



Family

Couple enjoys 30 years in historic N Portland home



The John Palmer House at 4314 N. Mississippi is on the National Register for Historic Places.



North Mississippi around the 1920s shows many of the historic buildings that still exist today. Also, notice the streetcar tracks in the middle of the street.

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Historic home is now for sale

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One of the magnificent examples of restoration in north Portland's Mississippi Historic District is for sale.

The John Palmer House is looking for a buyer after a 30-year love affair with its current owners.

The 1890 home at 4314 N. Mississippi was badly in need of restoration when Richard and Mary Sauter purchased it 31 years ago.

It was their dream house. Since then, they've succeeded in completely refurbishing the home to its original period. The house has 15 rooms of exquisitely detailed, Victorian beauty.

John Palmer, a Portland architect, who lived in the house just 7 years, built the mansion. He moved upon the death of his wife, who died giving birth.

The house once served as the Multnomah Conservatory of Music. More recently, it's been used as a

bed and breakfast, tea room, and home for special events.

Oregon Realty Co. is offering the home for \$449,957.

But you better have good credit and act quickly.

Real estate agent Virginia Sumner says there is interest in a possible sale.

Potential buyers are asked to have a pre-approved loan or verification of sufficient funds when making an appointment for personal viewing.

For more information, call Sumner at 661-7344.

nine years ago, finds the neighborhood vibrant.

"I'm really pleased and happy," Elizabeth said. "The old buildings inspire me."

A ceramic artist, Elizabeth has already opened a clay studio in one part of the building and is still formulating plans for the old Rexall store. The building also provides home for residents in four apartments upstairs.

Further down the street, two new environmentally friendly businesses are drawing new shoppers to the neighborhood. The ReBuilding Center opened its doors at 3625 N. Mississippi last February. The non-profit project of Our United Villages is a grassroots community enhancement organization.

The business offers quality used

building and remodeling materials at affordable prices. The wide selection of inventory comes from used and surplus building materials donated as tax-deductible contributions.

About 30,000 square feet of building materials are on the site. Everything from doors windows and flooring to hardware and tools.

Six full-time employees work the floor, and 30 other people have been hired as de-construction workers.

Natalie Davis, a customer service assistant at the ReBuilding Center, said business was strong, better than it was last year, when the group operated in northwest Portland.

Davis was also pleased with the neighborhood, buying a home nearby where she can bicycle to work.

Next door to the ReBuilding Center, at 3625B N. Mississippi, is

SCRAP, the School and Community Reuse Action Project

SCRAP collects reusable items from local businesses and distributes them to educators, artists, families and kids.

The mission is to keep valuable materials out of the landfill, to offer these materials at a low cost, and to inspire the creative reuse of materials.

Here you will find things such as mat boards, water color papers, window blinds, and a mishmash of leathers and fabrics.

Executive Director Teri Thomas-Petersen says business has been wonderful, since opening on Mississippi in June.

She said the local traffic into the store has been good and many people in the neighborhood have offered to volunteer.

If you're on speaking terms with anyone in the Portland metro area, be sure to learn the new area code.



To better serve a growing population and its increased reliance on modems, wireless phones, fax machines, and pagers, the phone companies of Oregon have added a new 971 area code to the 503 area. This kind of change is not just occurring in Oregon, but throughout the country. And because the new codes differ in format from previous codes that contained either a '1' or a '0' in the second digit, you should check all specialized Central Office-based systems for compatibility. Some of these systems may require reprogramming or upgrading. Cellular phones must be reprogrammed by your cellular service provider.

To test your equipment, call the new Oregon area code test line at 1-800-000-0000. If you have any difficulty dialing the new area code, please call your operator to assist you in placing your call.



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