

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. **Please share with your network!**

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Nominations Open for Co-op Hall of Fame



Nominations for the 2019 cohort of the CDF Cooperative Hall of Fame closes August 15, 2018.

The Hall of Fame is the highest honor within the US cooperative community. It highlights the achievements of co-op heroes based on the criteria of **Statesmanship**, **Lasting Achievement**, **Cooperative Advancement** and **Recognition**.

Ae <u>nomination form</u> and a <u>brochure</u> about the Hall of Fame are available at the Hall of Fame website <u>heroes.coop</u>.

Takesa Village Annual Parade!



On July 7, on a beautiful day in Mead, WA with amazing summer sunshine, <u>Takesa</u> <u>Village</u> owners and neighbors celebrated their annual parade. The parade was very well attended and neighbors enjoyed sitting in their front lawns waiving to and watching the participants. The parade ended at the Takesa Village clubhouse, where yummy food and treats were available to all.

Way to demonstrate your community and cooperative spirit Takesa Village owners!

Celebrate the Impact of Cooperatives, August 1 in Seattle

The National Coop Bank Board of Directors meet in Seattle on August 1st. In the evening, NCB and NCBA/CLUSA will host a reception to celebrate the Impact of Cooperatives. The reception is open to the

public and will be held from 6:30p-8:30p at the **REI Flagship Store**, 222 Yale Avenue. Attendees should RSVP to Mary Alex Blanton or call 703.302.8876.



NWCDC Joins Worker to Owner Collaborative

The Center joined the Worker to Owner Collaborative (W2O), a project of the Democracy at Work Institute. **John McNamara** has been named the liaison between NWCDC and W2O. DAWI convened W2O to confront the wave of retiring small business owners as the Baby Boom generation ages out of the workforce.

NWCDC has had success with conversions in multiple sectors and last year assisted two conversions into worker cooperatives. The coming year offers three new conversion projects. In addition, NWCDC expects to be able to lead a regional discussion with business advisers over the next year to raise awareness of the co-op option in business succession planning.

Skagit and Island County County Caregivers Form Co-ops



Cathy Butterfield and Christina Yagguire, Skagit County caregivers since incorporating documents

Caregivers in Skagit County formed a new home care co-op to serve the elders and people with disabilities of Skagit County. At the same time, caregivers in Island County also filed their incorporation papers. Both organizing drives received significant assistance from NWCDC

These two co-ops serving the Salish Sea communities along the I-5 corridor will follow the other Washington caregiver co-ops in offering higher than market wages, member ownership, HCA training, and personal development for the caregivers.

With the incorporations docs files, there are now five home care co-ops in the State of Washington serving Whatcom, Skagit, Islands, Jefferson, and Thurston Counties.

NWCDC Hosts Caregiver Co-op Development Tour

The <u>Homecare Foundation</u>, based in Olympia, and the <u>California Center for Cooperative</u>

<u>Development</u> will be touring Washington in early August to learn more about NWCDC's methods of caregiver co-op development. The NWCDC has assisted in the development of six caregiver co-ops, five of which are or will be operating in Washington. The tour includes the Executive Directors of HCF and CCCD along with representatives of groups seeking to start caregiver co-ops in Arizona. The tour will begin with NWCDC staff, <u>Capitol Homecare</u> in Olympia and then travel to Bellingham to meet with <u>Circle of Life</u> and NWCDC staffer <u>Deborah Craig</u> and wrapping up in Port Townsend with <u>Peninsula Home Care</u>.

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