

Rural Housing Register

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BIG PLANS FOR 2011



RHDC's 2011 marketing plans just got BIGGER. In an effort to increase awareness of the Mutual Self-Help Program, RHDC has placed a billboard advertisement on I-15 in Springville. RHDC is hoping it will draw the attention of many families that live and work in Utah County to contact us about the MSH Program. Winter is usually a slower time at RHDC, but we are seeing more applicants earlier in the year and have several families on waiting lists to build homes this year. 2011 may turn out to be the biggest year ever!

Fourteen More Mutual Self-Help Families Celebrate the Completion of their Homes



Willow Creek Subdivision—Heber City
December 2010 Open House and Ribbon Cutting Celebration



Winegar Estates Subdivision—Payson
February 2011 Open House and Ribbon Cutting Celebration

RHDC's first Wasatch County Mutual Self-Help group finished their homes in Willow Creek Subdivision in Heber City. The six families celebrated with an open house on December 15, 2010. Then, RHDC's first Winegar Estates Subdivision group finished their homes. These eight families celebrated at an Open House on February 10, 2011. Congratulations to both of these groups and a big thank you to their Construction Supervisors, James Hendricks and Spencer Harvey.



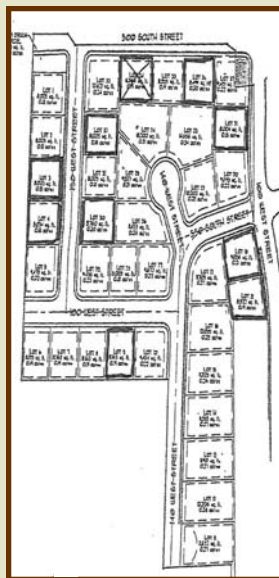
WHERE'S RHDC?

WINEGAR ESTATES SUBDIVISION 930 WEST & 1200 SOUTH PAYSON



26 Lots Available

MORLEY MEADOWS SUBDIVISION 100 WEST & 500 SOUTH SANTAQUIN



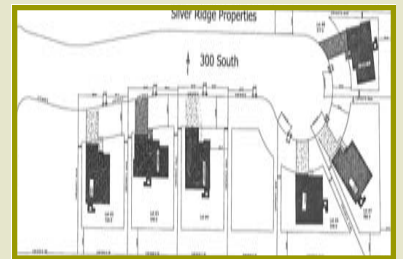
8 Lots Available

ASPEN HILLS SUBDIVISION 600 WEST AT RIDGE ROAD & SAGE LANE SARATOGA SPRINGS



8 Lots Available

SILVER RIDGE PROPERTIES SUBDIVISION 500 EAST 300 SOUTH HEBER CITY



3 Lots Available

RHDC has recently put under contract, lots in the Aspen Hills Subdivision in Saratoga Springs and in the Silver Ridge Properties Subdivision in Heber City. If you are interested in living in these areas, please contact us soon, as we are planning to start groups in both of these new areas in the Spring. We still have lots available in Payson and Santaquin also.

RHDC URBAN SELF-HELP PROGRAM

We are looking for interested applicants for our Urban Self-Help Program. Our Urban Self-Help Program requires the same income qualifications as our Rural Self-Help Program but the sweat equity requirements are much less. Families wanting to build a twin home in Spanish



Fork, in the Pine Meadows Subdivision, would only be required to work a total of 100 sweat equity hours. Call us today at 801-375-2205 if you want more information or to see if you qualify.

DON'T FORGET!

TO ALL PAST PARTICIPANTS



If you have lost your job or you are delinquent on your house payment, don't forget that you can get help by calling the Rural Development Central Servicing Center (CSC) in St. Louis at 1-800-414-1226. They can help you with a Delinquency Workout Agreement (DWA). Always try to stay in communication with them with any delinquent payment issues. You can also contact our local USDA-RD Area Office in Provo at 801-377-5575 ext. 108 or 111.

This is how RHDC Spells SUCCESS

Slower times are bringing more than the average number of interested applicants.

