Hills Subdivision in Saratoga Springs* and four lots were purchased in *Browning Subdivision in Heber*. Many Mutual Self-Help participants continue to show interest in these two areas. The additional seven lots in Saratoga Springs will bring the total MSH homes built there to 20. The four new lots in Heber combined with the two available lots in the *Silver Ridge Subdivision* will bring the total MSH homes built there to 16. If you are interested in building in any of these subdivisions, please contact us soon so you won’t miss out.

**Western Hills Subdivision-Saratoga Springs, Utah**

400 West & Aspen Hills Blvd

**Browning Subdivision-Heber, Utah**

Off of Mill Road at 1050 East & Old Mill Drive

We’re Planning An Open House and You’re Invited!

RHDC is looking forward to a July Open House to be held in Winegar Estates Subdivision in Payson. Sixteen families will be showing off their newly completed MSH homes. Watch for your invitation in the mail, on our Facebook page, or on our website.
Two More Groups Break Ground for Self-Help Homes in Payson and Heber City

On both Wednesday, May 11th and Tuesday, May 17th, thirteen families, along with friends, partners and City / USDA-Rural Development officials gathered to break ground for their Mutual Self-Help homes. In the next few weeks, nine families will begin constructing their homes in Winegar Estates Subdivision in Payson and four families will begin their homes in Silver Ridge Properties Subdivision in Heber City.

Group 34 participants broke ground on Wednesday, May 11, 2011, in the Silver Ridge Properties Subdivision in Heber City.

Group 33 participants broke ground on Tuesday, May 17, 2011, in the Winegar Estates Subdivision in Payson.

Come Rain...Come Shine, Open House Goes on in Saratoga Springs!

It may have been pouring rain just minutes before the Open House that was held in Saratoga Springs on Wednesday, May 18, 2011, but it didn’t dampen the spirits of these six families. It stopped raining just long enough to celebrate the completion of six homes with a ribbon cutting event. These families have spent the past seven months together, building six beautiful homes while building friendships and a close community. Participating families included: David & Heidi Barnett, Dane & Jennifer Gilson, Phil & Megan Hageman, David & Anne Malmborg, Sam & Abby Nielson and Mont & Kassie Richins. After the program and ribbon cutting, BMC Services provided hamburgers and hot dogs with all the trimmings to everyone attending the celebration. A special thanks to them for feeding a hungry crowd of nearly 200 attendees.

DONATIONS CONTINUE TO BENEFIT MSH PROGRAM

Through donations from American Express, Wells Fargo, Bank of American Fork, Central Bank and United Way, Rural Housing Development Corporation has been able to continue to bless the lives of many Utah and Wasatch County families. These donations have helped provide many needed items for participants that are building their homes through the Mutual Self-Help Program. A BIG thank you to each of these partners.
RHDC Designs Two New House Plans

As if eighteen house plans weren’t enough for MSH Participants to choose from, RHDC has recently designed two new house plans to bring the total to 20. RHDC was looking for a way to give a wider variety of homes to subdivisions where MSH homes were being built. The Princeton house plan was created from a current twin home plan. It was a plan that was used in the 2010 Utah Valley Parade of Homes. The Chadwick house plan is a brand new design. Watch for an upcoming Open House where you will be able to walk through and enjoy these new plans.

MEET THE HATFIELD FAMILY

When Steven and Alisha Hatfield came into RHDC’s office, they were living in a mobile home. They explained that their two children could not play outside due to the unsafe conditions in the trailer park in which they lived. Alisha wanted her children to be able to play outside like other children. That’s why they looked into the MSH Program.

Because they owned a mobile home, they had to sell it before they could qualify for the MSH Program. It was not an easy task to sell the mobile home in the current economy, but they managed to sell it in just one month after having placed an ad on a local internet site. They sold their mobile home and found a place to rent until they could build their own home. They were found eligible for the MSH Program and were excited to begin building.

The Hatfield family informed us that the two of them would have to work the same schedule when building since Alisha would drive Steven wherever he needed to go. Steven worked at Wal-Mart as a greeter. Alisha is a homemaker and stays home with her two young children. They explained that Steven’s sight was very poor because when he was thirteen years old, he was diagnosed with a cancerous brain tumor. Because of the tumor, he lost some of his sight.

You might think that was enough for this small family or that it’s the end of the story. A couple of months into construction, Steven began having dizzy spells and could not build on the house or go to his job. Steven was taken to the emergency room where they performed a CT and MRI scan. When the results of the scans came back, he was rushed to another hospital for emergency surgery. The shunt that had been placed in his brain after his tumor was removed had failed. The pressure that had built up inside his skull when the shunt failed was so bad that he lost most of the sight (20/100) in his right eye and (20/80) in his left eye. Steven is now legally blind with no hope of recovery from the irreparable damage. Most people would give up, but not the Hatfield family. With determination, they continued to build their dream home.

To quote Alisha, “We started building in October 2010. We love working with the people in our group. This has been a great thing for us to do, even though we have medical problems. That isn’t going to stop us from making our dreams come true; to build a really nice home in a really nice place for our two little girls to grow up in. If it wasn’t for the Mutual Self-Help Program, we wouldn’t be able to own our new home. This is the best program to help people out with getting a home of their very own and to know that they don’t have to pay rent on a house or an apartment or rent a pad in a trailer park. Thank you, MSH Program, for everything you have given my family and for my new friends.”

Steven may be legally blind, but he and Alisha can both see clearly into a bright future, living in a beautiful home with each other and their daughters.
A Checklist for Bringing Your Sprinkler System out of Hibernation

It’s time to get your automatic sprinkling system up and running again. Your system has probably sat dormant for the last few months so it is time to check it out to make sure it is in good working order. Use this checklist to ensure you are getting the most from your system for a beautiful lawn this summer.

1. Turn all drain valves to “off” before turning on any water to the system.
2. Turn on the main system water valve slowly and allow the water to fill the pipes gradually. If the valves open too quickly, the sprinkler main lines are subjected to high surge pressures, uncontrolled flow and water hammer.
3. Manually activate each zone valve from the controller to make sure the zone is operating correctly.
4. Check the operating pressure. (low pressure indicates a line break or missing sprinkler)
5. Check for proper rotation of sprinkler heads and adjust accordingly for adequate coverage.
6. Check and clean filters on poorly performing sprinklers.
7. Reprogram the controller for automatic watering.
8. Replace the controller back-up battery, if necessary.

$50 Referral Program

When a past participant refers an applicant to RHDC to participate in the Mutual Self-Help Program and that applicant closes on their 502 loan, they will receive a $50 check from RHDC to thank them for their referral. Thanks to the following participants.

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If you know someone that would benefit from the Mutual Self-Help Program, please have them call us at 801-375-2205.