

Renewal and Repurpose

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Calvin Hipolito, a campaign illustrator for Verde, guided the children in painting a mural on the side of one of the buildings, sketching out the outline of a woman on one grey corner. Behind him, Alethea Bucchal, the soccer and active living coordinator for Hacienda, showed a young girl how to mix paint to get the colors she wanted. Another community artist, Kali Albert, reminded the children to wash their brushes and work together.

As the landscape changes, it's clear that a seedy history from the past will be updated to the Cully's neighborhood's needs. The former owners of the property pleaded guilty earlier this summer to promoting prostitution and defrauding the IRS, with sentencing to occur this September.

Living Cully will be on its way to developing the site, with the help of a \$200,000 grant from the Meyer Memorial Trust, a \$25,000 grant from the Oregon Community Foundation, a \$2.3 million loan from Craft3, a non-profit community development financial group, and a \$250,000 loan from the Portland Development Commission.

Community members are invited to celebrate the property's new plans at their kickoff party on Saturday, Aug. 4 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. The festivities will include children and youth activities, music, and food at the Cully site, located at 6723 N.E. Killingsworth St.



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Young people in the Cully Neighborhood enjoy their summer by joining representatives of Hacienda Latino Community Development Corporation to paint a mural on Cully Plaza. The downtrodden retail site was recently purchased for community use and will end its destination as a magnet for strip clubs and adult businesses.

Portland Mayor Meets with Pope

Mayor Hales joined 60 mayors from around the world in Italy last week, attending Pope Francis' international summit on Modern Slavery and Climate Change: The Commitment of Cities.

It was the first time the Vatican has mobilized local officials for grass-roots action on climate change and its detrimental effects on marginalized people. The pope and mayors signed a declaration stating that "human-induced climate change is a scientific reality and its effective control is a moral imperative for humanity."

Mayor Hales said the summit was invigorating for mayors who are lobbying national governments to act on climate change and inequality.

"We mayors can share practical ideas, and we have this new energy provided by the pope's message, that this is a moral and an ethical issue — not just a political issue. This gathering gives us energy in the fight we have to take on."



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Mayors from around the world, including Portland Mayor Charlie Hales, and experts in sustainability and curbing modern slavery meet with Pope Francis in Rome.

Marijuana Sales to Begin Early

Oregon will allow marijuana sales to adults beginning Oct. 1, nearly a year sooner than originally planned.

Gov. Kate Brown signed a bill Tuesday allowing existing medical marijuana dispensaries to temporarily sell the drug to all adults.

Marijuana possession became legal under state law on July 1, but state regulators are still about a year away from being ready to allow licensed retail outlets to open. That means the drug can be grown or given away, but it can't be legally purchased.

Supporters of early sales say it will give Oregonians a legal place to buy a drug that is legal to possess.

Consumers will be allowed to purchase limited quantities of dried marijuana, seeds and plant starts, but not edibles.