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NEWSLETTER

Once again, we are looking forward to the opening of our 50 unit Elm Park housing project in Forest Grove. The projected date for the completion of the construction stage is now August 1, 1984. Occupancy should follow immediately after this.

Our original hopes of opening the doors in late April or early May were dashed when the original contractor, Franke Construction of Bend, Oregon, quit business. (Of course the weather also would have caused us considerable delay had Franks not quit the scene). This left Elm Park 95% complete. As they say, so close but oh so far. There was a full bond on the project, but it took considerable time to shuffle all the papers and negotiate a contract with the bonding company. Finally in June, Jack Armes and Associates, of Portland, resumed construction. Things are once again on track and hopefully no further delays will be encountered. But given our history, don't hold your breath.

We hope to fill up the 22 year-round units very quickly. There was great interest in Elm Park before the delay occurred. We have readvertised the project. The "seasonal" occupancy has for the most part been lost, but we will take applications for the seasonal units and allow them to be occupied through October.

We have contracted with the Portland property management firm of Walker-Marlow to manage Elm park. They have assigned Cherri Paul to the project. She has worked very hard with us and we are fortunate indeed to be able to work with Walker-Marlow and Cherri. They have hired Archie Gillespie to be the on-the-sight manager. Archie is a Guatemalan-born U.S. citizen who is equally fluent in Spanish and English.

Our consultant Chris Nelson has accepted a professorship with Kansas State University and will be leaving at the end of July. Chris's work has been invaluable to the HDC and without him we probably would not have gotten Elm Park built. Our funds to pay Chris Nelson ran out long ago, but he has continued to work with us to realize our goal of quality farmworker housing. The HDC has presented Chris a plaque expressing our appreciation.

Our annual meeting has been delayed and we have now set it for the evening of September 26, 1984, at the Centro Cultural in Cornelius. We will be sending you further notice of the meeting. But please mark your calendars now.

We would like to ask you to assist us in finding tenants for Elm Park. If you know of any families that might qualify, tell them to pick up an application at Centro Cultural in Cornelius or contact Cherri Paul at 295-1906.

We also need to bring new members into the HDC. If you know of anyone who is interested in joining, ask them to send a letter expressing their interest in joining the HDC to our secretary Roy Malenski. His address is:

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Hillsboro, OR 97123

We urge you to drive by the project at your convenience to see what we have accomplished. We'll see you in September.