

South Capitol Neighborhood

Community Forums

Background

The SCNA board is hosting at least 2 open community forums on topics of local interest. We applied for grant funds to support these events. Nora, Kelly, Sue and John formed a subcommittee to organize these events. Meetings are expected to take place in the fall of 2026.

Topics

The committee identified and ranked the following topics for up to 2 community meetings in 2026. The committee recommends topics #1 and #2 in the list below for the forums this year.

1. **Community Gardens:** Learn about community gardens in the neighborhood, get involved, learn new gardening techniques, help plan for new gardens.
2. **Housing** - updates on housing code, new options for ADU's, co-housing, etc.
3. **Being a Renter or a Landlord in South Cap** - what do I need to know? Rental Registry, obligations of landlords, Resources.
4. **Emergency Preparedness:** Learn how to organize a block-level preparedness plan from those who have done it.
5. **Urban wildlife:** learn about what you can do to enhance urban wildlife in our area and keeping your domestic pets safe.

Community members subsequently suggested the following topics be considered:

1. Thurston Immigration Solidarity League (THISL) training (Mary Groebner)
2. Olympia Historic Heritage Commission - historic preservation in Olympia (Brittany Gillia)

Action needed

Agree on 2 topics.