

Housing

Building Hope and Homes

A team of young adults, known as the Green Seven of the AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps, will be working alongside Habitat for Humanity in the Portland area during the next few weeks constructing affordable houses. The first of these will involve interior and exterior finish work on seven houses. The second site will involve constructing framing for future houses for families in need, officials said.

Homebuying Help in Gresham

in Gresham may qualify for first-time homebuying help.

limited new program that income, or \$55,000 or less for the loan balance is forgiv- - or keep - their homes and dim@PortlandHousingCenprovides no-interest loans to a family of four.

Some low and moderate in- people who live in Gresham come Individuals or families and buy a home in Gresham. \$10,000 to \$20,000, depend-

people making 80 percent or person or family remains that many families continue Portland Housing Center, at "Welcome Home," is a less of federal annual median in their home for 15 years, to struggle financially to get 503-797-4020 or email Hei-

The loans can range from Eligibility is limited to ing on financial need. If the en. The city will fund about have made helping home-ter.org.

8 to 10 loans through the buyers a priority," Gresham 5 to 7 loans proposed for next rector Eric Schmidt said.

program this year and another Community Development Di-

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