

# HOUSING

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## City tightens dangerous buildings code

The City Council has approved revisions to city code that increase fees and penalties for failure to comply with the City's dangerous buildings code. The changes were recommended

pliancy from one year to six months.

"It is perfectly reasonable to expect building owners to respond in a timely manner after they are cited for code violations," Hales said. "I

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to Council by Commissioner Charlie Hales, who oversees the City's Bureau of Buildings.

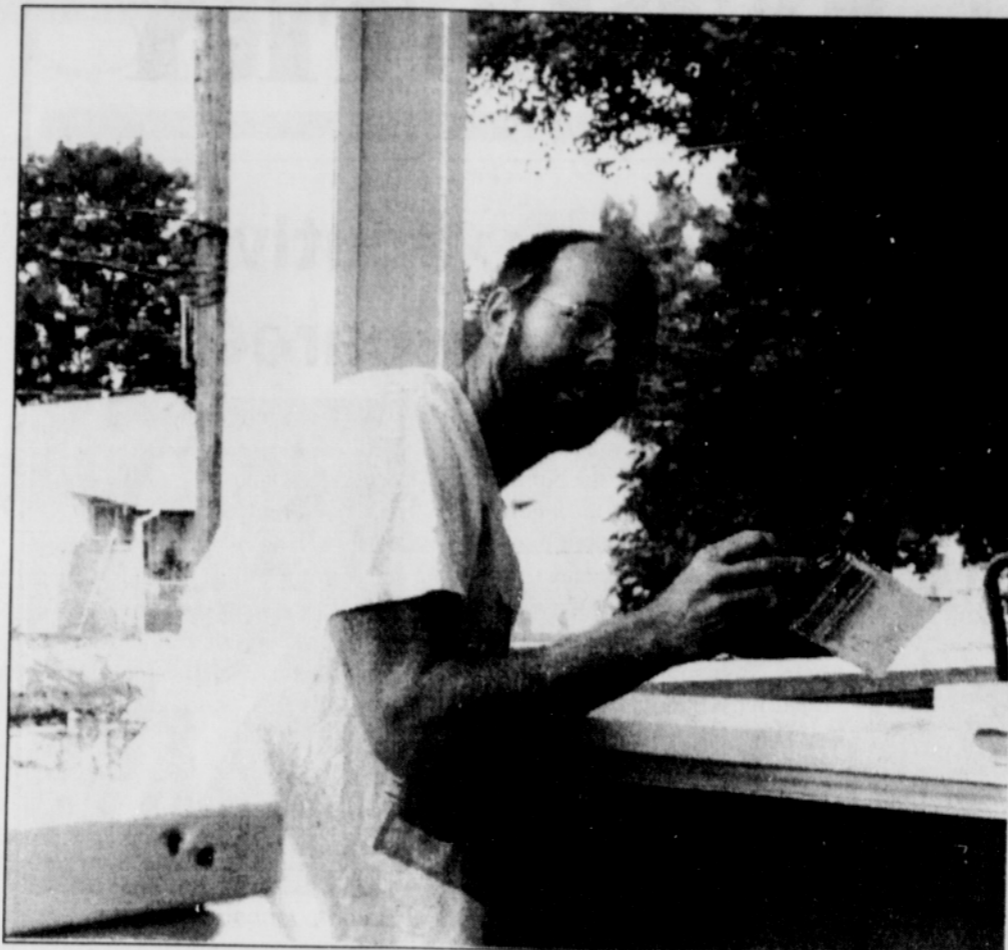
"These changes will help clarify what the rules are and when the rules are broken give us more power to enforce them to protect tenants throughout the city," said Hales. "The Portland area is enjoying a booming economy which leaves no excuse for building owners and landlords to leave their properties in derelict condition."

Hales, responding to testimony by representatives of the Community Alliance of Tenants, successfully amended the proposal to reduce the time required before the City can double fines for non-com-

pliancy from one year to six months.

In addition, Hales asked Bureau of Buildings officials to report back to Council soon on whether the City should also move to keep a list of violations posted on a property until all violations are corrected and to improve the City's public information efforts to help better public understanding of the rules.

"We have to do more than just make it tough on the owners of dangerous buildings," said Hales. "We must make it easier for the public to understand the rules and report violations to the City for action."



Jay Yluisaker puts the finishing paint on a beautifully refurbished home on northeast Cleveland that was ready for demolition before a renovation by Conklin Enterprises. (Photo by Charles Washington.)

## ClearCorps to get the lead out of houses

ClearCorps, the Community Lead Education and Reduction Corps, has recently chosen Portland as one of its member sites.

The public-private partnership that combines the financial, human and technical resources of the federal government private sector and community groups, addresses the prob-

lem of childhood lead exposure in low to moderate income housing.

Lead-based paint used in housing built before 1978 is a primary factor in childhood lead exposures, the effects of which can include loss of IQ, decreased growth, hyperactivity, impaired hearing, and even brain damage.



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## Housing Our Families selected

Plans call for revitalizing the historic Mississippi District into thriving shopping area

The Bureau of Housing and Community Development has selected Housing Our Families and significant supporters and partners of the Boise Neighborhood to receive multi-year funding and technical assistance to revitalize the North Mississippi Corridor, into the thriving shopping area that is was historically known for.

