On July 1st, 2019 minimum wage increased all across the state of Oregon. In the Portland Metro area, the minimum wage increased from $12.00 to $12.50 per hour, effective July 1st. If you work within the Urban Growth Boundary of the Portland metro area, make sure to check your paystubs to see that your wage is $12.50 per hour or higher. You can check to see if you are within the UGB at:

www.oregonmetro.gov/library/urban-growth-boundary/lookup

Home Repair & Preservation Program Expansion

We have officially expanded the service area of our Home Repair & Preservation Program! The program was created 5 years ago and since then 51 homes have been repaired or preserved in the Cully Neighborhood of Northeast Portland. In an effort to serve more homeowners in need, we are now offering repair and preservation services throughout the City of Portland.

The purpose of the program is to help low to very low income homeowners restore and maintain the exterior of their homes. Services offered through the program include the repair or replacement of roofs, windows, exterior doors, gutters, siding, steps, ramps, porches, decks, and exterior paint, as well as landscaping and junk removal. Restrictions apply for homes in condominiums or homeowners associations.

If you, or someone you know, are interested in applying for the Home Repair & Preservation Program, please contact Samuel Eckhart at (503) 287-9529 ext. 39 for more information.

Emergency PublicAlerts

PublicAlerts is a free service provided in partnership by the City of Portland, City of Gresham and Multnomah County. Through registering for PublicAlerts, you will receive landline, mobile phone, text and email alerts to warn you to take action during a broadcasted emergency. Alerts are available in 11 languages including English, Spanish, Vietnamese, Chinese, Russian, Somali, Romanian, Ukrainian, Japanese, Arabic and Laotian. Examples of alerts that may trigger the use of the PublicAlerts system include:

- Flooding
- Police activity
- Hazardous material spill
- Boil water notice
- Large fire
- Terror incident
- Landslide
- Public health emergency
- Volcanic eruption

Visit https://www.publicalerts.org/signup to create your account today!

The Power of Preparedness: Summer Homeowner Event

Sept. 14th • 11:00-2:00

Join us, Saturday, September 14th from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at our fourth annual homeownership event at Habitat for Humanity Portland/Metro East located at 1478 NE Killingsworth St., Portland OR 97211.

This year’s event will focus on proactive planning and actions to take before disaster strikes. The Portland Bureau of Emergency Management, PBEM, will be present to help attendees think about the hazards that exist around you, what to collect for your emergency kit and critical first steps after an emergency. This event is open to Habitat homeowners and partner agency clients only.

Free Family Fun!

- Crafts
- Food
- Face Painting
- Balloon Twister
- Games
- Kid’s toy give away
- Win Prizes!
  - Emergency Kits
  - Kitchenware
  - Gift Cards

RSVP by September 6th to receive an extra raffle ticket upon check-in. Limit one prize per household.

Who to Contact

- Payment questions? Loretta Kelly
  loretta@habitatportlandmetro.org
  503-287-9529 ext. 34

- Warranty questions? Ian Gallager
  ian@habitatportlandmetro.org
  503-287-9529 ext. 27

- General questions? Shelby Pierce
  shelby@habitatportlandmetro.org
  503-287-9529 ext. 19

Careers at Habitat

Have you considered a career with Habitat for Humanity Portland/Metro East or the metro area Habitat for Humanity ReStores? As our programs continue to expand and evolve, we are always looking for new team members to join our organization. Habitat for Humanity Portland/Metro East hires a workforce representative of the communities we serve, understanding that a diverse workforce strengthens our organization. We value diversity and support a positive and welcoming environment where all employees can thrive.

Current information about open positions with Habitat can be found at:

https://habitatportlandmetro.org/about-us/careers/
Our newsletter is preparing to go electronic! Make sure we have your email address. Call us to update your contact information.

Next Homeownership Classes

**August 10th**
- 9:30-11:30am  Owner's Association Dues and Responsibilities
- 12:00-2:00pm  Financial Wellness: Understanding Credit Scores and Credit Reports

**September 14th**
- 11:00-2:00am  The Power of Preparedness Summer Homeowner Event

**October 19th**
- 9:30-11:30am  Managing Federal Student Loan Repayment
- 12:00-2:00pm  Community Resilience: The Power of Preparedness

For full descriptions of upcoming classes, and to register, visit habitatportlandmetro.eventbrite.com. Please contact us if you need interpretation services at least 10 days before the scheduled class. All classes and events located at 1478 NE Killingsworth St Portland, OR 97211. RSVP required. Call 503-287-9529 x19 or email homeownership@habitatportlandmetro.org

“When an earthquake or large fire happens, the firefighters are not coming; their main job is to assess the situation. It will be up to us to assess our community needs and take care of our neighbors. When I learned this, I knew I had to be prepared to be one of the people who knew what to do. It comes from a sense of personal ownership.”

-Annette, Community Preparedness Advocate, NET/PBEM