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Housing Cost Seniors Can Postpone

Property tax deferrals offered

of Revenue reminds Oregofiling deadline for the Senior erty Tax Deferral programs.

These programs allow qualified taxpayers to deerty taxes on their homes. erty in deferral. The state pays the taxes to

the county, maintains the ac- gram is to help keep senior count, and charges the prop- and disabled citizens in their erty owner 6-percent simple homes, and not worry about interest, which also is de-

The Oregon Department ance is usually due when the taxpayer receiving the denians that April 17 is the ferral dies, sells the property, permanently moves off and Disabled Citizen Prop- the property-for reasons other than health-or if the property changes ownership.

A surviving spouse may fer payment of their prop- qualify to continue the prop-

how they will pay their property taxes each year," said The deferral account bal- Debbie Saalfeld, program manager. Applications and information are available by calling your county assessor's office or online

at www.oregon.gov/DOR. You may also call the Department of Revenue at 1-800-356-4222. Because the department receives so many calls this time of year, "The purpose of the pro- wait times maybe extended.



Miles Hollin



Kathy Greenidge



Reena Bramblett

Diverse Investment Team Formed

Backing Affordable Rentals

Steady growth and geographic expansion has led Homestead Capital to make several strategic additions to its Portland staff, resulting in a diverse team that includes women and people of color.

Rick Fernandez is vice president for acquisitions, Reena Bramblett is vice president for underwriting, Miles Hollin has been hired as director of construction administration, Monica Makin is director for asset management and Kathy Greenidge is operations director.

Fernandez is currently the covice chair of the Housing Author-

ity of Portland and has extensive experience in affordable housing. He previously managed acquisition and development for Guardian Management and oversaw affordable housing investments in eight western states U.S. Bancorp.

Bramblett oversees Homestead's potential affordable housing investment opportunities. A Certified Public Accountant, her core expertise lies in real estate, including the Low Income Housing Tax Credit program.

Hollin ensures that Homestead's affordable housing developments are constructed according to the company's standards of quality and timeliness. He has over 23 years of experience in residential, commercial and industrial construction.

Makin is responsible for maintaining the long-term asset quality of the properties in which Homestead invests by ensuring that the properties comply with federal Low Income Housing Tax Credit regula-

Greenidge's responsibilities include staff development and overall management Homestead's Portland office. Her experience includes service to Covenant Retirement Communities, most recently as assistant manager of Irvington Village affordable assisted living facility, and previously as national coordinator of Outreach Ministries.

Homestead Capital is an equity investor headquartered in Portland. It backs the financing of affordable rental housing in 10 western states.

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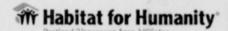
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