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## City of Poulsbo Breaks Ground on Demonstration ADU at Raab Park

The City of Poulsbo and its partners marked a milestone in housing innovation this week with a groundbreaking ceremony for a new home at Raab Park. The small home will serve as the park caretaker's residence, replacing an aging manufactured home that has served the park for more than 50 years.

The new unit will be built using the [City's pre-approved Accessory Dwelling Unit](#) plan set, known as the Sinclair design, demonstrating how smaller homes can provide practical housing solutions for local workers and residents.

Mayor Ed Stern led the ceremony and reflected on the significance of the project.

"Like the moon landing in 1969 — when Commander Neil Armstrong said, 'One small step for man, one giant leap for mankind' — the ADU being built in Raab Park for our caretaker is one small unit, but a giant example of a form of housing that could provide our workers and others

with an ownership option to live here in Poulsbo. And if it all proves out, well beyond we hope."



*Photo Caption: Mayor Ed Stern standing with Jake Carter, Director of Construction for Habitat for Humanity on his left and Poulsbo City Council Member, Gary McVey on his right.*

The project brings together several community partners to demonstrate how collaboration can expand housing opportunities while building local workforce skills. Construction of the ADU will be a partnership between the City of Poulsbo, the Kitsap Building Association, Habitat for Humanity of Kitsap County, and the West Sound Technical Skills Center Construction Careers Program.

The Kitsap Building Association (KBA) came up with the idea of building this

unit as a demonstration project with volunteers and is playing a key role in bringing this project to fruition.

The [Kitsap Building Association \(KBA\)](#) is the professional trade association representing builders, remodelers, developers, and industry partners throughout Kitsap County. KBA advocates for policies that promote attainable housing, economic vitality, and responsible development.

KBA members are committed to building safe, quality housing while advancing practical solutions to address the region's housing supply challenges. Through advocacy, education, workforce development initiatives, and community partnerships, the association works to align regulatory reform with real-world construction expertise — ensuring that policy translates into homes.

Habitat for Humanity of Kitsap County will help coordinate construction expertise and volunteers as part of the project.

“We care about housing solutions in Kitsap County beyond the homes we build and sell,” said Habitat for Humanity of Kitsap County. “By applying our construction and volunteer coordination expertise to a partnership project with the City of Poulsbo and the Kitsap Building Association, we’re helping expand housing options in an innovative, community-driven way. We’re excited to collaborate and show what strong community partnerships can achieve.”

Students from West Sound Tech will build wall panels for the home at the school. Panelizing the walls offsite allows the project schedule to move faster while providing students with hands-on, real-world construction experience.



Photo Caption: Attendees breaking ground including staff, council and the Mayor of the City of Poulsbo, Kitsap Building Association, Habitat for Humanity, West Sound Technical School and Poulsbo Rotary

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