



Building North Central Washington (Building NCW), is a nonprofit organization bringing together the builders, tradespeople, designers, suppliers, lenders, and local businesses who help shape the places we call home.

Welcome from Building NCW

If you've ever admired a beautiful home, tackled a weekend project that somehow lasted three weekends, or headed to the hardware store "for just one thing"... welcome. You're among friends.

We believe great communities start with great people, quality craftsmanship, and

maybe a well-stocked junk drawer. In each issue of The Good Life, we'll share home inspiration, local stories, seasonal fun, and a few relatable Home Truths that might have you saying, "Well... that's definitely my house."

Whether you're dreaming about your next home project, looking for inspiration,

or simply enjoying everything North Central Washington has to offer, we're glad you're here. Here's to celebrating the people who build our communities... and to everyone who's made at least three trips to the hardware store for one project. We've all been there. ■



25 Ways to Summer Like a Local

North Central Washington knows how to do summer right. Long evenings, fruit stands on every corner, mountain views that never get old, backyard BBQs, and weekends that somehow disappear way too fast. We've put together 25 local adventures to inspire your best summer yet. The only question is... how many can you check off before pumpkin spice starts showing up? ☀



Explore

- ☐ Watch the sunset from Saddle Rock
- ☐ Spend a day at Lake Chelan
- ☐ Walk through Ohme Gardens
- ☐ Catch an AppleSox game
- ☐ Take the scenic route home
- ☐ Explore a new hiking trail

Taste

- ☐ Visit your favorite farmers market

- ☐ Stop at a local fruit stand
- ☐ Grab ice cream on a hot afternoon
- ☐ Try a restaurant you've never been to
- ☐ Sip a locally crafted cider, wine, or beer
- ☐ Treat yourself to a local coffee shop

At Home

- ☐ Host a backyard BBQ
- ☐ Eat dinner outside
- ☐ Plant flowers or fresh herbs
- ☐ Read a book on the porch

- ☐ Hang string lights outside
- ☐ Watch the stars after dark

Community

- ☐ Shop at a locally owned business
- ☐ Attend a summer concert or festival
- ☐ Invite neighbors over for dessert
- ☐ Volunteer for a local organization
- ☐ Visit a community event you've never attended
- ☐ Share your favorite NCW spot with someone new

What Makes a House a *Home?*

**It's not the square
footage. It's the stories.**



There are plenty of ways to measure a house. Square footage. Bedrooms. Curb appeal. The size of the kitchen island.

But let's be honest... no one has ever said, "Remember that amazing 432-square-foot bonus room?"

What we remember are the moments

The birthday candles that almost set off the smoke alarm. The front porch where coffee somehow tastes better. The kitchen that's

Home Truth #1

If you can find the TV remote on the first try, today is going to be a good day.

always just a little too crowded during the holidays, yet no one wants to leave. The couch where the dog insists they pay the mortgage because they've claimed the best seat in the house.

Home isn't about perfection. If anything, the best homes have fingerprints on the windows, shoes by the front door, and a drawer that's somehow become the official

Home Truth #2

Every backyard BBQ has one person who takes the job of 'grill master' very, very seriously.

home for batteries, takeout menus, and mystery keys.

Around North Central Washington, home looks different for everyone. It might be

a historic farmhouse tucked between orchards, a downtown bungalow full of character, a cabin with mountain views, or a brand-new home waiting for its first family

Home Truth #3

The dog doesn't care how nice the house is. They just want the sunny spot by the window.

tradition. Different styles, different stories, but they all have one thing in common: they're built for living.

The best homes aren't the ones that look untouched. They're the ones that have survived birthday parties, muddy dogs,

Home Truth #4

Somewhere in every home is a chair that's been promoted to 'laundry storage.'

science fair projects, holiday dinners, and that one paint color someone swore would look "less yellow" once it dried.

At Building NCW, we're fortunate to work alongside the builders, designers, suppliers, tradespeople, and local businesses who help create the places where life unfolds. They don't just build houses. They help create the backdrop for first steps, graduation celebrations, backyard cookouts, and quiet Tuesday nights that don't seem important until years later.

Because while a house may start with lumber, concrete, and blueprints, a home is

built one memory at a time. So this summer, open the windows. Invite the neighbors over. Eat dinner outside. Stay up a little too late watching the sunset. Let the kids track a little dirt through the house. (It vacuums.)

Because one day, those ordinary moments will be the stories everyone remembers.

After all, the good life isn't about having the perfect home. It's about loving the life happening inside it.

Building More Than Homes

Building NCW is a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting the people

Home Truth #5

Coffee tastes better on the porch. Science hasn't confirmed it, but we're pretty sure it's true.

behind North Central Washington's homes and neighborhoods. Through education, advocacy, and community partnerships, we work to strengthen the building industry

Home Truth #6

You know it's cherry season when your kitchen counter suddenly has more fruit than available space.

while helping create vibrant places where families, businesses, and communities can thrive.

Learn more at buildingncw.org ■