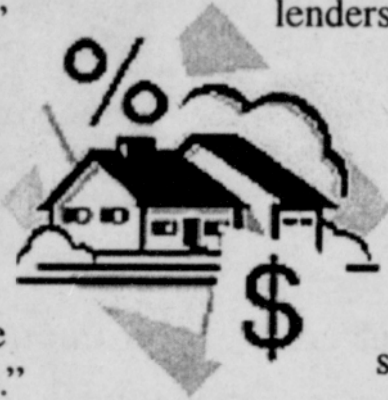


State Drops Home Loan Interest Rate to 5.75%

Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) recently announced that it has lowered the interest rate for its Residential Loan Program to a record low rate of 5.75 percent (fixed).

"We pride ourselves on offering low- and moderate-income first-time homebuyers great fixed rates, and this 5.75 percent rate is lower than it has ever been," said Bob Repine, OHCS director. "Potential homebuyers who have been on the fence about buying their first home should seriously consider exploring this unique home-buying opportunity with one of our participating lenders."



OHCS' Residential Loan Program, also known as the Oregon State Bond Loan, helps eligible homeowners increase their purchasing power by offering below-market interest rates when financing their first home. In partnership with participating lenders, OHCS strives to offer low- and moderate-income households attractive interest rates that are up to 1 percent below the market rate for a similar loan.

The below-market rates are made possible through the sale of tax-exempt mortgage revenue bonds periodically issued by the department. While OHCS offers first-time homebuyers year-round access to program funds, the interest rate is adjusted periodically to ensure ongoing program funding.

To be eligible for the Residential Loan Program, a household's total annual income must not exceed \$48,900 statewide, \$57,400 for Benton County, and \$57,200 for Clackamas, Columbia, Multnomah, Washington, or Yamhill counties.

Interested homebuyers should contact one of OHCS' participating lenders to see if they qualify for the lower-rate loan program. To receive a program brochure and a list of participating lenders, please call the OHCS loan hotline at 503-986-2015 or visit its Web site at www.hcs.state.or.us.

Oregon Housing and Community Services is the state's housing finance agency and community services program administrator. The department provides financial and program support to create and preserve opportunities for quality, affordable housing for Oregonians of lower and moderate income. It also administers federal and state antipoverty, homeless, energy assistance, and community service programs.

The OHCS mission is to "Reach out for opportunities to create partnerships that improve Oregonians' lives and the quality of our communities."

For more information on the programs and services offered through OHCS, visit www.hcs.state.or.us.

CBS Sponsors Native American Talent Showcase

CBS Television, in association with American Indians in Film and Television and AFTRA (American Federation of Television and Radio Artists), will sponsor an acting showcase on Oct. 9 in Los Angeles.

CBS Entertainment development executives and casting directors from the network's prime time and daytime programs will be on hand.

Native American actors nationwide can submit pictures and resumes from Aug. 12 to Sept. 6 to David Besbris, CBS Showcase Submission, c/o AFTRA, 5757 Wilshire Blvd., 9th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90036.

Auditions will follow in several locations, with final participants selected by CBS Casting for the showcase on Oct. 9.

"The showcase is a wonderful opportunity to present talented Native American actors to executives, casting directors, and other members of the entertainment industry," said Peter Golden, senior vice president, talent and casting, CBS Entertainment.

"Our showcases have been enormously successful in introducing us to a diverse new group of performers," commented Fern Orenstein, vice president, casting, CBS Entertainment. "Participation benefits both the artists and the network."

"We are thrilled to be working with American Indians in Television and Film and AFTRA in our ongoing outreach to the Native American acting community through this next showcase," said Josie Thomas, senior vice president, diversity, CBS Television. "This event, like the other diverse showcases we have held this year, will provide yet another forum in which to expand casting director and industry awareness of gifted performers who reflect the diversity of our nation."

