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## LOCAL NEWS



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Oak Leaf Mobile Home Park residents Rhonda Polk and Renae Corbett are organizing a massive cleanup of grounds at the park to do away with the negative overtones that have been working against them in a battle to keep the large parcel of property on Northeast Killingsworth Street as a mobile home park.

# Hope for Oak Leaf

### Affordable housing tax could save mobile home park

BY CERVANTE POPE  
THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

A rally to save the Oak Leaf Mobile Home Park serving low income residents in the heart of northeast Portland's Cully neighborhood and a face-to-face meeting with city commissioners at City Hall has given residents of the park a bit more promise for a solution to keep their homes.

A new excise tax on city development is up for vote by the

City Council this week and if it passes, some of that money could go towards helping the Oak Leaf residents in purchasing the property as a collective to keep their homes.

The tax is proposed as a means to raise money to build and retain affordable housing in the city, a collection of revenue made legal by the Oregon Legislature earlier this year with the support of all of Portland's council members.

Renae Corbett, a resident of the Oak Leaf Mobile Home Park, is cautiously optimistic.

"We're not the only people that want some of the money from this proposed tax, so the mayor may be very earnest and true to his word but he's not the only cog in this wheel," says Corbett, who has been living at Oak Leaf for two years with her 80-year-old father

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# Good in the Hood Weekend

### Festival promotes unity in the community

It's time for the Good in the Hood Festival and Parade and that means neighbors, families and friends connecting to the diversity of inner north and northeast Portland with a multicultural celebration of music, arts and foods.

For over 20 years, the Good in

the Hood has been a Rose Festival sanctioned event, with thousands of community residents participating.

The festival kicks off Friday, June 24 and continues through Sunday, June 26 at Lillis Albina Park at North Flint Avenue and Russell Street. The fun activities include entertainment, a kids' space, puppet show, games, informational booths and a beer garden. Festival hours are Saturday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday from 1 a.m. to 9 p.m. A Friday mixer from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. will

include music by DJ Pryce Miyagi.

The fun-filled Good in the Hood Parade is sponsored by the Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods and will have candy to throw out to the crowds along the parade route.

The annual parade starts Saturday at 10:45 a.m. at King School Park on Northeast Seventh Avenue and Wygant Street and heads south on Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, turning west on Russell Street, ending at Lillis Albina Park.