

Elements of Joy

As a native Oregonian, born and raised in Portland, I offer a unique perspective. I have been witness to numerous changes and insurmountable growth. I am constantly looking for new and innovative ways to support our community and neighbors. Whether you're thinking of buying, selling or financing real estate, or just want to stop by, say "Hi," and share ideas, I'd love to hear from you....Joy



Real Estate Diction

- ▷ **Convenient:** Located on freeway entrance ramp.
- ▷ **Motivated seller:** Has been on market 14 years; owner has died.
- ▷ **Mint condition:** Someone has spilled mouthwash on the carpet.
- ▷ **Natural decor:** Beach mats stapled to walls, murals of nudes and Elvis.
- ▷ **Lots of built-ins:** Previous owner nailed furniture to the walls.
- ▷ **WOW!:** Do not go in alone!
- ▷ **Fixer-upper:** Quick, before it falls down.
- ▷ **Wide-open floor plan:** Previous owner removed supporting walls.
- ▷ **Secluded back yard:** Auto salvage business next door has high fence.
- ▷ **Outstanding:** Sticks out like a sore thumb.

Be sure to look for more humorous glossary terms in next month's issue.

Going Green: The Organic Craze

The organic craze is sweeping the nation. From television, to radio, to your local grocer, going green is the new black. While an organic lifestyle is both healthy and progressive, it can also be expensive. Fortunately, right here in Oregon we have an abundance of affordable green resources and services. Here are just a couple:

▷ **The "ReDirect Guide"** is a free publication available throughout the Portland Metro area. Its listings consist of merchants and service providers dedicated to saving energy and the environment. It is a great resource for Oregonians looking to spend locally and save. You can also go to www.ReDirectguide.com for more information.

▷ **The Oregon City Farmers Market** is open from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM located in the Clackamas County Public Services Building parking lot. It is one of many Farmer's markets throughout Oregon that is open to the public. The Farmer's Market is a popular venue for the purchase, sale, and trade of organic food. It is often inexpensive and enjoyable. Each market is unique and offers a great opportunity to meet and mingle with friends and neighbors.

Look for more useful tips in the next issue including 10 tips to buying organic foods and products on a budget

*A guy shows up late for work. The boss yells,
"You should've been here at 8:30!"
The guy replies, "Why? What happened at 8:30?"*

Your Trivial Pursuit

How many shopping malls are there in the United States?

Be the first to call me at 503.657.7047 with your answer and **win movies tickets for two!**

Local Happenings

▷The year is 1972. The first call made on a cellular phone is placed in New York. Bobby Fischer defeats Boris Spassky to become America's first chess champion in Iceland. And more importantly the first **Hacky Sack is invented in Oregon City**. John Stalberger and Mike Marshall take what was once a bean bag foot toss and rename it Hacky Sack.

The game quickly becomes recognized and the National Hacky Sack Association is formed in 1975. Still today Hacky Sack is entertaining the masses. From college campuses and state parks, to national competitions and our own backyards, its popularity stays strong. So next time your in Oregon City grab a sack and hack away.

▷Do you like to laugh? Then funny-ha-ha it up at your neighborhood pub! Right here in Oregon City we have our very own comedic gold mine. Every month a new comedian breezes through the OC packing a bag of jokes guaranteed to make you chuckle over a chilled brew and a burger. Take a date, a friend, mom or dad and enjoy a laugh. **The Wichita Pub** is located at 19140 South Molalla Avenue, Oregon City, OR 97045.

*"If you have built castles in the air your work need not be lost;
that is where they should be.*

Now put the foundations under them."

▷Henry David Thoreau

Thanks

Let me take this opportunity to thank all of you for your continued support and readership. I hope this newsletter is both entertaining and informative. Your feedback is appreciated and encouraged. I look forward to hearing from you in the future. If you need anything just drop me a line.

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Welcome!

I'd like to take a time-out and introduce you to the newest members of our Real Estate family. A special thanks to each and every one of you for your support and ongoing referrals.

"Happiness is as a butterfly which, when pursued, is always beyond our grasp, but which if you will sit down quietly, may alight upon you."

▷Nathaniel Hawthorne

Presidential Perks

▷**James Buchanan** was the only president to not have been married. His niece, Harriet Lane took over as First Lady.

▷**Woodrow Wilson** is the only president buried in Washington D.C.

▷**John F. Kennedy** was the only president to win a Pulitzer Prize for his novel 'Profiles in Courage'.

▷**Abe Lincoln** was the only President to receive a patent. Why? He invented a means of buoying vessels over shoals.

▷**Richard M. Nixon** was the first president to visit all 50 states.

▷The candy, Baby Ruth was named after the birth of **Grover Cleveland's** daughter, Ruth.

▷**Andrew Jackson's** tombstone does not mention that he served as a president.