Welcome to the Douglas County issue! Moving forward, our publication will devote one issue to each of our five-counties: Coos, Curry, Douglas, Jackson, and Josephine. Our hope is to outline all the future and past projects for the year in the particular county in order to keep you informed of all the great things being done in each county. We are still keeping our service map on page 8-9 that shows what programs and services are running to make sure that no matter the issue, you will know what is going on in. This month’s lead story is about our work with an event that is a real economic driver for Roseburg: the Downtown Roseburg Street Festival.

We are happy to announce that this October 13th, Downtown Roseburg will be rockin’ thanks to the 4th Downtown Roseburg Street Festival. This event sees thousands of the local community members descend on the downtown from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. enjoying the live music, great food, activities and games, and fun retail merchants thanks to the Community Cancer Center, Downtown Roseburg Association and NeighborWorks.
A new Downtown Roseburg Street Faire is coming! Join us and musical act, Hat Trick, this October 13 in the heart of downtown Roseburg.

Visit nwumpqua.org/events to see what classes are available or visit nwumpqua.org/classes to sign up!

We have new home repair opportunities coming to our service area. Make sure you stay up-to-date on these developments by visiting our website or our social media pages. You can find those accounts on the back page.
Umpqua commitment to our community. This event is great economic development opportunity for the Roseburg and greater Douglas County area. The price for businesses to participate is low, allowing small businesses to take advantage of the large crowds to make a profit while simultaneously exposing their brand to a lot of people. Thanks to our sponsors, the event is able to sustain a free admission for the general public, ensuring large crowds for years to come.

The 4th event is even bigger than last June's event. This time all of Jackson Street will be closed from Douglas to Lane Streets with over four blocks of activities! The 400 block of Jackson will host the live music brought to you by Hat Trick, a local favorite. On the 500 block you will find all manner of retail merchants. Food trucks and outdoor sitting can be found on the 600 block, and The Elks Lodge will host all sorts of activities and games on the 700 block.

The Community Cancer Center is the title sponsor for this Downtown Roseburg Street Festival, with the goal of increasing understanding and providing education during breast cancer awareness month. The Breast Cancer Awareness Campaign will be in full swing at the Downtown Roseburg Street Festival on October 13th, with a Power of Pink March beginning at Eagles Park at 11:30 a.m. Mark your calendars now and stay tuned for more information as more merchants and food trucks come on board. To sign up as a vendor, make sure to visit https://www.downtownroseburgassociation.org/product/street-fair-vendor-fee/. We hope to see you on October 13th! 🎉

Hat Trick is excited to join in the fun. You can listen to them live at their ReverbNation account at https://www.reverbnation.com/hattrick59

Special thanks to The Ford Family Foundation; JD Fulwiler & Company Insurance; Banner Bank; Miller, Nash, Graham & Dunn, LLP; Gerretsen Building Supply; Interstate Bank; and Roseburg Forest Products for their support.
NeighborWorks Umpqua was excited to announce the return of our third Community Impact Measurement Survey, which was conducted in select neighborhoods in Roseburg this summer. The Answers For Action Community Impact Measurement Team collected data for the organization. NeighborWorks Umpqua, The City of Roseburg, and other community organizations use this survey tool as a means of informing local decision-makers of the needs and conditions of the community and sheds some light on the impact and value of various community development activities that have happened since the first survey in 2013.

“We were excited to come back to the neighborhood after three years,” explained Resident Coordinator, Ruth Smith. “We’ve successfully run these surveys in 2013 and 2016 and were excited to capture any changes the neighborhood might have seen since 2016. It’s important for NeighborWorks Umpqua to capture this information in order to provide important data to funders about the needs of the local area.”

The organization brought in AmeriCorps VISTAs to help with the surveys over a six week span. This survey will help NeighborWorks Umpqua and its partners identify if the work identified in the previous surveys have made an impact and if there are additional areas of focus to work on over the coming years. The summer was a hot one, but we are excited to have had the chance to talk with our community about the changes seen in the area over the years.

DreamBuilders is a unique NeighborWorks Umpqua service known as Mutual Self-Help Housing. Mutual Self-Help Housing is a “sweat equity” program provided through USDA’s Self-Help Housing Program, that gives a group of income qualified families the means to construct their own homes. This service allows community members who might not qualify for a conventional home loan a chance to become a homeowner!

