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Home prices in Mid-Valley still rising

10 most expensive homes sold in Marion and Polk counties in 2021

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Home prices in the Mid-Valley have been going up for years.

The median sales price for homes in Marion County this year is \$390,300, according to the Willamette Valley Multiple Listing Service. In the Willamette

Valley, home prices are averaging \$435,414 this year, up 10.5% from \$370,536 in 2020 and up 66% from \$291,018 in 2017.

Not every home in Marion County that is sold is average. Some sell for far more.

These are the 10 residential properties that have sold for the most money in Marion and Polk counties in 2021 (excluding farms) and what they sold for, according to records from the Marion County and Polk County tax assessor offices:

MARION COUNTY \$2,700,000

The 6,726-square-foot house at 17300 North Santiam Highway outside Stayton was built in 2016 with a creek running through the property and a stone's throw from the North Santiam River. With four bedrooms and four bathrooms, it's on 30.2 acres with a 3,900-square-foot barn. The main house features a kitchen with a breakfast bar, a butler's pantry and granite countertops. The upper level includes a family room, and there is a covered patio

with an outdoor kitchen, hot tub and fire pit out back. The property includes a Christmas tree lot, if the owner wants to use it as such. It was sold Sept. 3.

\$2,300,000

Located not far from Corban University, the 13,519-square-foot house at 5203 54th Court in Salem features seven bedrooms and eight bathrooms, and plenty of room for parking with seven attached garages. Each bedroom has its

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'Stunning view'

This new view of North Falls will be opened by the completion of a new trail on the north side of Silver Falls State Park.

New Silver Falls trail looking for volunteers

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Silver Falls State Park rangers are looking for volunteers to help complete a new trail with a "stunning view" of North Falls. • Volunteers can help spread gravel, cut vegetation and feel like they've helped bring a new trail to life at work parties being held monthly at Oregon's largest state park. • An event planned for Martin Luther King Day has already filled up its 20 volunteers needed, but people can now sign up for the next work party on February 21 (President's Day).

Work parties will be scheduled monthly across 2022 and sign-ups for each event will be posted here: <https://stateparks.oregon.gov/index.cfm?do=things-to-do.events>.

Volunteers must be at least 14 years old, be able to work with hand tools and travel up to one-half mile on gravel and uneven surfaces.

"Hand tools and other equipment will be provided," park officials said in a news release. "Please bring your own lunch, gloves, and wear clothes suitable for the weather conditions."

The trail in question is part of the redevelopment on the park's north side, at the former group campsite near the nature play area that will include a new parking lot, restroom and the hiking trail.

The trail will travel 0.6 miles on wheelchair-accessible terrain to a viewpoint of North Falls.

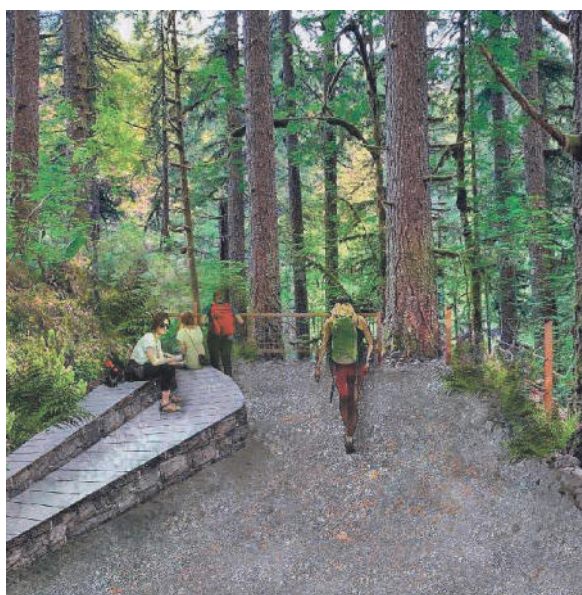
"The really cool part is the trail being ADA accessible to an incredible view of North Falls — it's a perfect spot where you can see the creek coming down and then dropping over the waterfall," Silver Falls interim park manager Chris Gilliland said.

Beyond that, the trail will drop through forest to the normal North Falls Trailhead, on trail that's not accessible for wheelchairs, on a route totaling 1.1 miles one-way.

Park officials hope to have a soft opening for the trail in June, but the rest of the redevelopment probably won't be ready until autumn 2022.

Gilliland noted that the Salem Area Trail Alliance and Trailkeepers of Oregon have already been helping on the trail.

While the volunteer day is mostly geared toward adults, supervised kids can come as well, Gilliland said.



An artistic rendering of a new viewpoint as part of a new trail on the north side of Silver Falls State Park. PHOTOS COURTESY OF SILVER FALLS STATE PARK

For more information, call (503) 873-8681. Online registration is available at: bit.ly/silverfall-sworkday

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2 Silverton events scheduled to honor MLK Day

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Two events will be held in conjunction with the Martin Luther King Jr. Day holiday in Silverton Jan. 17.

A vigil will be held from 2:30-3:30 p.m. at Towne Square Park to honor King's legacy. It will include greeting traffic with signs of quotes of his speeches. It is being put on by Silverton People for Peace.

For more information about the vigil, contact Robert Sisk at (503) 873-5307 or email robertjsisk@yahoo.com.



Umi

At 6 p.m. Jan. 17, a MLK Observance will be held via Zoom. Labor organizer and racial and social justice activist Ahjamu Umi will give a keynote address titled "Does American Identity = White Supremacy?"

Umi is a novelist and nonfiction writer who has conducted anti-racism workshops for more than 10 years.

KBOO 90.7 FM, an independent radio station in Portland, will air a version of Umi's address. The event is being sponsored by Silverton Grange, Silverton People for Peace and KBOO.

Registration is free and available at silvertongrange.org. For more information, contact (503) 873-5307.

CROWN Act explicitly prohibits hair discrimination

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Oregon joined a number of states in 2021 passing legislation that prohibits race-based hair discrimination in schools and the workplace. That bill has now gone into effect.

House Bill 2935, known as the CROWN Act, stands for "creating a respectful and open world for natural hair" and enacts policies first introduced and passed in California in 2019.

Oregon's version amends existing laws against discrimination based on race to include characteristics like hair texture and "protective hairstyles" such as braids, locs, bantu knots and twists. The new law allows anyone who believes they have experienced hair discrimination to file a written or verbal complaint against their workplace or school.

"It is an act of self-love for the Black community to be able to show up at work and school in public paces as ourselves," one of the bill's chief sponsors, Rep. Janelle Bynum, D-Clackamas, said after the bill was passed. "It's time for people to be able to express themselves unapologetically."

A total of 14 states have passed the CROWN Act or legislation inspired by it according to the CROWN Coalition, a group of national organizations founded by Dove, National Urban League, Color of Change and

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