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Groundbreaking set to launch large new Habitat subdivision

19 new homes will be built off Horn Tavern Road

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Next Tuesday will be a momentous day in Fairview as Habitat for Humanity of Williamson County (HFHWC), in partnership with The Housing Fund, Federal Home Loan Bank, Tennessee Housing Development Agency and the City of Fairview, will hold a groundbreaking ceremony for not one new Habitat home – but an entire subdivision of Habitat homes.

Construction on 19 craftsman-styled homes is scheduled to begin soon in the

Brandenburg subdivision off Horn Tavern Road. The property was recently purchased by HFHWC and starting on August 20, the affiliate's second Women Build will take place.

"This groundbreaking marks the beginning of a committed effort to provide affordable housing for hard working families in Fairview. It also confirms our ongoing focus of working in community to create a stronger and more vibrant atmosphere for all," said John Besser, executive director of HFHWC.

"We want to invite city officials and any interested citizens to join us for this event," Besser adds.



Habitat for Humanity of Williamson County (HFHWC) breaks ground on new Brandenburg Subdivision off Horn Tavern Road on August 9. / Nancy Stephens / The Fairview Observer

The homes will offer an exceptional opportunity for area families to find affordable housing and still reside in Fairview. The groundbreaking for Brandenburg Development will be at 11 a.m. next Tuesday, August 9.

In January of 2011, HFHWC was facing the prospects of having little to no land to finish building houses on for the year. Due to the diligence of the site selection committee and board, the land along Horn Tavern was located and purchased.

Since 1992, Habitat for Humanity of Williamson County (HFHWC) has partnered with local churches, businesses, foundations and the public sector to provide 116 hard-working, low-income Williamson County families with an opportunity to purchase their own home.

Home construction and neighborhood development is funded through tax-deductible financial contributions and in-kind donations from local businesses, churches, civic organizations and individuals.

Applicants are selected based on three criteria:

need for housing

ability to pay the mortgage

willingness to partner.

After an extensive qualification process, partner families must earn up to 500 hours of “sweat equity” by completing a homebuyer’s education program, working on others’ homes and their own home.

HFHWC sells the homes at cost and does not charge interest on the loan, allowing for affordable payments. Habitat homeowners agree to certain post-closing restrictive covenants for the life of the mortgage.

For more information, visit www.habitatwilliamson.org.