

# Home Trust News

Home Trust of Skagit

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## Home Trust Ready to Build at Summerlynd

After months of waiting, Home Trust is nearing the date to break ground at Summerlynd, the community land trust's joint-build neighborhood with Habitat for Humanity in downtown Mount Vernon.

As of the end of April, three families have committed to occupy three of the four Home Trust homes planned for the development. Habitat for Humanity has built three homes thus far out of a planned seven.

Executive Director Jodi Monroe said that contracted builder, BYK Construction, will break ground some time in May.

"Soon, we will have more kids in beds," Monroe said. "And that's why we do what we do - so that families can have a safe and warm place to live."

Summerlynd has been made possible by grants from the City of Mount Vernon, Skagit County, HUD, Community Frameworks and other sources.



Executive Director Jodi Monroe shows Kaylee Galloway, community liaison for Congresswoman Suzan DelBene, the current progress at Summerlynd. Construction of Home Trust homes will soon begin.

Staff has continued to fill the pipeline for the homes by constantly promoting Home Trust through social media, at community outreach events civic club meetings, through news releases and stories, and orientation classes.

"There are families out there who need our help," Monroe said. "We just keep educating the public so that everyone knows about Home Trust and the unique and wonderful way we can help them own their own home."



Board member and Channel Cove resident Derrick Baer speaks to the meeting attendees about his home-buying experience.

## Home Trust Holds its Ninth Annual Meeting

Home Trust held its ninth annual meeting on March 21 at the La Conner Civic Garden Club in La Conner. More than fifty people attended, including board members, future homeowners, and others from the community.

President of the Board Kent Haberly welcomed all who attended and called for approval of Jennifer Martin as the board's newest member, as well as the renewal of terms

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Kaylee Galloway, community liaison for U.S. Rep. Suzan DelBene, visited with President Kent Haberly, Executive Director Jodi Monroe and Outreach Coordinator Bill Craig on April 24. Galloway said DelBene's office would help however she can with Home Trust's mission.

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for directors Lynn Christofersen and Susan Rowe.

Executive Director Jodi Monroe presented potential Summerlynd homeowners to the group. Three families were in process of committing to purchasing their homes.

Director Gabriel Olmsted recalled the history of the board since Home Trust's inception. Many people from the community have had a part in Home Trust's success, Olmsted said.

Lastly, board members and homeowners Vanessa Scee, Jennifer Martin and Derrick Baer gave testimonials about what owning a home has meant to them.

Attendees enjoyed food and music from local musicians.

## New Board Members

Home Trust of Skagit recently added new members to its board of directors. Added are Jennifer Martin, Connie Pommels and Derrick Baer. They join Kent Haberly (president), Wendie Granberg (vice president), Becki Bell (Treasurer), Lynn Christofersen (secretary), Bob Boudinot, Gabriel Olmsted, Steve Omdal, Germaine Kornegay, Vanessa Scee, Kari Kennedy, and Susan Rowe.

## Improved Website

Home Trust recently underwent a website upgrade. The new site has a link to make donations to the community land trust model. Also included are testimonials from current land trust home owners. Go to [www.hometrustofskagit.org](http://www.hometrustofskagit.org) and check it out.

## NWCLT Gathering May 15-17

Home Trust board members and staff will represent the organization at the Northwest CLT Gathering at the River's Edge Resort in Winthrop May 15-17. Topics will include advocacy, fundraising, and leadership. Representatives from community land trusts from around the Pacific Northwest and surrounding states will be in attendance.



**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**

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 Executive Director Jodi Monroe or Community Outreach Coordinator Bill Craig at (360) 428-0014, or by e-mailing [info@hometrustofskagit.org](mailto:info@hometrustofskagit.org), to donate or for more information.



Home Trust attended the annual EDASC Schmooze Fair along with other businesses at the Skagit Regional Airport on April 6. Meeting with Jodi Monroe here is Steve Schultz of Skagit Valley Hospital.