



Hi {{FirstName or "Friend"}},

A lot happened in April— in large part thanks to YOU. Here's an update on what we've been tackling recently:



### The Virginian

ICYMI, there was a VERY [exciting announcement](#) this week from the Town Council, County Commission, and Jackson/Teton County Housing Authority: **the Authority is under contract to purchase the Virginian RV Park land for a future deed-restricted housing development!** This property is already zoned for dense development and is near transit, the library, bike paths, and grocery stores.



Remember the millions of dollars of SPET money we approved in the fall? These dollars are already at work thanks to our members' efforts to encourage the community to vote YES on SPET #12. We are so grateful to our elected officials for moving forward with this purchase. **Let's celebrate this win!**

### **Property tax relief available**

Property taxes are on the rise again—if you are a 5-year+ Wyoming resident and homeowner who has lived in your home for at least 9 months, you could qualify for property tax relief if you earn under \$125,000 yearly. You can access applications from the County Treasurer or online. **Check if you qualify and make sure to submit your applications by June 5** if you do!

**Do I qualify for property tax relief?**



### **Thanks for joining us at Kalu!**

Co-hosting our first legislative round-up with JH Pride in March was a huge success! Our state representatives shared their experiences at the Capitol this session, including their hard work addressing property tax reform and harmful LGBTQ+ bills. **Thanks to everyone who came to learn about state-level issues and eat tacos with us—**we'll see you at our next event.

### **Make sure your intake form is updated**

Did you know that you need to update your intake form to apply for deed-restricted homes through Jackson Teton County Affordable Housing Department on a yearly basis? If you haven't updated your form recently, make sure you

do so to be able to apply for deed-restricted homes when they become available! Apply [here](#).

## Update my intake form!

### Legacy Lodge

We are excited to learn that Judge Owens ruled in favor of the Darwiches this month, determining that their proposal to use Legacy Lodge as an apartment building for local workers is allowed. Next, the Darwiche family will have to seek approval from Rafter J homeowners. 65% of homeowners will need to approve this use to legalize the plan to fill the building with locals. **If you live in Rafter J or know folks who do, be sure to let them know how important it is to support this change of use for Legacy Lodge!**

### Hot Topics in Housing

ShelterJH members share relevant media pieces with one another through our Google Group. Here are what our conversations have been about this month:

- [Relief on the horizon as property taxes rise again](#), JH News & Guide
- [Judge sides with Legacy Lodge Housing Proposal](#), JH News & Guide
- [Wealth displacing workers in Montana](#), In These Times

### Join Us!

**If you're not already a member, please [join our movement](#).** We suggest a donation of \$20 per year; however, we want our membership to be as accessible as possible, so please pay what you can. Members receive access to special meetings, vote on the Board of Directors, and help set the vision and trajectory for the organization.

Already a member? Forward this email to five friends who care about the housing emergency!

As always, I am here to answer any questions. Thanks for your steadfast support of ShelterJH!

Best,  
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