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**Community warm homes project slated for Oakridge/Westfir**



Word on the street this weekend will be talk about an upcoming Oakridge area community project that matches residents with assistance for home heating, weatherization and home repair upgrades. That's because on Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, volunteers will begin canvassing the community with door hangers inviting residents to attend a workshop to learn more about program opportunities. The workshop will be held on Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, at the Middle Fork Ranger Station in Oakridge.

"We want residents to know we'll be in the community leaving program information on residential doors," said Gordon Zimmerman, Oakridge city administrator. "Volunteers will be in neighborhoods for several days distributing the information. They will be easy to spot, donning "Warm Homes/Clean Air" white sweatshirts."

The program will officially kick-off with the Saturday morning workshop at 9:30 AM, where individuals will learn about what's available and have an opportunity to fill out a preliminary application form demonstrating interest in the program. The forms will be later screened to match residents with assistance, then one-on-one contacts will be made directly through program managers.

"These agencies and organizations have come together to offer what we hope will be a very beneficial program for our area," said Zimmerman. "There is a lot of assistance available, and not all is targeted toward those in economic need."

Residents are asked to attend the workshop to learn more about the program. Application/interest forms will be available after January 28<sup>th</sup> at Oakridge City Hall.

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