



NEWS UPDATE 09-28-2017

➔ **Pierce County Affordable Housing and Homelessness State Policy Summit**

Please join the Washington Low Income Housing Alliance for a community conversation about state-level policy solutions and increasing the will to prevent homelessness and expand access to affordable housing.

The Washington State Legislature will convene for the next state legislative session in January 2018, and there is opportunity for lawmakers to pass public policies that will significantly improve access to affordable housing and homelessness services in Pierce County, and across the state.

Join this conversation to learn about the Housing Alliance's 2018 policy priorities and discuss the local impacts, to share your feedback and ideas, and learn how you can engage in state-level advocacy to pass these policy solutions. All community members are welcome!

In partnership with:

Associated Ministries

Catholic Community Services of Western Washington

Pierce County Homeless Coalition

Puyallup Homeless Coalition

Tacoma Pierce County Affordable Housing Consortium

Tacoma Housing Authority

Date: Tuesday, October 10, 2017

Time: 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Location: Tacoma Public Library Main Branch

Olympia Meeting Room

1102 Tacoma Ave S, Tacoma, WA 98402

RSVP: Kate Baber at kateb@wliha.org or 206-442-9455 x200

➔ **Native American Homebuyer Assistance Programs Meeting**

USDA Rural Development Washington State Office, Olympia, Washington

9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, October 25th, 2017.

You are invited to participate in a meeting to discuss how we can expand homeownership opportunities to tribal members. This meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 25, 2017, at USDA Rural Development's State Office in Olympia, Washington.

During this meeting, we will discuss how tribes can collaborate with local lenders to provide tribal members access down payment and other homeownership resources available through the Washington State Housing Finance Commission and the Federal Home Loan Bank of Des Moines.

Presenters

- **Deanna Poling**, Assistant Vice President, Down Payment Products Manager, Federal Home Loan Bank of Des Moines
- **Lisa DeBrock**, Division Director, Homeownership, Washington State Housing Finance Commission
- **Iris Friday**, Native American Program Specialist/184 Loan Coordinator, Office of Native American Programs, HUD
- **Trudy Teter**, Single Family Housing Programs Director, USDA Rural Development

If you are able to attend, please register [here](#)

➔ Financing

Bond/Tax Credit Applications are now being accepted for projects that can close no later than May 2018. Projects applying must have their financing resolutions presented to the Commission no later than the April 2018 Commission meeting. The deadline for application submission is October 27, 2017. You may download the application here: <http://www.wshfc.org/mhcf/4percent/mfhapp.htm>

➔ Aging & Disability Resources

See lots of great information with links to various subjects. From the recent **The Equifax Data Breach: What to Do to Mobile Optometrist Comes to Pierce County** the newsletter is filled with material worthy of a look and possible sharing. Do you want to learn about **Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR)** or **Social Security 2018** or even **Supporting People with Dementia and Their Caregivers in the Community** take a look below. There is something for everyone.

This information is provided as a service of the **Pierce County Aging & Disability Resource Center** and is intended for sharing throughout the county. To receive this e-newsletter, please contact Bob Riler at (253) 798-7384 or briler@co.pierce.wa.us.

The ADRC E-Newsletter may be viewed as a PDF at www.PierceADRC.org "News & Events."

➔ Pierce County's New Community Action Programs Manager - Lauren Walker Lee

Her first day with us will be October 4, 2017. She will oversee a staff of 50+ individuals that operate programs serving the most vulnerable citizens of Pierce County, including the Early Childhood Education Assistance Program (ECEAP), Energy Assistance Program (EAP) and career and employment programs.

Lauren is a seasoned leader with a proven track record of serving those that need help the most. Lauren's background includes the last 22 years as the Executive Director of the Fair Housing Center of Washington, located here in Tacoma. She also served in elder care capacities as an Advocacy Coordinator, Senior Center Coordinator and a Long-term Care Ombudsman. She served two terms as a City of Tacoma Councilmember. She holds a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Oregon and a Master's Certificate from Boston College. Her experience will be invaluable in meeting our mission of linking individuals and families in need with services to improve their quality of life and promote self-sufficiency.



