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NEWS UPDATE – 04-08-2009

Home sales up from '08 but median price falls – Pending sales of homes and condos in Pierce County increased compared to last year at this time as home buyers spent March snapping up properties in the lower price ranges.

TNT 04-07-2009:

<http://www.thenewstribune.com/news/local/v-printerfriendly/story/701463.html>

Beware mortgage scammers – Federal and state governments are getting tough on mortgage scams. The latest entails charging consumers up front to help modify loans. TNT 04-07-2009:

<http://www.thenewstribune.com/business/v-printerfriendly/story/701547.html>

State Senate Democrats introduce income tax bill

http://seattlepi.nwsourc.com/local/404545_incometax01.html

Senator Lisa Brown's comments:

<http://blog.senatedemocrats.wa.gov/brown/minimizing-the-impact-of-state-budget-cuts/>

U.S. Senator Patty Murray will be in Tacoma to talk about her recently introduced Financial Literacy Bill this Thursday, April 9th from 2:15 – 3:00, in the Student Senate Room, Building 11 on 1st floor, at Tacoma Community College.

TCC Campus Map: <http://www.tacomacc.edu/abouttcc/campusmap.aspx>

Suggestion: park in Lot M off 19th Street. **(No parking tickets will be issued by campus security during the event. Park in any of the TCC lots.)**

After brief remarks by Senator Murray and panel members, the Senator will answer questions and talk with attendees about their work and her proposed legislation, Financial and Economic Literacy Improvement Act of 2009.

Fair Housing Center of Washington

23rd Annual Tacoma Fair Housing Conference: Thursday, April 16

SEEKING NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2009 FAIR HOUSING AWARDS! Nominations due:

Friday, March 20th Email Tina McLeod: tmcleod@fhcwa.org

Status of Washington State Legislature Housing-related bills:

http://www.affordablehousingconsortium.org/Files/Uploads/031309_bill_status1.xls

AHC Affordable Housing Development Institute

In May through August, 2009, we are offering four 4-hour technical training sessions on the development of affordable housing. The sessions will be facilitated by Common Ground of Seattle, a pre-eminent nonprofit organization involved in the development of hundreds of affordable units, leadership development, and technical training. The sessions are designed to address the interests of various stakeholders: nonprofit & for-profit developers, nonprofit organizations not yet involved in housing, financial institutions, and building professionals.

Topics will include:

Defining the project concept	Community notification & involvement
Supportive services	Design development
Determining the target population	Capital financing
Capacity Building (Board and Staff)	Finance operations
Assembling a development team	Construction Management
Development budgets	Transition to Operations
Operating budgets	Asset Management
Site control, acquisition	Site visits to local projects

→ Location: Tacoma

→ Session Dates: May 21*, June 4, July 2, August 6 9 am – 1 pm * 3rd Thursday

→ Registration: email to connie@affordablehousingconsortium.org.

→ Fees: \$75 per session *Scholarships available*
[The AHC is applying for funding to cover costs of the Institute; if we receive funding, fees will be reduced accordingly.]

AHC Membership Meeting – May 13 – Breakfast at 7:45 ... Meeting 8:10 – 9:30 am

**AHC Public Forums move to Evergreen Tacoma Campus
(on 6th Avenue between L and M Streets)**

We will announce topics for June and December. September will be our annual Candidate Forum with candidates for 5 positions on the Tacoma City Council.

June 10	8 – 9:30 am	Evergreen Tacoma Campus
September 9	4 – 6 pm	Evergreen Tacoma Campus
December 9	8 – 9:30 am	Evergreen Tacoma Campus

Invitation to help us plan AHC's financial future: The Executive Committee invites you to assist in strategizing a long-term funding plan for the Consortium. We welcome AHC members as well as other community stakeholders to participate in this *ad hoc* effort beginning in June. Contact Connie Brown at 253.627.0949.

Event Sponsorship Opportunities

Our quarterly public forums, held in March, June, September, and December, are great opportunities for your organization to publicize its name in connection with affordable housing in our community.

AHC public forums are video recorded and broadcast on local public cable channels following the event. For example, our March 11 forum was broadcast and streamed by TV Tacoma two to three times a day for 7 days, March 16 through March 22. Rainier Media Center is also broadcasting it on their Pierce County network. Both the sponsor's banner and the AHC banner are prominently featured in the program and announcements.

Sponsorships are also very important to us in achieving our budget requirements for the year. Your contribution of \$1000 to \$2000 for an event helps us in our public outreach and education goals to increase citizen awareness and support for affordable housing.

