



During Community Helpers Week, the Salem Area Head Start morning class visited Salem Police, who gave the children a variety of stuffed toys.

Deadline Set for Over-Income Construction Applications

The Over-Income Rehabilitation Construction program funds over-income families with a \$5,000 grant for construction rehabilitation on the primary residence they own or families who have possessor rights to their home.

Rehabilitation refers to repairs or renovations to the home, but does not include appliances, saunas, hot tubs, swimming pools, etc.

Over-Income refers to tribal members whose income exceeds the income limits set by the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA). These are listed below.

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\$38,150	\$43,600	\$49,050	\$54,500	\$58,850	\$63,200	\$67,600	\$71,950

If you are a Siletz Tribal member and have not received an Over-Income grant, call the Housing office to request an application. Applications – including proof of income, enrollment, and mortgage statements – must be submitted to the Housing office by July 31, 2007, at 4:30 p.m.

Applications received after that date and time will not be accepted by the Siletz Tribal Housing Department. The selection process will be a lottery drawing of applications received by the deadline.

If you have any questions, please call Jeanette Aradoz at 1-800-922-1399, ext. 1322, or 541-444-8322.

Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow

Attention Pow-Wow Campers

Campers for this year's Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow are taken on a first-come, first-served basis. The pow-wow is on Aug. 10-12.

There will be a \$15 garbage charge per campsite, with one vehicle per campsite. If you have additional vehicles or are unable to park your vehicle at your campsite, you will need to park at one of our parking lots off of the pow-wow grounds.

Please keep pets off of the pow-wow grounds and on a leash at all times.

Camper registration forms and fees will be collected on site.

Tipi Drawing

For Siletz Tribal members to use during the Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow, Aug. 10-12, 2007. One entry per household, please. **Deadline for entries is June 29, 2007.** Names will be drawn soon after the deadline. Return the form to Siletz Pow-Wow, Attn: Tipi, P.O. Box 549, Siletz, OR 97380-0549.

Name: _____
 Address: _____

 Phone: _____
 Roll #: _____

Water Quality Open House for Siletz Watershed

by Stan van de Wetering

The Siletz Tribe will host an open house for the local community to learn about water quality monitoring activities in the Siletz River watershed on Government Hill from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on June 21, 2007.

Presentations will show local residents what has been accomplished and explain the total maximum daily load (TMDL) development process currently under way in partnership with the Lincoln Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) and the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ).

Presenters also will let everyone know how they can help improve water quality in the Siletz watershed.

From 2001 to 2005, the tribe has worked in cooperation with timber companies and others to collect water quality-related data in order to better understand what various sources of pollution might affect the Siletz watershed.

Two forms of pollution we have focused on are increased stream temperatures and suspended sediment (muddy water). One of the steps along the way has been to describe stream temperature and suspended sediment values over a series of years.

The second step has been to take that information and relate it to the aquatic species in the Siletz River watershed and their ability to survive and thrive.

The Siletz River and a number of tributaries have been listed under the Clean Water Act as impaired for high summer water temperatures, which adversely affect spawning and rearing of salmon.

As a result of those listings, the tribe, Lincoln SWCD, DEQ, and local water quality monitoring groups have been gathering water temperature, bacteria, dissolved oxygen and suspended sediment data to develop TMDLs.

The information is being collected throughout the Mid-Coast Basin, which includes the Salmon, Siletz, Yaquina, Alsea, Yachats, Siuslaw, Siltcoos and Tahkenitch rivers and their tributaries, as well as all streams flowing directly into the Pacific Ocean between the Salmon and Tahkenitch watersheds.

The information will be used to understand where excessive pollutants might exist in these watersheds. The data then will be analyzed to help direct restoration projects that would be most effective in maintaining or enhancing the water quality for all streams and rivers throughout the basin.

Everyone is welcome to attend and participate in questions and discussion. Refreshments will be served.

For additional information, contact me at 541-444-8294 or 1-800-922-1399, ext. 1294; or Eddie Huckins, Lincoln SWCD, at 541-547-5425.

Personal Finance and Real Estate

Yvonne Messmer, Housing Finance Manager
 503-390-9494 or toll free 888-870-9051

Down Payment Assistance Program

CTSI's program provides down payment and closing cost assistance to qualifying below median income households and leverages other private funding.

Tribal Members may apply to the Down Payment Assistance Program (DPA) at any time. Applications will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis. CTSI does not charge a fee for application or use of the DPA Program, however, there are costs associated with the purchase of a home. DPA is awarded in the form of a forgivable loan as evidenced by a recorded Trust Deed against the subject property.

How Do I Know if I am Ready to Buy a Home?

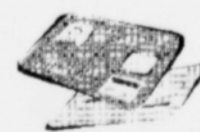
You can find out by asking yourself some questions:
 * Do I have a steady source of income (usually a job)?
 * Have I been employed on a regular basis for the last 2-3 years?
 * Is my current income reliable?
 * Do I have a good record of paying my bills?
 * Do I have few or no outstanding debts (like car payments)?
 * Do I have money saved for a down payment?
 * Do I have the ability to pay a mortgage every month, plus additional costs?
 If you answered yes to these questions, then you might be ready. Give me a call to find out about the Down Payment Assistance Program and what it can help you with!

FINANCIAL FITNESS CLASS

JUNE 12TH

5:30- 9:00PM

SALEM AREA OFFICE



Educational tools to help you take charge of your life and get your finances to Shape Up! Here are the topics we will be learning about:

- Budgeting
- Credit
- Banking and Saving
- Predatory Lending and Identity Theft
- Money



This class is free and everyone is welcome! Dinner will be provided at 5:30 with class beginning at 6:00. Please register by calling Yvonne at 503-390-9494.