This additional entry point into housing see 5 - 10 families come together to build their homes as one community with oversight from our trained construction supervisor. After the economic downturn in the late 2000s, we were excited to start the program in 2018. Our first build will take place in Myrtle Creek this fall and our next build in Roseburg will take place next year. We are still on the hunt for Roseburg participants. You can find more information about the builds and the program at nwumpqua.org/dreambuilders.
Dream$avers Intake Changed

The matched-savings Individual Savings Account (IDA) service, Dream$avers, changed its intake process to only accept applications from individuals who have not previously graduated from the program. This change to the application process was due, in part, to a report generated by NeighborWorks Umpqua’s data analytics service, Muninn Analytics. The data showed that while repeat graduates greatly benefited from engaging the program multiple times, their participation made it harder for first-time participants to enroll. By changing the program’s application criteria for 2019 and doubling down on supporting first-time users through the process, the organization hoped to increase the number of people who graduate successfully, thereby having a greater impact on our local economies.

“Dream$avers is one of our most popular services because it has the ability to help our underserved community members build assets,” said Carlos Gomez, IDA Program Manager. “By matching an individual’s savings 3-to-1, the organization has been able to help community members start businesses, go to school, buy a new vehicle, buy a home, and much more! We decided to take a closer look at some of our client data and discovered that our first-time applicants weren’t succeeding at the same rate as our repeat graduates. This discovery lead to an internal discussion about our organization’s commitment to promoting equity, and how we can serve the greatest number of people. Dream$avers is a program that is intended to help people save and learn what goes into the process of working towards financial goals,” said Carlos. “If you go through the program and graduate, our hope is that you have gained new skills and habits in financial and goal planning for future endeavors.”

CDBG Intake Started

Earlier last year, the City of Roseburg was awarded a $400,000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to repair and rehabilitate homes in the Cities of Roseburg, Winston, and Myrtle Creek. The City of Roseburg partnered with the City of Myrtle Creek and the City of Winston to sub-grant funds to NeighborWorks Umpqua (NWU) as a certified non-profit organization authorized by the State to carry out housing rehabilitation activities on behalf of the Cities. Funds from CDBG will repair between 20 – 30 homes over the course of the program. Earlies this year, NWU handled application intake for the service. We were overwhelmed by the amount of demand for this service! As we schedule repairs in the coming days, make sure to check-in on our social media pages to see all the work being done.
Deer Creek Manor is Coming to Roseburg

Last month, NeighborWorks Umpqua was happy to announce that Deer Creek Village, the organization’s newest multifamily housing development, would have a celebration for the new development on August 29 at 11 am on 2843 NE Douglas Avenue! The entire community was invited to join NeighborWorks Umpqua staff, elected officials, and the media in celebrating the 68 units of new housing coming to the Roseburg area. The celebration saw remarks from partners, a brief ceremony, and light refreshments. As the first multifamily development of this scale since 2013, NeighborWorks Umpqua was excited to host a celebration to talk about this historic project.

“Deer Creek Village is one of our most ambitious developments,” explained Director of Acquisitions and Development, Brian Shelton-Kelley. “With a design centered on community connection and enrichment, we are excited to bring more housing to market in Douglas County with this new development. We wanted to extend special thanks to our land donor, the Rosensteins, whose gracious donation ensured the success of this project. We anticipate the application process beginning in late 2020, so stay tuned for more information.”

Deer Creek Village aims to create housing that is safe, healthy, and affordable for residents of Roseburg and Douglas County that have trouble securing and retaining housing in the conventional market, due to income and/or work history, disability, age, Veteran status, or experiences with housing instability, homelessness, or incarceration. The project will have a preference for Veterans, especially low-income Veterans with special needs, but will not serve Veterans exclusively. Deer Creek Village is a single three-story building that features a main lobby with a mail center, manager’s office, meeting room, and storage areas for bikes and other items. Laundry facilities will also be provided. The building’s design creates a central courtyard, providing an outdoor gathering and green space for residents, and allowing natural light into the interiors. There will be a play area in the courtyard as well.

With its mix of studio, one-bedroom, and two-bedroom units, Deer Creek Village will cater to individuals and small families making less than 60% of the Area Median Income and individuals at or under 30% AMI with a disability, including severe mental illness. As nearly 30% of Roseburg residents are severely rent-burdened, affordable housing is acutely needed. Deer Creek Village is informed by the principles of inclusionary housing, seeking to provide affordable housing to a wide range of people of diverse ages, backgrounds, and abilities. NeighborWorks Umpqua anticipates taking applications in late 2020 and will advertise the start of the intake process. Permanent financing provided by the Network for Oregon Affordable Housing, a consortium of Oregon banks. ✤
Heartwood ReSources Expansion

Heartwood ReSources is a nonprofit deconstruction and salvage company and important partner of NeighborWorks Umpqua, and is seen by the community as a leader in the use and re-use of building materials. Over the years, Heartwood ReSources has lead the way in providing a safe, economical solution for recycling building materials and other household goods in Douglas County. The company was established in October 2001 to enhance the livability of our greater Douglas County. Heartwood ReSources provides affordable building materials, jobs and job training, public education on environmental stewardship, and promotes the retention of affordable housing.