The June 10 forum will feature nationally known speakers, and the September 9 event will be our annual candidate forum, this year featuring candidates for five open positions on the Tacoma City Council. This should be a high-interest program for local voters. While the December 9 topic hasn't been selected yet, we assure you that it will be an impactful program.

Please let me know your interest in being a full sponsor or sharing a sponsorship with another member. Contact Connie Brown at 253.627.0949 or connie@affordablehousingconsortium.org

For more affordable housing information and resources please go to:
www.affordablehousingconsortium.org

AFFORDABLE HOUSING NEWS TO SHARE? → Send your stories, events, insights for our AHC Newsletter. Please email connie@affordablehousingconsortium.org

AHC 2009 MEEETING SCHEDULE

GROUP	TIME	LENGTH	DAY	WEEK	MONTH	LOC	2009	DATE S	NOTES
	<i>AM</i>	<i>Hours</i>							
BOARD	9:00	≤ 1.5	WED	2ND	EVERY	AHC	JAN	10	CANCEL JULY?
	9:45	≤ 1.5	WED	2ND	EVERY	AHC	FEB	11	
	9:45	≤ 1.5	WED	2ND	EVERY	AHC	MAR	11	
	9:00	≤ 1.5	WED	2ND	EVERY	AHC	APR	8	
	9:45	≤ 1.5	WED	2ND	EVERY	AHC	MAY	13	
	9:45	≤ 1.5	WED	2ND	EVERY	AHC	JUN	10	
	9:00	≤ 1.5	WED	2ND	EVERY	AHC	JUL	8	
	9:45	≤ 1.5	WED	2ND	EVERY	AHC	AUG	12	
	9:45	≤ 1.5	WED	2ND	EVERY	AHC	SEP	9	
	9:00	≤ 1.5	WED	2ND	EVERY	AHC	OCT	14	
	9:45	≤ 1.5	WED	2ND	EVERY	AHC	NOV	11	
	9:45	≤ 1.5	WED	2ND	EVERY	AHC	DEC	9	
MEMBERSHIP	8:00	≤ 1.5	WED	2ND	FEB	AHC	FEB	11	Breakfast & Networking
	8:00	≤ 1.5	WED	2ND	MAY	AHC	MAY	13	
	8:00	≤ 1.5	WED	2ND	AUG	AHC	AUG	12	
	8:00	≤ 1.5	WED	2ND	NOV	AHC	NOV	11	
PUBLIC FORUM	8:00	≤ 1.5	WED	2ND	MAR	Clover Park	MAR	11	Breakfast & Topics
	8:00	≤ 1.5	WED	2ND	JUNE	Evergreen Tacoma Campus	JUNE	10	
	4-6 PM	≤ 1.5	WED	2ND	SEP		SEP	9	
	8:00	≤ 1.5	WED	2ND	DEC		DEC	9	
Affordable Housing INSTITUTE	TBD	4 hours	TBD	TBD	MAY		AHC	MAY	TBD
	TBD	4 hours	TBD	TBD	JUNE	AHC	JUNE	TBD	
	TBD	4 hours	TBD	TBD	JULY	AHC	JULY	TBD	
	TBD	4 hours	TBD	TBD	AUGUST	AHC	AUGUST	TBD	

HUD HIGHLIGHTS [Note: Edited to exclude non-Washington, non-housing info]

April 2009

HUD e-Briefs from Alaska, Idaho, Oregon & Washington
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DON'T FORGET

April is Fair Housing Month. Know your rights, know your obligations – and celebrate them. For more, visit <http://www.hud.gov/offices/fheo/index.cfm>

ON PACE

In calendar year 2008, nationwide the Federal Housing Administration insured almost 1.3 purchase mortgages, more mortgages than at any time in its 75 year history. Though it's early, through the first two months of calendar year 2009 FHA's already on pace to endorse even more in 2009. Find out more about why FHA is the safe, sound and secure mortgage product of choice in today's market at www.fha.gov

e-XECUTIVE NAMED

Calling him the "very essence of an innovator," Washington Governor Chris Gregoire has named Rogers Weed as the new Director of the Department of Community, Trade & Economic Development. A graduate of Duke and the Wharton School, Weed has spent the last 15 years as a corporate vice president at Microsoft. She expects him to help "lead Washington into the 21st century economy" using the "same fuel that got us where we are today – innovation." He succeeds Julie Wilkerson at CTED.

