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**News Briefs:**

OPAL has been awarded a **\$1,504,729 grant** from the Washington Housing Trust Fund to complete the purchase and remodeling of the 22 apartments in eight buildings at **Lavender Hollow**. We expect the sale to close in 2009 and construction to start in 2010.

**Jeanne Beck** will be project manager and **Gabriel Olmsted** will supervise the green building and quality control for Lavender Hollow renovation work.

- ☛ The OPAL Board of Trustees has approved the **construction of Phase II of the Wild Rose Meadow Neighborhood** (14 homes). That will bring the total new homes in the neighborhood to 32. Terra Firma, NW will continue as general contractor, with Justin Paulsen at the helm.
- ☛ The 18th and final homebuyer in Phase I of Wild Rose Meadow is scheduled to move into their new house in August.
- ☛ How do you like this update? We are considering different ways to communicate with our members, such as this post card in lieu of a longer and more costly printed newsletter. Or perhaps more frequent distribution of OPAL news briefs electronically via email; or we might ask if you'd like a choice of a print or electronic newsletter. Please give us feedback at outreach@opalclt.org.



☛ **The OPAL pie booth will return!** Bake some or buy some on **Saturday, August 8, at the Library Fair.**

☛ The *Soirée by the Sea* has exciting new items for the September 12 auction and dinner including a week's stay in an 18th century plantation in St. Croix; an old-fashioned summer BBQ for 20 catered by Bill Patterson at a private Orcas beach; and even 100 gallons of San Juan Propane delivered to your tank. Sponsors for the auction are Island Hardware & Supply, Terra Firma, NW, Orcas Excavators, Islanders Bank, and the Episcopal Church Parish Hall. Enjoy a sumptuous feast of locally grown food prepared by additional sponsor Red Rabbit Farm Catering (Bruce and Christina Orchid). **Space is limited**, so book your place now. \$75 per person. **Call 376-3191.**

