

The Portland Observer Sustainability



Homes for First-Time Buyers

Non-profit buys foreclosed homes for neighborhood affordability, stabilization

A Portland non-profit Proud Ground has been awarded more than \$2 million in Neighborhood Stabilization Program funds, creating more than 20 permanently affordable home buying opportunities.

The federal program's goal is to revitalize neighborhoods by providing funds to purchase and

renovate empty, foreclosed homes and then selling them to low and moderate-income first-time home buyers.

The homes renovated and sold by Proud Ground will be permanently affordable—along with being energy efficient, updated, and in solid operating condition.

"This is a wonderful program and Proud Ground is grateful to the Portland Housing Bureau, Oregon Housing and Community Services, HUD, and the Native American Youth



Kelli Jarrell is a first time homeowner thanks to a home buying opportunity for first time and low and moderate income residents.

& Family Center for their role in helping so many homes become available at such affordable prices for the families we serve," said Proud Ground Executive Director Jesse Beason.

"Homeownership opportunities like this one help build stability and wealth so families can contribute to their communities and break the cycle of poverty," said Traci Manning, Portland Housing Bureau director.

The homes will sell from about \$100,000 to \$140,000. One of the homes will be renovated by Proud Ground partner Native American Youth & Family Center's Construction Services, and will then be sold to a NAYA family.

Currently 18 Proud Ground families live in homes provided by the

Neighborhood Stabilization Program, in Portland, Molalla, Milwaukie and Oregon City.

They are families like Kelli Jarrell, an intake analyst for Aetna Insurance. Jarrell's newly renovated 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath, 1,600 square foot home in the Mill Park neighborhood was just \$115,000. And one of the best parts? Her monthly house payments are less than what she was paying in rent.

"I worked so hard to buy this home because I wanted security for my children, I wanted them to always have a place to live," Jarrell said.

Proud Ground provides affordable home buying opportunities for low/moderate-income, first-time home buyers at up to 80 percent of median family income.

Northwest Voice For Christ Ministries

"An Interdenominational Church"

Invite All To:

"A Celebration for 6 Years of Service"



Bishop H. L. Hodge, Ph.D.

Bishop Hodge believes in Jesus Christ and Him Crucified. He says we are limited by denominationalism but we are govern by Jesus Christ. He is our rock, Lord and Savior and Him only do we serve. We invite and appeal to you and those you lead to join us in the 6th Pastoral Appreciation Service on Sunday June 9th, at 3:30P.M. Our theme:

"The Steps of the Righteous Are Ordered"...(Psalm 37:23)

Bishop Wm. Marcus Pollard, Senior Pastor, Emmanuel COGIC United the Messenger. Superintendent Roy Tate

Christ Memorial COGIC United will be our Worship Leader. Special music by Eldon "T" Jones, Jr. saxophonist.

Also, an Appreciation Service and luncheon Saturday June 8th at 1:00P.M. "Elect Lady Earlean Hodge Day". The theme: "She Walks by Faith" (2 Cor. 5:7) Keynote speaker: Missionary Diane Chappell, Elect Lady St. Johns All Nations COGIC. **These services will be held at True Vine Missionary Baptist Church, 4735 N. Commercial Avenue. For additional information please telephone our church office at (503) 863-6545 or (503) 929-1371.**

Bishop Hodge is CEO Hodge Comprehensive Counseling Service, and Northwest Voice for Christ Training Ministry. Bishop Hodge is an officer in the Pacific Northwest Baptist Convention Director of Professional Psychology of Christian Education and the First Assistant Oregon 2nd Jurisdiction, COGIC United. *Looking forward to the fellowship.*

Chiropractic Auto Injury Clinic, PC

Zchon R. Jones, DC

333 NE Russell St., #200, Portland, OR. 97212

(503) 284-7838

Truly making a difference in the lives of Auto Accident victims and Injured Workers for nearly 20 years.

If you or someone you know has been in an accident, call us so we can help you with your needs. (503) 284-7838



We are located on the corner of MLK and Russell Street, on the second floor above the coffee shop.

Parking Area

333 NE Russell #200

Russell St.

S

MLK Jr Blvd

CHIROPRACTIC & ACTIVE REHAB

A Picnic with Cellphone Charge

Solar-powered charging stations for Mt. Hood students

Mt. Hood Community College students will soon be able to charge their electronic devices outdoors, while enjoying a latte, chatting with friends and studying for classes. The charging stations are the first solar picnic tables of their kind west of the Mississippi River, and the first at a U.S. community college, according to the manufacturer.

The Associated Student Government of Mt. Hood Community College is partnering with EnerFusion, Inc., to purchase and install the three picnic tables that will double as solar-powered charging stations for laptops, cellphones, tablets, cameras and other electronic devices.

Each table, called a "Solar Dok," generates renewable power that is totally off the electricity grid — and at no cost to the user or the college. Each table comes with four standard power outlets and two USB



Mt. Hood Community College is adding state-of-the-art picnic tables to campus gathering spots that double as solar-powered charging stations for laptops, cellphones, tables, cameras and other electronic devices.

ports.

The solar panels are expected to collect enough energy to power the outlets—even during cloudy Oregon winters — as well as LED lights that illuminate the tables throughout the night. The tables are constructed from 1,200 recycled milk cartons.