We’ve got houses

A barge bearing the next two houses to join the Sun Rise II neighborhood, McNeill and St. Patrick, arrived at the Jackson Beach boat landing at around 5 am March 21. A Nickel Bros truck pulling McNeill rolled off a little before 6 am, under the watchful eye of Jeremy Nickel. St. Patrick followed, and the barge departed precisely at 7:30 am with the tide going out.
In the gravel pit

After a slow trip through the gravel pit and across land belonging to the Buck family, both houses came to rest at Sun Rise, where McNeill is now Unit 30, and St. Patrick is Unit 41.

St. Patrick is home
In case you weren’t able to stop by to see the operation in person, a 12 minute video of the day has been uploaded to youtu.be/XOjG2cygbkU.

The work needs your support

The Home Trust depends upon donors to fund the lion’s share of the subsidies which make Home Trust homes affordable. Subsidies amount to approximately $150,000 per house. This means that for Sun Rise II the total subsidy is nearly $2,000,000 for the 12 homes. More than $1.5M has already come from full and part-time island residents. These subsidies remain with the homes permanently, thus making Home Trust homes “Permanently Affordable.”

In past years the Home Trust held fundraising drives with defined starts and finishes. But because of the need to build housing at a steady pace, we must remain in a permanent state of planning, fundraising, and construction. The Home Trust now holds a number of properties around Friday Harbor we can develop. In 2016 we were given 260 Price Street, and last December 588 McDonald and 940 Turn Point Road were donated. These are in addition to the last section of Sun Rise at Grover Street, Phase III. For these reasons, we now have a standing goal of $850,000 per year, each and every year for the foreseeable future.

This is a steep goal. But we are already off to a good start in 2018, with $310,000 in individual contributions already received. Together with the March 22 announcement of a Washington State Housing Trust Fund award of $200,000 to Sun Rise II, we are 60% of the way toward the goal.
And the winner is…

The raffle drawing for the toy Tesla (postponed from February) was held March 21 after the hard-working Nickel Bros. crew stopped work for the day. SJCHT boardmember and raffle organizer Gay Graham reached into the basket and drew the ticket of: Dave & Nancy Honeywell of San Juan Island. A big Congratulations to them, as well as the Home Trust’s appreciation for their ongoing support for affordable housing.

Dave Honeywell about to drive away with a new Tesla.

See you at Saturday Farmers Markets!

The Home Trust is pleased to announce we will again have a presence at the Farmers Markets at Brickworks this year, beginning April 7. Our participation gives anyone interested in Affordable Housing the chance to find out about the Home Trust and what we do to strengthen the San Juan Island community. Whether you are prospective homebuyers, donors, visitors to the island, stop by and ask us about our neighborhoods, projects, and future plans.
Storing Soundly

On March 1 the Home Trust moved into a new unit at Sound Storage. A special thanks to JoAnn Elliot for finding us a spot so quickly!

SJCHT Boardmember Chris Pope helps move us in at Sound Storage

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