

Home Trust News

Home Trust of Skagit

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Home Trust holds first fundraiser

Home Trust of Skagit held its very first fundraising event at Maple Hall in La Conner on Oct. 19.

The event highlighted Home Trust's current affordable housing projects in Mount Vernon and La Conner. Attendees heard from homeowners who have benefited from the program, and were given an opportunity to donate to the community land trust's work.

Attendees were treated to a catered barbecue dinner and music by local musicians Michael McLaskey and Vince Fejeran.

Emcee John Ruhlman introduced the night's speakers Home Trust President Kent Haberly, Executive Director Jodi Monroe, Community Acton of Skagit Executive Director Bill Henkel, and



Board member Lynn Christofersen speaks with Mount Vernon Mayor Jill Boudreau at Home Trust's fundraising event on Oct. 19. The City of Mount Vernon has played an important role in helping Home Trust with its Summerlynd affordable housing neighborhood.

homeowners LeAnna Badillo and Connie Pommels, who also serves as a board member.

Henkel spoke of Home Trust's beginnings following a housing summit gathering in 2006.

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President Kent Haberly and Executive Director Jodi Monroe sign construction loan paperwork with Land Title and Escrow Manager Karen Ashley on October 23 in Burlington.

Home Trust secures first construction loan for Summerlynd project

Home Trust of Skagit secured its first construction loan on Oct. 23, to complete its four homes at Summerlynd, the community land trust's premier neighborhood located in downtown Mount Vernon.

"This loan from Skagit State Bank is crucial for our ability to help our home-buying families," said Home Trust of Skagit Executive Director Jodi Monroe. "It completes our Summerlynd neighborhood."

Summerlynd dedication takes place



Mount Vernon city council candidate Richard Brocksmith (left), Home Trust board members Steve Omdal and Becki Bell, and homebuyers Rudy and LeAnna Badillo and their children listen to remarks at the Summerlynd dedication ceremony on Oct. 3.

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Henkel said discussions with like-minded individuals who saw the need to explore a community land trust model in Skagit County took place after flooding in the town of Hamilton that year and after Community Action's acquisition of the now-Channel Cove property in La Conner. Henkel said he applied and received a sizable grant from the Paul Allen Foundation, which helped start the community land trust.

"There were these bits of magic that came together," he said.

Home Trust staff showed a new promotional video created by a teacher and student at Mount Vernon High School. The video highlights its homebuying program and featured testimonies from homeowners.

Lunch With Home Trust



Home Trust sponsored the monthly Burlington Chamber of Commerce luncheon on Oct. 18, at the Burlington City Library. Dozens of business owners, employers, and others learned about our housing program.

Home Trust of Skagit is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization dedicated to helping Skagit County residents earning less than 80 percent of the county's area median income purchase their own home. We are located at 612 S. First Street, in Mount Vernon. Mailing address is P.O. Box 2444, Mount Vernon, WA 98273. Contact us at info@hometrustedofskagit.org or (360) 428-0014. Our website can be found at www.hometrustedofskagit.org.