



## Habitat for Humanity Begins Preparation for 26 New Homes in West Gresham

### Improving Neighborhood Stability Through Homeownership, Increasing the Local Tax Base.

Habitat for Humanity Portland/Metro East is gearing up to begin developing land located at Northeast 165th and Glisan Street. Lot infrastructure will begin the fall of 2013, with foundations and home construction beginning early 2014. This land will become the homes for 26 local hardworking families.

This build site is part of Habitat's focus on targeting neighborhoods in east Portland and Gresham that have the highest need for the stability that homeownership brings to a community. By providing affordable homeownership opportunities in targeted neighborhoods like Wilkes East, Habitat is increasing the local tax base, which will contribute to city, police, fire and park services, helping to improve the overall quality of the neighborhood for generations.

Homeownership also has a profound effect on education. Low-income families in Multnomah County average one move every 15 months, chasing affordable rents. This



Habitat for Humanity Site, 165th & Glisan. Original home inset.

mobility means children are forced to change schools, often transferring in and out of classrooms multiple times a year. This has a significant impact on student achievement and can drastically reduce a student's chances of graduating. Because Habitat acts as the bank and sets mortgages at 30% of a family's monthly income, a Habitat partner family no longer has to worry about rent increasing or where they are going to live next, and can instead focus on being a productive part of the community.

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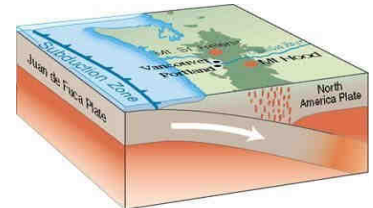
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### EARTHQUAKE!!!

**When it happens, will you know what to do?**

**Everyone knows the *big one* is coming. Government agencies continually urge us to make a plan. Scientists warn us it's a matter of when, not if. And when it does happen, will you be prepared?**

The Pacific Northwest is a very active place for earthquakes thanks to the Cascadia Subduction Zone 75 miles off the Oregon Coast. That's where the Juan de Fuca tectonic plate slides under the North America plate.



### The Pacific Northwest is Overdue

Geologists have found evidence for at least 40 great Cascadia earthquakes during the past 10,000 years. The last great Cascadia subduction zone earthquake happened off the coast of Oregon and Washington in 1700, with an estimated magnitude of 9.0. Scientists say these mega-quakes occur in Oregon every 300 years, which means we're due for another *big one* any time.

(FYI: On October 27th at 8:04pm a 7.7 magnitude quake struck off the Queen Charlotte islands 500 miles northwest of Vancouver, British Columbia; followed by a 5.8 at 8:14pm and a 4.8 at 8:52pm.)

Subduction puts a lot of stress on the earth's crust, especially in the Portland metropolitan area where numerous faults zig and zag beneath the city and it's suburbs including Gresham and Troutdale.

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### Reminder: Don't 'Leaf' Debris In The Street

**Using machines to blow leaves in the street causes problems and expense.**

Depositing leaves in the street is a violation of City code. The street sweeper is not able to sweep up large piles of leaves at the curb, which can be a dangerous road hazard.

Leaves left in the street create a back-up effect on the City's stormwater drainage system, which can result in high water, clogged catch basins, slippery and unsafe surfaces and rotten vegetation.

#### The City recommends these tips:

- Use leaf blowers to vacuum the leaves up and then deposit in yard debris containers.
- Take advantage of weekly curbside yard debris collection included with your garbage service.

- Compost the leaves.
- Purchase yard debris bags at home improvement stores; set out at the curb for an extra cost of \$3 each.
- Take large leaf deposits to Allwood Recyclers, 23001 NE Marine Dr, Fairview. 503-667-5497.
- Mulch leaves with a lawnmower and spread the mixture over flowerbeds for winter. The nutrients in leaves are beneficial to your garden areas. ■

**Did You Know?** The City's wastewater treatment plant treats an average of 13 million gallons of wastewater per day.

### Mark Your Calendar! Wilkes East Neighborhood

**NEXT MEETING  
Nov 26, 2012 • 7PM**

**St Aidan's Church  
174th & NE Glisan**

**Wilkes East Neighborhood Association Newsletter**

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**BOARD MEETINGS**

Board meetings are held on the fourth Monday of each month at 6:30PM. See [website](http://www.wilkeeastna.org) for details.

