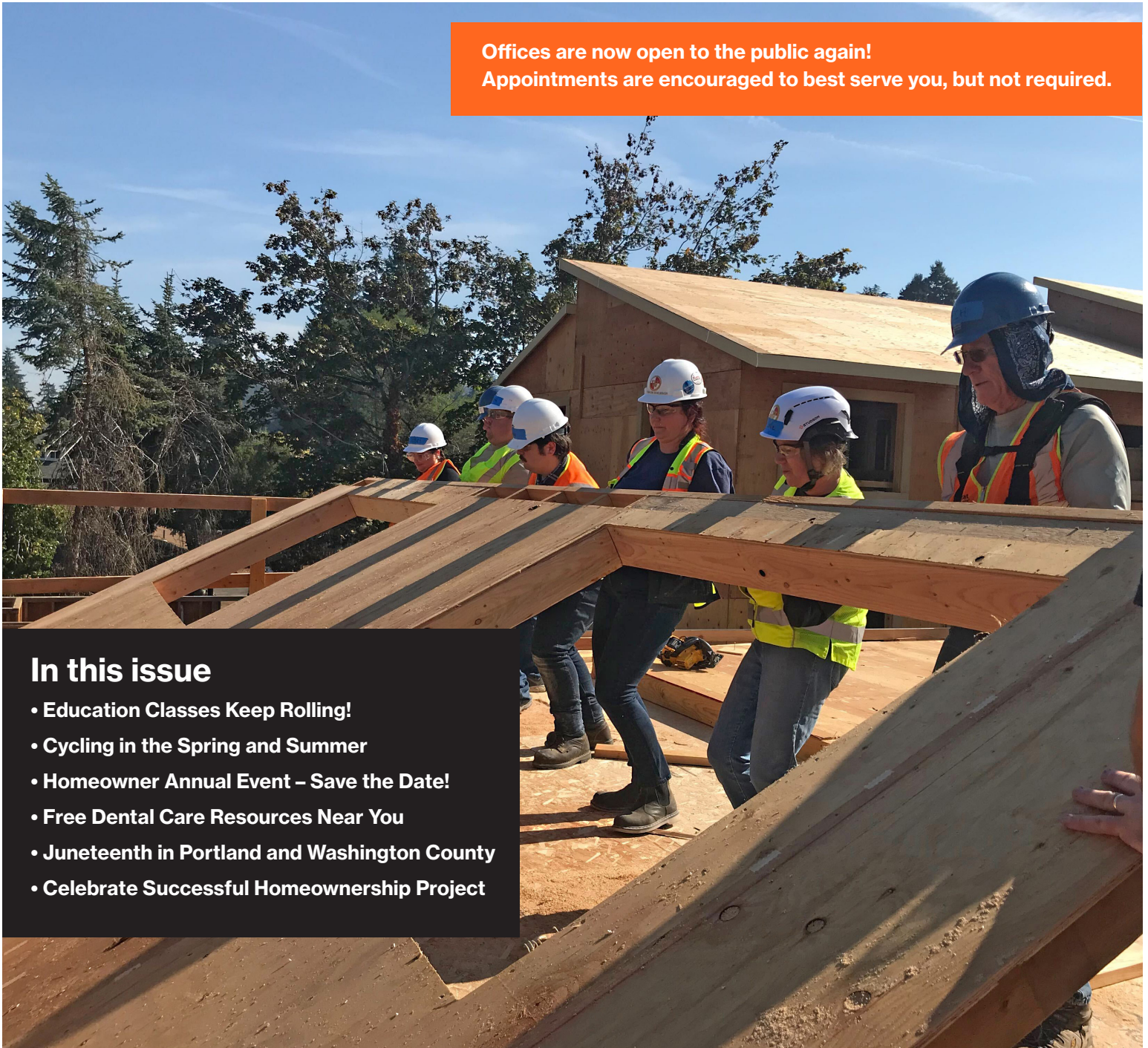


Building Connections

Spring 2023

**Offices are now open to the public again!
Appointments are encouraged to best serve you, but not required.**



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What's New in Our Education Offerings

Do you know how to fix a leaky toilet? Recaulk your bathroom? Prepare for an emergency? Save on your water bills? Yes, these are all things that dozens of homeowners have recently learned through our education program! If you haven't joined us yet, we'd love to see you there as we have a wide number of fun, engaging classes all focused on various elements of successful homeownership. There is always food, drinks, a prize drawing, and information you can use.

