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**Top Parade Honors Two Years In A Row!**



This year's Independence Day parade theme of "Neighbors Helping Neighbors" couldn't have been more perfect for celebrating OPAL's 25th year.

Supporters, residents and staff carried fun signs created by OPAL homeowner Carla Stanley and friends. The Chamber of Commerce

rewarded OPAL's entry – entitled "Good Neighbors since 1989" – with the \$100 top prize.

**Come and Celebrate OPAL's First 25 Years: Annual Benefit Dinner and Gala, September 20**



You've helped make it happen: 100 homes. 29 apartments. 129 households with safe, healthy housing they can afford. You've built a community asset that will benefit Orcas for generations. *It's time to celebrate!*

The party begins at 5:30 in the Madrona Room at Orcas Center. Mary Russell of the Orcas Village Store will be our celebrity chef. We'll have our fabulous dessert auction, a look at OPAL's accomplishments and insights about what's ahead from Executive Director Lisa Byers, and a paddle raise to launch OPAL's next 25 years.

**Tickets are \$125 per person. Space is limited.**

**Reservations:** (360) 376-3191 or [www.opalclt.org/news/events](http://www.opalclt.org/news/events)

**A Flurry of OPAL Homes for Sale Means Affordable Options for More Islanders**

So far this year, OPAL staff members are facilitating the sale of 18 OPAL houses. That means 18 more Orcas families have an opportunity to buy an affordable island home.



*Three recently moved houses that are being renovated by OPAL on Seaview Street.*

OPAL staff has been busily working with buyers and sellers. Twelve of the houses are being sold – or have already been sold – by their current owners. Six are houses that OPAL has moved and renovated – or is in the process of renovating.



*This house in Opal Commons will have new owners soon.*

**OPAL houses become available for a variety of reasons:** a death or a decision to move off-island, the ability to purchase a house in the standard market, or a life change that necessitates a move. Every resale creates an opportunity for OPAL to serve more islanders. That's the beauty of the community land trust model. OPAL houses remain

*permanently* affordable for future buyers. And the community's investment – *your* investment – in affordable housing is never lost.

**Who are the new buyers?**

Singles. Couples. Young families with children. Single moms with kids. The new homeowners work in construction, restaurants and retail. They are teachers and small business owners.



*A recently sold house in Wild Rose Meadow.*

What they have in common is their desire to put down roots on Orcas and to share their skills and talents – contributing to our lives and the life of our island community.

***Curious about OPAL houses that are currently for sale? Go to [www.opalclt.org](http://www.opalclt.org) and look under "Buy Your Home."***