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Outer Southeast Apartments Get Some TLC

by Nick Sauvie, Executive Director



The apartments at The Glen at Mt. Scott need more than just a fresh coat of paint - they need a new name!

With support from the **Portland Development Commission** and the city's new **Housing Bureau**, ROSE is halfway through acquisition and rehabilitation of two apartments in the Lents Town Center Urban Renewal Area. ROSE is about to purchase "The Glen at Mt. Scott" - 40 two and three-bedroom apartments on SE 92nd. It will provide great homes for families just two blocks from the Flavel light rail station on the new Green Line.

Last fall ROSE completed refurbishing Jim and Salle's Place near 77th and Steele. Like many properties in outer southeast, these buildings are 40 years old and suffer from a lack of tender loving care. Our

remodels provide energy efficiency, improved exterior looks and landscaping and lots of new finish work to the interior of the apartments.

ShoreBank Pacific is financing both projects. **Seabold Construction**, which built both Lents Village and Lents Town Center for ROSE, is back as general contractor. **Oregon Custom Builders** was the general contractor for Jim and Salle's Place.

Name "The Glen" Contest!

Does it bother you that every faceless condo building is named "The This" and "The That"? Catch yourself thinking, "I could've named that much better"? This is your chance to shine. We're having a contest to come up with a better name for our newest apartment community. If we use your selection, you'll win a CD of Woody Guthrie's Columbia River Collection. Send your ideas to vivian@rosecdc.org or call 503-788-8052.

ROSE builds community and strengthens neighborhood economies that Revitalize Outer South East.

So Long, LHI. Hello, East Portland Enhancement Project!

The Lents Homeownership Initiative (LHI) completed its five-year run in December, chalking up a number of accomplishments. Many of the fifty or so LHI partners spent the last year planning the East Portland Enhancement Project (EP2), another collaborative, comprehensive community development initiative.

LHI Outcomes

- Homeowners created (2005-2009) - **320**
- Proportion of LHI to total Lents home sales - **1 in 5**
- Home repairs - **376**
- Community events by LHI partners - **215**
- Lents Neighborhood Watch blocks before LHI - **2**; after LHI - **11**
- Percent increase in residents who rate Lents livability good or excellent (City Auditor's Survey 2005-2007) - **23%**

EP2 efforts over the next two years will be aimed at making East Portland a better place to live, work and raise a family. Special efforts will focus on a target area around SE 122nd Ave. These are outcomes that East Portland community leaders developed:

1. **Strong Connections** - Develop partnerships with at least 50 business, community and government organizations representing the diversity of East Portland by the end of 2010.
2. **Healthy Families** - Improve 1,000 healthy habits per year in the 122nd target area. Examples: Eat more fresh food or get more exercise.
3. **Economic Opportunities** - Increase the financial freedom of 130 households per year in Powellhurst-Gilbert and Lents through homeownership, new business start-ups or jobs.
4. **Resident Satisfaction** - In two years at least 60% of residents in Powellhurst-Gilbert will rate the neighborhood "good" or "very good" in overall livability. In 10 years, East Portland's livability will match the city of Portland average.

New partners are always welcome. To find out more, contact Nick Sauvie at 503-788-8052 x106 or nick@rosecdc.org.

