

Family

A New Apartment Complex Offering Affordable Housing has Opened in Inner Southeast Portland

Ritzdorf Court provides 86 studio and 4 one-bedroom apartments for formerly homeless people earning less than 40% of median income.

This permanent housing is the final piece of the Portland/Multnomah County Shelter Reconfiguration Plan for homeless adults. Each apartment is furnished with a bed, dresser, table and chairs. There is 2,500 square

feet of ground floor commercial space.

People began to move into the apartments in September and full lease-up is expected by February.

Ritzdorf Court was named after Marsha Ritzdorf



who lived in southeast Portland in the late 1970's, during which time she was a professor of urban studies at Portland State University. Marsha's professional life was dedicated to the principals of social equality. Her work focused on women and housing and their interface with land use regulations.

Eight-year Driver Licenses Awarded

Oregon DMV has begun issuing some Oregonians driver licenses that are valid for eight years. That means that Oregonians won't need to visit DMV as frequently, and will help reduce the number of people who come in to DMV field offices.

Conversion to an eight-year cycle will take eight years. For the first four years, DMV will issue both four-year and eight-year licenses. After Oct. 2 2004, DMV will issue the eight-year license only.

"To know if you'll get an eight-year license, just remember how you renewed last time," said Lorna Young's, ODOT Deputy Director for DMV. "If your last renewal was done by mail, you'll get an eight-year license. If this is your first license in Oregon, or if your license has been expired for more than a year, you'll need to go in to a field office and get an eight-year license."

Your printed renewal notice will tell if you're eligible to renew by mail. If you are, you'll be issued a four-year license, regardless of whether you renew by mail or to the local DMV office. You will not have an option to choose when your license will expire.

If you have a question about which type of license you qualify for, contact DMV Customer Assistance at (503)945-5000.

"The per-year fee license remains the same," Young's said. "For example, to renew a regular Class C licenses, the kind most people have, for four years, it costs \$17.25. So a license that is good for twice as long has a cost of \$34.50."

Voters' Guide Goes Online

The official Online Voters' Guide containing ballot measure information and arguments for the 2000 General Election is now available.

The Online Voters' Guide, a web-based version of the state Voters' Pamphlet, can be linked to by visiting the Oregon Votes web site at: www.oregonvotes.com.

"We have worked hard to get Online Voters' Guide up on the Internet as soon as possible," Secretary of State Bill Bradbury stated. "It has been a priority of

my office to make information readily accessible and available online." Bradbury said. The printed edition of the state Voters' Pamphlet will be mailed to every Oregon household beginning October 11.

The Online Voters' Guide contains information about the 26 ballot measures Oregon voters will decide on during the November 7 election. Candidate information will be available online Friday.

The last day to register for the General Election is October 17.

Power Wheelchairs Available

Miracleon Wheels makes available Power Wheelchairs to non-ambulatory Senior Citizens usually at no out-of-pocket expense if they qualify. No deposit required.

The electric wheelchairs are provided to those who cannot walk and can not self-propel a manual wheelchair in their home or independent living quarters who meet the additional qualifications of the program. This service may also be available to the permanently disabled of any age.

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Gov. John Kitzhaber honors state transportation workers killed on the job during a recent ceremony. The governor and other officials dedicated a new employee memorial at the entrance to the Oregon Department of Transportation building in Salem.

Free Lead Testing For Children On October 21

Childhood lead poisoning is a major and preventable environmental health problem and lead-based is now the primary source of lead exposure.

A free lead screening will be held in conjunction with the Af-

rican American Health Coalition's Wellness Village on Saturday, October 21, from 10 a.m. at Self Enhancement, Inc, 3920 N Kerby Avenue. Other health-related activities and presentations will be available as well.

Blood testing of children should be performed at ages 1 and 2 or at least before age 6 if no previous testing has been done and any risk factors for lead poisoning are present. Children who live in or regularly stay in a home, apartment, or child care center constructed before 1978 are at a greater risk of developing lead poisoning, especially if there is remodeling or peeling paint. Other risk factors include family members with exposure to lead and low family income (including those on Medicaid, WIC, or Or-

gon Health Plan).

The effects of lead poisoning are reversible if detected early by a blood test. If undetected lead poisoning damages the brain, causing learning and behavioral problems in affected children.

Moriarty named CEO of the Year by Community Colleges

The Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) recently named PCC President Daniel F. Moriarty CEO of the year.

The national association will present Moriarty with the 2000 Marie Y. Martin Chief Executive Officer Award at its annual convention in Nashville, Tenn. in October.

Moriarty has been president of Portland Community College since 1986.

The Portland Community College board of directors nominated Moriarty for the award, praising him for creating "a climate of success and robust growth despite severe budget cutbacks in Oregon."

The board also noted Moriarty's pursuit of strategic alliance with business, public and other educational institutions, which allowed the college to wield greater influence with city and state leaders.

Moriarty has initiated nationally recognized programs at Portland Community College, including the most recent U.S. Department of Labor award for the PCC and Mt.

Hood Dislocated Worker program. He holds a doctoral degree in higher education from George Washington University and a master's and bachelor's degree from Catholic University in Washington, D.C. Moriarty is a resident of Lake Oswego.

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