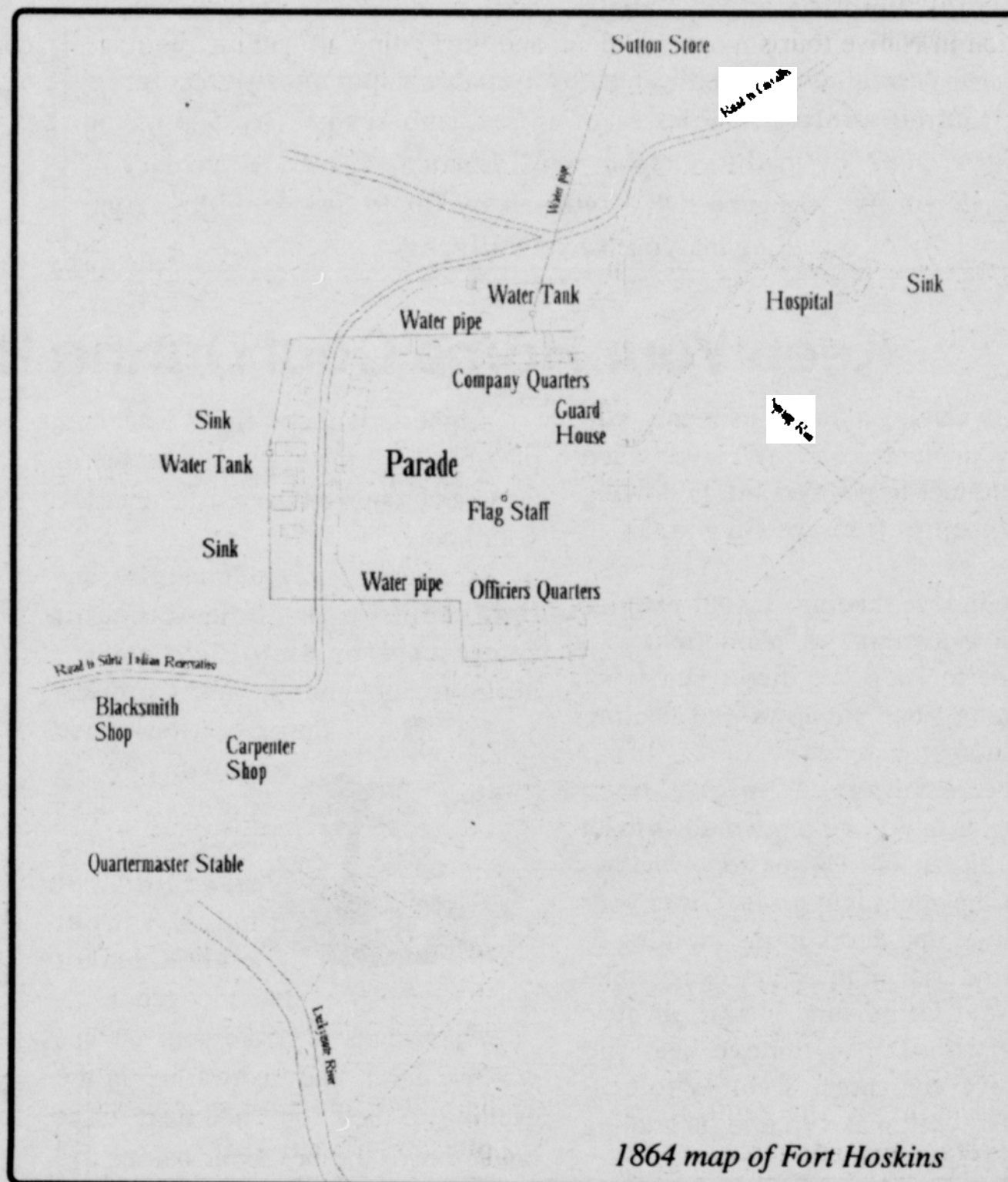
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Hoskins Citizens Advisory Committee, he most recently authored and helped place the three interpretive panels that focus on local Indian and reservation history.

These panels represent the two main themes relating to the fort site – 1) who originally owned/occupied the area – the Luckiamute band of Kalapuya, and 2) Indian removal policies, reservation establishment, and the role that Fort Hoskins played in enforcing government policies.

When asked about the importance of the park and the upcoming grand opening, Robert said, "This is an important part of our tribal history and the history of the settlement of Western Oregon. Benton County has solicited our input from the start, so that our perspective could be accurately represented in the interpretation of the site. I hope that all tribal members will consider attending the grand opening to see the results and to show our interest and appreciation for being included in the planning process."

The grand opening is set for Sept. 14, 2002, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Siletz Tribal demonstrations and displays will be featured, along with several other activities. More details and directions to the park will appear in the September issue of *Siletz News*.



1864 map of Fort Hoskins