Woody Guthrie Trail Rolls On



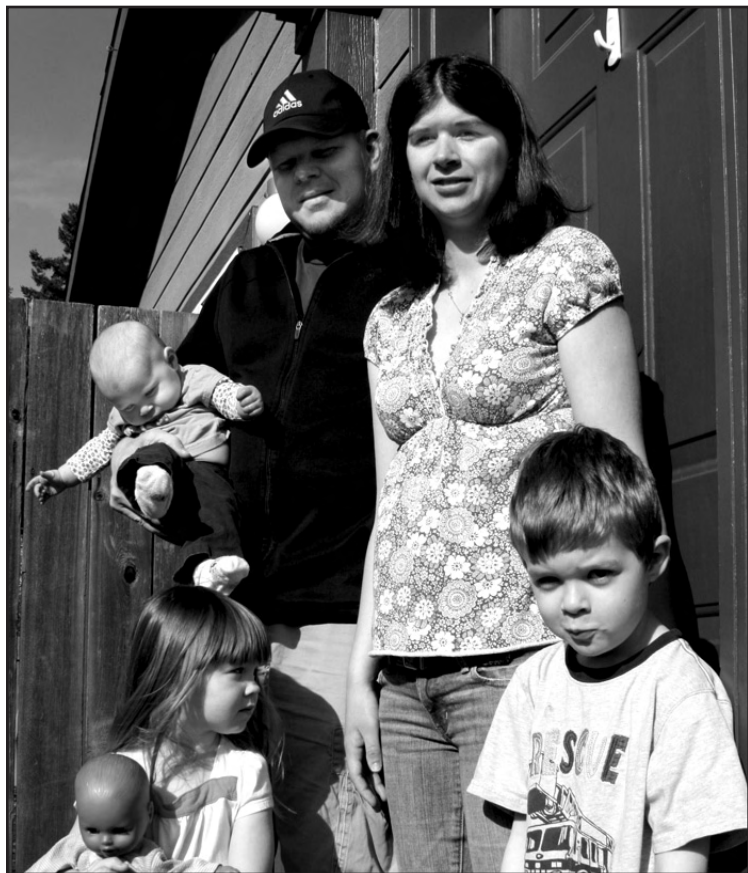
Peter Yarrow lends his support to the Woody Guthrie Trail, here with ROSE Executive Director Nick Sauvie

ROSE is leading an effort to rename "The I-205 Multi-Use Path" in honor of folksinger Woody Guthrie. The campaign got a little help from our friends at **Sisters of the Road** "WinterFolk" benefit concert on February 6, many performers – including **Peter Yarrow** of Peter, Paul and Mary fame – endorsed the effort to build East Portland pride by honoring Woody's contribution to Pacific Northwest history. Woody lived in Lents, near SE 92nd and Woodstock, for one month in 1941 while he wrote 26 songs to promote public works for the Bonneville Power Administration. Thanks to ex-ROSE board members **Mike and Anne Peterson** for making the connection with Peter.

Many organizations and individuals are behind us including the **Lents, Montavilla and Parkrose Heights neighborhood associations**, the **Northwest Oregon Labor Council** and the **OHSU Huntington's Disease Support Group**. The **Oregon Transportation Commission** will ultimately decide whether to give the people what they want. Join the Woody Guthrie Trail page on Facebook to keep up with the latest developments.

Putting Down Roots In East Portland

by Vivian Satterfield



2009 East Portland Homeownership Grant Winners the Mannthey family in front of their new home. Baby Julia (5 months), Paul, Valery, Kaydence (age 3), Ryan (age 5)

Paul and Valery Mannthey's new home is a short distance from Springwater Corridor, which is the first thing he mentions as I ride on as I ride up on my bike. "It's gorgeous outside," he said. "Did you ride Springwater here?". It's a beautiful sunny day and Powell Butte seems to rise directly out of the Manntheys' yard into the crystal blue sky. As Paul mows the lawn, I see the two little heads of his two eldest children peaking out of a living room window.

Paul finishes mowing and beckons me inside. The interior of their home is spacious and well-suited to their 5-person household. Paul proudly points out the improvements they made after they moved in, including some repainting and replacing appliances and light fixtures to match their personal taste. Valery is soft-spoken but smiles widely as we talk about what they like in their house. When I ask to take a photo of them in their favorite room, Paul responds "All of them, because they're all ours".

This is Paul and Valery's first home. They had been renting, but wanting to expand their family and thinking about their long-term finances, they realized homeownership was the answer. Paul attended a homeownership workshop at their apartment complex, but hadn't gained much knowledge until he went to the East Portland Homeownership Fair in 2009.

"I had so much information," he says now. "Pamphlets, brochures, business cards, just a ton of stuff." He knew that there would be a drawing for a \$4,000 homebuyer's assistance grant but looking around at the large room filled with hundreds of people, he couldn't imagine what the odds were. "When my name was called, I was shocked," he says.

That shock turned into nervous anticipation as they sat down with their realtor, East Portland Enhancement Project partner **Troy Wilkerson** and signed the closing documents on their home in late 2009. By then, baby Julia was born and they were ready to have a bigger space. As I was leaving, Paul made sure to let me know he was going to be volunteering at the fair this year. "This helped us out so much," he said. "Of course I want to give back."