**SPECIAL THANKS**

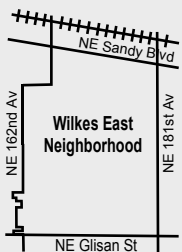
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**Got an interesting story to share?**

Email it to: [info@wilkeeastna.org](mailto:info@wilkeeastna.org)  
or mail to: PO Box 536 • Fairview, OR 97024

**Volunteer Opportunities**

Get involved. Let us know how you'd like to help. Email [info@wilkeeastna.org](mailto:info@wilkeeastna.org) for details.



*Dear Neighbors* • a message from your WENA President

Fall has begun "big time" with all of the glorious colors of the red, yellow, & purple spectrum. The crisp mornings and warm afternoons are special in so many ways.

The Nadaka/Nelson Community Festival went very well with around 300 participants and enjoyed on a cloudless day. Albertsons did a fantastic job in feeding everyone. There were 3 face painting stations, volley ball for those who were interested, Frisbee toss, talks about the future community garden as well as a display from the Nadaka Camp Fire alumni. The ladies had many pictures, a map of the layout of the camp as it was when it was opened and until the final year of camping. Several song books were on display as well as a couple of the vests made with patches earned. Wonderful saved memories of a very unique time and place. There was music for those wanting to dance or just listen. We personally saw a couple of wheel chairs, a few walkers and canes some strollers and the sights and sounds of young children.

Albertsons, Owens Corning, St. Aidan's Episcopal & Eastrose Unitarian churches partnered with WENA in support of this event. Please support these businesses which support our community.

The Festival Committee did a wonderful job. Bravo and thank you everyone!

Clean-ups of the parks have been accomplished by numerous groups including the Girl/Boy Scouts, church groups, students from HB Lee and volunteers. Only with the continued dedication and leadership of Lee Dayfield and the volunteers have we been able to come so far in such a short time.

If you don't have a watch group, we encourage you to consider forming one. It is an excellent way to get to know your neighbors and at the same time let others know we are not to be "messed with." Let us know if you need assistance!

**Please mark your calendars: Monday, November 26th 2012 Annual Meeting at St. Aidan's Episcopal Church 17405 NE Glisan Street.** Update of the Habitat for Humanity project at 165th & NE Glisan, Update of the 172nd from NE Glisan to Halsey street project, Nadaka/Nelson update, Multnomah County Vector Control and Election of new Officers of Wilkes East Neighborhood Association. Bring your questions, comments & suggestions.

Be sure and check the WENA website for events & news at: [www.wilkeeastna.org](http://www.wilkeeastna.org)

Remember the leaves on the trees are the flowers of this beautiful season of Fall.

Your Neighbor,

*Kristen Freiermuth*



**Coyotes Sighted at Glendoveer**

Several times during the past month coyotes have been spotted roaming the east side of Glendoveer Golf Course. While generally wary of humans, coyotes are quite curious and may roam several miles. Neighbors should keep a watchful eye on their small pets when they're outside. Urban coyote sightings are not unusual in the Portland area, especially between dusk and dawn when they are most active. But, coyotes may be seen at any time of day.

Coyotes typically don't bother people unless cornered or threatened and are easily scared away by loud noises.

Learn more about urban coyotes at: [audubonportland.org/wcc/urban/coyote/urbancoyotes](http://audubonportland.org/wcc/urban/coyote/urbancoyotes) ■

**Old Computers or TV's to Get Rid Of?**

Take them to the nearest Goodwill or Salvation Army for [free recycling](http://www.wilkeeastna.org).

**Wondering what to do with those old paint cans, motor oil and solvents?**

Visit: [www.OregonMetro.gov](http://www.OregonMetro.gov) for everything you need to know about recycling and hazardous waste disposal.

**FREE / LOW COST TRANSPORT**



**503.226.0700**

[door-to-door rides](http://www.wilkeeastna.org) for seniors and people with disabilities.

