

Follow up regarding Pierce County's affordable housing pipeline?

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Little Lyric

I wish the rent
Was heaven sent.
— *Langston Hughes*

Feedback on Pierce County Affordable Housing Pipeline presentation

- The affordable housing pipeline described this morning is too limited to avoid increases in homelessness; public support is needed but from state and national. There is not enough \$\$ locally.
- At least one elected official has said there is enough money at the state, but it has to be applied for with a plan.
- Where to put the housing is part of the problem – finding sites for the new affordable housing.
- More options for affordable housing are needed; a continuum, portfolio, that covers multiple choices (shared housing, ADUs, etc., all the way to mobile options like RVs) and for all AMI levels.
- The private sector has a role in solving this problem. Not clear how to get them more productive in this regard.
- Societal views of housing need to change; more acceptance of smaller units, more shared housing, etc.
- Note that if social housing were increased, it would affect the rental market.
- Also note that one of the reasons for shortages is that building stopped in 2008.

Notes and Resources List

New and Notable

No Address: A two-part documentary.

<https://www.noaddressdocumentary.com>

Volunteer Resource: <https://www.volunteermatch.org/>

Cameron Sheppard is covering homelessness for The News Tribune. He is looking to make contact and connections with folks in the community. csheppard@thenewstribune.com

The Affordable Housing Consortium is hosting

Affordable Housing Week May 6-10th and has a lot of free events focusing on housing:

<https://www.affordablehousingconsortium.org/affordable-housing-week>

Here is a map of recent affordable housing projects in Pierce:

<https://southsoundaffordablehousing.org/affordable-housing-projects-2/>

Screening of UNZIPPED: An Autopsy of American Inequality. We will have the Director there to talk about the film. The tickets are \$10 but let me know if someone might need financial assistance Amanda@tpcahc.org

<https://www.affordablehousingconsortium.org/events/unzipped-an-autopsy-of-american-inequality-film-premiere-director-discussion-1>

National Week of Action to Oppose the Criminalization of Homelessness!

[https://nlihc.org/resource/start-planning-now-national-week-action-oppose-criminalization-homelessness-0?utm_source=NLIHC+All+Subscribers&utm_campaign=198bc17845-memo_040824&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_-e95fce62c3-%5BLIST_EMAIL_ID%5D&ct=t\(memo_040824\)](https://nlihc.org/resource/start-planning-now-national-week-action-oppose-criminalization-homelessness-0?utm_source=NLIHC+All+Subscribers&utm_campaign=198bc17845-memo_040824&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_-e95fce62c3-%5BLIST_EMAIL_ID%5D&ct=t(memo_040824))

Community Solutions Johnson v Grants Pass Twitter Storm

<https://community.solutions/events/2024/04/johnson-v-grants-pass-twitter-storm/>

Resources for Day of Action on Grants Pass.

Contact rpowers@eou.edu with questions/ideas about an event on April 22.

<https://johnsonvgrantspass.com>

<https://www.into-action.us/collection/housing>

https://nlihc.org/sites/default/files/SCOTUS_Grants-Pass-V-Johnson_Advocacy-Toolkit.pdf

<https://nationalhomeless.org/wp-content/uploads/NCH-Local-Actions-Organizing-Skill-Share.pdf>

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1oK1HILxS0UOKmkShnWGMa-vkRixMgw91IJKOiaTohNo/edit>

<https://housingnohandcuffs.org/emergent-threats-homelessness-criminalization/>

Honoring Sr. Peg Murphy: It is with sadness that we share our founding Executive Director, Margaret 'Peg' Murphy, OP has passed from this life. She was a woman of many gifts, who brought joy and compassion to everyone she met. For those in the Tacoma area, there are several opportunities to gather with those who also loved her:

Vigil: Tuesday, April 16, 3:00 PM, St. Joseph Residence, Seattle

Mass: followed by a reception in the parish hall: Wednesday, April 17, 12:10 PM, St. Leo's, Tacoma

Burial: Wednesday, April 17, 3:15 PM, Calvary Cemetery, Tacoma

Jan. 2024 Working Paper: Do Criminalization Policies Impact Local Homelessness? Exploring the Limits and Concerns of Socially Constructed Deviancy

<https://deliverypdf.ssrn.com/delivery.php?ID=359103099101003113117101001070119065023050001054093024010084021068124123077090078027031029003043109007047094111088069107067008052052059034038028116087028088113076118046054062026016073078127121118125119094101066086118103001069080094105031029114026024008&EXT=pdf&INDEX=TRUE>

Associated Ministries Fundraiser. <https://associatedministries.org/event/lead-the-way-home-breakfast/>

Contact Stacey Soltoff to be at her table: Stacey.soltoff@gmail.com

Community Spotlight Opportunity: Please send suggestions for all partner spotlights to Theresa at tpdrutis@nctacoma.org

Common Good Supply Station @ FUMCOT, First United Methodist Church of Tacoma. Open Tuesday's Noon to 2PM, 621 Tacoma Ave S, Tacoma, WA 98402. Go to the back alley and come to the door between the 2 garages. Call Theresa at 253.617.1405 when you are at the door. The number above is a Line2 number; those who have my personal cell # are welcome to use that instead. Both numbers will ring through.

Ongoing Resources and Needs

Sign up to receive Action Alerts: <https://secure.everyaction.com/-gZPY8k0qkaHQyrUqmpC5g2>

One pager on Housing Alliance priorities: <https://www.wliha.org/advocacy/2024-public-policy-priorities>

SVdP is willing to store any items for sharing. Outreach workers can pick up supplies every day between 10am-5pm. Just text Dionne. 253-355-5868

Link for the Coalition's cold weather resources page: www.craft.me/s/f0GVFmAubX8YUg

To be added to the monthly Public Health email newsletter, please share your email here OR email me at: jschoeppe@tpchd.org

Outreach and Supply Need/Share Form:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Kh2OBOLT-SXN8cq7L7Z1Bb04iXxCf6Nfv_RBP-F0SZk/edit?usp=sharing

TPCHD has a webpage for homeless service providers and advocates

<https://tpchd.org/healthy-people/provider-resources/homelessness-providers-toolkit/>

If you are an agency or org that needs COVID test kit support, we still have kits to distribute. Please reach out directly to our testing team at: epitesting@tpchd.org

Free wound care clinic every Friday afternoon, TNE clinic at the STD room at T-PCHD on S 37th & Pacific. Spread the word.

Safe Sites

<https://ss4a.pchomeless.org>

Outreach Supply Need and Share form: <https://forms.gle/2zfK8Y5JvC1K5eXLA>

Please sign up to the inclement weather listserv at

<https://www.pchomeless.org/Home/Listserv>

Narcan Resources:

<https://www.tacomaneedleexchange.org/naloxoneWA> DOH Free Mail Order Naloxone

Free Narcan Vending Machines: Tacoma Public Library Moore Branch (regular library hours), First United Methodist Church of Tacoma, Recovery Café Orting Valley

WA DOH Free Mail Order Narcan/Naloxone:<https://phra.org/naloxone>