What: The Fifth Annual
East Portland Homeownership Fair

Where: Ron Russell Middle School
3955 SE 112th Ave. (at Bush St.), Portland

When: Saturday, April 24th
from 10:00am to 2:00pm

- Free admission • Youth activities
- Door prizes • Workshops
- \$4,000 home buyer's assistant grant raffle

Child Care Provider Grows Through Network Support

by Sherrena Torrence, Child Care Networks Coordinator



Kathy Mcky has been able to run her own business successfully with the support and training through the CCIP network.

Like many family child care providers, Kathy Mcky wanted to stay home with her sons, Nathan & Jacob, but also needed to earn an income. So for the last 5 years, Kathy has been building her child care business, namely, Kathy's Day Care.

Kathy was in need of a support system and found it through the ROSE child care network. Initially she was drawn to the network because of the grant dollars that were needed to enhance her program. However, over the years she also realizes the importance of the support she receives on a regular basis through home visits, training and the interaction among her peers by attending the monthly network meeting.

Kathy has made many significant improvements, not only in her child care setting, but by educating herself through attending training, workshops and by taking parenting classes, all of which enhances the children's experiences in her care.

Kathy's goals include becoming a certified child care provider and an employer, with at least one assistant.

ROSE Does Digital!

ROSE is increasing our community online! We recently updated our website (www.rosecdc.org) and social media profiles.

By joining our Facebook fan page, you can keep up to date on ROSE happenings and connect with other members who care about Southeast Portland neighborhoods. Find us as ROSE Community Development and become a fan!

If you've ever sent a text message or used online chat, you'll love using Twitter. Twitter can be used to connect to new friends, stay updated on current news and happenings in the ROSE area. Follow us at www.twitter.com/rosecdc

We also have an e-newsletter which will be sent out more frequently with special news, photos, and upcoming events. E-mail Vivian@rosecdc.org to ensure you're put on that circulation list and help ROSE go digital!

Marysville Park Re-Opens; School Next?

Like you, the people of ROSE were horrified by the awful fire that destroyed Marysville School on November 10th. The tower of smoke was visible throughout southeast Portland. No one was hurt thanks to Principal **Lana Penley** and her capable Marysville staff. ROSE Developer **Mike Masat** managed construction of the school's new park and playground, which was completed just a few weeks before the fire.

The entire school was fenced off to investigate the fire and clean up the damage. The park – which was not damaged by the fire – re-opened for community use in January. In April the new soccer field will be grassed in and ready to go.

The community support for Marysville has been overwhelming. We were glad to hear that **Portland Public Schools** plans to rebuild the school. Come back soon, Marysville!

A time for change...

Sia Sellu, Rebecca Stavenjord, and Debi Truesdale are retiring from the board. Thank you all for your contributions and talents during your board terms.

Jennifer Will-Thapa, Resident Assets Coordinator, is leaving ROSE to pursue an opportunity in Baltimore, Maryland.

At the end of 2009 **Amie Diffenauer** left ROSE, where she had been serving as Community Organizer for four years.

Welcome!

Join us in welcoming new board members **Georgia McQueen**, a ROSE resident who has experience in a number of outer Southeast social service organizations, and **Martha Taylor**, a lawyer with the Community Development Law Center.

Sierk Braam is also joining us, formerly having worked with COCA in the Midwest and with Na-

tional City Bank here in the Pacific Northwest. He is now a commercial real estate broker.

Karen Hefflin is returning to the ROSE board. Previously she ran a credit union and is now self-employed.

Paul Ellison is also returning to the ROSE board. He manages the Bank of the West branch at SE 82nd & Division.

New board member **Emily Gabler** has had a long career in architecture, including a stint with an old ROSE partner, Portland Community Design.

Han Tran joined ROSE this month as Resident Assets Assistant. She has a Masters Degree in Social Work from the University of Washington and community building experience in Seattle, Portland and Vancouver, WA.

We are excited to have all of his energy and talent working on behalf of East Portland neighborhoods.

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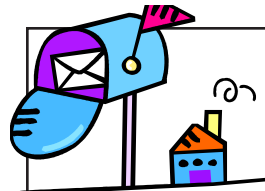
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