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## 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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### 3rd Annual National Home Care Co-op Conference



Members of **Adobo Care Co-op** (Renton) and **Courage Homecare Co-op** (LA)

17 care givers from 5 Washington State home care co-ops and NWCDC staff joined close to a hundred other caregiver co-op leaders and developers from around the country for the **3rd Annual National Homecare Co-op Conference** in Dulles, Virginia.

Washington co-op Administrators, Nora Edge (**Capital Home care** in Olympia) and Kippi Walters (**Peninsula Homecare** in Port Townsend) participated in a panel discussion about the start-up process and understanding local markets.

**Deborah Craig**, an expert home care co-ops represented NWCDC.

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### Working Systems Coop Incorporates

Staff as Working Systems Inc. officially incorporated **Working Systems Cooperative**. Owners of the 25 year plus software company seeks to retire and have offered to sell to the current staff. The 16 members cooperative hopes to take over operations early in 2019. Employees of Working Systems formed a buyout committee in July and drafted a Letter of Intent in September. The board of the new co-op can now begin collecting membership shares, arranging financing, and making an offer to purchase. In addition to be a worker-owned software company, the new co-op will also maintain representation through the **Communication Workers of America** and be the first "union-coop" in the State of Washington.

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### Thurston Housing Land Trust

[Thurston Housing Land Trust \(THLT\)](#) held a public discussion about a proposed ground lease. on Oct 22nd in Olympia. The ground lease is the most critical aspect of a land

trust and mechanism for preserving affordability. THLT is a Washington State nonprofit, incorporated in May 2018 and on our way to becoming a functioning organization expanding affordable housing long-term with the mission of creating, developing and preserving affordable housing for low to moderate income persons using the community land trust model. Their Annual Meeting is coming up on Dec 8th.

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### Takesa Village Holds Second Annual Meeting



On Saturday, November 17th, **Takesa Village** held their annual membership meeting – fantastic attendance, great questions and participation! Way to get things done Takesa Village!

Takesa Village is one of the largest Resident Owned Communities in Washington with over 100 units in the community.

Resident Owned Communities (ROCs) hold annual membership meetings to elect officers and to discuss and approve their annual operating budget.

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### Snake River Earth Arts Institute Acquires Acreage

The **Snake Earth Arts Institute** (Desert Springs Co-op) made a major step forward with the acquisition of 21 acres along the Snake River in the Magic Mile region outside of Buhl, Idaho. This acreage includes structures that may be used for processing and limited housing. This development moves the project of creating a learning center for permaculture and wellness on the path towards becoming operational in 2019.

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### NWDCDC Hosts Planning Session on Family Leave

The State of Washington will begin collecting revenue in advance of implementation of the Family Leave law that goes into effect on January 1, 2020. This law provides paid family and medical leave for up to 18 weeks. The planning session held at NWDCDC's Olympia office and organized by **Business Services Cooperative** brought a representative from the State of Washington's **Employment Security Department** and focused on special rules for organization with fifty or less employees.

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