

A 20 second (maybe a full minute) update on the activities of NWCDC!



Twenty on the Twenty

A 20-second (or so) monthly update about co-op development in the Pacific Northwest provided to you on or about the 20th of each month.

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NWCDC Goes to Washington

We participated in National Co-op Week in Washington D.C. and helped celebrate the 100th anniversary of the **National Cooperative Business Association/ Cooperative League of the USA.**

The week's events:

- Meeting with staff for other elected officials in areas served by NWCDC
- [NCBA/CLUSA](#) annual meeting
- [NCB](#) annual meeting
- [CooperationWorks!](#) annual meeting
- [CDF](#) Issues Form
- [Co-op Hall of Fame](#) Induction Ceremony.

Key outcomes of the week:

- An inter-agency meeting at the White House to help non-USDA parts of the Federal government gain awareness of the co-op model
- Asking representatives to join the [Cooperative Business Caucus](#).
- Supporting the inclusion of cooperatives into the 2017 Economic Census.
- Unveiling the [NRECA's](#) new voter drive.
- Pledging to raise the profile of co-ops.

Learn more about this campaign at [Vote.Coop](#) and [sign the pledge](#) a [NCBA.coop](#)



NCBA/CLUSA CEO Judy Ziewacz leads a discussion with Ben Olinsky Special Advisor to the President on Workforce and Labor, Bruce Carrozi of True Value and Laura Vogel of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.

Madison Field Trip

NWCDC joined PNW truck drivers on an excursion to Madison, WI. The purpose was to learn about co-ops in general and how [Union Cab of Madison](#) operates its fuel and maintenance facilities as well as managing practices of the worker co-op. Along the way, the group met with Mayor Paul Soglin and Alder Rebecca Kemble leaders in implementing an unprecedented \$3 million cooperative development plan for the city. The group came away impressed with Union Cab, [Isthmus Engineering](#), and [Willy St. Co-op](#) and full of ideas for their own co-op.



Residents in Mead Join the ROC NW Family



On April 28th, the residents of Mead Royale Mobile Home Park became owners of the **Takesa Village Cooperative** without moving a single box! The Mead, WA cooperative celebrated a big party for the neighborhood Saturday, May 7, replete with a parade, fire engines, community patrol, cotton candy, local DJ, kids' face paint booth and a full-course barbecue.

"Something needed to be changed," said **Debbi Hammond**, Takesa's President. "After sitting outside and observing the day to day activities in the park, I realized that a hero wasn't going to swoop in and save us from ourselves."

The Mead Royale Homeowners Association decided to contact NWCDC to find out how to purchase the park. NWCDC wrote up an offer and submitted it to the then-owner. After the co-op and then-owner reached an agreement, Debbi and Jeff Kyle (co-op Treasurer) signed the final papers April 28 at Northwest Bible Church in Mead, WA.

"It's where it all started," Hammond said, "that's where we all met to try to figure out what to do. And we did it!"