BRIEF BRIEFS

King County Council votes to proceed with \$6.25 million private loan collateralized by CDBG funds to build 26,500 square foot retail center in White Center. . . . Census Bureau says Kennewick-Pasco-Richland was the 3rd, Idaho Falls the 8th, Bend the 13th and Olympia the 15th fastest-growing metro areas from 2007 to 2008. . . . Portland Housing Authority launches landlord guarantee pilot to cover costs of excessive damage - more than \$1,000 above "reasonable wear and tear" - by Section 8 residents to "increase landlord willingness to participate in the program". . . . Idaho Housing & Finance awards \$75,000 to Southeast Idaho Community Action to support two transitional homes for veterans. . . . Statesman Journal reports more than 600 are served by 60 agencies at Salem's first-ever Project Homeless Connect event. . . . Energy Secretary Steven Chu announces \$6.3 million in weatherization assistance to Alaska, HUD User's latest edition of U.S. Market Conditions includes "in-depth" profile of Seattle housing market. . . . Patricia Oliver selected as new director of Kalama Housing Authority. . . . Post Intelligencer is no longer in print, but Aubrey Cohen continues to report on-line what's up – and what's not – in Seattle area real estate at <http://seattlepi.com>. . . . With a \$100,000 from NW Area Foundation, Independence, Oregon opens business incubator to help them through "delicate" star-up phase. . . . Idaho Department of Commerce awards \$107,000 to renovate Mountain Home Senior Center.

NEWS TO USE

2009 income limits and & median incomes now on-line at <http://www.huduser.org/datasets/il/il09/index.html>

NOMI-NEWS

President Obama has nominated Long & Foster president and chief executive officer David Stevens as HUD Assistant Secretary for Housing & Federal Housing Administration Commissioner, Peter Kovar, chief of staff to Congressman Barney Frank, as Assistant Secretary for Congressional & Intergovernmental Affairs, Dr. Raphael Bostic as Assistant Secretary for Policy Development & Research, former special counsel to the President John Trevina as Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing & Economic Opportunity, AFL-CIO Housing Investment Trust chief operating officer Helen Kanovsky as HUD General Counsel and BRIDGE Housing Corporation president Carol Galante as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Multifamily Housing Programs. Senate confirmation is required for all but Ms. Galante.

BRIEF BRIEFS TOO

Just over a month after President signs Recovery Act, HUD begins allocating \$3 billion in capital improvement funds, including \$59.4 to housing authorities in Alaska, Idaho, Oregon & Washington. . .Association of Washington Cities accepting nominations for 2009 Municipal Excellence Awards until April 17th. . .Clatsop and Northwest Oregon Housing Authorities open Tikum House, 8 units of permanent housing for formerly homeless families in Warrenton. . .New York Times features Intershelter in Juneau for "updating the Buckminster Fuller dome for use as temporary off-grid shelter for disaster relief". . .KTVL-TV says units in Jackson County Housing Authority's new 48-unit rental complex in Central Point is "going fast" as "foreclosure, unemployment and food stamp rates soar". . .Lake Oswego City Council okays development of 45-unit Oakridge Park complex for the elderly. . .Vancouver and Clark County complete study of code and regulatory barriers to "development of sustainable, affordable housing". . .Recovery Act provides almost \$22 million in HHS funds to expand services at 87 health centers in Alaska, Idaho, Oregon and Washington. . .Marion & Polk counties unveil 10-year plan to end chronic homelessness. . .Pocatello Neighborhood Housing Services completes 1,100 square foot house "built from the ground up" to be fully compliant with the Americans for Disability Act. . .King County Housing Authority replacement of 27 "old, water-guzzling" toilets at Eastridge House in Issaquah should save 130,000 gallons a year. . .Clackamas County Women's Services to open "Oregon' first emergency shelter" for Spanish-speaking women who are abused. . .11 housing authorities in Idaho, Oregon and Alaska win HUD self sufficiency grants to help public housing residents find jobs that lead them toward economic independence.

WORTH WATCHING

The Recovery Act appropriated \$1.5 billion for a homelessness prevention and rapid re-housing program. HUD's begun the process of allocating, by formula, the funds, including some \$46.7 million of that will go to 29 state and local government agencies in Alaska, Idaho, Oregon and Washington. More details about the program are available at <http://www.hud.gov/recovery/homeless-prevention.cfm> and HUD has scheduled a national Webcast on April 8th at www.hud.gov. If you or your organization serve the homeless, it's a Webcast you'll want to view.

