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## Meeting for sex offender group home outside Poulsbo set for next week

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POULSBO — A community meeting organized by government agencies to discuss a [group home for sex offenders outside of Poulsbo](https://www.kitsapsun.com/story/news/2018/12/03/sex-offender-group-home-outside-poulsbo-raising-concerns/2198139002/) ([/story/news/2018/12/03/sex-offender-group-home-outside-poulsbo-raising-concerns/2198139002/](https://www.kitsapsun.com/story/news/2018/12/03/sex-offender-group-home-outside-poulsbo-raising-concerns/2198139002/)) is scheduled for next week.

The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 13 at 6:30 p.m. at the City Council Chambers in Poulsbo City Hall.

Representatives from the state departments of Corrections and Social and Health Services will be present. Also planned are representatives from the company that has contracted with the state to provide the housing. The Kitsap County Sheriff's Office and other county officials will also be on hand, said Kitsap County Sheriff's Detective Eric Adams. Adams said state Rep. Sherry Appleton, D-Poulsbo, would also attend.

After presentations from speakers, Adams said those in attendance will be able to ask questions.

Three Level 3 sex offenders from the Special Commitment Center on McNeil Island have moved to the property starting at the beginning of 2018, though more may be housed in residences on the 16-acre property in the future.

The men are different from the typical sex offenders in the community — Kitsap County has more than 800 — in that after serving their prison sentences the state had them civilly committed as “sexually violent predators.” They were released upon the approval of a judge for outpatient treatment.

The men are considered to be developmentally or cognitively impaired and are supervised in the house around the clock. They wear GPS locators on their ankles and cannot leave the property without permission from a community corrections officer. When they do leave the property, they are accompanied by a chaperone and cannot drive.

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