Community Trainings
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➔ Community Trainings - YWCA

Art as Intervention	10-06, 8:30 – 12:30
Domestic Violence Victims Services	10 – 16 to 20, 8:30 – 5
Trauma Informed Care	11-03, 8:30 – 12:30

➔ Q & A for Housing Counselors: Recent Changes to HUD-FHA's HECM Program

What changes? Why? Impact? Effect on borrowers? What happens if I can't get an appointment? 09-26-2017
Please email your Housing Counseling HECM questions, as well as questions on any Housing Counseling topic to: housing.counseling@hud.gov [Training Calendar](#)

HUD Office of Housing Counseling has moved to a new website. Visit us at the [HUDEXchange](#).

→ Sales Slide

Because single-family construction activity is rising much too slowly while multifamily activity shrinks, housing inventory has declined Y-o-Y for 27 straight months, prices keep rising faster than wages, and affordability is at its lowest level since early 2009. As a result, housing sales have been flat for the past 12 months at an annual rate of about 5.5 million units, and Y-o-Y first-time mortgage application growth is barely positive. – Elliot Eisenberg, PhD

→ New OSHA Silica Rule in Effect as of 09-23-2017

<http://nahbnow.com/2017/09/be-prepared-osh-silica-rule-takes-effect-saturday-sept-23/>

→ A COUNTY AGENCY PROVIDES HOPE FOR OUR YOUTH

22 Sep 2017 by [Connie Ladenburg](#) – Pierce County Council

Everyone knows that one of the primary roles of County government is to provide justice services. This includes, law enforcement, the jail, prosecutors, assigned council (public defenders) and the courts. What most people don't think of in this system is juvenile courts. The County is responsible for providing justice services for our youth throughout all of Pierce County including the cities. The people in Pierce County should be especially proud of our Juvenile Court. They are considered a leader in juvenile justice and have been on the forefront of programs that make a difference to youth and their families.

Like the adult courts, Juvenile Court, known locally as Remann Hall, has both a criminal unit and civil unit. A number of years ago, the local leaders in juvenile justice determined that incarceration for crimes was not making an impact on juvenile crime or providing any help to youth or their families. Research has shown that youth benefitted from community based and trauma informed services that creates a Positive Youth Justice model. They implemented evidence based practices such as Functional Family Therapy, a program that works with both the youth and his or her family providing direct services and case management. The result from this program implementation... Remann Hall has reduced the average daily population in detention by 85% while also decreasing the number of serious crimes by 81%. This was a change in philosophy. The belief was that a youth that committed a crime had to be punished. Now the belief is that youth who come into contact with the justice system need much more than being incarcerated but that young people in trouble with the law need guidance, structure, education, and support to realize their full potential.

Most of the work at Remann Hall now is in its civil court. Civil work involves kids that have not committed crimes. A large part of their work is now in dependency cases. They work with children who have been removed from their homes by Child Protective Services to find homes for them often in the foster care system. Last year Pierce County had the highest number of children entering foster care in Washington State. Of the 1700 kids in foster care, nearly half are under the age of 5. The staff at Remann Hall work with and in the community to build partnerships and collaborations and secure resources for this vulnerable population. The goal is to ensure they have successful futures.

Remann Hall has made a difference. We are fortunate to have an agency that is innovative and forward thinking, believes in helping our families when they are in crisis, creates community partnerships, and who provides opportunity and hope to our youth.

→ We are all NIMBYs...sometimes

Shelterforce

Why *don't* we build more housing? I find the simple answers unsatisfying. It is very easy to blame the NIMBYs, the bureaucrats, or the unions, but I don't think we can tackle this challenge without honestly looking at the role we each play in making choices that result in less housing being built and ultimately in higher housing costs.

