



NEWS UPDATE – 09-24-2009

HOUSING CALENDAR: <http://www.affordablehousingconsortium.org/index.php/Calendar/>

→ **South Tacoma Homebuyer Fair – Sep 26 → See flyer page 2**

→ **Housing Washington 2009 – September 29-30, Spokane**

Program information: <http://www.wshfc.org/conf/program.htm>

AHC Quarterly Membership Meeting – Topic: Community Land Trusts

October 14, 8 – 9:30 am – 1323 S Yakima

**Guest speakers/panel: Northwest Community Land Trust Coalition
Kitsap-Pierce CLT, Kulshan CLT**

PROJECT HOMELESS CONNECT – October 14 – Tacoma Dome: Project Homeless Connect is a one day connection to resources and services for people experiencing homelessness in Pierce County. Medical and dental care, haircuts and flu shots, access to benefits through the Veterans Administration, the Department of Social and Health Services, replacement of identification and new glasses – all available under one roof.

This is the third annual event, each year reaching more and more individuals in need. This year's event will be October 14 from 9am to 5pm at the Tacoma Dome Exhibition Center. Please join the event organizers in spreading the word to those in our most vulnerable population. For more information: www.pchomelessconnect.org

Learn Practical Advice from Affordable Housing Finance Live

October 26-28, Chicago Visit www.ahflive.com for information and registration

With the economic crisis and the current state of the low-income housing tax credit market, AHF Live: The 2009 Affordable Housing Developers' Summit, Oct. 26-28 at the Palmer House in Chicago, is shaping up to be an informative and educational event for affordable housing owners and developers.

Some highlights include "Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Allocations: What's Next, How to Win," moderated by Bob Moss of Boston Capital. During this panel from 4-5:30 p.m. Oct. 26, attendees will hear the latest from several state housing finance agencies, including California, Illinois, New Jersey, and New York.

Find out what's going on in Washington, D.C., that could affect your business during "News from the Capitol," moderated by Ronne Thielen of Centerline Capital Group, from 10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Oct. 27. Industry leaders Sheila Crowley of the National Low Income Housing Coalition, Conrad Egan of the National Housing Conference, Denise Muha of the National Leased Housing Association, and Sunia Zatterman of the Council of Large Public Housing Authorities will bring you up to speed on the most recent developments.

If you're looking to acquire and rehab older affordable housing, then "Nuts and Bolts of Acquisition-Rehab" is the session for you from 8:30-10 a.m. on Oct. 28. Moderated by Pat Sheridan of Volunteers of America, you'll receive real-life examples from Scott Kline of National Housing Trust/Enterprise Preservation Corp., Fred Mitchell of TheoPRO Asset Advisors, Tracy Peters of Red Capital Group, and Stephen Whyte of Pacific Housing Advisors.

AHC Quarterly Public Forum – Topic: Veterans Housing Issues

December 16, 7:45 – 9:30 am – 1210 6th Av, Tacoma

Guest speakers/panel: State, Local, Federal Veterans Administration representatives



*South Tacoma
Home Buyer's Fair & Tour
of Available Homes*

ORGANIZED BY:

City of Tacoma Safe and Clean Team Improving
Livability through Homeownership

Supporting Community Organizations:
Women's Council of Realtors & Tacoma Pierce County
Association of Realtors, Tacoma Housing Authority,
Washington State Department of Financial Institutions,
Tacoma Public Utilities, United Way of Tacoma/Pierce
County, Tacoma/Pierce County Asset Building
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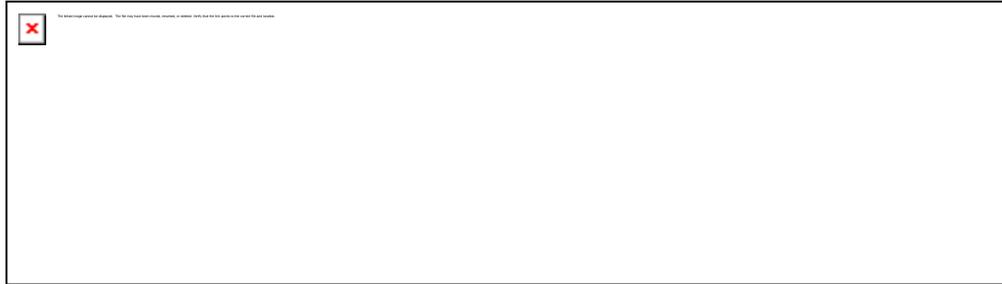
*Event will be held at the
South Park Community Center
4851 South Tacoma Way
September 26th
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.*

