

Exploring Economic Development

Join us for 3 events exploring the current state of community economic development in N/NE Portland. Learn about high-level governmental initiatives and share your own grassroots endeavors. Help map our community resources and access to food, shelter, education and other basic life necessities.

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Framework for Community Economic Development in N/NE Portland

Panel Discussion

Learn how current state, regional and city policies shape neighborhood-level community economic development. Panelists will address how governmental policies and programs set the stage for local work and translate into community benefits. **Wednesday, February 1st, 2012, 7 – 9pm**, 6:30pm networking and refreshments; St. Andrew Catholic Church, 806 NE Alberta St.

Panelists:

Karen Wilde Goddin - Managing Director, Business, Innovation and Trade Division, Oregon Business Development Department

Charles A. Wilhoite - Commissioner, Portland Development Commission and Managing Director, Willamette Management Associates

John R. Williams - Deputy Director, Planning and Development, Metro

Rey España - Director of Community Development, Native American Youth and Family Center

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Economic Health for North/Northeast Portland Communities

What does it look like and what is happening now?

An economically healthy community provides residents with access to food, shelter, health care, safe places to live, education, transportation, energy, financing and jobs. Hear from speakers and join in small group discussions on a selection of the above topics.

Tuesday, April 3rd, 7 – 9pm

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Grassroots Community Economic Development Projects

What are YOU doing?

This workshop style event will provide an opportunity for participants to share their own knowledge about community access to food, shelter, jobs, education, transportation and all of the other critical pieces of an economically healthy community. Join us for a fun, interactive evening of sharing and learning as we gather to discover resources and create connections.

Tuesday, May 1st, 7 – 9pm

The Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods (NECN) is a 501c3 nonprofit dedicated to neighborhood leadership, issue advocacy and community initiatives in inner north and northeast Portland. The volunteer members of the Community Economic Development Council of NECN work toward increasing economic vitality in our neighborhoods. For more information, visit necoalition.org or call 503-823-4575.

