

TRIBAL PROGRAM NEWS

Family Welfare Code Draft Meetings Scheduled

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Greetings! A draft of the Family Welfare Code is out and we have scheduled community meetings in each area office. The dates are as follows:

Portland, March 13 3:30 – 7 p.m.
Salem, March 14 3:30 – 7 p.m.
Eugene, March 15 3:30 – 7 p.m.
Siletz, March 19 5:30 – 7 p.m.

Along with this news, we have provided a word search that deals with the Tribal Court and Code Project. Prizes will go to the first place winners in **every** area office. All you have to do is correctly complete the word search and bring it with you to the "Family Welfare Code" community meeting nearest you, where you can claim your prize.

Copies of the draft code are available in project binders in the area

offices. Please contact Diane Henkels, Trish Carey, or Julee Welch, if you have any questions or comments at 1-800-922-1399, ext. 212, or e-mail at dianeh@ctsi.nsn.us or trishc@ctsi.nsn.us. We welcome your input!

We also have started studying how to implement a peacemaker code as part of Siletz Tribal Court. This would provide the tribe with a way to resolve disputes in a more traditional manner.

Rather than involving Tribal Court, the peacemaking process would use the parties and the peacemaker(s) to resolve a disagreement. Many tribes today are actively working at revitalizing their traditional peacemaking forums and customary laws. In the next few months, this project will report on different models, seek public input, and draft materials useful to implementing a peacemaker court.

Family Welfare Code Word Search

Complete the word search below and win a prize! Here's a list of words to be found:

< Family
< Code
< Garnishments
< Draft
< Comments
< Community
< Input
< Project
< Ordinance
< Juvenile

Siletz Tribal
Court and
Code
Development

G A R N I S H M E N T S X
F B N O U H M C K K T E O
A R E N Q Z D O L N F L R
M O T M P G X M E L A I D
I N P U T E H M O J R N I
L Z Q S P F M U C O D E N
Y W S B A O I N J E A V A
X A V D C J I I Z V B U N
Y C R D O K L T Q U A J C
P R O J E C T Y O S Z U E

Tribal ID Cards Available at Community Meetings

Lisa Norton from the Enrollment Department will be making tribal ID cards in the area offices on the following dates:

Portland, March 13 3:30-7 p.m.
Salem, March 14 3:30-7 p.m.
Eugene, March 15 3:30-7 p.m.

Be sure to stop by if you need an ID card.

2001 Standing Committees

Any tribal member interested in serving on a committee should contact Kelley Ellis at 1-800-922-1399, ext. 203, or 541-444-8203. Some committees still have openings that need to be filled. Applications are due no later than March 15, 2001.

Committees that still need members include the following:

- Cultural Heritage - 1
- Housing** - 4
- Natural Resources - 1

** Effective Jan. 1, 2001, the Housing Committee now includes both the Housing Improvement Program Committee (HIP) and the Siletz Indian Housing Program (currently SIHA), which was transferred under tribal administration effective Jan. 1, 2001.

Community Meetings to Cover Several Topics

The Siletz Tribal Council will host community meetings at all area offices in April and May to gather input on several items, including:

- * Tribal member input to determine priorities and needs on which to spend the 2000 excess gaming revenue from Chinook Winds
- * Tribal member input on how to invest the minor trust accounts

The Tribal Council also will share the results of the tribal member needs assessment survey.

The community meetings have been scheduled as follows:

Portland, April 3 6-9 p.m.
Salem, April 5 6-9 p.m.
Eugene, May 1 6-9 p.m.
Siletz, May 3 6-9 p.m.

The Siletz Tribal Police Department
can be reached at 541-444-8371.

