

## Juneberry development opens doors for low- to middle-income homebuyers

Monica Dahrens, a single mother of two who just moved into a home at Juneberry Lane, had always wanted to own her own home.

But after a divorce and losing her job of nine years, she no longer believed it was possible.

"I had the ability to save money," she said, "but it was never quite enough for a 20 percent down in the regular market."

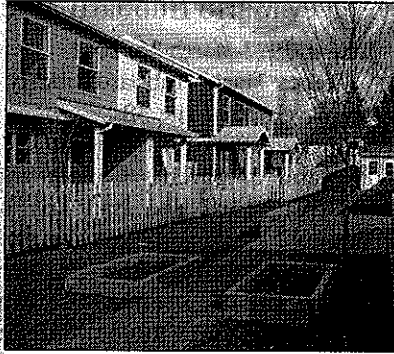
Then she found Juneberry Lane, an affordable housing project.

Clackamas Community Land Trust will host an open house this weekend to highlight affordable homes for sale at the recently completed Juneberry Lane development in Oregon City. The open house, which will include tours of the 12 attached, LEED Platinum-certified homes, will take place Sunday, April 10, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 107 SE Morton Road.

The two-, three-, and four-bedroom homes at Juneberry Lane are affordably priced from just \$115,000-\$135,000 and are available for purchase by households with low to moderate incomes who qualify through CCLT's homeownership program.

When Dahrens learned about CCLT, she was surprised to find her dream of homeownership was just within reach. Because the nonprofit community land trust removes the cost of the land from the purchase price of the home, Dahrens was able to purchase a new four-bedroom home for little more than the cost of a rental unit.

CCLT's homes are designed to be sustainable, both for the homebuyer and the environment. Juneberry Lane is certified as an Earth Advantage Community, where each home features high levels of insulation, Energy Star appliances, low- or no-VOC finishes, as well as private and shared greenspace.



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The homes at Oregon City's Juneberry development.

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