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Housing Authority of Clackamas County **













Winter 2024



Relocation Support at Hillside Park

Mondays and Thursdays from 11am to 1pm at the Hillside Park Community Building.

For questions about relocation please contact Terri at 971-409-4971 or Reid at 206-387-2466.

Mercy Greenbrae Affordable Housing

Accepting applications starting January 22nd.

To learn more about the property, layout of the apartments and other features go to the project website at: www.mercyhousing/greenbrae

Clean Slate Clackamas **Expungement** Clinics

Every 2nd Monday 2pm to 6pm

108 11th St. in Oregon City

Free legal services to people in Clackamas County area seeking expungement of a criminal record impacting their ability to find work or qualify for housing.

Scan QR code below to connect to the clinic registration form.



Redevelopment at Hillside Park Moving Forward Residents in Phase I Using Their Vouchers to Move to a New Units

After many years of planning and preparation, the redevelopment of Hillside Park is finally moving forward -and now very quickly!

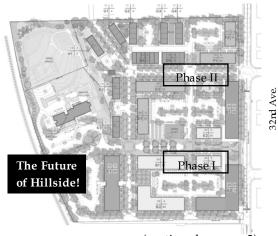
The new housing being built in this neighborhood will play an important role in responding to the housing crisis in our region and the need for more housing that is affordable in Clackamas County.

How this effort impacts the residents currently living at Hillside Park is very important. All residents affected by redevelopment are either receiving a Tenant Protection voucher or an option to transfer to another available public housing unit. HACC is covering all costs associated with moving for tenants.

Phase I of redevelopment at Hillside Park is starting with the area currently located on the south side of Hillside Court. The fifty-three households in this area are currently going through the

relocation process. These residents are supported by a Relocation team that are working hard to help them complete the process for receiving a voucher and using it to find a new place to live.

As demolition in Phase I is scheduled to start in April 2024, it is pressing for all Phase I residents to be moved out and into their new homes by March 31st, 2024.



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Mercy Greenbrae Apartments at Marylhurst Commons Accepting applications starting January 22nd!

This beautiful new community is located in Lake Oswego just a short walk to the Willamette River at the former Marylhurst University Campus.

Mercy Greenbrae offers one, two and three bedroom apartment homes for families with income less than 60% of Area Median income.

The community is expected to be ready for move-ins in late April 2024 and will be accepting applications starting January 22nd.

Questions? Property management staff can be reached by email at greenbrae@mercyhousing.org or by phone at 971-228-0288.

Financial Empowerment Resources

Build your credit, buy a house and file your taxes for free!

Check out these opportunities to save for homeownership, build and repair your credit and maximize the money you get back from filing your tax return.

HACC Home Saving\$

As part of becoming a *Moving to Work* agency, HACC has been able to allocate funding for a program to help residents to save for homeownership.

Households eligible to apply have household income of over \$40,000 a year, agree to complete Financial and Home Buying Education courses and meet quarterly with their Home \$avings Coordinator to connect to resources and review their financial goals.

Build Your Credit Every Time You Pay Your Rent!

Here at HACC, we can help you build your credit and raise your credit score when you sign up to have us report your monthly on-time rent payments to the credit bureaus. Having your rent reported in this way increases your credit score by demonstrating a history of paying bills on time.

We have successfully enrolled many residents in Rent Reporting and most have seen their credit scores rise significantly.

Keep More of What You Earn. Get Your Taxes Done with CASH Oregon!

Every year many low-income families miss taking advantage of tax credits they qualify for.

Take advantage of free, high quality tax preparation services by IRS certified volunteers. Services are offered in person at Free Tax-sites near you and through virtual appointments.

To sign up go to: www.cashoregon.org

If you are interested in enrolling or more information about any of the financial empowerment programs listed, please contact Jemila Hart at 503-702-1587.

Redevelopment of Hillside Park Moving Forward (continued from pg. 1)

300-629

720-850

All Hillside Park residents who are being relocated and who wish to return to Hillside after it is rebuilt will be given first preference to do so.

Your Relocation Team:

For Hillside Park residents in Phase I, please reach out to your Relocation Team for support and information. They are there to help.

