

The Rockwood MILLER



Two families happy over Habitat For Humanity homes

At a ceremony Saturday Habitat's Wellington president Sue Ricketts introduced Cynthia Woroch and Kathy Howard and their families as the owners of the new semi-detached homes to be built on Inkerman Street starting in July. Each unit is about 1,100 square feet in size, has three bedrooms and a walkout basement.

Howard and her children, Kaitlyn 9, and Tyler, 12, are currently Eden Mills residents although she has lived in the area for 16 years and works at Royal Distributing in Guelph.

Woroch and her sons Robin, 18, John, 11, and Paddy 9, have lived in Rockwood for 10 years. She works for Acton Home Hardware and teaches yoga for the Upper Grand Continuing Education department in Guelph.

Besides the thrill of owning their own homes Woroch

says, there is an opportunity for real friendship and mutual support between herself and Howard since they are both single mothers raising children of similar age. Their youngsters can now walk to school at Rockwood Centennial instead of taking buses and their friends will be close by. The families were not acquainted when they were chosen by Habitat to receive the two Rockwood units.

Woroch echoed the sentiments of Habitat for Humanity CEO Bobbye Goldenberg that the group not only builds homes, it changes lives.

"It was a very emotional moment for me," Woroch says of her first meeting with Howard. "I just felt a bond there."

A Habitat representative said they interviewed more than 20 applicants for the units and are still receiving applications for the two units

to be built on an adjacent lot in Rockwood next year.

The blitz build using 300 volunteers is slated for the first two weeks of July.

Saturday's official beginning to the building project included blessing the building's foundations by Rev. Brooke Ashfield, moderator of the Waterloo-Wellington Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. The presbytery provided major financial support to the project along with efforts by Rockwood's four local churches.

Rockwood Centennial pupils raised an additional \$1600.00 towards Habitat's new houses. Nutrition program organizers Deb MacDougall and Anita MacFarlane challenged the pupils to bring in Change for Change and the children responded with \$1600.



HAPPY WINNER: Darryl Nichols, left, presented Ursula Bowman with the keys to the new van she and Jill House won in Friday's Habitat for Humanity fund raising draw organized by the Rockwood Lions Club. Nichols chaired the project for the Lions District A15 while Jim Nellis, right, was project chair for the Rockwood Club. - Maggie Petrushevsky photo



GETTING STARTED: Bobbye Goldenberg, far left, president and CEO of Habitat for Humanity Canada helps Kathy Howard, left and Cynthia Woroch, right, tighten nuts on the first plank to be laid in the construction of their new homes. The women will each own one of the semi-detached homes to be built on the Inkerman site this summer. - Maggie Petrushevsky photo

Downtown merchants appeal for banner campaign aid

Members of the Downtown Rockwood Business Association (DRBA) are appealing to the public, area merchants and local service clubs to support their banner campaign.

In speaking to Guelph-Eramosa council DRBA representative Phil Castle said the group wants to install banners in the village as part of a beautification program. But that beautification is for everyone's benefit, not just the merchants'.

Castle said DRBA hopes to have sponsors buy the banners and get the municipality to put them up because the banners would go high up on hydro poles throughout the village.

Municipal recreation director Glen Smith said only licensed people are allowed to go around hydro wires and no municipal staff members have that licence. He suggested hiring a firm that does line repairs.

In order to speed up installation of hanging flower baskets for DRBA, council approved the sum for flowers which was included in the

2001 budget even though the full budget will not be up for approval until June.

Smith said municipal staff can install the flower baskets because they do not go high up on the poles like the banners.

Township clerk Janice Sheppard also told DRBA she has received information on entry sign specifications from both Wellington County and the Ministry of Transportation of Ontario. Now a design must be decided upon to combine the service club signs and the village entry sign designed for DRBA. She suggested staff hired through the summer student program might be able to come up with a suitable design. She also said a location for the signs might be found on private property.

DRBA representative Doris Bozzelli questioned the idea of combining entry and club signs since earlier MTO information forbade that. Sheppard said the regulations may have changed since Bozzelli received that information a couple of years ago.



NOTICE OF A COST OF POWER INCREASE

The Ontario Government recently passed a Regulation that requires Ontario Power Generation Inc. (OPGI) to increase the price it charges to electricity distributors effective June 1, 2001. We buy electricity from OPGI and have to increase the Cost of Power portion of our rates to reflect this increase from OPGI. The total increase is \$0.0074 per kWh.

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Starting June 1, 2001, the Cost of Power portion of your rates will change:

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Cost of Power ~ \$0.0789 per kWh (increased from 0.0715 per kWh)
 Monthly Charge ~ \$10.85 (unchanged)
 Distribution Charge ~ \$0.0080 per kWh (unchanged)

The increase in the Cost of Power rates results in an increase of 7.9% to the average residential customer with monthly consumption of 750 kWh.

	Current	After June 1, 2001
Cost of Power ~ 750 kWh	\$53.63	\$59.18
Monthly Charge	10.85	10.85
Distribution Charge ~ 750 kWh	6.00	6.00
	<u>\$70.48</u>	<u>\$76.03</u>

General Service <50 kW

Cost of Power ~ \$0.0777 per kWh (increased from \$0.0703 per kWh)
 Monthly Charge ~ \$13.39 (unchanged)
 Distribution Charge ~ \$0.0118 per kWh (unchanged)

The increase in the Cost of Power rates results in an increase of 8.3% to the average customer with monthly consumption of 2,000 kWh.

	Current	After June 1, 2001
Cost of Power ~ 2000 kWh	\$140.60	\$155.40
Monthly Charge	13.39	13.39
Distribution Charge ~ 2000 kWh	23.60	23.60
	<u>\$177.59</u>	<u>\$192.39</u>

The Cost of Power includes the energy commodity charge as well as costs for transmission delivery and debt retirement; charges not related to the local distribution delivery.

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