The deconstruction of homes, barns, and buildings and the salvage of wood and many other home improvement materials for resale is reducing the impact on our local landfill. Reselling salvaged materials also provides affordable lumber and materials for low-income households who wish to build, repair, or renovate their homes. In recent years, the store has added home goods to its list of donated goods. Now you can come buy a door, a record, and grab a window all in one spot! Thanks to the tireless efforts of the staff, we are proud to announce that our store is expanding!

“Everything is coming together for our upcoming expansion,” explained Marla Zoeter, Heartwood ReSources's Store Manager. “This expansion would not have been possible without the support of our partners, including Josephine County Solid Waste Agency, Douglas County Public Works, and United Community Action Network. We are all excited to continue building momentum towards our grand opening in Grants Pass and to begin reducing the waste in that local area.”

This planned expansion will add a recycled building supply store to Grants Pass, provide new job opportunities, new recycling avenues for the area, and will improve the area’s economic vitality. The expansion is fully funded thanks to grant awards from the private Oregon foundation, Meyer Memorial Trust, and the Department of Environmental Quality. Visit heartwoodresources.org for more information! 🌍

Our staff are excited to continue their hard work in Grants Pass!
What are we doing and where?
A look at our work in Southern Oregon.
• **Financial Coaching** - Looking to be part of a financial service or to save for a home? Our Financial Coaches are the required first stop.
• **Full-Service Lending** - Looking to buy a home or learn more about the home buying process? Contact our Lending Department.

**Douglas**

• **DreamBuilders** - We are on the hunt for our next group of DreamBuilders! Our current crop will begin building in Myrtle Creek and our next build site will be in Roseburg. This site has a veteran's preference but is looking for all applicants. For more information visit nwumpqua.org/dreambuilders
• **CDBG** - 20 home repairs are being completed in Roseburg, Winston, and Myrtle Creek
• **Financial Coaching** - Looking to be part of a financial service or to save for a home? Our Financial Coaches are the required first stop.
• **Full-Service Lending** - Looking to buy a home or learn more about the home buying process? Contact our Lending Department.

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**Curry**

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• **Full-Service Lending** - Looking to buy a home or learn more about the home buying process? Contact our Lending Department.
Meet a Heartwood ReSources team member!
Heartwood ReSources is an important division of NeighborWorks Umpqua and we’d like to introduce these hard working staff members!

Cody King has been at Heartwood Resources for just over one year. He started as a volunteer through the Umpqua Community College Jobs Training Program while he worked as a stay-at-home dad, caring for his son Alexander. Alexander is outgoing and readily shares that he lives with cerebral palsy. Cody also has a younger daughter, Felicity.

As a Retail Clerk, Cody cashiers, helps customers find what they’re looking for, and assists with donation intake. Says Cody, “It’s really cool how much stuff we keep out of the landfill. And the materials we sell help people do projects that they couldn’t otherwise afford. Heartwood has a great inventory. It’s like a candy store for adults!”

Meet Cody King, Heartwood ReSources’ Retail Clerk!

Make your voice heard
Take our communication survey online!
NeighborWorks Umpqua would like to invite you to take a quick communication evaluation survey. We want our community to take part in a survey about NeighborWorks Umpqua, namely how we are doing in communicating who we are and what we do. We hope you will participate, as every opinion matters!

Invitation to NeighborWorks Umpqua Survey
Let your voice be heard!
nwumpqua.org/survey
How can you help?

You don’t need to be a superhero to make a difference (but it helps). If you can donate a minute of time or a few dollars, you can make a difference in the lives of our fellow Oregonians. It doesn’t matter where you live, chances are there is a project near you that needs your help. Interested in volunteering? Ask our Volunteer Coordinator what projects are available. Looking to donate? Ask how your tax-deductible donation can help by emailing info@nwumpqua.org. Make sure to stay connected with our digital and physical newsletters. Commit to building a better Oregon with NeighborWorks® Umpqua by filling out the form and mailing it to:

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NeighborWorks® Umpqua Commitment Form

Thank you so much for considering a contribution to NeighborWorks Umpqua! Any monetary donations are tax deductible and any volunteer time is immensely appreciated. Please fill out the following form and send it to our Roseburg office. We appreciate any support you can offer!

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Yes, I want to support your work in Oregon! Enclosed is a check with my tax-deductible donation of:

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I would like periodic updates sent to my address.

Make all checks out to NeighborWorks® Umpqua.