Under contract to purchase 30 more building lots in several areas.

Construction days decreased to make much happier participants.

Congressional Delegates contacted by Executive Director to tell RHDC story.

Energy Star ratings on RHDC homes increased by nearly 40%.

Staff Meetings at RHDC are better and more productive.

Starting three more Mutual Self-Help groups by May 2011.

RHDC Construction Team Creates Specialization to Help MSH Families Shorten Building Time

Since RHDC's first group of Mutual Self-Help (MSH) families in 2000, RHDC has been trying to improve and shorten the construction phase of the MSH program. When the construction phase is shorter, participants are happier. After lots of trial and error, RHDC's current Construction Supervisors have come up with a perfect plan that cut the construction phase from 10 to 12 months to 4 to 7 months. The Construction Supervisors now conduct personality surveys before construction begins to assess each participant's abilities and skills. They also interview each of the families to see what skills they have, what their wants and desires are and if they plan to use volunteers that specialize in a specific area. Once the supervisor gets all of this information together, they are ready to place each family member on a Specialized Team. These teams are broken down into three categories including: Wall Team, Floor Team and Roof Team. Families are then trained to specialize in the construction

tasks within their team. Because they do the same tasks on each of the houses within their group, they learn quickly and are able to build faster, safer and with better quality. When a group starts on the first home in their group, the average number of hours to build that house is 1,300. By the time they get to the eighth house in their group, they are able to build it in an average of 700 hours. Being able to build faster brings about great self-motivation in the participants. Thanks to RHDC's Construction Team, participants are

now having a much better experience with the Mutual Self-Help Program.



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We're on the Web!
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Check out our website to find an application for the Mutual Self-Help Housing Program and to see our house plans and current building locations.

\$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.

Name	Amt
Ted & Nicole Bailey	\$50.00
Derick & Patricia Rogers	\$50.00
Royce & Jessica King	\$50.00
Shane & Jamie Whittier	\$50.00
Daniel & Arelly Sandoval	\$50.00
Jacob & Christina Wright	\$50.00
Secilia Orizaga	\$50.00
Jeremy & Amy Chapman	\$50.00
Tyler & Tabitha Wilde	\$50.00
Wes & Danielle Biutanaseva	\$50.00

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



Tips for Increasing Your Home's Value and Beauty



Spruce up the yard.

Get rid of trash and yard waste. Keep your lawn in good condition and mow it. This includes using a weed whacker to get in the tight corners and along the edges of sidewalks and the house. Trim the hedges, get rid of weeds, and mulch the flower beds. If you don't have much to work with, plant some flowers.

Wash walls and windows.

It's a lot cheaper to wash walls or siding than to repaint or replace siding, and many times a good cleaning will make your home's finishes look good as new. Pressure-wash your home's exterior, and wash interior walls. Clean your windows so that you can't tell they're there.

Add a fresh coat of interior paint.

Sometimes you just really need to repaint, but you can do it yourself relatively cheaply on interior walls. First, patch up any holes, no matter how small. To get a silky smooth finish, apply a coat of primer. After the primer dries, lightly sand it with a fine grit sandpaper (220 grit). Apply the first coat of latex paint, and then lightly sand that layer also. Wipe the walls down with a damp cloth after each sanding session. Then apply the final coat of latex paint.

Clean up the carpet.

You can shampoo or steam clean your carpets, or you can use a dry cleaning system which requires no water or steamer rentals, and which dries instantly and kills

virtually all mold and bacteria.

You'd be surprised how much better your carpet will look after a good cleaning.

Install modern light switches and outlets.

Some of the new style switches can be easily installed using the wires already running to the old switches. Just be sure to turn off the power to the room or entire house before doing any work. The new outlets look nice, and give the impression that the electrical wiring in the house is newer than it really is.

Put up fresh curtains and blinds.

Blinds and curtains are relatively inexpensive. Over time, the sun fades the colors from your blinds and curtains, so new ones will make a better impression than old ones.