

Building Connections

Summer 2026



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We are open!

Weekdays 8:30 am–4:30 pm
Appointments recommended.
Walk-ins welcomed.



HLC member applications are OPEN

Are you passionate about your neighborhood? Do you want to help shape the future of housing in our region? If you have been living in your Habitat home for at least one year, we have an incredible opportunity for you!

The Homeowner Leadership Council (HLC) is recruiting new members. Launched in 2024, the HLC is a place for Habitat homeowners to connect, advocate, and learn.

Why you should join:

Grow as a leader. Build skills in listening, collaboration, and community leadership.

Help advise Habitat. Weigh in on programs and decisions that affect homeowners.

Advocate for affordable housing. Help expand homeownership opportunities for future families.

Learn together. Participate in a collaborative process and practical skill-building curriculum.

Receive a stipend. Members are compensated on a yearly basis for their time and expertise!

Ready to take the next step?

Your voice can build stronger, more equitable communities. Learn more and submit your application on the HLC webpage: bit.ly/habitatHLC

For more information, email HLC@habitatportlandregion.org.

Introducing the Neighborhood Roots Fund

The Homeowner Leadership Council is thrilled to announce the launch of the **Neighborhood Roots Fund**, a new micro-grant program for Habitat communities.

This program will provide flexible, accessible funding **up to \$850 per grant**, to support resident-led projects that cultivate connection, trust, and belonging.

- **Bring neighbors together** through cultural celebrations and community events.
- **Activate shared spaces** with block parties, community gardens, or pop-up activities.
- **Connect generations** through projects that bring people of all ages together.
- **Build community resilience** with strong neighbor-to-neighbor support.

Habitat homeowners are invited to apply. Projects must have at least two co-applicants, encouraging neighbors to work together. Whether you're planning something big or small, creativity and collaboration are encouraged.

Review the full program guide and apply on the HLC webpage: bit.ly/habitatHLC
Paper applications are available on request.



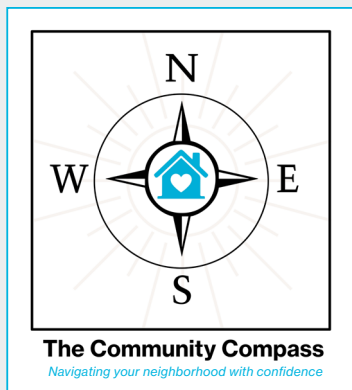
Thinking about joining the Homeowner Leadership Council or applying for a Neighborhood Roots Fund grant?

Join current HLC members for a casual Zoom information session.

Thursday, August 20, 6:30–7:30 pm

Register on the HLC webpage or with the QR code to the right.





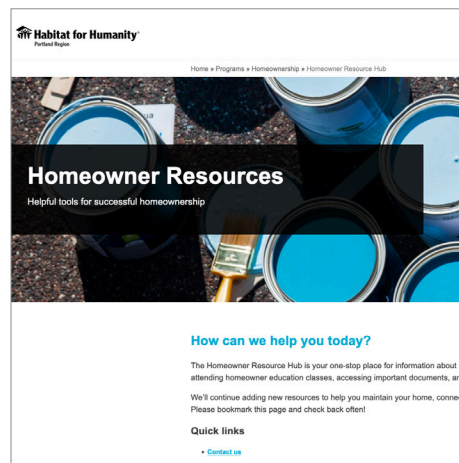
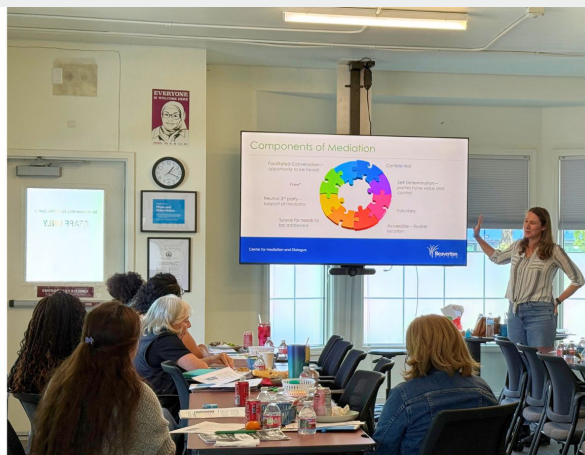
New Program Report

The Community Compass: HOAs for Homeowners Recap

This year, Habitat Portland Region is committed to equipping homeowners with the tools and information they need to find their way in an HOA. Our inaugural HOAs for Homeowners mini conference on June 20 allowed us to trial a variety of topics, including budgets, governing documents, and neighbor relations. Thank you to all who joined, participating in robust discussion and sharing great feedback on where to go next. We've captured the highlights in a new online guide: **HOA 101**. Find it at habitatportlandregion.org/hoa-101.

Next up: virtual classes on HOA budgets, expanded learning opportunities for board members, and tailored sessions on community-specific governing documents brought to your neighborhood.

Interested in hosting a Habitat HOA class at your community? Let us know! Please reach out to education@habitatportlandregion.org or call 503.287.9529 x1323.



Homeowner Resource Hub

Check out our **redesigned webpage** for strategies to help you maintain your home, connect with your community, and build skills for confident homeownership.

Find everything you need in one place:

- Register for upcoming classes
- Home maintenance tips
- **HOA 101** and more guides
- Financial resources
- Warranty service request forms



Scan the QR code to visit the online Homeowner Resource Hub

Summer neighborhood maintenance checklist

There are many ways that a little time invested today can make a big difference in the place you call home. What's a small, realistic commitment you can make to yourself as a homeowner and your neighborhood this summer? Because a thriving HOA depends on informed and engaged neighbors.

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| ☐ Read your HOA bylaws | ☐ Meet a new neighbor |
| ☐ Review your community budget | ☐ Plan a neighborhood gathering |
| ☐ Attend an HOA meeting | <i>Need funding?</i> |
| ☐ Learn about your reserve fund | ☐ Apply for a Neighborhood Roots Fund grant |





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East Portland homeowners: Help shape your neighborhood

Big investments are coming to East Portland. Now is your chance to help set the priorities!

Three new Tax Increment Financing (TIF) districts are now underway: 82nd Avenue, East 205, and SPACC (Sumner–Parkrose–Argay–Columbia Corridor). Over the next 30 years, these districts will invest in projects like affordable housing, transportation, parks, support for small businesses, and other neighborhood improvements.

Right now, the first five-year Action Plans are being created. Community members can help decide what should be funded first. Attend a public meeting, take a survey, or share your comments to get involved.

Learn more at prosperportland.us/tif-districts

Questions? We're here to help!

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