FUNDING-MENTALS

April 8th is the application for the Treasury Departments New Market Tax Credits program. . .April 20th is deadline for EPA's Brownfields Job Training grants. . .April 20th is the deadline for Department of Justice's Office of Juvenile Delinquency Prevention's Youth Mentoring Initiative. . .April 27th is deadline for USDA's Farmers Market Promotion grants program. . .May 8th is deadline for EPA' Healthy Communities grant program. . .May 15th is deadline for Department of Homeland Security's Citizenship Grant program. . .May 21st is deadline for Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration Offender Reentry grants program. . .May 22nd is deadline for National Park Service's Save America's Treasures grant program for preservation of historic collections or properties. . .May 28th is deadline for community development corporations to apply for HHS Community Economic Development Projects grant program. . .June 9th is deadline to apply for USDA Rural Energy for America grants to provide energy audits to help rural small businesses and agricultural producers to "identify ways to improve energy efficiency". . . USDA accepting applications until May 31st, for household water well funds to give rural residents "access to clean, safe drinking water."

COMING UP

Idaho Fair Housing Conference, April 3rd, University of Idaho, Moscow. For more, visit <http://www.hud.gov/apps/calendar/event.cfm?state=wa&record=9363&scheduleID=9124&calendarID=52>

Planning Association of Washington holds annual spring conference April 9th and 10th in Blaine. For more, visit http://www.planningpaw.org/news_events.htm

Alaska Congressional Delegation hosts grants symposium April 14th in Anchorage. For more, visit <http://www.hud.gov/apps/calendar/event.cfm?state=ak&record=9370&scheduleID=9131&calendarID=5>

National Council of La Raza pre-purchase and post-purchase homeownership counseling workshops, April 13th through 16th, Seattle. For more, visit <http://www.nhnl.org>

Partners in Emergency Preparedness conference, April 14th and 15th in Tacoma. For more, visit http://www.idcounties.org/index.asp?Type=B_EV&SEC={0138542D-333F-45EA-8C22-B2BFD6D8CDC3}&DE={486A7199-9325-459C-AB1C-1A313FC94283}

2009 Oregon Heritage and Pacific Northwest History Conferences, April 15th to 18th in Portland. For more, visit www.pregpm/gpv/OPRD/HCD/OHC/Conference.html

20th Annual Conference of Oregon Coalition on Housing & Homelessness, April 15th to 17th, Hood River. For more, visit <http://www.ochh.org/>

23rd Annual Tacoma Fair Housing Conference, April 16th in Tacoma. For more, visit <http://cms.cityoftacoma.org/hrhs/hr/FHC2009.pdf>

Northwest Environmental Business Council hosts "Business of Renewable Energy" conference April 16th in Portland. For more, visit <http://www.nebc.org/content.aspx?pageid=42>

Oregon Heritage Conference- April 15th to 18th in Portland. For more, visit <http://www.oregon.gov/OPRD/HCD/OHC/Conference.shtml>

Indigenous Peoples' Global Summit on Climate Change, April 20th to 24th in Anchorage. For more, visit <http://www.indigenoussummit.com>

Corporation for Supportive Housing hosts Permanent Supportive Housing Summit April 23rd at Sea-Tac. For more, visit http://www.hud.gov/event_registration/index_2.cfm?eventid=1392

Alaska Housing Finance Corporation Fair Housing Workshop, April 28th in Anchorage. For more, visit <http://www.hud.gov/apps/calendar/event.cfm?state=ak&record=9292&scheduleID=9053&calendarID=5>

CTED's 23rd annual Downtown Revitalization Conference, April 29th to May 1st in Vancouver. For more, visit <http://www.downtown.wa.gov>

Annual conference of Pacific Northwest Regional Council of NAHRO, May 3rd through 6th in Boise. For more, visit <http://www.pnrcnahro.org/conference2009.htm>

Washington Coalition for the Homeless annual conference, May 13th to May 15th in Vancouver. For more, visit <http://www.hud.gov/local/shared/working/r10/fh/training.cfm?state=wa>

Neighborhood USA Conference in Spokane, May 20th to May 23rd. For more, visit <http://www.spokaneneighborhoods.org/2009nusa.aspx>

National Association of Counties western regional conference in Pendleton, May 20th to May 22nd. For more, visit, http://www.naco.org/Template.cfm?Section=WIR_New&Template=/TaggedPage/TaggedPageDisplay.cfm&TPLID=86&ContentID=21414

HUD Fair Housing Workshop, May 28th in Seattle. For more, visit <http://www.hud.gov/local/shared/working/r10/fh/training.cfm?state=wa>

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