

# The Bible Students Retirement Centers, Inc.

Fairview, OR • FALL 2018

## Livable Portland: ONCE AGAIN AARP RANKS PORTLAND IN THE TOP TEN

### WHAT MAKES PORTLAND SO LIVABLE?

The positive aspects highlighted are the CLIMATE, accessibility of good HEALTH CARE, a healthy GENERAL ECONOMY and LOW CRIME rates.

When they evaluate Portland, one of the few downside items that is mentioned is the COST OF HOUSING. The general population in the Portland area experiences what is considered higher than average housing costs. BUT, this is where the Retirement Center steps in!

### AFFORDABLE HOUSING

One of the important, original concepts of the Center was affordable housing. That is still true 35 years later.

The successful management of the finances and facility has resulted in a cost of living at the Retirement Center

that is significantly below the national average and especially below Portland averages.

When you factor in the SPIRITUAL ENVIRONMENT that is available at the BSRC, the bottom line is that for the spiritually oriented, THERE IS NO BETTER PLACE TO RETIRE THAN OUR OUTSTANDING BSRC.

See the real facts about the Portland weather on page four...  
DON'T MISS IT!!!



### RECOMMENDATION

Get your name on the waiting list and get in line for a unit at the Center.

Unit Styles: 2 bedroom 2 bath with garage,  
1 bedroom with garage, 2 bedroom, studio.

Rentals range from \$360 to \$1016 per month depending on size of unit.

*Greetings from  
some of your  
Brethren  
at the BSRC...*



Margaret Ferlejewski  
Since 1985, from Michigan



Michael Colletti  
Since 2014, from Florida



Key Clemmitt  
Since 2012, from Oregon



Joanna Blecharz, Since 2017  
from Oregon



Sharon Fifield, Since 2014  
from Oklahoma



Dan and Janet Wojcik  
Since 2014, from Oregon





# Fall Fellow

A SEMI-ANNUAL



**T**he BSRC Board of Directors usually meet for Board meetings on-site in Fairview three times a year. The Directors fly and drive in from their homes scattered around the country and the meetings usually take place on a Thursday and Friday. Typically that happens in February, June and October.

After the October and February Board meetings an all-day meeting is arranged and one or two guest speakers from around the country are invited to participate. Those mini-conventions are called a Fellowship Gathering and there are discourses, testimonies and lots of music. It's definitely a spiritual highlight of each of those seasons. This last October our guest speaker was Brother David Doran from Louisville, Kentucky. Br. Doran gave a

discourse, led a study and played the organ. About 75 brethren were in attendance. It was a blessed gathering. Lunch was provided by the BSRC.

Br. Doran's discourse on Saturday was on the topic of "1914" and especially focused on the role of Israel in that prophetic time period. He also led a study on Christian character and that study focused on lessons from our Lord's experiences during his first advent with the Pharisees and the other religious leaders of his day. Jesus frequently called out the hypocritical behavior of those leaders and the personal lessons for us were inescapable. Additionally Br. Doran also served ecclesias in the local area. His visit was a huge blessing and greatly appreciated.



# Ship Day

## GATHERING



*Blest Be  
the Tie that  
Binds...*



## Travel Bulletin & Suggestion

You may have heard that the 2019 General Convention will be held in Idaho. The convention site is about a 6-hour drive from the Retirement Center. Much of the drive is through a National Scenic Area (the Columbia River Gorge). If you choose to fly into the Portland Airport (always ranked either the #1 or #2 airport in the US) we can help arrange for you to get to the convention. You could visit the Center before or after the convention. Attend the General Convention and visit the BSRC all in one wonderful trip to the West Coast. Let us know if you'd like to do that.



*You Must Visit  
Our Website*

It's great! And you will see that it's packed with lots of information and pictures.

[www.thebsrc.org](http://www.thebsrc.org)

The first time you sign-in we ask you to do an easy **registration**. Why do we do this? It's important to us that we keep the Retirement Center info within the Bible Student community. After we receive your registration, we will very quickly approve your request for access.

After that you can access the site anytime you want.

We've recently added a "Community Services" page.

The site also has pages on shopping, transportation and health care facilities. Plus lots of pictures of our brethren and the beautiful local area.



# Construction Update



Building C with tarps and caution tape for everyone's safety, October 2018

**B**uildings always require maintenance so last year the Board contracted a construction consulting firm to review all structures on the BSRC property and to present to the Board a comprehensive list of required maintenance.

Every building was looked at, attics were checked, windows tested, etc. The items that were at the top of the maintenance list for the Board to be concerned with were the second floor decks and stairs on buildings C and F. The Board immediately made plans for the upgrading of those surfaces and structures.

We are happy to report that those improvements have now been completed. The project required that some second floor residents were temporarily displaced. The cooperation was outstanding.



Construction worker laying the plywood for the new deck on Building C

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## What about the RAIN?

Considering the national averages Portland is right in the middle. That means about half the country gets less rain than Portland and half the country gets more. Just for fun here are some of the cities that get **more** rain than Portland: Atlanta, Birmingham, Boston, Hartford, Houston, Jacksonville, Louisville, Memphis, Miami, Nashville, New Orleans, New York City, Orlando, Providence, Raleigh, Richmond, Tampa, Virginia Beach.

## What about the SNOW?

On the average Portland gets snow 2 days a year for a total of 3 inches. Here are a few fun comparisons:

NEW YORK CITY	11 days of snow, total of 25"
DETROIT	36 days of snow, total 43"
CHICAGO	29 days of snow, total 37"

## Portland HIGHS and LOWS

Summer High: the July high is around 80 degrees.  
Winter Low: the January low is 35 degrees.



**F-Bldg., Upstairs  
2 Bedrooms, 1 Bath**

## One Unit Coming Soon!

**Two Bedroom / One Full Bath  
Upper Level / \$704 per month**

Expected Availability:  
Spring 2019

- Open Concept Living/Dining Room with vaulted ceiling
- U-shaped Kitchen
- Private Balcony with a great view
- Upper Level accessible via stairs or elevator
- Laundry room
- \$704 / month rent
- Unfurnished

**For More Information Contact  
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