

# HOUSING The Portland Observer

## You Can't Remodel A 60-Foot Tree

Sometimes home buyers find, much to their surprise, that when their new house is finished and it's time to landscape, their wallet is empty. They spent their money on extras or, in many instances, didn't budget anything for landscaping. Owners should plan and budget carefully when landscaping their property, says Mike Snyder, chair of the Oregon Landscape Contractors Board. One reason is financial.

Snyder says 10 to 15 percent of a property's value is in its landscaping. "Spend \$5,000 on landscaping a \$50,000 piece of property and you'll get it back in resale." Not only that, but heating and cooling costs can be reduced with the right trees and tree placement. An automatic irrigation system will pay for itself in water savings and resale. Besides a general contractor, people building a new home should con-

sider hiring a landscape contractor. A landscape architect will help with the crucial decision of where the house is placed. Do owners want the house hidden or exposed? What's the best view? Is view the top priority? What about a large play area for children? How can existing trees be saved? Proper house placement can also lessen drainage and access problems.

## Housing Authority Welcomes New Resident Commissioner

The Housing Authority of Portland (HAP) welcomes new resident commissioner Tom Remly. Remly was appointed to the Commission by Portland Mayor Vera Katz. He will work actively on the commission as a representative of residents in HAP developments. "It's a pleasure to welcome Tom," said Denny West, HAP Executive Director. "He brings an understanding of the fundamental issues of HAP residents, advocates positive approaches in problem solving, and carries a deep commitment to the people we serve." A Portland-area native, Remly has resided in a HAP high-rise development in Northwest Portland for seven years. "I look forward to working on HAP's Commission," Remly said. "I sincerely believe I can make a useful and thoughtful contribution to

the work of the Housing Authority's Commission." Now retired, Remly has worked in several fields, including employment in the Environmental Services and the Urban Services Departments of the City of Portland. He also lived and worked in San Francisco for 15 years in engineering sales. In the community, Remly has also volunteered with the Red Cross Disaster Services, in special education classrooms of the Oregon City Schools, and in the N/NE Neighborhood Coalition youth programs at the King Neighborhood Facility. Remly replaces Rose Schnell, a resident in a North Portland high rise development, who retired from the Commission after serving five years. The Housing Authority of Portland provides affordable housing services for over 20,000 low income

and very low income people throughout Multnomah County, and its commissioners are representative of the county. The Commission includes one HAP resident commissioner, two appointments by request of the Multnomah County Chair, two appointments by request of the Mayor of Gresham and four Portland-area appointments. All commissioners are appointed by the Mayor of Portland and approved by the Portland City Council. For more information, please contact HAP Public Affairs Coordinator Joleen Colombo at 273-4521.

## Household Hints Expose Dirt Under Rug

"Absence of Alice" Poll Finds American Recoil from Spring cleaning. People do it naked. Some get drunk first. Men are helping women do it more than ever. Most people do it on the weekends, and they'll do anything they can to get the job done faster. Over 80% of consumers, though, clean house only when the chores can no longer be avoided, finds Seattle-based Shurgard Storage in its annual "Absence of Alice" survey, conducted just in time for spring cleaning.

With high hopes of making spring cleaning less daunting, Shurgard polled 200 random consumers on-the-street to find out what aspects are most off-putting.

So what are our most dreaded tasks? Cleaning the bathroom was ranked number one, followed by laundry and vacuuming the stairs.

To make chores go faster, most people cranked up the stereo, while others coaxed help from unfortunate passersby. More housework was accomplished on weekends than at any other time, and though most wore regular clothes or sweats while tackling their tasks, one respondent spiced things up by wearing "skimpy lingerie" while another professed to donning "something naughty."

ery of cleaning leaves a sour taste in the mouths of just about everyone, Shurgard has prepared the following list of 10 time-saving tips for polishing up the old abode:

Clean clockwise. The direction you clean is important. On vertical surfaces, clean top to bottom, not the other around -- most modern cleaners don't streak and this keeps dirt moving out of cleaned areas. This applies to the whole house at once, too -- pick a center of operations like the utility room or kitchen, and move from outer rooms toward this spot.

To Air Out is Devine. Newer houses probably need more ventilation than older ones due to modern weatherproofing. Plan on leaving all the doors and windows open for at least six hours consecutively at the first opportunity. This will prevent mold and mildew from developing and also rid the home of musty, dusty stale winter air.

Unclog the closet. The most dreaded task in many households is organiz-

ing the closets. These usually need to be completely emptied and packed again, hopefully after discarding several unused items. If stored items don't seem more accessible when you've finished, it's probably time to rent a storage space -- or remodel the closets.

Meet Your Fans. When cleaning ceiling and other fans, a cloth and vacuum with soft nozzle attachment should do the trick. Be very careful not to bend the blades, as this will cause vibrations and a likely early demise.

Check Your Coil. Spring cleaning is as good a time as any to tend to the major appliances.

Banish the scum of the Earth. The bathtub, dreaded more than anything in the house by ten percent of respondents, really can be cleaned quickly. Curtains are easier to care for than doors, but waxing fiberglass walls and queueegeeing after showers will keep build-up from forming.

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## Neighborhoods For People

A screening of the video "CoHousing: Neighborhoods for People" will be held Tuesday, April 9 at 7:30 p.m. at the Reedwood Friends Church, 1901 SE Steele. An introductory presentation about cohousing and Cascadia Commons' plans to create a cohousing ecovillage in Portland will follow the screening. The event is sponsored by Cascadia Commons. Admission is free.

In cohousing communities, individual residences are clustered around a Common House which provides amenities such as shared meals and children's play spaces. Pioneered in Denmark, more than 100 cohousing communities are now being planned in the U.S. CoHousing video screening and orientation, 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.; Tuesday, April 9, 1996; Reedwood Friends Church, 2901 SE Steele. For more info: call Cascadia Commons at 650-7169. Admission: Free

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Time: 9:00 A.M.

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