



# COMMUNITY RESOURCE NEWSLETTER

Week of February 13 - 18

## Newsletter Guide

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### Icon Key:

 Asset Building Opportunity

 New Resource

 Updated Resource

## About Us

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### Community Resource Center

1111 Cornwall Ave.  
M-F 9am-4pm  
360-734-5121 option 3

Visit [whatcomabc.org/crn](http://whatcomabc.org/crn) to learn more about the CRN and to view past newsletters

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## SNAP BENEFITS ARE CHANGING

From March 2020 to February 2023, the federal government issued temporary emergency funding to provide families with additional food benefits during the COVID-19 pandemic. Emergency food benefit allotments are ending in February and SNAP benefit amounts will decrease to normal levels beginning March 2023. The amount of food benefits individuals and families will receive without the emergency benefits will depend on specific circumstances. Learn more [here](#).

### How to report a change in circumstances:

- Log on to [WashingtonConnection.org](http://WashingtonConnection.org)
- Call or visit Opportunity Council's Community Resource Center
- Call DSHS at 877-501-2233 or visit your local Community Services Office
- **AL TSA clients:** call your HCS Public Benefits Specialist
- **DDA clients:** call a Public Benefits Specialist at 855-873-0642



## SPECIAL EVENT:

### Free Tax Prep & Resource Pop-Up



In partnership with WWU's VITA program and Express Credit Union, WABC is hosting a free tax preparation pop-up event on March 2nd from 4 - 7pm at the Lynden Library. This event will feature:

- Services provided in Spanish and Russian
- Free tax preparation by WWU VITA volunteers
- ITIN application and renewal assistance
- Working Families Tax Credit application assistance
- And more!

Please help spread the word: [English Flyer](#) | [Spanish Flyer](#) | [Russian Flyer](#)

## Resource Guides

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Community Resource Library  
[whatcomabc.org/library](http://whatcomabc.org/library)

Food and Meal Guide  
[English](#) | [Spanish](#)

Homeless Housing Guide  
[English](#) | [Spanish](#)

Clothing Resource Guide  
[English](#) | [Spanish](#)

Hygiene Guide  
[English](#) | [Spanish](#)

SNAP Brochure  
[English](#) | [Spanish](#) | [Russian](#)

## COMMUNITY NEWS BULLETINS

News, announcements, & community updates

- [Community Housing Survey: help shape the 5-Year Consolidated Plan for housing needs in Skagit, Island, and Whatcom counties](#)
- [Free classes for the community through Bellingham Goodwill Job Training and Education Center](#)

## COMMUNITY EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Providing Services to Immigrant Workers and Refugees  
2/23, 10 - 11am | [Webinar Registration](#)

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Cascade Connections: [Multiple Openings](#)  
Catholic Community Services: [Multiple Openings](#)  
Lake Whatcom Center: [Multiple Openings](#)  
Lighthouse Mission Ministries: [Case Manager](#)  
Lydia Place: [Housing Program Director](#)  
Northwest Regional Council: [Multiple Openings](#)  
Northwest Workforce Council: [Multiple Openings](#)  
Northwest Youth Services: [Multiple Openings](#)  
Opportunity Council: [Multiple Openings](#)  
Unity Care Northwest: [Multiple Openings](#)

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