

The Good Neighbor Gazette

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Good News from your Real Estate Professional

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Indicators Hint at Better Days Ahead in Housing Market !!



Everybody needs a place to live! As employment conditions and consumer confidence improve, a greater number of potential buyers will return to the housing market.

Do Fewer House Holds Harbor Pent Up Demand?

Only 357,000 new households were created in 2010—down more than 70% from the average of 1.3 million per year recorded from 2002-2007. The 63 year low resulted from lower immigration rates and the fact that more Americans moved in with family members or doubled-up with friends during a time of greater economic instability. New household formation is expected to return to more normal levels as the recovery continues.

A Housing Shortage on the Way

In response to economic weakness, tighter credit and higher resale inventory nationwide, builders slammed on the brakes and slowed the pace of new home production by 70% since 2005. There were only 554,000 homes started in 2009—the fewest in any year since World War II—and there was little improvement

through 2010.

Overall, new homes have been built at less than half the rate needed to match the natural population growth over time—and a lengthy development process means it usually takes time for builders to ramp up production again. Therefore, some economists and industry experts have predicted that buyers may encounter a more limited supply of homes and rising prices in certain high-demand areas as soon as the end of 2011

Easter Seal's Oregon



5757 SW Macadam Ave. Portland
4/14 to 4/23

bouquets of 10 fresh-cut tulips for just \$5.00

April—My Best—Restaurant PDX

AQUA RIVER—Boasts an Italian-inspired menu using the finest Northwest ingredients. Go there for Lunch. You can find a fabulous table outside in the sun to watch the river. I recommend the Grilled Radicchio, and the Smoked Pork Loin. 4650 SW Macadam Ave. (503) 802- 5850
www.aquarivaportland.com

Celebrate Earth Day



Commercial air fresheners, don't remove odors, they just mask them—and coat your nasal passages in the process, which diminishes your sense of smell. If you have a stubborn odor lingering

in your home, try one of these natural air freshening alternatives instead:

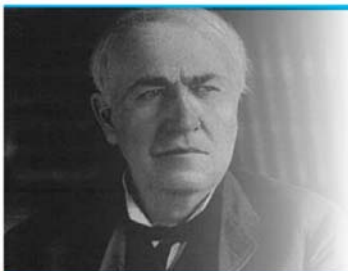
- *Place small bowls of baking soda in bathrooms, kitchens and hall closets.
- *Grind lemon or orange peels in the garbage disposal.
- *Simmer cinnamon or cloves in a few inches of water on the stovetop
- *Open your windows to keep the air circulating and to prevent odors from lingering

Earth Day has its 41 st. BDAY

The idea behind the day-honoring the planet and all living things that inhabit it—began during the early 1960's hippie movement, as Earth Day bloomed into a grass roots cause that eventually culminated in the first official US observance celebrated in 1970. Today many cities extend Earth Day celebrations for an entire week to increase awareness of recycling and better energy efficient communities that culminates with official Earth Day observances on April 22, 2011

Don't forget TAX DAY

April 15, 2011



"Anything that won't sell, I don't want to invent. Its sale is proof of utility, and utility is success."
- Thomas Edison

APRIL EVENTS

April 1—April Fools Day

April 15—Tax DAY

April 22—Good Friday

April 22—Earth Day

April 22—23th —Spring Beer and Wine Fest

April 24—Easter Sunday

Delectable Soda Bread



Ingredients:

- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 1/3 cup white sugar
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 egg, lightly beaten
- 2 cups buttermilk
- 1/4 cup butter, melted

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 325 degrees F (165 degrees C). Grease a 9x5 inch loaf pan.
2. Combine flour, baking powder, sugar, salt and baking soda. Blend egg and buttermilk together, and add all at once to the flour mix. Mix just until moistened. Stir in butter. Pour into prepared pan.
3. Bake for 65 to 70 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in the bread comes out clean. Cool on a wire rack. Wrap in foil for several hours, or overnight, for best flavor.



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Spring Beer and Wine Fest



Friday, April 22 & Saturday, April 23, 2011 at the 17th Annual Spring Beer & Wine Fest.

- **Hop aboard** the Tour de Cheese
- **Mingle** with artisan brewers, vintners, distillers & cheese makers
- **Nibble** on tasty gourmet delights
- **Get schooled** at the Chefs Stage - and eat your homework
- **Groove** to tunes from hot NW bands

Admission is free the first two hours each day. The Spring Beer & Wine Fest may be about education, but school has never been this much fun!

Green Continues to be Keen



Products and materials such as bronze, copper, clay, cotton, linen and hemp – which are environmentally friendly and can be repurposed or recycled at the end of their lifespan, will be high in demand!!

[Click here for the latest Market Action Report Portland Metro Area](#)

If you are thinking of buying or selling a home in the near future, please call for a personal interview and property assessment with no obligation. This is not intended as a solicitation if your property is currently listed with another agent.



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