

Community NEWSLETTER

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Northwest Barber Academy

Haircuts

Opportunities for personal care can offer a meaningful boost in confidence and a sense of renewal for residents settling into stable housing.

Thanks to the generosity of Northwest Barber Academy, residents of 22 North Dorothy Place and Laurel Forest recently received free haircuts on-site. The atmosphere was warm and uplifting, with residents sharing smiles, conversations, and a chance to feel cared for. One resident was so delighted with their new look that they made a point to show staff and neighbors, proudly saying, "I feel like a brand-new person!"

Events like this remind us how small acts of kindness can support dignity, belonging, and community connection for residents as they continue building the next chapter of their lives



Fill your cup with love!

Opportunity Council hosted a Valentine's Day themed coffee hour. Residents were encouraged to come dressed in red or pink and Valentine's Day themed snacks and beverages were provided.



Looking Ahead

Animals as Natural Therapy & Superfeet



Superfeet generously provided Opportunity Council a grant to support 22 North and Dorothy Place residents. This grant will not only cover basic need kits but will also bring in a mental health service, Animals as Natural Therapy. We are grateful to be able to partner with them on their mission “to improve mental and behavioral health through animal-guided programs and mentorship.”

Bellingham Library Tech Help

The Bellingham Public Library will be hosting a “Tech Help” Session at Laurel Forest. In the age of fast-moving, ever-changing tech and with increased necessity to understand technology, this will be a valuable resource. Thank you, Bellingham Public Library!

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Garden Club is planting their seeds at Laurel Forest

A self-led club at Laurel Forest is sprouting! Passionate gardeners have organized to grow fruits and veggies in the green space at Laurel Forest Apartments. We are excited to watch their garden grow!

