

What's New at Northaven?

Northaven continues to serve Northgate with quality independent living and assisted living housing and services for lower income residents of the community. Strategic Planning for the future of Northaven, initiated in 2012, has yielded several specific outcomes thus far, and the Northaven board and staff continue to work towards others.

- The Board of Trustees has strengthened its governance in spite of Trustee turnover as seven Trustees became Emeritus in the last three years. For instance, every board member goes through a clear onboarding process and an on-site orientation, and then serves on one of the four standing committees and/or on one of the two ad hoc committees. Four of the current Emeritus members are people you are probably familiar with – George DeBon, Fred Utter, Sandi Keuss and our newest one, JoAnn Shoemaker. Northaven owes a debt of gratitude for the many years of service that they, along with the late Dorsey Harris and Hal Lauridsen, past Emeritus members, gave to Northaven. Jeanne Hayden, a resident of Northaven, is also a new Emeritus member.
- The board has also been invigorated by participating with the University Of Washington Foster School Of Business in selecting two MBA candidates to serve as Fellows for one year to do a special project benefitting the board and Northaven. It is a program to connect MBA candidates with non-profit boards.
- Northaven has sent a Letter of Intent with a partner non-profit organization, Human Good, to build two 70 to 90 unit buildings on property Northaven owns. We are waiting for their response, but are moving forward with zoning and funding with the hopeful expectation that we will build additional low income housing, a growing need in Seattle.

Northaven Calendar:

- Community Meeting – **Thursday Evening , May 24** – Special guest, Debra Juarez, Seattle City Council – open meeting to advocate for Northaven and low income housing (Northaven Harbor Room)
- Bingo – **Saturday Evening June 9th** – Come have a lot of fun playing Bingo. All proceeds will benefit Northaven (Northaven Dining Room). Call Northaven for tickets.
- Summer Picnic – **Saturday lunchtime, Aug 24th** - great food and musical entertainment (Northaven North Gardens). It will happen, rain or shine!
- Northaven Gala – **Friday Evening, September 21** – The Gala will be held at Shoreline Community College this year. This is the highlight event each year to focus on Northaven as a leading low income housing facility in the Seattle area – there is great food, refreshments and lots of fun ways to support Northaven along with a silent and live auction. Auction items are being accepted now!