**Donate Holiday Food, Produce & Fruit**

**SnowCap Charities Needs Your Help**

Donate Weekdays 9AM-3PM (behind Rockwood Methodist) SnowCap Charities 17805 SE Stark St



**Prevent Crime**

**Support Your Neighborhood Watch Group**

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Habitat for Humanity Portland/Metro East serves Multnomah County and northern Clackamas County and has the ability to reach out to families one step away from homelessness. Habitat offers homeownership opportunities to families making \$21,900 – \$43,800 (for a family of four) by selling homes at cost, making no profit, after the family contributes 500 sweat equity hours. Families pay a 1% down payment on a 0%- interest mortgage. Instead of being in a vulnerable and fragile economic position, Habitat families find themselves in a position of strength.

Habitat is currently building the first phase of 45 homes located at Southeast 171st and Division Street in the Centennial Neighborhood, and the first phase of 10 homes located at Southeast 106th and Stark Street in the Gateway Neighborhood.

To learn more about how you can get involved by becoming a volunteer, please visit our website at <http://habitatportlandmetro.org/volunteer/>, or contact Marianne McClure at [Marianne@habitatportlandmetro.org](mailto:Marianne@habitatportlandmetro.org)

To learn more about our family selection process or if you are interested in applying for a home, please visit our website at <http://habitatportlandmetro.org/buy-a-home/>, or contact Reihanna DaRosa at [Reihanna@habitatportlandmetro.org](mailto:Reihanna@habitatportlandmetro.org). ■



**Desire a cozy home this winter? Clean Energy Works Oregon is here to help!**

Even the smallest leak in your home can allow the winter chill to enter. Sealing all air gaps and

properly insulating walls, the attic and crawl space in your home can help keep indoor temperatures more moderate – both in the winter and summer. These are just two of the improvement opportunities offered with Clean Energy Works Oregon (CEWO).

CEWO is a new non-profit, partnering with the City of Gresham, to provide homeowners with an easy, all-in-one solution to improving energy efficiency in the home. Improving the energy efficiency in your home increases comfort and protection from both inclement weather and rising energy rates.

- *No-money-down, easy financing*
- *Free extensive home energy audit by a trained building expert*
- *Work conducted by a certified contractor*
- *Repayment of loan through the utility bill*

It includes home and water heating, insulation, windows, and air and duct sealing.

Apply today and receive up to \$2,000\* in instant rebates toward the cost of your home energy improvements.

*\*Up to \$1,500 in instant rebates based on 30% modeled energy savings. Instant rebates are subject to change without prior notice, are non-transferable and will only be available for qualified program borrowers for a limited time. Rebates include federal, state, and local resources and standard Energy Trust cash incentives.*

**Another \$500 in instant rebates is available to the first 100 Gresham participants.**

To apply, visit [www.cewo.org](http://www.cewo.org)  
Gresham's Instant Rebate Code is **LGGRE**.

Also visit <http://greshamoregon.gov/CEWOGresham/>  
For more info contact Nicole Cousino, City of Gresham, 503-618-2485 or email [Nicole.Cousino@GreshamOregon.gov](mailto:Nicole.Cousino@GreshamOregon.gov). ■

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**Imagine This**

Your at work, school, home or shopping when without warning the ground begins to tremble. Then suddenly it jerks violently forward, then backward, left, then right. Over and over. You can't stand. Things around you begin to fall and break. The shaking continues for what seems like an eternity. What do you do?

**Drop, Cover, Hold On**

If you are indoors, drop and take cover under a sturdy table, desk or other furniture. Hold on to it and stay put until the shaking completely stops.

Stay clear of items that can fall and injure you, such as windows, fireplaces, and heavy furniture like dressers and bookcases.

**DO NOT GO OUTSIDE WHILE THE GROUND IS SHAKING!**

Stay inside. You may be injured by breaking glass and falling objects if you run outside.

**After An Earthquake**

Check for injuries. Do not move seriously-injured persons unless they are in immediate danger. Check for hazards such as fires, gas leaks, downed utility lines, and fallen objects.

Expect aftershocks. Aftershocks following large earthquakes can be large and damaging. Listen to your portable radio for important emergency announcements.

**Prepare Now**

There are many simple things that every family can do to prepare for a possible earthquake.

