



Co-op Developments

A short 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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Welcome Victoria O'Banion to ROCNW

Victoria O'Banion recently joined Northwest Cooperative Development Center and serves as the marketing and acquisitions specialist for ROC Northwest. Victoria brings with her nearly seven years of project and program management experience with Rebuilding Together, most recently as the Senior Director, National Programs and Strategic Partnerships. Victoria is well versed in the affordable housing arena and has experience in worker and consumer cooperatives. She lives in Spokane with her husband, two dogs and six chickens.

Northlake Homeowners Co-op Offers Rent Relief During Covid-19

Northlake Community Homeowners Cooperative in Bremerton was able to offer some relief to its members in the month of April. With many members having lost income due to Covid-19, the co-op board of directors approved a referendum to cut April rents in half and to pay for this out of

the co-op reserves. This proposal was then sent out for a ballot vote of the membership where the majority of households voted unanimously to approve the relief. Northlake made this decision with careful consideration of their financial state and made all decisions either on video conference or by drop off ballot vote to prevent the spread of Covid-19. In other news, Northlake is also in the middle of repaving its roads. This is their largest capital improvements plan to date, which includes a rebuilt drainage system and new speed humps for safety. Congratulations Northlake Homeowners Cooperative!!



CHC Holds 2nd AGM



[Capital Homecare Cooperative](#) held their 2nd Annual General Meeting on-line in early May. Highlights of the meeting included the Co-op Index Report (a survey measuring co-op values and principles in practice), electing three directors (filling all 5 seats on the board for its first time), a healthy state of the co-op report (despite Covid-19) and a special celebration honoring founding member **Maddy Pfeifer** who stepped down from the board and will be leaving the co-op to attend law school

Coming This Summer: Marketing the Co-op Advantage Symposium

On the heels of the Mt. Vernon Co-op Academy, NWCDC will be presenting a one-day symposium aimed at assisting existing cooperative with marketing their co-op in a manner that benefits from the high degree of consumer trust. At this time, the symposium are planned as in-person events with the following dates and locations:

- August 7 in Olympia WA
- August 21 in Astoria, OR
- September 25 in Ashland, OR

NWCDC will be evaluating the plans by mid-June and may switch to a series of webinars instead depending on the level of re-opening in Washington and Oregon. Currently most counties in Oregon and Washington are in level one of reopening.

Big Give Washington: A Success!

NWCDC's first time engaging the Give Big WA event was an overall success. The Center received 42 donations for about \$2,600. These funds will assist co-op development projects and the Center's work in Washington. We want to thank everyone who donated and if you missed your opportunity, we will be joining Give Local in the fall (or you can just click the "donate" button at the bottom of this newsletter)!

Help us provide technical assistance to co-ops!

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