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Spring 2017

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Are you considering a career change, new or returning to the job market, or are experiencing an involuntary job loss? Oregon's WorkSource can help.

WorkSource Oregon has 5 locations in the Portland metro area that specialize in helping you get a job, increase your skills, and explore training options. They also offer translation for their services. All levels of English language learners are welcome to come to the ELL Rosetta Stone Open Skills Lab. WorkSource is open Monday through Friday 8:00am to 5:00pm offering classes and information sessions throughout the day. Each class is designed to help you improve your employability whether you are looking for a new job or a career change.

Currently, they have two popular training programs; Health Careers Northwest and BankWorks. Each program offers career exploration, coaching, training, and job placement assistance. A complete calendar of classes, more information about services offered, and to get started go to [worksourceportlandmetro.org](http://worksourceportlandmetro.org) or call an office listed below.

WorkSource Central  
30 N. Webster St.  
Suite E  
Portland, OR 97217  
(503) 280-6046

WorkSource East  
19421 SE Stark St.  
Gresham, OR 97030  
(503) 669-7112

WorkSource Southeast  
7916 SE Foster Rd.  
Portland, OR 97206  
(503) 772-2300

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## Spring Cleaning Tips

It's that time of year again – the weather is warming up, we look around our homes, where we work and we want things to be brighter, cleaner and more organized. Your spring cleaning may never become effortless, but you can make the project more manageable – and maybe even enjoyable. The pull out checklist offers an overview of everything you need to know – including information on cleansers, stain removal, fabric care, and storage – to zip through the process and arrive at a happy end.

What to do with your unneeded or unwanted usable items?

Donate! Habitat's Restores accept a variety of re-sellable household items. To learn more about donation guidelines and locations visit [pdxrestore.org/donate](http://pdxrestore.org/donate).

Sell! Make a little cash by listing your items on Craigslist, Offerup or even Facebook Marketplace.

Give away! Connect with your neighbors on your local Buy Nothing Facebook group. Buy Nothing is a national movement that focuses on hyper-local giving and community building. You can search for your local group by typing in Buy Nothing and your neighborhood name and request to join.

To learn about more resources visit: [habitatportlandmetro.org/programs/resources](http://habitatportlandmetro.org/programs/resources)

# Save the Date!

On Saturday July 22nd, Habitat for Humanity Portland Metro/East will be hosting a Neighborhood Safety Event at our Homeownership Education Center. Come learn about the different city agencies that work to make our communities safer. Invited agencies include:

- Portland Police Bureau
- Portland Fire Bureau
- City of Portland Crime Prevention Program
- City of Portland Park Ranger Program
- City of Portland Bureau of Emergency Communications (911)
- City of Portland Bureau of Development Services  
(code enforcement program)
- Multnomah County Sheriff's Office

There will be fun activities for kids and free giveaways for attendees. Look for your invitation with more details in June.

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## Next Homeownership Classes

### **Safe and Sound**

**Thursday, May 18th 6:00–8:00 pm**

Come learn from the experts from the Portland Fire Bureau and the American Red Cross about how to keep your home free of fire hazards and what you need to do in preparation for a disaster.

### **Climb that Ladder!**

**Saturday, June 17th 10–12:00 pm**

Learn from an employment expert how to self-advocate for a salary increase, promotion or land a better job.

### **Pets, People and Parking: Getting along with your neighbors**

**Saturday, August 12th 10:00–12:00 pm**

Your home is your sanctuary and sometimes neighbor relations can get in the way of your peaceful enjoyment. Come learn from the mediators from Resolutions NW how to work with your neighbors to resolve your differences and build a stronger community.

All classes will be held at our Homeownership Education Center at:  
1478 NE Killingsworth St. Portland, 97211

Space is limited. Register soon! 503-287-9529 x34 or [Julie@habitatportlandmetro.org](mailto:Julie@habitatportlandmetro.org)  
Sorry, no childcare or translation services provided.



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## HopeBuilder BREAKFAST

Join us for our most inspirational event of the year at the 17th annual HopeBuilder Breakfast. Enjoy a **free** breakfast during this one-hour program that includes an update on Habitat's involvement in the Portland Metro area, an inspiring keynote speech from Kiva co-founder Jessica Jackley, and testimonials from families who are on their way to homeownership.

**Wednesday, April 26th, 2017**

**7:30–8:30 am**

Oregon Convention Center

Portland Ballroom

777 NE Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Portland

For more details go to: [habitatportlandmetro.org/hopebuilder](http://habitatportlandmetro.org/hopebuilder)

If you would like to attend this event, host a table, or have any questions please contact Julie Wang at Habitat for Humanity Portland/Metro East, (503) 287-9529 ext. 34 or email at [julie@habitatportlandmetro.org](mailto:julie@habitatportlandmetro.org).

