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Golden Gate Village Launches Construction Trades Program for Marin City Residents

Marin City, CA — November 18, 2025 — Golden Gate Village today launched its new Construction Trades Program, a collaborative effort between the Marin Housing Authority, Burbank Housing, and Tradeswomen Inc. The free program is designed to help residents of Golden Gate Village and Marin City gain the skills, tools, and connections needed to build long-term careers in the construction industry.

The 12-week program equips participants with essential certifications and practical experience, including OSHA-10, First Aid/CPR, resume development, financial literacy, and mental health and physical training support. Each participant will also receive a complete uniform, a full set of tools, and a \$100 weekly stipend.

Representatives from various trades will visit the program to share insights, resources, and potential employment opportunities. Upon completion, Tradeswomen Inc. will assist graduates in securing jobs, including potential opportunities to help revitalize the community they call home.

"At Burbank Housing, our mission extends beyond simply providing a roof over someone's head. We believe true stability and success come from offering both housing and opportunity. This partnership with Tradeswomen, Inc. perfectly embodies that commitment." said Larry Florin, CEO & President of Burbank Housing. "This initiative provides the hands-on training, mentorship and support that will empower women to pursue high-demand, well paying-trades careers, giving them tools they need to achieve long term financial independence and success for themselves and their families."

The launch event took place Monday, November 10, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. at the Golden Gate Village Community Center. The celebration introduced the student cohort, featured remarks from project partners and community leaders.

"The Tradeswomen Construction Program at Golden Gate Village has opened the doors for our residents to build strong, lasting careers in the skilled trades." echoed Kimberly Carroll, Executive Director, Marin Housing Authority. "We are proud to support a pathway that empowers women and men to cultivate local talent, and strengthen our community from within".

For more information about the Construction Trades Program, visit www.marinhousing.org/ or for media inquiries, please contact Jacqueline Mendez JMendez@marinhousing.org or Stefanie Bagala@burbankhousing.org.

About Golden Gate Village

Built in 1961 and designed by Frank Lloyd Wright protégé Aaron Green, Golden Gate Village was created to house workers—many of them African American shipbuilders—after World War II. Now listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the 296-unit community remains home to nearly 300 low-income families. The revitalization of Golden Gate Village aims to preserve this vital housing resource, retain its historic character, and ensure long-term affordability for generations to come.

About Burbank Housing

Burbank Housing is a nonprofit affordable housing provider with over 40 years of experience building, rehabilitating, and managing affordable communities across the North Bay. Known for its commitment to long-term community partnerships, Burbank Housing was selected by the Marin Housing Authority to lead the revitalization of Golden Gate Village following a public process. The selection of Burbank Housing aligns with the Resident Plan's priorities, which center on community input, preservation, and affordability.

About Marin Housing Authority

MHA has served as Marin County's public housing agency, providing affordable housing solutions and rental assistance to low-income residents since 1942. As the owner and operator of Golden Gate Village, MHA administers federal housing programs, manages public housing developments, and works to preserve and develop affordable housing opportunities throughout Marin County.

About Tradeswomen, Inc.

Founded in 1979, Tradeswomen, Inc. (TWI) was one of California's first organizations for women in the trades and continues to be one of the most active and effective organizations in the nation focused exclusively on the needs of women in the skilled trades.

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