Regional Housing & Growth Issues Partnership

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Welcome to the Weekly Update!

NAVIGATING THE GROWTH OF KOOTENAI COUNTY: The Regional Housing and Growth Issues Partnership will join a lineup of local experts Friday, Oct. 21, to discuss growth and housing issues in Kootenai County. Sponsored by Coeur d'Alene Regional Realtors and the Coeur d'Alene Regional Chamber. More info: https://business.cdachamber.com/events/details/navigating-the-growth-of-kootenai-county-23899?calendarMonth=2022-10-01

SOLUTIONS TOOLKIT UPDATES: We've updated our Solutions Toolkit! Checkout the Solutions Toolkit dropdown menu at http://www.rhgip.com to view the solutions being explored to increase the affordability and availability of housing for local workers.

MOBILE HOME COMMUNITY RESOURCE FAIR: Residents and owners of Kootenai County's mobile home communities are invited to attend a Resource Fair from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. November 5 at the Coeur d'Alene Public Library. ROC Northwest will share information on how mobile home communities can become resident-owned. Local nonprofits and social service organizations will also attend the fair to provide additional resources and information. Questions? Contact Victoria O'Banion at (308) 991-5663 or email victoria@nwcdc.coop

JOINT PLANNING WORKSHOP: A joint workshop for regional Planning and Zoning Commissions is planned for November. The workshop is designed to share progress and tools available to decision makers that address the local worker housing issues. They include, but aren't limited to, deed restrictions, development agreements, incentive-based density, collaborative codes, housing type possibilities, with possible presentations on land banks and Community Land Trusts.

DEED RESTRICTIONS: The Panhandle Affordable Housing Alliance has taken the lead on partnering with private developers to build homes with deed restrictions to ensure access to and continued affordability of housing for workers. More information on PAHA's private market solutions is available at https://rhgip.com/deed-restrictions

DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES: The local development community is working to create a list of potential developer incentives that could allow developers to build housing at lower price points. We have added a new Toolkit item on the website that will be updated with this info when available: https://rhgip.com/developer-incentives

FUTURE OF RHGIP: The Regional Housing & Growth Issues Partnership will soon merge with a local nonprofit that is rebranding and expanding into a regional visioning group with housing and growth issues as the primary focus.

FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN: A yearlong fundraising campaign will launch in January 2023 with the aim of building a source of funding for land acquisitions and buydowns on properties for local workers.

HOMESHARE KOOTENAI COUNTY: HomeShare Kootenai County has become a nonprofit organization independent of the Regional Housing & Growth Issues Partnership. Learn more about HomeShare Kootenai County at www.homesharekc.org