Here is just a little of what we've got in store:

- Container Gardening with Growing Gardens
- Painting 101 "Pop Up and Pop In" at our Portland ReStore
- Know Your City PDX with the Community and Neighborhood Involvement Center
- Estate Planning with attorney Ekuia Hackman (online)

View all upcoming classes and register online by visiting bit.ly/habitatclasses or scan the QR code to go directly to our Eventbrite.



Cycling in the Spring and Summer

The weather is finally starting to turn in our favor, so let's get out and ride!

In Portland, the ever-popular Sunday Parkways celebrates its 16th anniversary starting in May and going through September. This year there are rides in East Portland, the Cully neighborhood, and Southwest Portland. During the events the routes are closed to car traffic so everyone can bike, walk, roll and play in a family-friendly environment. This is a great opportunity to get outside, gather with your community, and move around your city in a new way! To find more information on routes, times and locations, visit <https://www.portland.gov/sunday-parkways/2023>.

Washington County residents interested in cycling resources should check out WashCo Bikes, a nonprofit bicycle organization that hosts bike camps, repair clinics, and education classes throughout Hillsboro and Beaverton. Check out their website at <https://washcobikes.org/> or give them a call at 503-844-9740.



Free Dental Care Resources

The Portland Community College Dental Clinic has recently opened their new clinic in downtown Portland at 1810 SW 5th Ave., which is conveniently located on bus, MAX and streetcar lines. This clinic offers low-cost dental services, and for a limited time they are offering free services! Under the supervision of licensed professionals, PCC dental students can perform dental exams, cleanings, x-rays, and simple dental fillings. Appointments are 3-4 hours long and may require multiple visits. To make an appointment call 971-722-4909 or email dentalclinic@pcc.edu.

Please note: this program is not able to provide emergency care, root canals, extractions, or large cavity fillings.

Downtown Portland not convenient? Check out other low-cost dental care options through the Oregon Dental Association here: <https://www.oregondental.org/for-the-public/low-cost-dental-care>

JUNETEENTH FREEDOM DAY

JUNE 19

Juneteenth Celebrations

Juneteenth commemorates June 19, 1865, the date Major General Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston, Texas, and delivered General Order No. 3 announcing the end of legalized slavery in Texas. Historically, it has been a holiday celebrated by people of African descent in the United States, as well as people in Canada, Jamaica, Nigeria, the United Kingdom, and other countries throughout the world. Juneteenth is also a “symbolic date” representing the African-American struggle for freedom and equality, and a celebration of family and community. [Credit: Library of Congress]

Clara Peoples helped launch the inaugural Juneteenth celebration in Oregon in 1972, earning her the nickname “Mother of Juneteenth”.

Among the many celebrations out there, you can join the festivities at Lillis-Albina Park June 17 and 18. You’ll also see us there tabling! For more information visit www.juneteenthor.com or call 503-267-4686.

Washington County Chamber of Commerce will partner with the Black Advisory Business Council to celebrate Juneteenth at Jerry Willey Plaza in Hillsboro on June 17 from 12:00 pm to 6:30 pm. There will be food, music, speakers, Black-owned businesses and other community groups to help Washington County celebrate this important holiday. For more information reach out to JJ at JanitaJ@WCChamber.org or call 503-726-2145.

Celebrate Successful Homeownership Project!

We are hosting an interactive project to recognize all the ways, big and small, that successful homeownership shows up in your life. Sometimes, successful homeownership is as simple as checking your smoke alarms or cleaning a filter. Other times it is more involved: repainting a room, fixing your caulking, or tackling a big project like doing a new kitchen backsplash. Big and small, these are all important successful homeownership skills, so let’s celebrate them!

To participate in this project, take a picture of yourself practicing successful homeownership and send it to matthew.misley@habitatportlandregion.org with a quick one or two sentence description of what you are doing. This could be something small and simple that you already do, like checking those smoke alarms, doing a deep clean, or cleaning/changing your filters. It could also be a new skill you learned in one of our classes and are putting into action. There are too many possibilities to list them all!

In July, we’ll draw two entries for a \$50 gift card! Plus, you might even make it into our next newsletter (with your permission, of course).

So, take those action shots and send them to Matthew and let’s all start celebrating the many ways that successful homeownership shows up in our daily lives and communities!





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SAVE THE DATE

Return of the Homeowner Annual Event

The much-anticipated Homeowner Annual Event is back for 2023! Hosted at our Killingsworth office in Portland, this all-out celebration and show of appreciation for Habitat homeowners is always a blast. Lots more info to come but there will be food, a prize drawing, activities for adults and kids, and more! Save the date of September 16 for now and we'll share more info as we get closer. We can't wait to see you there!



Who to Contact *Need to know who to call for classes, payments, warranty or general info?*



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