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Expanding Your Living Space with a Glass Enclosure



From a place to relax to a home office, consumers are finding unique uses for glass enclosures according to Patio Enclosures, Inc.

(DM)—Every year more than 500,000 people add space and sunlight to their home by adding on a sunroom or solarium, according to *Qualified Remodeler* magazine. Americans are smartly using them to expand their living space to meet a variety of purposes.

According to Patio Enclosures Inc., the nation's largest manufacturer and installer of sunrooms, enclosures are popping up in homes as playrooms for the kids, unique home offices, cheery breakfast rooms, and exercise rooms with a view. Many consumers find that enclosures are versatile and less expensive than embarking on a full scale construction project.

When considering a glass enclosure, consumers should consider three types of rooms: three-season rooms, year-round insulated rooms and solariums.

Three-Season Enclosures

Three-season rooms are glass enclosed, with windows or sliding doors and screens on all sides, and a solid roof which may contain skylights. These are the most popular choice due to their moderate cost and versatility. They are not designed to be heated, and are typically closed off from the rest of the house in the winter.

Year-Round Enclosures

A year-round insulated enclosure

looks similar to a three-season room, but it is built with insulated glass so it can be heated and cooled for use in every season.

Solariums

Solariums are made with glass on all sides with a curved or straight-eave glass roof for a complete feeling of outdoors. Because they are made entirely with insulated glass, they can also be used all year. Solariums are the most expensive sunroom option, and they are considered the most stylish.

Screen Enclosures

A screen porch is the least expensive way to add living space to your home for enjoying the outdoors protected from insects and rain. Screened porches are designed for use in warmer weather, however, they can be easily upgraded to a glass enclosure for more flexibility in the future.

Most enclosures can be built on an existing cement patio or deck to save on building costs, reports Patio Enclosures, Inc.

For a free booklet about sunroom types, and how to choose a sunroom contractor, call Patio Enclosures, Inc. at 1-800-468-0720, ext. 350. Or write Patio Enclosures, Inc., Free Booklet, P.O. Box 186, Macedonia, Ohio 44056.

Bank Employees To Swap Brief Cases For Tool Boxes

Some 800 Key Bank of Oregon employees will trade in their brief cases and suits for tool boxes and coveralls, Sept. 14. From Portland to Eugene, Key Bank branches and offices will close their doors at 1pm so that employees can donate time to dozens of neighborhood volunteer projects.

Armed with paint brushes, tools, buckets and good will, Key Bank employees will work on nearly 60 volunteer projects in their communities. Efforts will range from park clean-ups to yard work for the elderly, to donation sorting at homeless shelters and tutoring school children.

"We could not survive without volunteers. We are constantly looking

for and recruiting volunteers because there's always more things to get done that we just don't have the time or the manpower to do," said Jon Wood, director of Kendall Community Center in Portland. Ten Key Bank volunteers will paint and prepare meals at the center, which provides emergency assistance for the homeless.

"When a group like Key Bank comes in and lends many hands, it's truly amazing how much can be accomplished," Wood said.

The Oregon volunteer effort is part of a volunteer day at Key Bank branches and offices nationwide. Called "Neighbors Make The Difference," the volunteer day is designed to give something back to local

communities in the nine states where Key Bank has offices.

"We call ourselves 'America's Neighborhood Bank,' and this is one way we can show that we mean it," says Ted Winnowski, president of Key Bank of Oregon. "So on Sept. 14, we will be stepping out from behind our desks and teller windows to pitch in to help our neighborhoods."

A handful of Key Banks throughout the state will remain open for business that afternoon. These strategically located branches are Gresham, Estacada, Milwaukie drive-up, Tigard Towne Square, Beaverton, Lake Oswego, Hillsboro, Head Office on SW 5th Avenue in Portland, Hood River, McMinnville, Woodburn, State Street

and Lancaster in Salem, Eugene Main on Oak Street, Albany Main on SW 3rd Avenue, Lebanon and Harrisburg.

Key Bank of Oregon, with more than \$1.8 billion in assets, has 71 branches throughout the Willamette Valley from Portland to Eugene. Key Bank is a subsidiary of KeyCorp (NYSE:KEY). With assets of more than \$32 billion, KeyCorp is a multi-regional bank holding company headquartered in Albany, New York. As "America's Neighborhood Bank," KeyCorp pursues a middle-market target, concentrating its resources in cities and smaller communities of the northern tier of states, thus avoiding overcrowded marketplaces and single industry loan exposure.

