

monthly news & updates



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Setting Homeowners Up For Success

Partner families in our homeowner program just finished the 8 hour home maintenance classes we offer in our warehouse. This training program is made possible by funding and support from the FirstEnergy Foundation. We use a home module built inside our warehouse to teach basic home repair so our partner families know how to resolve common household problems.

Each participant is given a Homeowner Handbook that was compiled, written and edited by staff and volunteers at Habitat for Humanity of Summit County. This 76 page instructional book gives tips on how to run your home in a healthy efficient manner. Our past Family Services Manager, Mary Shepherd was instrumental in forming this program and organizing the course material.

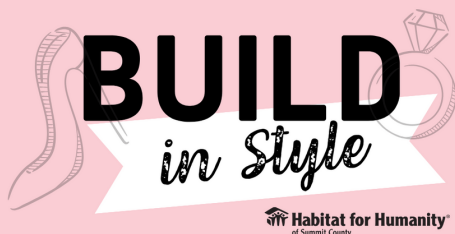
The two day program includes general homeowner resources reviewed in the handbook followed by hands on instructional repairs in the home module. These are led by the construction staff and loyal volunteers who build homes and have expert first hand knowledge on the exact situations homeowners could face. "The goal of this course is to provide hands on experience for what our homeowners may encounter in their homes." says Kim Kerr, Family Services Manager. "This is a great introduction to their home before dedication day."

After completing the course, participants are awarded a certification of completion. "We are giving people the tools needed to feel confident and equipped to



handle homeownership." says Kim. "We discuss the differences between the simple things a homeowner can repair themselves and the things that need expert help. You can save money with the little easy repairs yourself instead of always calling a repairman."

Homeownership can be intimidating but we aim to empower our partner families. These classes educate families and provide valuable home maintenance resources. The goal is for families to succeed in homeownership for many years to come.



DONATE: *new & gently used*

PURSES

SHOES

JEWELRY

CLOTHING

Build Updates

Watch our progress in your community and join us in building a world where everyone has a decent place to live. For more information on our builds, visit www.hfhsummitcounty.org/joinus/builds/



801 Valdes Ave. Akron
Home Dedication
March 1st at 4:30PM



30 Royal Pl. Akron
Home Dedication
March 1st at 2:00PM



East Avenue



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SAVE THE DATE

May 28th, 2020
Silver Lake Country Club
hfhsummitcounty.org/buildinstyle/



Habitat for Humanity
of Summit County



FUN & CREATIVE

COMMUNITY EVENT

APRIL 22ND

SIGN UP TO PARTICIPATE TODAY FOR FREE

Join us to refurbish & reinvent ReStore items to support our mission.

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DIY Porch Headboard Swing

As we dream of warmer spring days, here is a flip idea where Claire up-cycled a headboard into a beautiful porch swing. The headboard was used as the back of the swing and a new base was built for the seat and arms. You can pick up a unique headboard at the ReStore for under \$15 leaving the wood, screws, chain and paint as the only materials needed. Once painted, you could even go a step further by making cushions and adding pillows for comfort. Start working on your new porch swing now and warm weather will be here before you know it!



Material Cost – \$75
Time: 5 Hours

Read Claire's full article here.
<https://www.hometalk.com/1656617/back-porch-headboard-swing>



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Sat 8AM-4PM

Downsizing? Upgrading? Moving?

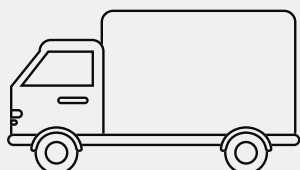
Donate your new and gently used furniture, appliances and building materials to our 42,000 sq. ft. warehouse.

All donations and purchases support our work in Summit County and around the world.

Schedule a Free Pick Up in Summit County

330-745-9098 or visit

<https://www.hfhs Summit County.org/restore/>



Donation Drop Off

Monday & Tuesday 8AM-3:30PM

Wednesday - Friday 8AM-6PM

Saturday 8AM-4PM



Thank You Volunteers



Lowe's Home Improvement



Huntington Bank

Here's what our volunteers are saying...

"I volunteered for the first time with Habitat and it was AWESOME!" K.H.

"It was fun! I'd like to sign up again in March, April, May, and June!" R.K.

"I am enjoying working with your ReStore Team, all of them are awesome." N.A.

"My son and I had an enjoyable time volunteering. The staff and other volunteers were very friendly and we look forward to returning soon." L.E.

Hello!



SCHEDULE YOUR VOLUNTEER DAY

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UPCOMING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

- Build with Us Tuesday through Saturday from 9AM-3:30PM
- Help in the ReStore Wednesday through Saturday from 8AM-6PM (flexible shifts available from 2 hours to up to 8 hours each day)
- Offer Office Assistance Monday through Friday from 10AM-4PM (flexible shifts available from 2 hours to up to 8 hours each day)

Come join the fun while supporting Habitat for Humanity's mission to build a world where everyone has a decent place to live.



Sheet Pan Chicken and Sweet Potatoes

By ERIN MERHAR

<https://www.realsimple.com/food-recipes/browse-all-recipes/sheet-pan-chicken-and-sweet-potatoes>

INGREDIENTS

- 4 bone-in, skin-on chicken leg quarters (about 2 lb.)
- 2 medium sweet potatoes, peeled and cut into 1-in. wedges
- 1 teaspoon chopped fresh sage
- $\frac{3}{4}$ teaspoon kosher salt, plus more to taste
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon black pepper, plus more to taste
- 3 tablespoons olive oil, divided
- 3 slices bacon
- 3 cups baby watercress
- 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice

Step 1. Preheat oven to 450°F. Arrange the chicken and sweet potatoes side by side in a single layer on a large rimmed baking sheet. Season with the sage, salt, and pepper and drizzle with 2 tablespoons of the oil, tossing to coat. Lay the bacon on top of the sweet potatoes.

