



Residents News-Mail

Looking back; Looking ahead

It is hard to believe that summer is almost over; School starts in many parts of the country in two weeks. Leaves are already turning.

This summer, your WACCRA Board looked back to review our achievements during the 2025 Legislative session. While we did not get everything we originally sought, we are pleased with what we did manage to accomplish – for the first time (1) residents in Independent Living in Washington CCRCs have the protection of the Washington State Consumer Protection Act, and (2) the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) has a clear role in its enforcement. For more information see [the analysis of the legislation](#) posted on the WACCRA web site.

The WACCRA Board and Legislative Committee are now turning to look ahead to what we want to accomplish during the 2026 Legislative session. The Consumer Protection Act and the role of the OAG form the foundation for further action. We want to better align Washington state regulations with other states with regard to registration requirements as we continue to seek enhanced reviews of actuarial and financial statements. Watch your e-mail for the details of these requests.

Annual Meeting, November 1

WACCRA's annual meeting will be held Saturday morning, November 1st, at Mirabella in Seattle. It will feature several speakers. Many CCRCs have indicated that they will be organizing bus transportation to and from the meeting for their residents. While all members (and friends) are invited to attend in person, the meeting will also be broadcast via zoom.

Mid-term elections

As a non-partisan organization, WACCRA does not endorse candidates. However, we strongly encourage our members to invite all candidates from their district to their facilities, show them around, and discuss the concerns that seniors in CCRCs have.

Developing a relationship is especially important for new candidates - we find that getting to know candidates while they are running can be vital to conveying our message during the session. It is never too early to begin familiarizing candidates with CCRCs.

Stay involved

Remember our letter writing campaigns last winter? We demonstrated the power of our ideas then. We will need your help this forthcoming session too. We have a lot of background material to help you with this. Get in touch with Kim Hickman, Chair of the Legislative Committee, or other members of the Board.

Have a wonderful remaining few weeks of Summer. We will see you all in the Fall.

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