

Income limits raised for home loan program, more will qualify

Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) has announced an increase in the annual income limits for its Residential Loan Program, which is a below-market interest rate loan program serving low and moderate income Ore-

gonians. "We are excited about the increased income limits because we now have the opportunity to help more Oregon families purchase a home," said Bob Repine, OHCS Director.

This increase was made possible by an annual income adjustment announced by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). These figures became effective April 6, 2001.

The increases were needed to help OHCS keep pace with the high cost of buying a home in Oregon, according to Jon Gail, Residential Loan Program Manager. "With our below-market fixed rate of 6.125 percent, a near record low, this is a great time for low and moderate income Oregonians to consider buying their first home," Gail said.

The new annual household income limits were approved by the State Housing Council on April 27. In addition to the

statewide household income limit, there are higher limits for properties being purchased in the five-county Portland area and Benton County. The program's new annual household income limits are as follows:

Statewide, the new limit is \$47,800. Benton County's new limit is \$55,700. The new limit in Clackamas, Columbia, Multnomah, Washington and Yamhill Counties is \$55,900. The new limits apply to all single-family loans reserved by OHCS on or after April 27, 2001.

OHCS is the state housing finance agency providing financial and program support to create and preserve opportunities for quality, affordable housing for low and moderate income Oregonians. The department also administers federal and state anti-poverty, homeless and energy assistance community service programs.

For more information on OHCS programs, visit their

website at www.hcs.state.or.us

For more information about specific limits, visit HUD's website at www.huduser.org

Farm youth classes on tap

Youth 14-17 years old must complete a State of Oregon approved training program to operate or assist in operating tractors or farm machinery, though some exemptions exist for family members.

Two clinics are scheduled in Hillsboro, one for tractors and one for farm machinery. The tractor safety clinic is set for Friday, June 1 from 4:00 to 9:00 p.m. and Saturday, June 2 from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Students must attend both.

The farm machinery session will be Friday, June 8 from 4:00 to 9:00 p.m. and Saturday, June 9 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Again, students must attend both.

To register, call 503-725-2110 as soon as possible.

Countywide 4-H car wash

The Vernonia portion of the 4-H County-Wide Car Wash, will be June 2 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Vernonia School District office parking lot.

Proceeds earned will help support 4-H and the Columbia County Fair. Tickets are on sale for \$4.00 each or simply drive in.

CORRECTION

Photo information on page 11 of the May 2, 2001, issue of The INDEPENDENT incorrectly identified Tami Stewart and Cindy Stanley. It should have read Tami Stewart and Denise Holmes.

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Bothered by phone solicitors?

In an attempt to eliminate telephone solicitations, residential phone subscribers who want to register their numbers on the Oregon No Call list may call the list administrator at 1-877-700-6622 and request that a registration form be mailed. Information is also available from the List web site www.ornocall.com

Consumers pay \$6.50 the first year and \$3 per year for each additional year they remain on the list. The list is published quarterly, but consumers may register at any time. Depending on when in the quarter a person registers, it could take up to 90 days to appear on the list. The fees are non-refundable and this service is available only to residential subscribers.

Although the Oregon Attorney General's office has been cracking down on telemarketers who violate the state's "No Call" law, many people are still disturbed by careless, unethical or illegal telephone solicitors.

Consumers wanting information on "No Call" or any other consumer issue may call the Attorney General's consumer hotline at 503-229-5576 (Portland area), or toll-free at 1-877-877-9392. These numbers may also be used to report consumer concerns. The Department of Justice web site is www.doj.state.or.us

