



## NEWS & UPDATES

# REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

## 2022 MONTANA HOUSING PARTNERSHIP CONFERENCE



VIRTUAL  
CONFERENCE  
JUNE 14-15, 2022

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Registration for the 2022 Montana Housing Partnership Conference is open! This year's conference will be held virtually June 14-15, utilizing the Whova platform which allows sponsors and attendees a great deal of access and amenities.

For more information & to register, visit [mthousingpartnership.org](http://mthousingpartnership.org).



## Hideaway Park Celebrates Becoming Resident Owned

On March 12, the residents of Hideaway Community in Columbia Falls held their “We Own It” celebration in honor of recently finalizing the conversion of their manufactured home community to resident ownership after nearly four months of weekly organizing meetings.

Hideaway residents, board members, NeighborWorks Montana staff, and Hideaway’s property manager were all there to celebrate their success and enjoy pizza and cupcakes. Members of the cooperative also voted on their first permanent board of directors at the meeting, choosing to elect all five of the volunteer directors who steered their community through the purchase process.

Hideaway Community is the 15th resident owned community (ROC) in Montana, and is one of 291 nationwide. Congratulations to the new resident owners of Hideaway Community!

### LEARN MORE ABOUT THE ROC PROGRAM



You can help us cultivate Montana Resident Owned Cooperative (ROC) leaders by participating in our fundraiser to support leadership educational opportunities!

Through our resident owned community program, NeighborWorks Montana guides homeowners through the purchase process and provides continued support to help them successfully manage their manufactured housing communities. The educational opportunities provided at this annual training event help to build individual skills and leadership capacity, which not only strengthen individuals and their families, but entire communities.

The ROC Summit will take place this fall and is open to all of the 600+ residents of the 15 resident owned communities in Montana at no charge to the residents. The funds we raise through this fundraiser will be crucial in helping us at NWMT continue to offer this powerful experience and training.

### **About the Fundraiser**

When you make a purchase through [www.botanicalinterests.com](http://www.botanicalinterests.com), NWMT will receive 35% of the profits which will be directly used for the training event for residents this fall. Any purchase from Botanical Interests will qualify for the fundraiser. Please be sure to enter promo code NWMT2022 at check out.

**Botanical Interests** is a family-owned business that specializes in high-quality seed and garden products. Since 1995, they have been inspiring home gardeners and supplying garden centers across the nation.



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*Raising funds to grow ROC Leadership in Montana*

## **Welcome Our Newest Board Member**



At our March Board meeting, we welcomed new board member, Jeffrey (Jeff) Gatica of U.S. Bank. Jeff maintains a hybrid position within the Community Affairs and Engagement (CAE) Department as part of U.S. Bank’s Corporate Social Responsibility Division.

Jeff brings a wealth of experience working in the community development and banking industries with a focus on neighborhood revitalization and CRA as well as a passion for assisting minority communities and individuals.

We are excited to have Jeff on our Board!

## Welcome Our Newest Team Member



Please join us in welcoming our newest team member, Joanna (Jo) Schapley! Jo has joined us as a ROC Program Specialist giving technical support and guidance to residents who reside in resident owned communities.

Jo has a BA in Communication Studies and an MA in Counselor Education. She is a firm believer that adequate housing is a fundamental human right. Jo joined us earlier this month and has been an excellent addition to the NWMT staff!

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