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Habitat For Humanity Forms A State Organization

Twenty-five Habitat for Humanity affiliates have formed a non-profit Support Organization call Habitat for Humanity Oregon. Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit, volunteer, non-denominational Christian housing ministry that builds homes for low-income families who would otherwise not be able to own a home. Habitat for Humanity since it began in 1976 has built internationally 35,000 homes of which 119 homes are located throughout Oregon. The Support Organization will raise funds for the local affiliates and increase public awareness. Habitat for Humanity would like your help in helping others. If you or your organization would like to participate in donating

funds or materials to build hope and homes for families like Eva Hirdman's call 1-800-772-8392.

Eva Hirdman didn't consider herself one of the people that HFH would be able to help. Her husband had been injured on the job several years ago and Eva was supporting the family. She sincerely felt that there were families who were in much worse shape than hers. Her friend felt differently and determined to help Eva and her family, she submitted her name to HFH. Eva and her family shortly thereafter were called and informed that they were one of six families to be interviewed by the board. When asked if they had any

questions, Eva's son Michael, raising his hand, asked if HFH had approved floor plans for his home. Startled and pleased by the question, the Board informed the Hirdmans that they would have an answer within a week.

Within the week, the Hirdmans were chosen to be the first family for the Grants Pass HFH. During the time that the Hirdmans volunteered their time to give to HFH beyond the required volunteer hours. Eva feels strongly that HFH provides a renewal of the spirit and hope although the primary mission of HFH is to eliminate poverty housing and allow everyone a simple, decent, place to live.

The Recipe For Spicing Up Any Room Is In Your Pocket

Add a dash of elegance to any room or entryway. Install a door-in-the-wall with a Pocket Door Frame Kit.

A standard swinging door takes eight to ten square feet in its opening arc. Eliminate clutter and beautify rooms by freeing up that space with a Pocket Door Frame Kit.

A pocket door can be installed in any room of your home. They're especially convenient for walk-in closets, bathrooms, powder rooms, bedrooms, between a kitchen and dining room or in doorways that only need to be closed occasionally.

The Johnson Pocket Door Frame Kit is designed to eliminate the problems traditionally associated with a door-in-the-wall.

The kit has a box-shaped track and convex rails which make it impossible for the hanger wheels to jump off. Special key hole slots allow you to remove the track without tearing out a wall.

There's a unique hanger-clip system which enables you to remove the door for painting or staining after the drywall and trim are in place. The kit also has self-adjusting anchors to allow for settling without disturbing the horizontal alignment of the header and track.

To keep the frame straight and provide a rigid surface for attaching wall materials, the Johnson pocket door frame is equipped with steel sides and back plating. This also helps prevent drywall nails from penetrating the stud and scratching the pocket door. You can put in a pocket door frame with basic hand tools. Make it easy on yourself and get a kit like the Johnson Hardware model which comes with all hardware components, including a preassembled track and header. All you supply is the door.

A carpenter can install the pocket door frame in about 10 minutes. Figure a little more time for a handyman.

If you decide to install privacy locks, look for designs like those from Johnson Hardware which fit standard pre-bored doors. You can install them without cutting the door and invalidating the manufacturer's warranty.

For more information on how to add more zip to your entryway recipes with Pocket Door Frame Kits, write to Pocket Door Ideas, L.E. Johnson Products, Inc., P.O. Box 1126, Elkhart, IN 46515.



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What To Do When Cold Threatens Water Pipes

To Prevent Freezing Pipes
When freezing temperatures threaten water pipes, property owners can take some simple precautions to prevent freezing pipes:

- Open cupboard doors in the kitchen and bathrooms. Water lines in these areas are frequently located in outside walls. Leaving the cupboard doors open allows pipes behind the cupboards to get more heat.
- Let cold water run in faucets farthest from the street. (A stream

slightly smaller than a pencil width should be sufficient.)

To Thaw freezing Pipes:

- Thaw the lines safely. Use hair dryers, heat lamps or electric lamps. Thawing won't be fast, but it will be safe. Do not leave pipes unattended.
- Don't use an open flame or an electric arc welder to thaw frozen water lines. Both can cause fires.
- When home plumbing pipes are frozen, there is often water available at one faucet but not another. If there is no water at any faucets, the problem may be in the street and the Water

Bureau may be able to help. Call Customer Service at 823-7770 or our 24-hour emergency number 823-4874.

If Your Pipes Are Broken:

- Shut off the water and the water heater.
- If you are unable to find the shut off valve, or have water leaking in the house from a broken pipe, we can help you shut off the water. Call our 24-hour emergency number 823-4874 for assistance.
- To Repair the broken pipe, you may want to call a plumber.

"The Turn-of-the-Century American Home"

Lovers of old and historic homes and gardens will once again be treated to an entertaining and informative series of weekly lectures during the 11th Annual HPLC Winter Lecture Series and Home Tour sponsored by the Historic Preservation League of Oregon and Rejuvenation, Inc. beginning Wednesday, February 21 in Eugene and Thursday, February 22 in Portland.

The Aladdin Theatre at 3017 SE Milwaukee will be the site of the Thursday evening Portland series with doors opening at 6 p.m. for a pre-lecture event featuring sponsor/speaker exhibits, books sales and book signings. Portland lectures begin at 7:30. The Woodmen of the World (WOW) Hall, 291 W. 8th in Eugene will host the Wednesday evening lectures with doors opening at 7:15 p.m. Eugene lectures begin at 8 p.m.

"The Turn-of-the-Century American Home: A New Aesthetic for a New Era" will examine the domestic landscape of turn-of-the-century America, visiting the

homes most popular during this period of architectural eclecticism. How was the architectural design and domestic culture of Oregon impacted by this first wave of architectural and technological modernism? Speakers include:

James Massey and Shirley Maxwell, series keynote lecturers and authors of House Styles in America, will kick-off the event in Eugene and Portland with a slide lecture on house styles of the turn-of-the-century (1895-1915). "If a competition for" most popular new house type was held among the burgeoning middle class of the early 20th century, the

Foursquare would've won hands down. Today we don't give them much thought, but Foursquares [Old Portland Style houses] are the good neighbors of the suburbs—sensible, Foursquare the husband and wife team will discuss other styles such as the Queen Anne, the Arts and Crafts, the Prairie and the Craftsman, popular to the domestic landscape of the first decade of the 20th century.

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The City/County Affirmative Action Recruitment Unit actively recruits minorities, women, veterans and disabled persons to enroll in the Talent Bank for contact when present or future City/County job opportunities exist. If you or someone you know would like to be enrolled please call 823-4160 for assistance.

The City of Portland and Multnomah County are Hiring!

Job information numbers to call for current vacancies are:
City of Portland 24 Hour Job Line (503) 823-4573; Job Information Line 823-4352 and TDD Job Information Line 823-3520.

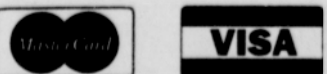
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