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The seasonal newsletter for Habitat for Humanity Portland Region homeowners.

Building Connections

Fall 2025

Habitat Open Application Round: October 6–24, 2025

This month, Habitat for Humanity will be accepting applications for Magnolia Crossing, a new community located on Duke Street between SE Woodstock and SE Flavel. Habitat is excited to be partnering with DBS Group to offer 8 affordable homes for sale in the Mt. Scott neighborhood. The neighborhood will feature 2- and 3-bedroom, two-story townhomes. **Expected to be completed in fall 2026.**

A completed application and all required documents must be submitted by October 24 to be considered.



Interested applicants should visit our website for full details and future opportunities:
habitatportlandregion.org/qualify-and-apply



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Questions? We're here to help!

Our main office is open weekdays from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.
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Appointments recommended. Walk-ins welcome.

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Homeowner Education Workshops

Share ideas, build skills, and connect with experts! Our education workshops are a great place to dig into topics that matter to homeowners.

Ready, Set, Winter: Preparedness & Indoor Air Quality

With Portland Bureau of Emergency Management and Multnomah County Health Department
Sat., Oct. 11, 10 am–12 pm | Main office

Estate Planning Essentials

With Commons Law Center
Wed., Oct.29, 5:30–7 pm | Virtual

DIY Winter Weatherization

With Community Energy Project
Sat., Dec. 6, 10 am–12 pm | Main office

Money Makeover – How to Set Goals, Build a Budget & Save

With Chase Bank Community Education
Wed., Dec. 17, 5:30–7 pm | Virtual



Register now to learn new skills and bring home great resources. Use the QR code to go to bit.ly/habitatclasses.



HLC Members Sandra and Alex at a Myrtlewood Way build day with elected officials



HLC Member Salome with her son Asukulu, a recent Stanford grad, at Frame a Future celebration

HLC Updates

The Homeowner Leadership Council (HLC) launched in 2024 to create space for homeowners to connect, learn, and help shape the future of Habitat Portland Region.

Members have played an advisory role on Homeownership program policies, tabled and spoken at events, and shared their experiences with new homebuyers.

The Council is now guiding the creation of a Small Grants Program. The goal is to provide financial investment and tactical support for projects that enhance social cohesion within Habitat neighborhoods.

Together, we build thriving and inclusive communities.

Want to learn more? Contact Annette Pronk, HLC Staff Liaison and Community Development Program Manager: annette.pronk@habitatportlandregion.org.

Clean Air and Cozy Homes

Clean air indoors is vital during winter. As we seal our homes against the cold, we can trap pollutants inside, like dust, allergens, and pet dander. Air filters act as a silent guardian, capturing these particles and preventing them from circulating. For people who rely on wood stoves or fireplaces, a quality air filter is even more crucial for removing wood smoke particles. Investing in clean air is a simple way to create a healthier, more comfortable home for your family when doors and windows stay closed. Visit multco.us/info/use-air-filter to learn more.

Fall Home Maintenance Checklist

A few proactive, preventative steps to keep your home comfortable and your appliances running efficiently this time of year.

- Test smoke & carbon monoxide detectors
- Check and change air filters
- Inspect and clean all heating ducts and vents
- Locate water shut off valve to prepare for freezing temperatures
- Check door and window seals for drafts and apply weather stripping as needed.
- Stock up on emergency supplies: non-perishable food items, water, flashlights, and extra batteries!

Oregon Property Taxes—Bill 101

Check your mailbox this month for your property tax bill! Every homeowner will receive a copy of their property tax bill on or before October 25.

Wondering what the color of your statement means?

YELLOW A mortgage company or tax deferral program has requested your property tax bill. They will pay by the deadline to receive the full 3% discount.

GREEN Property owner is responsible for paying the bill. If you have paid off your mortgage, your property tax bill is paid by you. Reach out to your bank or mortgage servicer for more information and support!

RED Your bill may be past-due. Read the entire notice for specific instructions and reach out to the tax office for more information.

You can pay your bill online, by phone, by mail, or in person at the county building. To receive a discount, payments must be delivered, U.S. postmarked, or paid online by the dates below.

Pay by Nov. 15*	Receive discount	Additional payment due
Full amount	3%	No further payment
2/3 full amount	2%	Final payment due May 15
1/3 full amount	No Discount	Second payment due Feb. 15; final payment due May 15

*If the 15th falls on a weekend or holiday, the due date is the next business day.

Annual Event Recap

It was wonderful to see everyone and celebrate homeownership at our Home SAFE Home event on September 20. We are already looking forward to next year’s fun!

We’re grateful to our resource fair community partners, who shared important emergency preparedness information for homeowners, and special thank you to our Raffle & Carnival prize donors. For a full list, visit habitatportlandregion.org/blog.



Would you like to see emergency preparedness information brought to your Habitat neighborhood this year? Email us at education@habitatportlandregion.org



Upcoming Habitat Office Holiday Closures

Thursday, Nov. 27 & Friday, Nov. 28

Wednesday, Dec. 24 & Thursday, Dec. 25

Thursday, Jan. 1