Housing Our Families the Boise Neighborhood Association, Albina Youth Opportunity School Inc., Boise/Eliot School, Self Enhancement Inc., Sunlan Lighting, Inc., Q-Tech International, Inc., Fellowship MB Church, House Of Payer for All Nations, New Hope MB Church,

Portland Community Design, State Farm Insurance have all come together to plan and implement projects and activities that will help community residents collectively improve the physical, economical and social infrastructure through physical redevelopment and improved livability.

We extend an invitation to all community residents and interested person to be involved! We have all shared in the neighborhood failures now let's share in its successes.

If you are interested in working with this initiative team please feel free to join us at the meeting or calling 335-0947 contacting Kim Black at Housing Our Families.

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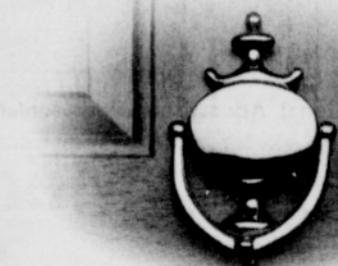
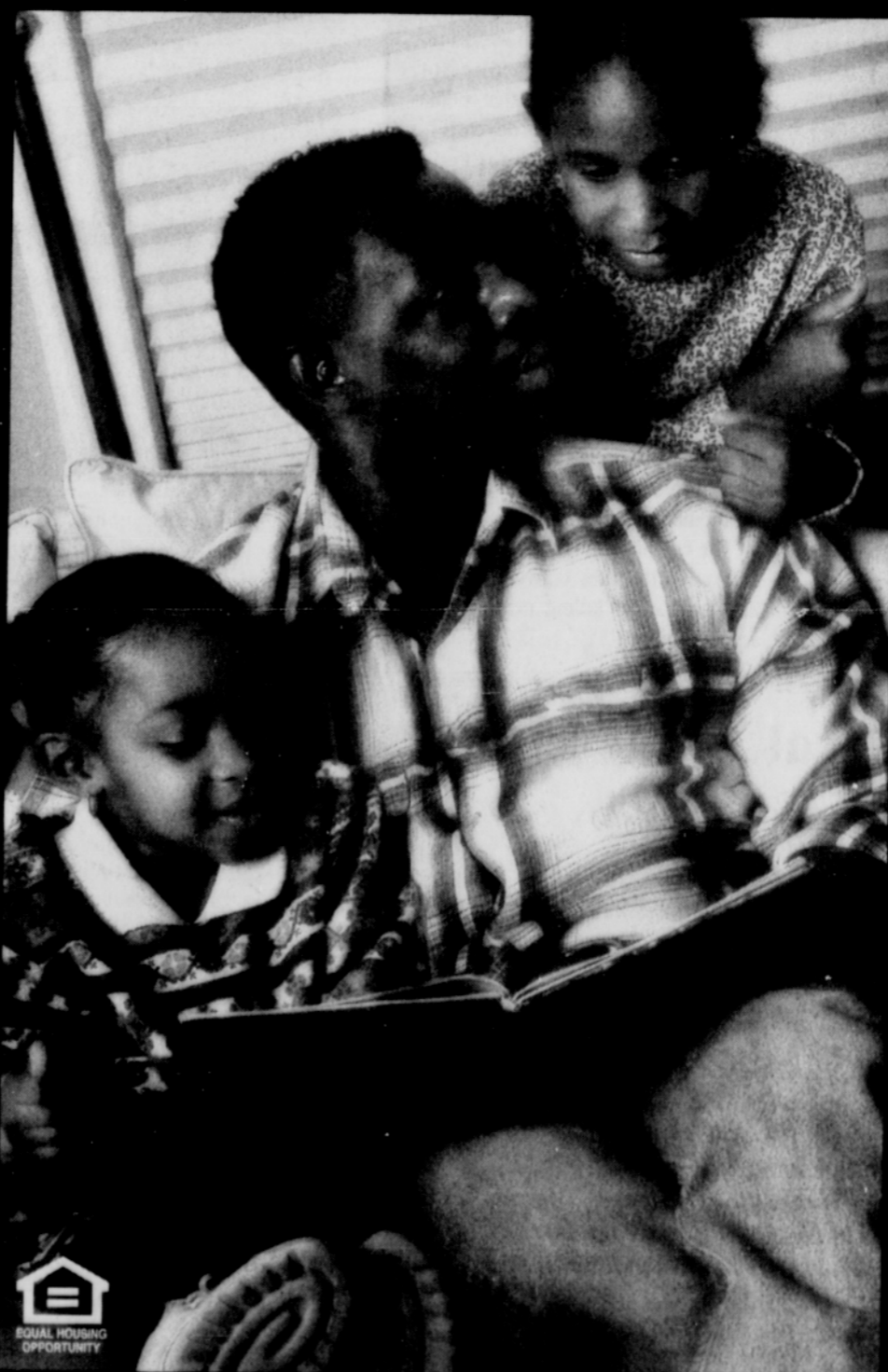
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