

**MEDIA ADVISORY**

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**CLACKAMAS COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS SET TO BURN DOWN HOUSE**

MILWAUKIE, Ore. – Firefighters from Clackamas County Fire District 1 will burn down a vacant house on Saturday, Nov. 16 to make way for a new housing development sponsored by Clackamas Community Land Trust (CCLT).

Approximately 20 firefighters will converge at the site at 11111 SE Fuller Road to conduct a training exercise by burning down a 1,000-square-foot house that needs to be demolished to make way for 14 attached-unit dwellings due for completion this summer. CCLT and the fire district decided to partner on the house burning to save time and money, according to CCLT Program Director Nancy Yuill. “We don’t have to pay to demolish the home, and we were able to provide a training opportunity to our local firefighters,” Yuill said. “Fire District 1 has been a real pleasure to work with on this joint venture.”

Mike Temple, Fire District captain and assistant training officer, said the exercise will give his department the opportunity to study fire behavior, extinguishing methods, apparatus use and water shuttling, which involves carrying water from a hydrant to the fire scene. “We get an excellent opportunity to train at very little cost,” Temple said.

The house burning will begin at 8 a.m. with a series of smaller fires in each room of the house. When the structure is declared unsafe, it will be entirely engulfed in a controlled burn, Temple said. The house should be burnt to the ground entirely by 2 p.m.

CCLT is a nonprofit organization dedicated to creating affordable home ownership opportunities for low and moderate income people in Clackamas County. The land trust concept makes home ownership affordable by retaining ownership of the land while selling the property that sits on it, thus eliminating the cost of the land from the purchase price. CCLT has built or refurbished 12 homes, including 11 in Milwaukie and one in Oregon City. Fuller Road represents its largest development to date.

**PLEASE NOTE:** This event had originally been scheduled for Nov. 2, but had to be postponed due to the weather and prior fire district commitments.

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