Identify hazards

- Identify items that may fall, topple, or slide
- Secure potentially hazardous and valuable items
- Move beds out from under windows

Create a disaster preparedness plan

- Practice "Drop, Cover, and Hold On" drills
- Choose a meeting place and an out-of-area contact

Prepare survival kits

- Create kits for home, work and especially your car. There's a 50-50 chance you'll be away from home when the earthquake strikes. Car kits should include: 3-days of water and energy bars, flashlight, reflective blanket, disposable hand warmers, rain poncho, first-aid kit, comfort kit (toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, etc).

**Supplies for Seven Days**

Oregon Emergency Management recommends that you store enough food and water for each family member to survive on your own for a minimum of seven days.

Remember, the 9-1-1 system will likely be overloaded or completely down, ambulances and emergency vehicles will be overwhelmed. You will need to depend on each other and your neighbors. So play it safe, be prepared.

**Online Resources**

- [Red Cross Emergency Checklist, Emergency Kits](#)
- <http://www.oregon.gov/OMD/OEM/Pages/index.aspx>
- [http://www.oregon.gov/OMD/OEM/plans\\_train/earthquake/shak\\_ygroundmagazine\\_final.pdf](http://www.oregon.gov/OMD/OEM/plans_train/earthquake/shak_ygroundmagazine_final.pdf)
- <http://earthquake.usgs.gov/earthquakes/> ■





**Happy Thanksgiving!**

For most families, Thanksgiving is a time to reflect on everything you've been given, and to be grateful for all that you have.

This year may be tough for many of us. But no matter how bad things look for you, there's always someone who has it worse. So this year, take the time to give thanks for all that's good in your own life -- and to give to others who may not share the same good fortune this Thanksgiving.

Give from the heart. Help brighten the holiday for someone in need.

Donate time or money to a local charity or food pantry. Donate a Thanksgiving basket to a neighbor in need. Volunteer at a local soup kitchen or homeless shelter. Deliver Thanksgiving meals to housebound seniors.

Volunteer this holiday, and share the season! ■



**Freeze the Grease, Save a Bundle**

After big holiday meals, no one likes to be the one stuck doing clean-up

But if you aren't careful with leftover gravy, pan drippings and sauces a grease-clogged drain could end up costing you a bundle.

When fats, oils and grease are poured down the drain, they stick to the inside of pipes causing messy sewer backups and expensive cleanup and repair in your home

**The simple solution**

Pour the grease into a can, freeze it, and toss it in the trash.

**Do your part**

Grease can also plug sewer collection lines and pumps, thereby causing overflows into public areas and again possibly back up into your home. As a double whammy, the untreated wastewater may flow into streets, neighborhood storm drains and ultimately the nearest river or stream causing problems for surrounding communities and the environment.

**Grease sources**

Include meat fats, gravy, cooking oil, shortening, sauces, salad dressings, mayonnaise and dairy products.

**How to Dispose of Grease at Home**

Never pour grease down sinks or toilets. Pour grease and oil into a can and freeze, then toss in the trash. Throw food scraps in the garbage. Avoid the garbage disposal.

Remind family and friends to freeze the grease. ■

**GOT A STORY TO SHARE?**

If you've got an interesting story you'd like to share email it to [info@wilkeseastna.org](mailto:info@wilkeseastna.org) ■

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Join your friends and neighbors. Make a difference in your community. Wilkes East Neighborhood has several volunteer opportunities available. Email [info@wilkeseastna.org](mailto:info@wilkeseastna.org) ■

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*Save the Date!*

**Wilkes East Neighborhood Annual Meeting**  
**Monday, November 26, 2012 7PM**

- Steve Messinetti & David Bonn  
 Habitat for Humanity, 165th & Glisan
- Kelly Niedermeyer, City of Gresham  
 172nd Ave, Halsey to Glisan Update
- Election of Officers
- Lee Dayfield, Friends of Nadaka
- Chris Roberts, MultCo Vector Control

*See you there!*

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**Nadaka Nature Park Clean-Up Event**

**Saturday  
 Dec. 1, 2012  
 9am - 1pm**

**NE 175th Ave.  
 Between Glisan and NE Pacific St.**

**Help start the community gardens  
 at Nadaka Nature Park**

We will be mulching the future community garden site. Dress for the weather, gloves if you have them and sturdy shoes. Drinks and snacks for volunteers.