Relocation staff, Terri and Reid, are on site at the Hillside Park Community Building on Mondays and Thursdays from 11 to 1pm. They can also be reached at 971-409-4971 (Terri) or at 206-387-2466 (Reid). If you have questions about your voucher, please reach out to Ashley Ferron at 503-867-7487.

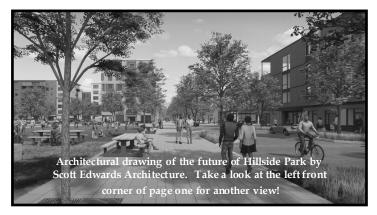
Relocation Dumpster Available On-site

For Hillside Park residents who are relocating and want to get dispose of unwanted items can use the dumpster located on site. Call maintenance if you need help getting large items inside.

Redevelopment Timeline

The following dates are an estimate and may be subject to change:

- November 2023 March 2024: Households in Phase I use vouchers to relocate to new homes.
- April 2024: Demolition of the units in Phase I
- Spring 2026: Construction in Phase I completed of three 4-story apartment buildings, totaling 275 units.



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After School Hours with Nissa From Trash for Peace!



Every Tuesday!

Recycled Arts & Crafts, School Support, Free Play, Snacks & More!

2:30 to 3:30pm at OCVM
In the community room on Longview Way

4 to 5pm at Clackamas Heights In the community room on Gain St.

Questions? Contact Nissa at Nissa.J@trashforpeace.org/503-280-3988

Calling All Young Artists!

Submit your entry for the 26th Annual:

Fair Housing Poster Contest

For Kids in Grades 1-8

Tuesday, February 13th From 4 to 6pm OCVM Community Building

Come & make your poster, learn about Fair Housing & have some snacks!

Fair Housing is the name for the civil rights laws that protect a person's right to live where they choose.



Artwork by: Halima Asad of Tigard, Grade 7 2023 Grand Prize Winner

AmeriCorps Volunteers:Getting Things Done in Your Community!

AmeriCorps volunteers have been serving the HACC housing neighborhoods by organizing community events, coordinating the two community gardens, and running the Free Food Markets since 2019!



Nichole Scott, an HACC resident, was hired as the

AmeriCorps Community Garden and Food Security Coordinator for Oregon City neighborhoods for the 2023-2024 service year. We asked her a few questions about why she joined and how it is going.

What made you want to do AmeriCorps?

I was really inspired by a close friend who served in AmeriCorps and seemed to grow so much from the experience. Food security had been an issue for me and my family growing up and so a job that focused on that was important and interesting to me.

What difference does it make for you to do this work in your own community?

Thorough this job, which involves inviting my neighbors to things that I am putting together in the community, I get to build stronger connections with them. I want to make a positive impact here in this neighborhood where my kids are growing up.

What things can people look forward in the neighborhood and community garden this spring?

I have a lot of great food demos planned. I love showing people how to cook and I take pride in being able to make gourmet food out of a food box — it's kind of like being able to build a mansion out of a card board box!

This spring, in addition to food demos and potlucks in the garden, I will be rebuilding some of the garden beds and doing some fruit tree pruning demos. I will also be surveying people about what plants they want to grow, posting daily garden tips and helping out with B-Town, a summer program for kids at Clackamas Heights and OCVM.

Reach me at 971-803-9202 or by email at: nscott@clackamas.us if you want to sign up for a garden bed or to get involved.

AmeriCorps volunteers are serving their communities across the nation tackling our county's most pressing challenges. In return, they receive a monthly stipend, training and an educational award. Check out AmeriCorps.org or Confluencenter.org to learn more.

Resources in Your Community

Need help paying for Child Care?

Scholarships are available for 3 months tuition at a licensed child care facility!

To be eligible:

- Your child must be 6 weeks to 12 years old
 - Your child car provider must sign on as a vendor to accept payment

For a link to the application — call/text 971-288-8264 or email dstammthomas@clackamas.us



Could you use support in recovery?

An Alcoholics Anonymous Group is starting on Thursdays from 4:30 to 5:30pm at the Oregon City View Manor Community (200 S. Longview Way in Oregon City)

Contact Peer Mentor Bryant Leathers at 458-253-7729 for more information.