Jim Walters
Chief of Police
Vernonia Police Department

Sunnyside Cafe



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Community Calendar

MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST
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Al-Anon	Mondays	6:30 p.m., Head Start Bldg.
Alcoholics Anonymous	Mondays	6:30 p.m., Head Start Bldg.
Alcoholics Anonymous	Saturdays	7:00 p.m., Head Start Bldg.
Arts & Crafts Society	2nd Thursday	2:00 p.m., City Library
Boosters	2nd Wednesday	7:30 p.m., VHS Library
Boy Scout Troop 201	Tuesdays	7:00 p.m., Head Start Bldg.
Boy Scout Troop 860	Wednesdays	7:00 p.m., LDS Church
Cemetery Beautification Comm.	2nd Thursday	7:00 p.m., City Library
Chamber of Commerce	2nd Wednesday	Noon, Lew's Place
Doll Club	4th Tuesday	1:00 p.m., Senior Center
Girl Scouts	Thursdays	6:30-8 p.m., Christian Church
Izaak Walton League	3rd Thursday	For location call 429-7193
Lions Club	1st & 3rd Tuesdays	6:30 p.m., Lew's Place
Narcotics Anonymous	Wednesdays	6:00 p.m., Head Start Bldg.
Nehalem Valley Car Club		For Info Call 429-4074
Preschool Story Hour	Mondays	10:30 a.m., City Library
Upr Nehalem Watershed Council	4th Thursday	For location call 429-2401
Vernonia Airport Committee	3rd Wednesday	7:00 p.m., City Library
Vernonia Cares Directors	1st Thursday	For location call 429-1414
Vernonia City Council	1st & 3rd Mondays	6:30 p.m., City Hall
Vernonia Comm. Dev. Corp.	2nd Tuesday	Noon, City Hall
Vernonia Grange	2nd Friday	7:00 p.m., Grange Hall
Vernonia Health Center	2nd Thursday	6:00 p.m., 510 Bridge St.
Vernonia Planning Comm.	1st Thursday	7:00 p.m., City Hall
Vernonia Pride		For Info Call, 429-5201
Vernonia Ridge Riders	Last Thursday	7:00 p.m., City Library
Vernonia RFPD Board	2nd Tuesday	7:00 p.m., Fire Station
Vernonia School Board	2nd Thursday	8:00 p.m., District Office
Vernonia Sr. Center Board	1st Friday	1:00 p.m., Senior Center
Vernonia Volunteer Firefighters	2nd Monday	7:00 p.m., Fire Station
WOEC Directors	3rd Tuesday	7:00 p.m., WOEC

MIST-BIRKENFELD

M-BRFPD Board	2nd & 4th Tuesday
M-B Ambulance Assoc.	1st & 2nd Thurs.
M-B Firefighters Assoc.	1st & 2nd Wed.
M-B Rescue	3rd Wednesday
M-B Helping Circle	2nd Wednesday
Natal Grange	2nd Wednesday
T.O.P.S.	Sundays

BANKS

Alcoholics Anonymous	Fridays	8:00 p.m., Methodist Church
Banks City Council	2nd Tuesday	7:30 p.m., City Hall
Banks Planning Commission	Last Tuesday	7:00 p.m., City Hall
Banks School Board	2nd Monday	7:30 p.m., Jr. High Library
Banks Youth Group	Sundays, Wednesdays	7:00 p.m., UMC Youth Bldg.
Chamber of Commerce	1st Thursday	12:30 p.m., Brown Derby
Citizen Participation Org.	3rd Monday, odd months	7:15 p.m., City Hall
Friends of the Library	2nd Tuesday	7:00 p.m., City Library
Lions Club	1st & 3rd Wednesdays	7:00 p.m., Methodist Church
Sunset Park Assoc.	3rd Wednesday	8:00 p.m., Gun Club
T.O.P.S.	Wednesdays	7:00 p.m., Administration Bldg.
Tri-City RFPD Board	2nd Wednesday	7:00 p.m., Station 13

COLUMBIA COUNTY (All meet in St. Helens unless otherwise noted.)

Board of Commissioners	Wednesdays	10 a.m., Courthouse
Citizens for Senior Justice	2nd Tuesday	7:00 p.m., Sunset Park Church
COLCO Transportation	2nd Friday	10:30 a.m., Courthouse
County Council of Seniors	2nd Friday	1:00 p.m., Courthouse
County Fair Board	2nd Monday	7:00 p.m., Fairgrounds 4-H Bldg.
County Parks Commission	3rd Monday	6:00 p.m., 1054 Oregon St.
Emergency Comm. Dist. (9-1-1)	3rd Tuesday	7:00 p.m., Courthouse
Historical Society	4th Wednesday	Noon, location call 429-3713

Organizations and meeting dates not listed may be included by calling 429-9410