Step 2. Roast until a meat thermometer inserted into the thickest portion of a thigh registers 165°F, 20 to 25 minutes.

Step 3. Meanwhile, toss together the watercress, lemon juice, and the remaining 1 tablespoon of olive oil and season to taste with salt and pepper.

Step 4. Serve the chicken with the sweet potatoes and salad, with the bacon crumbled over the top.

This easy meal uses just one baking sheet. The chicken comes out with delicious crispy skin, which pairs well with crunchy, peppery watercress and crisp, salty bacon. The roasted sweet potatoes add a bit of sweetness to round out the plate. From start to finish, the dinner takes just 30 minutes. And the best part is that 20 minutes of that time are hands-off. For easy cleanup, line your baking sheet with foil. Look for chicken leg quarters in the refrigerator section of your supermarket, next to the rest of the poultry (we prefer 8-oz. free-range chicken quarters). Pair with a light red wine like Gamay.

SPRING HAS SPRUNG, I HOPE!

By: Kim Kerr, Family Services Manager

Spring Has Sprung - I Hope!

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About this time of year in Northeast Ohio, many of us start to get a little stir crazy. I miss the sunshine and warmer temperatures, even with the mild winter. So let's get ready for spring!

My husband always says that once he starts getting the gardening catalogs, he can feel spring in the air. Well, they have started arriving in our mailbox. This year, I have a new excitement about gardening because I will be leading our partner families in our community garden. Gardening brings me memories of spending time with my grandparents as a little girl. They had a garden and Grandpa always loved my help snapping beans and shelling lima beans. My grandma canned everything from green beans to homemade relish. If you're ready for warmer weather too, let's start planning our gardens.

There is a lot of discussion about whether the traditional garden or raised beds are better. For me the decision has already been made; our community garden has raised beds. We have a traditional garden at my home but I am anxious to use the raised beds since I believe it will be easier to plant and pick.

The first thing to consider is what to plant. The rule of thumb I have seen is "if you won't eat it, don't grow it".

Other advice is, "be careful not to plant too many crops". There are also plants that do well being planted together. Some flowers are a good companion to the vegetable plants and some flowers attract beneficial insects. Knowing what will grow in our climate is also important. According to the experts, a well-planned garden is easier to care for and more productive. Starting now gives you time to plan well and gives you the feeling spring is right around the corner. Since we are a community garden, we need to have a meeting to make sure we are going to be growing what our members like to eat.

Once the plants have been chosen, we have to consider where to locate the plants. There is a lot to consider. According to some gardeners, vining plants should go on the edge. Basil and tomatoes go together well. Marigolds repel nematodes, which are round worms only able to be seen with a microscope, and other garden pests. Keep tomatoes away from corn and potatoes to avoid these crops sharing pests and disease. Basil is also a good companion to peppers and can even improve their flavor. Basil has many benefits because it helps repel aphids, spider mites, mosquitoes, and flies. Beans and corn are good companions. Beans need to be kept away from beets and onions since they will impede the growth of the beans. My research also indicated that marigolds are good to keep planted by cucumbers. Corn and squash also make good companions. Knowing what plants will benefit others will help plan where to locate crops. Also plan the garden on paper and make notes about what was added to the soil and when. These notes will be important the following year as well.

Now the crops are chosen and the plan devised. Let the planting begin!! Not quite. It is important to know what the date is of the last frost dates. According to the Farmer's almanac, our last frost date in Akron for 2020 is May 2 with the first fall frost falling around October 15. Keep in mind that this is only 30% accurate. I have always heard in our area, it is safest to wait until Memorial Day. Also important, read the directions on the seed packages to be sure to space the plants correctly.

Well, I think the planning will help with my anticipation of spring as well as help me lead our community to a successful gardening season. I can't wait to get started.

<https://www.farmersalmanac.com/companion-planting-guide-31301>

Homeowner Corner



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Interested in building a home with Habitat for Humanity?

Learn more here:

www.hfhsummitcounty.org/about-habitat-for-humanity/programs/apply-for-a-habitat-home/

Homeowner Education Classes are ONLY for partner families and Habitat homeowners. If you plan on attending, please RSVP to Roberta at 330-745-7734 ext. 211. To learn more about becoming a Habitat homeowner, please visit our website.



H O M E O W N E R

education classes

WEDNESDAY 6PM-7:30PM

March 4th : Planning a Garden presented by Nancy, Copley Feed
Learn helpful tips on planning this year's garden. Great information for your own personal garden and our community garden!

WEDNESDAY 6PM-7:30PM

March 18th : Contacting 311; Keeping Your House in Good Order presented by John Valle

Hear a wide variety of helpful information to keep your home in good order from an expert.

TUESDAY 8AM-12PM

March 24th : CPR Training presented by Alissa Myers, Med Cert
Gain certification in an important safety skill, CPR training. You never know when this knowledge could save a life.

SATURDAY 9AM-3PM

March 28th: Partner Family Build Day 1954 East Avenue in Akron
Join us as we work together on the home of the Merritt family. We plan on working on drywall and will have Subway for lunch. Contact Kim to reserve your spot on this fun build day!



Remember: Turn in your monthly sweat equity sheets for March by 7PM on April 1, 2020.

Homeowner Surveys: Keep a look out for homeowner surveys coming your way soon!



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