We have chosen, over and over, to limit and constrain development. And that has, everywhere, the predictable effect of driving up housing costs. If we built enough housing, we would still need subsidized housing for many people, but market prices would be low enough that most people could afford them. But we've chosen not to. And the reason we give for that choice, more than any other, is that we are trying to preserve or improve the character of our communities.

When people talk about preserving their communities, what they have traditionally talked about are issues like increasing parking, reducing traffic, and preserving open space. And it has been in the name of this kind of 'quality of life' that we have limited growth and predictably driven up housing costs.

If you are like me, when someone says they want to 'preserve the character' of a community, what you hear is . . .

[Read More](#)

→ UWT Governance Course

The Milgard School of Business at the University of Washington Tacoma invites your organization to participate with us as a host agency for our course in Board Governance. If you represent one of the 63 agencies who have engaged in the past...thank you! If not, we would love to have one of our students involved with your board.

Students enrolled in this course will have the opportunity to experience organizational governance as interns, and selected area nonprofit organizations will have the opportunity to help build the next generation of nonprofit leadership.

Students taking this course at UWT will be matched with local nonprofit boards so they can gain practical knowledge of how organizations are governed. The intent of this program is that each participating organization will welcome a student into their boardroom and their board activities for this learning experience. The focus of this course is on governance, not agency operations.

The course begins in January, 2018 and will run through early June, 2018. Much more information on the course is available on the website at <http://www.tacoma.uw.edu/node/37127> To let us know of your interest, please fill out the Agency Application on the tab at the left of the website.

All nonprofit organizations are eligible to apply. If you wish to be considered for this program, please visit our course website and complete the application form no later than October 31, 2017. Thanks – and let me know if you have any questions.

Joe Lawless, Executive Director & Affiliate Instructor

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➔ Connecting Leaders to Learning Webinar Series – Bank of America

The Bank of America Charitable Foundation webinar series supports our company’s purpose to improve the financial lives of the clients, customers and communities we serve – by connecting nonprofit leaders to trends, tips and resources that will create better futures. Since 2009, our webinar series has become a highly respected forum assisting 27,000 nonprofit leaders. In 2017, we will build on this success and leverage technology to expand the delivery of thought leadership discussion across our corporate social responsibility pillars to create deeper connections across our communities and our company. Over the next year, the webinar series will engage participants through discussion facilitated by key internal and external partners.

Upcoming Webinars - Click the Topic to Register

Date	Topic	Presenter
10/19/17	To Leave No One Behind, We must ALL Lead	Sue Stephenson, Impact 2030
10/25/17	Why Bad Presentations Happen to Good Causes	Andy Goodman, The Goodman Center
11/9/17	Feeding the Line or Ending the Line?	Patricia Smith (Reinvestment Fund) and Emily Basten (Feeding America)

➔ Member Events

LASA’s Midnight Masquerade – Friday, 13th of October

Clover Park Technical College, Rotunda Building #3 – 4500 Steilacoom Blvd SW, Lakewood



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Ticket Price: \$45

Purchase on-line: www.lasawa.org

(click on fundraiser link) Contact LASA for more information 253.581.8689

KWA 45th Anniversary Celebration

Saturday, October 14th, 6:00, Tacoma Trade and Convention Center: 1500 Broadway

Contact: <http://www.kwacares.org/kwa45/> or email to event@kwacares.org.

New Phoebe House: Save the Date!

Before it's too late, we invite you to mark your calendar for the evening of **Saturday, October 28th** for the **Great Pumpkin Costume Ball**, a dinner and auction to fund our growing programs. Keep an eye out for more information in the coming months.

➔ VOTE! Important Dates

Deadline to register to vote in General Election 11-07 – Mon 10-09

Last day to register in person for Gen Election – Mon 10-30

General Election – all ballots postmarked by Tuesday 11-07