

# HOUSING

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## Renovations Expected To Reduce Crime And Enhance Livability

At the corner of NE Cully Blvd and Emerson Street, there was a ground breaking ceremony and news conference that kicked off the renovations of four apartments in the Cully Neighborhood, which have been plagued with drug dealing and other street related crimes. The apartment buildings, the Galaxy Apartments which has 108 units, the Townhouse Manor Apartments with 27 units, the Cully Apartments with 18 units and the Wendorf Apartments with 25 units, will also undergo a name change and will be known as the Villa de Clara Vista Apartments. The four apartment complexes are located close to one another, in the area of NE Cully Blvd and Killingsworth Street. The theme for this news conference was Human Investment, Decent Housing & Good Education, Create a Better

Community for a Better Future. The properties will be renovated with proceeds from a \$2.5 million Rental Rehabilitation Loan from the Portland Development Commission, with additional funding provided by the Federal Home Loan Bank and Multnomah County's Weatherization Program and the Pacific Power Washington Program. In addition, the State of Oregon Housing and Community Services Department provided a \$100,000 Housing Development Grant and a \$2.9 million allocation of low income housing tax credits. The tax credit allocation, will enable Hacienda to expand the scope of the project to include a Head Start building and a social and health services facility.

On July 1, 1993, the Hacienda Community Development Corpora-

tion, a Hispanic operated non-profit organization, assumed control of the long-troubled apartments and on July 7, they entered into a community policing partnership agreement, with the Cully Association of Neighborhoods, aimed at reducing crime throughout the neighborhood.

The development plan, which is similar to those at the Columbia Villa, Iris Court and Rose City Village Apartments, calls for bringing in a variety of services, many sponsored by Multnomah County, to include an employment resource center, health services, housing assistance and educational assistance programs. The plan also provides for the position of a Hispanic issues counselor to provide assistance to tenants, of which over 50% are Spanish speaking, who will assist with problems due to cultural differ-

ences. "We are pleased to have been part of the community policing agreement and grateful for the support we have received from Multnomah County, the City of Portland and the community," said Baltazar F. Ortiz, president of Hacienda Community Development Corporation. "There has been a great amount of work by many people that has helped our group gain control of the properties so that we can join with others to combat crime in this neighborhood. Although equal access to housing and human resources are important, equal access to quality education is another vital element in order to reduce the criminal activity in Portland. Hispanic students have the highest dropout rate in this state (15%) and the highest dropout rate in Portland (20%," said Ortiz.

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deferred-payment, low-interest loans. Organizations interested in applying for HOME funds must submit a preapplication to DHS no later than Friday, October 15, 1993, in order to be considered for funding. To obtain application materials and other HOMES program information, contact Todd Adkins at (503) 693-4777 or write to: Washington County Department of Housing Services, 111 N.E. Lincoln Street, #200-L, Hillsboro, OR 97124.



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Date: September 26, 1993  
Opening ceremony: 2:00-2:30  
House tour: 2:30-4:00  
Place: 914 NE Sumner  
(Sumner is between Alberta and Killingsworth, Cross street is NE 9th)