Neighborhood Party

Housing Our Families, a grassroots, non-profit community development corporation, held a neighborhood party on Sunday August 22 to kick-off their latest community revitalization project. The event celebrated Housing Our Families' recent acquisition of the Colonial Park Apartments at 4061 N. Kerby. The women's organization plans to rehab and manage the complex as well as work with the tenants and surrounding community to develop innovative approaches to increasing the liveability of the area.

The event was at Unthank Park from 1 to 4pm. Featuring live entertainment, food, activities for kids, and a raffle, it was free and open to the public. Participants had an opportunity to nominate their house to be painted for free in the Housing Our Families' upcoming Paint-a-Thon. There was also a "Name the Apartment Complex" contest in which neighborhood residents helped select a new name for Colonial Park.

Speakers at the event included Chief of Police Charles Moose, Representative Margaret Carter, and Commissioner Gretchen Kafoury. The event was sponsored by Portland General Electric and Pacific Power and Light, with additional donations from Red Lion Hotels, McDonalds, Oregon Food Bank, Timberline Lodge, and Lloyd Center Ice Pavilion.

Portland General Electric Seeking Permission To Raise Customer Prices

Portland General Electric Co. (PGE) is seeking permission from the Oregon Public Utility Commission (OPUC) to raise its residential and small farm customer prices an average of 7.9 percent effective Oct. 1. The increase is a direct result of The Bonneville Power Administration's (BPA) nearly 16 percent hike in rates.

"Northwest consumers are beginning to feel the impact of our evolving regional power situation," said Dick Reiten, PGE president. "The protection of fish, the acquisition of new generating resources, and regional water conditions are impacting BPA and nearly all northwest electric utilities."

Under the proposed increase,

PGE's average residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt-hours per month will pay \$53.53, an increase of about \$3.90 per month.

Commercial and industrial customers will not be directly impacted by type proposed price increase.

Under provisions in the Regional Power Act, PGE residential and farm customers have received lower prices since 1981. By exchanging power with BPA, PGE can pass some of the benefits of lower-cost federal hydroelectric power to our customers. BPA credits PGE the difference between our average cost of power and BPA's priority firm rates. PGE passes these credits, or savings, directly to our affected customers. BPA's price increase reduces our customers' power

exchange benefits and results in an increased price.

"We recognize the importance of maintaining reasonable and competitive rates," continued Reiten. "We are continuing to take steps to control operating costs and keep our service price as low as possible while maintaining our high standards of safety and reliability."

Examples of recent measures taken by PGE to control costs include reducing overall operating costs and staffing levels and reorganizing our customer service area.

"We will remain cost-conscious and continue to look for opportunities to serve our customers more efficiently while maintaining essential customer services," said Reiten.

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Couples' Group To Focus On Strengthening Stepfamilies

The potential rewards and challenges of stepparenting will be the focus of a five week series of group sessions beginning, Thursday, October 7 from 7 to 9pm at the Beaverton Office of Lutheran Family Service.

Under the leadership of Art Ellickson, Licensed Professional Counselor, the group will explore topics outlined in Strengthening Stepfamilies, by Linda Albert, syndicated columnist and author of the award winning *The Stepfamily: Living, Loving, and Learning*.

With Strengthening Stepfamilies, Albert and Einstein have combined their expertise to produce a program that helps remarried families build a rewarding family life. The program is organized around

Strengthening Your Stepfamily, informative hand book that helps step-parents better understand the problems and opportunities unique to stepfamily living.

Included among the topics that will be covered during the course of the group are:

- The myth of instant love
- The difficulties children face in sharing a parent and acquiring new stepsiblings
- How to recognize and overcome unrealistic or incompatible expectations about new stepfamily relationships
- Dealing with a nonresidential parent
- The discipline dilemma
- Starting out--handling finances, deciding where to live

- Building a solid couple relationship
 - The question of an "ours" baby
 - The "unmentionables"--past relationships, stepfamily sexuality
- In addition to the information in the handbook, the group leader will assist stepparents in developing communication and listening skills, a process for resolving conflicts and making decisions, a way to structure family meetings, and methods for building new family traditions.

An important feature of the course is the support participants receive from each other. As one stepparent says, "Just learning that my 'secret' worries are okay was invaluable." Or another who stated, "This was great! I realize even with all our uniqueness we have problems that are normal."

In addition to the reassurance stepparents receive at group sessions, they learn how others have dealt with difficulties that they are now facing. These experiences help them work out similar issues in their own families.

The program also provides at-home activities--where the entire stepfamily gathers to get to know each other better, to listen to needs and feelings, and perhaps more importantly, to just have fun. As another participant reports, "Strengthening Stepfamilies taught me how to know my family."

The group will meet at the Beaverton Office of Lutheran Family Service, 8925 SW Beaverton-Hillsdale Hwy. For more information call: 297-6263.