

# LOWER COLUMBIA ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS® NEWSLETTER



## Your Dedication Drives Us – Let’s Keep Moving Forward

*A Message from the President*

I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt appreciation to each of you who have dedicated your valuable time and energy to help our association grow and thrive. Your commitment makes a meaningful difference.

While we’ve accomplished a great deal together, there is still more important work ahead. If you’re able, we would greatly appreciate your continued involvement—especially through serving on one of our committees. As the saying goes, many hands make light work, and your participation truly matters.

Thank you again for your membership and support. I look forward to seeing you at our next event!



*David Thelin*

## Join Us In Welcoming Our New Members!



**Kayla Cook**  
eXp Realty



**Daren Dean**  
Realty One



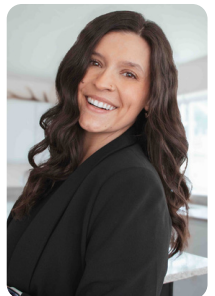
**Shelby Hiatt**  
Realty One



**Corbin Jensen**  
REAL



**Shelley Olsen**  
Windermere



**Brianna Ruiz**  
REAL

## Upcoming Committee Meetings

*Your input is valuable!*

**Community Service** Tuesday, August 5th 11:30 am @ **LoCAR**

**Education** TBD – **\*Committee Chair & Members needed!**

**Events** Wednesday, August 6th 3pm

**Membership** Friday, August 8<sup>th</sup> 2pm @ **LoCAR**

**Government Affairs & RPAC** Wednesday, August 11 am at **LoCAR**

*Committees are a great way to get involved and make a real impact! The people who show up are the ones shaping decisions—so why not be one of them? Join us and help shape the future!*

**Email [pamela@lowercolumbiarealtors.com](mailto:pamela@lowercolumbiarealtors.com) if you would like to get involved!**

# Spring Was in Full Bloom – Thank You for Joining Us!

## Realtor Volunteer Week



### Giving Back During National REALTOR® Volunteer Week

In celebration of National REALTOR® Volunteer Week, our members came together to make a difference in our community by gathering to collect trash around Longview. It was a rewarding day of service, teamwork, and civic pride as we worked together to help keep our city clean and beautiful.

A big thank-you to all the volunteers who showed up, rolled up their sleeves, and gave their time to support this effort. Your commitment to giving back truly embodies the REALTOR® spirit!

## Join Our New Private Facebook Group!

To better serve both our members and the community, we're updating how we use Facebook. Moving forward, our association's main Facebook page will focus on consumer-facing content—including public events, community updates, and industry advocacy. All member-specific news, updates, and discussions will now take place in a private Facebook group created exclusively for our members. This change will help us streamline communication and ensure the right messages reach the right audience.

### Join our new Facebook Group Today!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/lowercolumbia>

## Bowling!



**A Striking Success!** Thank you to everyone who came out and made our Bowling Event such a huge success! With 113 attendees and incredible community spirit, we're thrilled to share that we raised \$8,000 to support the association's efforts.

It was a fun-filled evening of friendly competition, laughter, and connection. We're grateful to our sponsors, volunteers, and participants who helped make this event one to remember.

We can't wait to roll with you again next year!

## June Membership Luncheon Recap: A Conversation with City Council Candidates



Thank you to all who joined us for our recent Membership Luncheon! We were pleased to welcome Wayne Nichols and Spencer Boudreau, both candidates for Longview City Council Position 7, as our featured guests. Each candidate shared their vision for Longview's future and discussed key issues impacting our community, including housing, infrastructure, economic development, and public safety. Attendees had the opportunity to ask questions and engage in meaningful dialogue with both candidates. We appreciate Wayne and Spencer for taking the time to connect with our members and for their willingness to serve our city. Thank you as well to everyone who attended and contributed to a thoughtful and engaging discussion. Stay tuned for more events that keep you informed and involved!

## Care & Share

### Cheers to New Adventures in Retirement!

Please join us in celebrating the well-deserved retirement of Rod Ericksen and Jim Stephens. We are deeply grateful for their many years of service, leadership, and unwavering dedication to our industry and the communities they've helped shape.

Rod and Jim, thank you for the lasting impact you've made. We wish you both joy, relaxation, and new adventures in this exciting next chapter!

*The Care and Share Sub-Committee is dedicated to celebrating and supporting our members through life's significant moments—both joyful and challenging. Whether it's recognizing milestones like retirements, new additions to the family, or offering comfort during times of illness, loss, or personal hardship, this committee ensures our members feel valued and cared for. Through small gestures with a big impact, Care and Share helps strengthen the sense of community within our association. Please email [pamela@lowercolumbiarealtors.com](mailto:pamela@lowercolumbiarealtors.com) if you know of any members in need of comfort, support or celebration.*

### Stronger Together for Nicole Graichen

Our dear member Nicole Graichen is currently facing a difficult battle with cancer. As she undergoes treatment, we want to surround her with the strength and support of our REALTOR® family. To help ease the burden, we are collecting donations to provide gift cards for gas and groceries, making everyday necessities a little easier during this challenging time. If you're able, please consider contributing—every gesture, big or small, makes a meaningful difference. Donate here: [bit.ly/graichen](https://bit.ly/graichen)



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Summer BBQ Riverside Park \*canceled

Membership Luncheon Mill City Grill **September 11th**

Fall Business Conference Spokane, WA **September 24<sup>th</sup> - 26th**