Bryant can also be reached by email at bleathers@impactnw.org

Having a hard time getting to the grocery store or doctor's appointments?

The Pioneer Adult Community Center Transportation Program May be able to help!

The Center provides transportation for medical appointments, shopping and much more to residents of Oregon City and West Linn who are over 60 or who have a disability.

Call the Pioneer Center at 503-657-8287 to find out more and to reserve a ride!



Need Technology? iPads Available on Long Term Loan

The internet is key to being able to access many important supports & services.

If you are a student trying to access online classes, a senior citizen hoping to access resources in the community or a person looking for work and applying for jobs, these are all great reasons to check out an iPad from HACC Resident Services.

For more information, please contact Patricia at 971-990-8723.
Patricia can check out an iPad to you as an extended loan as well as provide information about low-cost internet servicers if you need it.



Housing Issues or concerns? Don't Wait. Mediate!

No cost mediation and conflict resolution services for both housing providers and renters in Clackamas County.

Mediation is impartial, confidential and voluntary.

Topics may include, but are not limited to:

Late Rent Pet concerns Repairs & damages Vacate dates
Payment plans
Neighbor complaints

Services are open to people pre and post eviction filing.

To open a Eviction Prevention case and have a Mediator follow up with you, please call 503-655-8850.

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Could your child use some new clothes for school?

The Bloomin' Boutique can help. BB is a non-profit organization dedicated to giving a hand up by providing new clothing, shoes, back packs, bedding and personal care items for youth age 0 to 18. Each child can be referred to the program three times.



Would they love to participate in an activity?

Building Blocks 4 Kids provides scholarships for kids to participate in fun activities of their choice. Scholarships can be for everything from sports to piano, girl scouts to the debate team, tutoring to guitar lessons.

For a clothing referral and/or a scholarship application contact Patricia at 971-990-8723.

PSU Intern with Your Resident Services Team!

We have been lucky enough here at Resident Services to have Patricia join us as part of her internship with the PSU School of Social Work.



You might have heard from Patricia already as she has been doing lots of outreach to connect people to December Holiday events and an upcoming Resident Advisory Board Meeting. She is also the person to call if you want a referral to Bloomin' Clothes Closet, Building Blocks for Kids Activities scholarships or want to borrow an iPad.

Among Patricia's many skills is knowing how to make soap! Just a few spaces left in her *Soap Making Demo* on January 30th at 1pm at the Hillside Manor Community Room.

Patricia can be reached at 971-990-8723.

Love Your Community Garden This Spring!

Claire Albright and Nichole Scott are the 2023-24 AmeriCorps Community Garden and Food Security Coordinators for the Clackamas Heights and Hillside neighborhoods.

They have done a lot of great work for the community already. A focus in the fall and winter has been organizing demonstrations of how to cook delicious food from what you grow in your garden and pick-up at the Free Food Markets.

Who knew things like squash, sweet potatoes, canned tuna, rice and pommelos could be turned into something so tasty!?

If you would like to get involved, have ideas about what would be great see happen in the gardens or want a garden bed of your own, please contact them.

For Hillside Park & Manor residents: Claire at 971-429-1238/calbright@clackamas.us



For CH & OCVM Residents: Nichole at 971-803-9202/ nscott@clackamas.us





Public Hearing on HACC Annual Plan & MTW Supplement

A Public Meeting to cover the Housing Authority of Clackamas County's (HACC) Annual Plan and Moving to Work (MTW) Supplement 2024 was held on Thursday, January 25th. Resident Advisory Board members and HACC staff were in attendance.

A Public Hearing to comment on HACC's Annual Plan and MTW Supplement 2024 - 2025 has been scheduled for February 22, 2024, before the HACC's Board of Commissioners.

The Commissioners meet at 10:00 AM in person and via zoom. For the Public Hearing zoom link contact Erin Fernald 971-501-0966 or go to the county website to register. Everyone is welcome to attend, and you can register to comment on the proposed plan and supplement.

