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Homeowners Group Names Members

Eight new members have been selected to serve on the HOST (Home Ownership a Street at a Time) Development board.

The non-profit corporation is dedicated to creating low-cost, owner-occupied homes within Portland's inner city neighborhoods.

The new board members are John Eskildsen, president U.S. Bank of Oregon; Don Saltzman, Multnomah County commissioner; Ed Washington, Metro counselor; Martin Kehoe, presi-

dent of The Kehoe Co.; John Gronewold, executive vice president, Portland Board of Realtors; Roger Brathwaite, district manager of professional services for Hewlett-Packard Co.; Michael Kern, account manager, TBWA Switzer Wolfe; and Cliff Engel, president, Engel Marketing.

"That we are able to add such a distinguished group of professionals to our already capable board is an indication of the exciting growth we are planning for HOST in the future," said Howard Nolte, HOST executive director.

Since 1991, HOST has created 34 affordable home ownership opportunities for low and moderate income families.

Groups Unite To Clean Neighborhood Spruce Up Day Set For Inner North/Northeast

Inner North and Northeast Portland residents have teamed up with two non-profit community development corporations to spruce up their neighborhoods.

Housing Our Families and Northeast Community Development Corporation, in conjunction with the Boise Neighborhood Association and residents of the Boise and King neighborhoods, will coordinate clean up and recycling efforts Saturday in the Boise Neighborhood and the

Walnut Park Housing Corridor.

Boise area residents will be encouraged to clean up their alleyways, porches, attics, back yard, and streets and bring their junk and debris to four collection sites. Participants will be able to dispose of bulky items (like old mattresses and broken furniture), yard debris, household hazardous waste, tires, and appliances.

In an effort to promote recycling and prevent the disposal of

items that can be re-used, there will be bins for recyclable materials, a firewood exchange, and pick-ups of re-usable furniture, clothing, and household items which will be given to charity.

This innovative project was planned and organized by residents of the Boise and King Neighborhoods working in partnership with Housing Our Families and Northeast Community Development Corporation.

Support and assistance were

also provided by Metro Hazardous Waste, Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods, City of Portland Bureau of Housing and Community Development, Metropolitan Disposal and Recycling Corporation, Eastside Recycling, and The Arc.

The clean-up is only for residents of the target neighborhoods and participants will be required to bring a coupon which will be delivered door-to-door before the event.

Test Detectors, Save Lives


Test Your Detector For Life is the theme for National Fire Prevention Week to highlight the lifesaving potential of working smoke detectors and the importance of keeping them working, according to Oregon State Fire Marshal Bob Panuccio.

Oregon firefighters responded to 52 residential fire fatalities last year. Twenty-eight of those fatalities occurred in homes without a working

smoke detector.

"It's a fact. Smoke detectors save lives," said Panuccio. "For your life safety - and your family's - test your detectors, vacuum out the cobwebs and dust and replace the batteries."

The state fire marshal recommends placing a smoke detector on every level of your home, outside each sleeping area and in each bedroom.



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Keeping The Chill Out

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Insulation is often the first and most important step in weatherizing your home. According to The Sunset Home Energy Book, close to 60% of the energy needed to heat your home in the winter escapes through parts of the house than can be insulated -- the walls, ceiling and floor.

Insulation works by trapping small pockets of air as buffers between warm and cold zones inside and outside your house -- the same way clothes keep you warm by trapping a layer of air between you and your shirt or sweater. Insulation is measured by its "R-value" -- its resistance to heat flow.

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