New homeowners in the making

The Home Trust's home ownership program is back on track following the 35-day federal government shutdown, with two USDA mortgage applications moving forward for Unit 30 ("McNeill") at Sun Rise II, and a resale at Sun Rise I. A commitment letter has been signed on Unit 32 ("Windsor") at Sun Rise II.

Below: McNeill (L) and Windsor at Sun Rise II.

Another way to show your support for Affordable Housing!

As you know, the Legislature is meeting until the end of April this year. There are several measures which if passed would demonstrate support for those entities trying to address affordable housing in our state and counties and cities.

Our Representatives Jeff Morris (jeff.morris@leg.wa.gov) and Debra Lekanoff (debra.lekanoff@leg.wa.gov), and our new state senator, Liz Lovelett (liz.lovelett@leg.wa.gov), can be contacted to urge them to support these measures. We would ask you to urge them all to support full funding of the Washington State Housing Trust Fund which, via a competitive grant process, helps affordable housing projects all across the state. The Home Trust has received two of these grants which enabled us to build the two Sun Rise neighborhoods!
Also ask them to support **SB5646** and its companion bill **HB1406**, which would allow cities and counties to retain a share of sales tax revenue to be applied to affordable housing efforts.

Additionally, **SB5357** and its companion **HB1493** would allow cities and counties to impose additional taxes to support affordable housing, similar to the REET passed in San Juan County last November.

To read the text of any of these measures, go to [https://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/](https://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/) and plug in the numbers, leaving out SB or HB.

**Meet a Home Trust Neighbor...**

**Angie Atwell**

"I've been on the island since 2006. For the first few years, I worked a variety of jobs: part-time at Skagit Valley College, as a bookkeeper for retail shop, at the Whale Museum, and even for the County. But for the past ten years, I've just been full time at Skagit Valley College, where I'm a program administrator for the Road Scholar life-long learning program. SVC has been doing Road Scholar for 30 years and we have one of the largest Road Scholar programs on the west coast.

Outside of work, I am single parent of two, and have volunteered for a variety of organizations that support activities for my kids, such as: Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, drama, recess duty at FHES, 4H, and chaperoning kid events when able. I've been a County park volunteer for ten years, and am currently a board member and officer with the Friday Harbor Band Families & Friends."

![Angie Atwell](image)

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