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Good Things Grow on Trees

Non-profit offers discounted prices

North and northeast Portland residents can now buy trees for their homes for only \$35 to \$75 thanks to Friends of Trees.

As part of the non-profit's new "Plant it Portland" campaign, the discounted prices for the trees include the wholesale price of the tree, delivery, hole digging, planting assistance, stakes, and follow-up maintenance checks. You'll also be invited to join a neighborhood potluck after the planting.

Plantings are already scheduled in the Arbor Lodge, Overlook, Piedmont, Woodlawn, Boise, Eliot, Humboldt, King, Kenton, Portsmouth, Cathedral Park, St. Johns, University Park, Alameda, Irvington, Sabin, Grant Park, Madison South, Rose City Park, Concordia and Vernon neighborhoods.



Nursery stock trees are ready for planting.

You can add your name to the growing list of people who want trees at FriendsOfTrees.org/BuyTrees. The sooner you sign up, the more selection you'll have. Deadlines for the local neighborhoods range from Dec. 20 through Feb. 21. A schedule with planting dates and deadlines is at FriendsOfTrees.org/Calendar.

What good things grow on trees?

Conservation: Tree shade can help cut your energy costs by 35 percent during the summer.

Health: Trees clean our air, water, and soil for an all-around healthier city.

Community: Tree-lined streets calm and slow traffic. This creates safer neighborhoods and happier people.

And yes, even money grows on trees! Planting trees on your property can add \$7,000 to the value of your home.

Since 1989, Friends of Trees has planted hundreds of thousands of trees and native plants in the Portland-metro area.

Home Makeovers

Free seminars from Neil Kelly

A local company known for innovative design and quality workmanship, with special emphasis in environmentally sound and sustainable building and remodeling practices, is sharing its expertise with the public.

Neil Kelly's free remodeling seminars continue Saturday, Oct. 9 at the company's Lake Oswego showroom and Wednesday, Oct. 13 at both the Lake Oswego and north Portland showrooms.

The popular seminars started in 1974 at Portland Community Col-

lege campuses and local high schools as a way for area homeowners to learn more about their homes, understand the remodeling process and gather ideas. The free classes are offered nine months out of the year.

Award-winning Neil Kelly designers teach all sessions and share trends in design, information on new materials and techniques, as well as review on the professional design and build process. The free one-hour sessions are informal in style, allowing for plenty of questions and discussion.

Visit neilkelly.com or call 503-335-9204 for more details.

Build Green Home Tour

Portland's first-ever permitted straw bale house and a Victorian home that received energy-saving upgrades from the Clean Energy Works Portland are highlights for the 9th annual Build It Green! Home Tour on Saturday, Sept. 25.

This year's tour, presented by the Portland Bureau of Planning and Sustainability features 21 green remodels and new homes. Many of the homes and affordable housing include solar panels, ecoroofs, rainwater harvesting, natural landscaping,

water and energy conservation, re-used building materials, alternative construction techniques, small footprints and much more. Homeowners and contractors will be available to share their personal experiences and to answer questions.

Tickets are \$15 for adults or \$10 for car-free attendees, students, and honored citizens. Visit portlandonline.com/bps/builditgreen or stop by Ecohaus at 819 S.E. Taylor St. or call 503-222-3881.

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Community Issues Breakfast Forum - *The Diversity and the Inclusion Paradox*



October 7, 2010

7:30 am - 9:30 am

\$30/person

Oregon Convention Center

Explore a broad spectrum of diversity issues with Andrés Tapia, an internationally recognized authority in the field and noted author of *The Inclusion Paradox: The Obama Era and the Transformation of Global Diversity*. Gain new insights into how varying worldviews can impact health, wealth, learning, safety, and workplace performance.

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