



Residents News-Mail

Our Website is Better than Ever!

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We are thrilled to announce that the year-long update of our website, waccra.org, is complete! We encourage all our members to go take a look as soon as you can because you will love the new look and we think you will learn more about WACCRA than you knew before. That is our intent.

Two WACCRA members, Putnam Barber (Skyline) and Monica Clement (Timber Ridge), have worked together with WACCRA web guru Yvonne San Luis via Zoom to make this transformation happen. All WACCRA Board members have taken a look at the new website-in-progress over the course of the year. We (Put and myself) would like to give special thanks to Board Members Cassandra Carothers (Horizon House), Natalie Siegel (Mirabella), Rick Baugh (Skyline) and Orin Brustad (at large) for their very helpful editorial work.

There are some key parts of the new website that we would like to highlight:

Consumer Guide to Continuing Care Retirement Communities in Washington State, 3rd Edition is available to read online and download. This document provides its readers with invaluable information about CCRCs and the CCRC lifestyle. We have distributed it to lawmakers in Olympia as an educational tool. It may be shared with friends and acquaintances who are thinking about downsizing in preparation for retirement living.

The **Commitment to CCRC Practices Document** is available to read online and download. Every CCRC resident should be familiar with the contents of this document because it lays out the ground rules for resolution of issues within the CCRC. The document is the product of collaboration between WACCRA,

LeadingAge, and CCRC Executive Directors. Each of the 23 CCRCs in our state has signed on to this agreement.

Updated information about ways to **contact a CCRC representative** is easy to find and use. Some of our CCRCs have a WACCRA member ("Coordinator") who acts as a liaison between WACCRA and residents within their CCRC. Find out if your CCRC has a WACCRA Coordinator.

WACCRA Board Minutes are available to read and download. While members are welcome to sit in on the regular monthly Board Meetings, many cannot do that. The minutes will let you know what kinds of issues are discussed at the meetings.

News-Mails are available to read and download. Most members receive News-Mails via email. These communications do not come to you at a prescribed interval, but rather come as topics arise. Now, you will be able to access these communications via the website whenever you would like.

An extensive and updated **Resources section** gives you lots of information regarding CCRCs and topics of interest to seniors, including legislative news. We will update the Resource section of the website frequently with up-to-date information of interest to CCRC residents and all seniors.

Information about our **Annual Meeting** is easy to access, and we hope to provide videos of the meeting on the website, going forward, for those who cannot attend. The 2021 Annual Meeting will take place on Saturday, October 23 at Emerald Heights.

An **interactive map** shows you where, geographically, our 23 Washington CCRCs are, and allows you to access information about each one. Have you ever wondered where all the 23 CCRCs in Washington State are? Wonder no more! Our map shows you at a glance and links you with the website of each one. Another great resource for those thinking of downsizing and moving to a retirement community.

There is a lot more on waccra.org for you to explore. If you've got some free time right now, we invite you to begin your exploration!

We hope you agree that this is an attractive and useful website. Feel free to contact us with any comments you have after visiting the site. Please share the site with your family and friends who are not currently CCRC residents.

As always, we thank you for your continued support of WACCRA!

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