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Rachel's Remarks

I am amazed by the generosity of our community, especially when I look at the time all of our action team members committed in creating objectives for our new action plan. They have been hard at work over the last few months and have honored our residents' ideas. I can't wait to share the draft action plan with you all next month. Together we will make our shared vision a reality!

Ready, Set, Action Plan

We have just completed Phase 3 - Creating the Vision. A special thank you to over 90 volunteers and team members who served on our Action Teams. Together, the action teams reviewed over 200 vision ideas residents shared. These new ideas will help improve the quality of life for residents across Chelan and Douglas counties in all six of our focus areas.

Stay tuned for an opportunity to provide feedback on the new action items next month!

Action Plan Win: Crail Cottages

Common Ground Community Housing Trust recently celebrated the completion of 8 new homes at Crail Cottages. The project was possible due to contractors, community partners, investors, and donors.

"Support for Housing Trusts" was an action item in the 2022-26 Action Plan. We are proud to have them as a lead partner for this objective.

Congratulations to Common Ground and their new home owners!

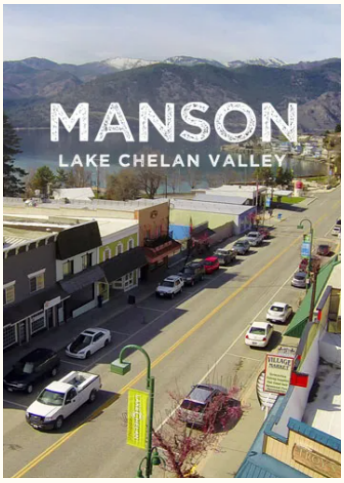
Get Involved

The Hope Dealers

Across North Central Washington, a grassroots recovery movement has been growing, led by people who understand firsthand what it takes to find a path forward.

Over the past few years, Thriving Together NCW has been working to capture part of that story through ***The Hope Dealers***, a documentary featuring recovery coaches and advocates from across our region.

CAFÉ will be hosting a film screening on October 7 at the Numerica PAC.



Manson Transportation Survey

Do you live in Manson? Chelan County has a survey open as part of the Safe Routes to School Study in Manson. The study examines how multiple modes of transportation. This study will be used to design a walking and bicycling network that lowers traffic stress and improves accessible routes for the community.

Complete the survey by mid-October

Get Your Ticket

Survey

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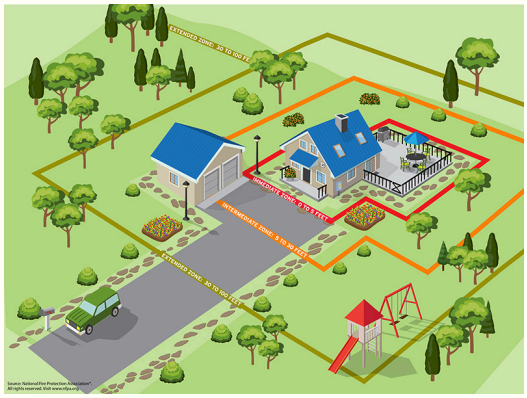
Thriving Together Annual Summit

Stewardship in Action: Connecting, Committing & Advancing the Vital Conditions

Join us on October 21st in Moses Lake to connect with regional partners, explore the vital conditions, celebrate the work happening across North Central Washington, and strengthen our collective commitment to building a thriving region.

Registration is free and required
October 21st, 8:30-4:00pm

Registration



Fire Prevention Week

October 4-10th is **National Fire Prevention Week**. This year's focus is on safe charging of lithium-ion batteries. As we transition to fall, this is a great time to prepare your home for winter and long-term fire safety on your property. Learn more about defensible space and home hardening on Wildfire NCW.

Visit Wildfire NCW

Steve's Reading Recommendations

- **Washington tree fruit association discontinues apple forecasts** (Yakima Hearld-Republic)
- **Here's what California is learning from solar panels built over irrigation canals** (KQED Public Radio)
- **McClatchy layoffs hit local Washington newspapers** (Seattle Times)
- **The Return of Wood: Mass timber is changing architecture in Washington and beyond** (Pacific Northwest Magazine)

- **These California architects found a faster way to rebuild after fires** (Time Magazine)
- **Bill Gates warns of job losses, rising harm in plea for AI policies** (Seattle Times)
- **AI is increasing inequality in America** (Washington Post via Seattle Times)
- **Hikers who use wheelchairs explore Oregon's outdoors** (The Oregonian)

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