The Draft Plan will be available for review from January 30-March 15, 2024 and will be found online at:

<u>www.clackamas.us/</u>

<u>housingauthority/plansandreports</u>

Hard copies will be available for public review at HACC's administrative office located at 13930 South Gain Street, Oregon City, OR, open Monday through Thursday, 8AM to 5PM, at various Housing Authority properties and at the Clackamas County Library at 16201 SE Mcloughlin, Milwaukie, OR 97267.

Written comments should be directed to the Housing Authority of Clackamas County, ATTN: Erin Fernald, P.O. Box 1510, Oregon City, OR 97045, or by email at EFernald@clackamas.us with subject line Annual Plan. Comments must be received by March 15, 2023 to be considered for the final versions.



HACC Operations Updates & Notices

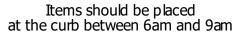
HACC Curbside Pick-Up!

HACC will pick up and dispose of old furniture or other large items, for FREE, on curbside collection days in:

March, June, September & January

1st Wednesday @ Clackamas Heights/OCVM 2nd Wednesday – Scattered Sites 3rd Wednesday – Hillside Park

Call and leave a message with the work order line at 503-650-3535 (*1 for Hillside Park, *2 for OCVM/CH, *3 for Scattered Sites) by the *previous Monday* to let them know that you have items for pick-up and disposal.

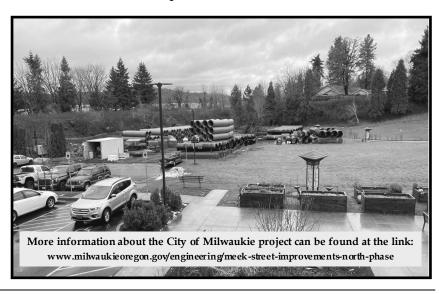




Curious about what is happening behind Hillside Manor?

The City of Milwaukie is working on a project to install a storm water pipeline along Hillside's western property line, and a pond just beyond the northwest corner of Hillside.

- The City acquired a temporary construction easement with Hillside to stage materials (pipes, manholes, equipment, etc.) in the field north of the Hillside Tower.
- The work along the Hillside areas of the storm water pipeline is scheduled to go through the end of April 2024.
- Construction work on the project will not be taking place before 7am or after 6pm.



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Reporting Changes in Your Income

It is very important in the Public Housing program to report, by phone or email, income changes in your household within 7 days.

If lose income — also be sure you report the change before the 15th of the month, so that your Occupancy Specialist has enough time to adjust your rent for the following month.

The amount of rent you pay is based roughly on 30% of your income. Not reporting changes in income is a lease violation that could jeopardize your

housing. You also could be required to pay back money owed on your subsidized rent.

The kinds of income changes that you are required to report include:

- If you start or stop your employment
- If your household income increases or decreases

To report an income change or if you have questions, please contact your Occupancy Specialist.



Property Management & Resident Services Staff Directory

Administration —	
Administration Office	(503) 655-8267
HACC Director	
Toni Karter HACC Director	(503) 650-3139
Property Management—	
Kellie Borgen <i>Clackamas Heights & OCVM</i>	(503) 650-3430
Ariana Stalcup Hillside Park & Scattered Sites	(503) 650-3415
Maintenance Office —	
Work orders	(503) 650-3535
Emergency #	(503) 780-3896
Resident Services —	
Elizabeth Miller Resident Services Supervisor	(503) 702-1587
Jemila Hart Human Service Coordinator II ROSS Grant & Scattered Sites	(503) 702-1587
Bernadette Stetz Resident Services Coordinator HomeForward OCVM & Clackamas Heights	(971) 930-0677
Bryant Leathers Recovery Housing Coordinator II Impact NW OCVM & Clackamas Heights	(428) 253-7729

Resident Services Continued	
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Equal Housing Opportunity



Free Food Markets

Could your household use some extra staples, canned goods and veggies this month? Pick up a food box at one of our neighborhood Free Food Markets!

Hillside Park — 4th Tuesdays

8 to 10am at Hillside Park in Milwaukie (10203 SE Hillside Ct.)



OCVM — 2nd Wednesdays

2nd Wednesdays from 8 to 10am at OCVM in Oregon City (200 S. Longview Way)