Highlights

- **Tour** (11am-2pm) an array of new and existing homes that are vacant and move-in ready - bank owned, new construction, and more. Price from the low \$100's to the mid \$200's!
- Learn about the exciting revitalization of the South Tacoma community including new commuter rail opening spring 2010!
- Learn about **zero** down financing/down payment assistance programs.
- Meet lenders specializing in FHA, VA, USDA, and easy rehab loans
- Find out what escrow is, why you need title insurance and the difference between a home inspection and an appraisal.
- Learn about budgeting for a home and credit repair with professional non-profit credit counselors.

Licensed Childcare Provided

For more information call:
1-800-368-1455



Get involved and stand up for housing!

The **deadline to register to vote is Monday, October 5th**. Are you registered? Visit the Secretary of State's [MyVote](#) to find out.

Snohomish County Council is exploring a permanent zoning designation for manufactured housing. A public hearing is scheduled for **October 7th at 10:30am** in the Snohomish County Council Chambers. [Click here](#) for more.

The Housing Alliance has endorsed NO on 1033, YES on R-71, and YES on Proposition 1 (in Seattle). Visit [No1033.com](#), [Yesforhomes.com](#), or [approverreferendum71.org](#) for more information and volunteer opportunities.

I-1033 is just terrible. Vote NO!

PUYALLUP - In response to a question from Councilmember Rick Hansen, Craig made no bones about what he considers to be the largest issue facing Puyallup's budget.

"My concern will largely be passage of I-1033," he said. "If it passes, it will have significant impact on cities. Otherwise, I think we're probably doing OK."...[read more](#)

Maybe Kermit was wrong - it is easy being green

SEATTLE - U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Secretary Donovan said last week that the Seattle Housing Authority is among three regional housing

authorities sharing in a \$21 million grant to make projects green. The SHA will use its share of the award -- about \$8 million -- on the Lake City Village complex...[read more](#)

No time like the present; expanding affordable housing, despite the recession

BREMERTON - Now more than ever, Kitsap Community Resources is aggressively growing its tiny stock of transitional housing...[read more](#)

Housing *is* independence: Getting seniors into a home of their own

PHILADELPHIA - Walter Brown never wanted to live in a nursing home, but when he had a stroke two years ago, he saw little choice. Mr. Brown, 72, could not walk, use his left arm or transfer himself into his wheelchair...[read more](#)

"Overly" ambitious targets bring success - if we work together

FORT WORTH - When the authors of Fort Worth's 10-year plan to end chronic homelessness set a goal of creating or identifying 544 permanent supportive housing units for homeless residents by year six, some observers thought that an overly ambitious target...[read more](#)

News from you

We're not going to find every story on housing and homelessness. The Housing Alliance is always seeking stories. If there is a story or subject that we're missing, please [click here](#) to make a suggestion or leave a comment.

On September 9, 2009 HUD announced \$511 million in competitive grants to provide non-profit organizations interest-free capital advance funds to produce affordable rental housing with supportive services for the elderly and persons with disabilities through HUD's Section 202 and Section 811 Capital Advance programs. The due dates: Section 202 applications must be postmarked on or before November 13, 2009 while Section 811 applications must be postmarked on or before November 16, 2009. For more information, please go to:

<http://www.hud.gov/news/release.cfm?content=pr09-165.cfm>

Pierce County NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

Continuum of Care (COC) Homeless Programs

APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE: September 8, 2009

Applications can be picked up or downloaded from the web site located at:

http://www.piercecountywa.org/pc/abtus/ourorg/comsvcs/housing/cont_care.htm

INTENT TO APPLY DUE: September 23, 2009, 4:00 pm

APPLICATIONS DUE: October 2, 2009, 4:00 pm

Pierce County, Department of Community
Services, Housing Programs
3602 Pacific Avenue, Housing Programs Office
Tacoma, WA 98418
Phone (253) 798-7038

FUND RESERVATIONS: Pierce County, has made available from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funds to be utilized by certified Non Profits to provide transitional housing or permanent supportive housing to homeless persons and families with children.

2009 Funding -Total funds available: approximately \$2,000,000

More information:

<http://www.co.pierce.wa.us/xml/abtus/ourorg/comsvcs/housing/COC%20NOFA.doc>

http://www.co.pierce.wa.us/pc/abtus/ourorg/comsvcs/housing/cont_care.htm