



## Willapa Community Network Newsletter

December 2016

### Our Vision

Our vision is a thriving, connected, community achieved through enhanced leveraging of resources and services in north Pacific County.

### Our Mission

Our mission is to support an inclusive community network that encourages communication and collaboration among service providers, business, and volunteers, to enhance quality of life in north Pacific County.

### Next Meeting:

WCN meets on the first Wednesday of each month—all are invited to attend.

11:00 am—1:00 pm

Willapa Harbor Hospital

Cedar Conference Room

## Alder House Gets A New Roof

A new roof has been completed at Alder House in South Bend. This construction project was primarily the result of foundation grants and the profound generosity of local residents, businesses and philanthropic organizations in this county and the Raymond and South Bend communities. Construction by Coastline Roofing and Construction was completed earlier this month.

Alder House, the only assisted care facility in north Pacific County, was constructed in response to an overwhelming need to provide an alternative to nursing home care for seniors and the disabled in this area. This non-profit 501(c)3 facility, built in 1995, consists of 36 units: 31 studio apartments and four one-bedroom apartments. Requirements for the initial building loans specified that 60% of the rooms be made available to those on Medicaid. Medicaid has not raised their rates for assisted care facilities since 2007 and they pay only 63% of what is charged. This financial challenge created an inability to pay for roof repair, let alone replacement. Alder House is owned by Willapa Independent Senior Housing, a five member volunteer board and is managed by Willapa Harbor Hospital. The Board is made up of two members of the hospital board and three community members. Willapa Harbor Hospital provides oversight to the operation of Alder House.

Estimates for replacing this 24,500 square foot roof exceeded \$100,000. Willapa Harbor Health Foundation initiated a fund-raising campaign and donated \$10,000 toward this critical need. A grant request to the Ben B. Cheney Foundation, Tacoma yielded \$35,000 towards the project. Our local LV Raymond Foundation and Pacific County Low Income Housing Assistance Fund each awarded an additional \$10,000. Further fund raising efforts included making this need public, sponsoring two community breakfasts, accepting donations for the WHH Cookbooks and other community events. The public response exceeded expectations with donations from local artists, businesses, philanthropic organizations and private individuals. Assistance was provided by the Willapa Harbor Hospital Department Managers, Kiwanis Club of South Bend, Willapa Harbor Lions Club, Eagles Raymond Ladies Auxiliary #1631, American Legion Post and Auxiliary 150, Willapa Ladies Aid, St. John's Episcopal Church, and Willapa Harbor Hospital Auxiliary. The Willapa United Methodist Church and the First Lutheran churches provided venues for the community breakfasts.

Despite this generosity, there is still an outstanding balance of approximately \$25,000 on this building project. Cookbooks are still available for last minute holiday gift giving at Willapa Harbor Hospital and the Willapa Bay Public Market located by the Carriage Museum in Raymond. More fund-raising events are being planned in the spring to assist with this remaining balance. Contributions can be sent to Alder House Attention Alder Roof Committee at PO Box 1400, South Bend, WA 98586





Pacific County Youth Alliance  
Presents:

# WORKING WITH CONFLICT

## How to Diffuse Everyday Conflict

**About the Trainer:**  
Donna Hallock is the Executive Director of the Dispute Resolution Center of Grays Harbor & Pacific Counties. She trains professionals to be certified mediators.

Monday, December 19, 2016  
9am - 5pm  
Grays Harbor College  
Riverview Education Center  
600 Washington Ave  
Raymond, WA 98577

Cost: \$10/person

Join us at this interactive workshop to learn great mediation skills to use in your professional and personal lives!

This training is presented in partnership with the Pacific County Resiliency Corps and the Dispute Resolution Center of Grays Harbor & Pacific Counties

Light Breakfast & Refreshments included.  
RSVP is preferred.

For more information please contact Becky Fischer at [fischerb@willapabh.org](mailto:fischerb@willapabh.org) or 360.214.1520.



## Housing Services

### New Office and Hours

Coastal Community Action provides a Coordinated Entry point for Pacific County for low income households or households facing housing crises including housing resource and referral, short term rental assistance, community referrals, budgeting assistance and stability planning.

Please help us welcome our new housing staff members: America and Marisa.

*Our previous case manager is still with Coastal Community Action but working in a new program.*

South Bend, WA	Long Beach, WA
8:30 - 4:30	8:30 - 4:30
<i>(closed for lunch)</i>	<i>(closed for lunch)</i>
Monday & Thursday	Wednesday & Friday
500 W Robert Bush Dr South Bend, WA 98586	1505 Pacific Avenue N Long Beach, WA 98631
360.875.4123	360-642-6100
Staff Person: America	Staff Person: Marisa

Messages are checked daily.

People are encouraged to call ahead and schedule an appointment.

Other days may be available by appointment.

[www.coastalcap.org](http://www.coastalcap.org) [housing@coastalcap.org](mailto:housing@coastalcap.org)

# Project Homeless Connect

Every year in January organizations come together to reach out to people experiencing homeless and other needs. Nationally there is an annual count so that we can understand the issues of homelessness in our community.

South Pacific County has had a very successful "Project Homeless Connect" to bring together community providers on location.

In 2017 North Pacific County will hold their first "Project Homeless Connect" on Friday, January 27, 2017 from 2:00 - 6:00 pm at the Willapa Community Center at 916 W 1<sup>st</sup> St in South Bend.

We are asking for your support - volunteer for the event, provide a service, information table. There are all kinds of needs, benefits access, medical, mental health services, screenings, Housing Services, Employment Assistance, pet screening, education and family services.

Please contact Naomi Miller for more information at 360.533.5100 or [naomim@coastalcap.org](mailto:naomim@coastalcap.org).

Please call or email for a copy of the form and return it by **December 20<sup>th</sup>**.

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