



# Community Building Works!

*providing green, affordable housing locally and internationally  
using volunteer labor*

The Latest

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## 207 Madison Street Update

Dear Community Builders,

We have just passed the seven month mark on the house on Madison Street, and the end is in sight! The winter months eventually forced us inside, but since the weather has broken we have moved back outside and are currently painting the exterior and finishing up the last bits of siding and soffit. If you have not seen it in a while, the house is looking great. The doors and windows are installed and trimmed, and we're currently working on the kitchen, trim and stairs. Once the closet rods are in, we're done!

I expect everyone is busy with spring cleaning and other outside activities. Personally, I have been coming home from work at night and diving head first into my garden, which keeps getting bigger by the day. However, the task at hand is to finish strong at Madison Street so we can start building *CBW!*'s first house in Lansing!

The improving weather conditions bring new, exciting volunteer opportunities at Madison Street. First is finishing up the exterior painting. We have finished two sides and are working on the rest of the house this week if the weather stays on our side. At the same time we have to install the baseboard, and as I said earlier, the kitchen needs to be installed. If you have some time to spare and could come down and lend a hand for a shift, it would be a huge help. Our business depends on the efforts of our volunteers and I am proud to say we are a few short weeks away from the amazing accomplishment of finishing our first "new construction" house!

Finally, I want to thank all of you that have taken some time to work on this project and all of the others over the past few years. The completion of this house also represents a major milestone for *CBW!* in that it is the last job we will be doing for outside clients. From here on out we will be building our own houses, and we are immensely grateful for all of the effort that you have collectively put forth, which has enabled us to reach this point. In honor of all that we have accomplished and to give everyone a chance to see the final product we will be holding an open house at Madison Street in a few weeks to celebrate! We will send out the invitations once we have decided on a date.

I hope to see you all on the jobsite again soon and at the very least, at the open house! Have a wonderful spring.

Cheers,  
Gideon Stone, On-Site Supervisor

## City of Ithaca Pride of Ownership Award Goes to CBW!

CBW! was proud you might say to hear from Peggy Haine that they would receive one of the Ithaca Rotary Club's 12th Annual City of Ithaca Pride of Ownership Awards. The awards recognize owners who have gone above and beyond to enhance the physical appearance of their properties, and thus contribute to the over-all character of the larger area or neighborhood.

CBW! received its recognition for our first project at 106 Westfield Street in Ithaca.



## Volunteer Spotlight Bill Garthwaite

Bill Garthwaite is a first year law student at Cornell Law School. Prior to this fall, he was working on a few water-related engineering projects in Alaska for Kenai Watershed Forum and Spain (for CETaqua).

Bill studied environmental engineering at MIT, and hopes to apply the skills he learns in law school to improving environmental and housing/infrastructure issues.

He would definitely recommend CBW! as a great place to learn about house building and affordable housing development in Ithaca.

Outside of school and work, he likes rowing, hiking, gardening, and drawing. He also volunteers at Loaves and Fishes in Ithaca.

Gideon says, "Bill's commitment to volunteerism is impressive. He shows up rain or shine; CBW is fortunate to have him."

**Volunteers needed every Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Available shifts are 9am–1pm, 1pm–5pm or 9am–5pm.**

**Share the fun—bring a friend or family member with you!**

**Email**

**[ssquier@twcny.rr.com](mailto:ssquier@twcny.rr.com) to schedule your shift today!**

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## Volunteer Shenanigans

Our volunteers are what drive CBW! - we literally could not do it without them. A hearty thank you to those that have gotten dirty, picked up a power tool, sweated, climbed scaffolding, put muscle behind a sledge hammer, cut boards, nailed siding, pounded nails and shared a laugh!



## Jensen receives Cornell Tradition & Trust Company Excellence Award

On April 17th, executive director Jack Jensen received the Debra S. Newman '02 Cornell Tradition Community Recognition Award. Nominated by Bettie Park, this award was established to recognize and honor a community member who has demonstrated a strong commitment to service and/or leadership in a community service setting. This certainly describes Jack. On May 17<sup>th</sup>, he will be awarded the Trust Company Excellence Award as well, nominated by Sue Purlgut. Realizing that Ithacans and Cornellians are good-hearted people, realizing that there are resources here that need to be directed and redirected locally, and internationally, and figuring out how, is Jack's contribution. Putting those ideas together into a tangible, working, miraculous organization like CBW makes him truly worthy of these awards. Sinking all his money and working hard for four years for little or no pay makes him something truly special. Jack's goal is to increase production until CBW can be pointed to as a successful model, and then use his national contacts and reputation to spread the model nationally. He is donating the proceeds back to CBW, of course, but appreciates the recognition that comes with them.

