

## Lincoln City Housing

The Tribe hosted an open house on Oct. 1 at Neachesna Village, the Tribe's new housing development on Devils Lake. In attendance were the Lincoln City mayor, Chamber of Commerce officials, Tribal elders, Tribal Council, staff and many of the lucky tenants.

The homes were beautifully designed, inside and out, and painted. The Housing staff did a great job on these homes. Congratulations to the members who were selected to occupy these homes. Housing staff members also were gracious hosts to all who attended. Good job!

It took nine years to get the property into trust to enable the Tribe to plan for the homes. This only points to the huge delay Tribes experience in getting land put into trust for housing and economic development.

Vice Chairman Bud Lane and I have been meeting with our congressional delegation to get legislation passed to have our Tribe's applications processed in the regional office in Portland, Ore., instead of having them processed in the Washington, D.C., office. We are hoping to have legislation in this Congress.

## Lisa Brown Court Decision

I've received numerous phone calls on the status of the appeal by Lisa Brown to the Tribal Appellate Court. A decision was issued by the appellate judges upholding the Tribal Council's decision to expel Lisa from the Tribal Council for her



Delores Pigsley

## Chairman's Report

"gross misconduct." This ends the appeal process in this case.

## Oregon Smoking Issue

Many editorials have been written on the state of Oregon's smoking ban in all public places. Tribal casinos are exempt from this ban. Recently a Portland attorney wrote to the governor, however, and asked that Tribal casinos also be part of this ban.

When *The Oregonian* contacted me, I said our Tribe has lived up to the

compact, including providing a safe and healthy place to visit. Tribes have spent millions of dollars on systems that clean the air. Tribes also have adopted their own safety standards.

The Portland attorney said he was speaking on behalf of the American Lung Association. In a recent article, however, the Lung Association said he no longer represents them and regretted how he handled the communications with the governor regarding Tribal casinos.

The Tribe's position is that the smoking ban issue was never part of compact negotiations. Any decision on this subject will be a Tribal decision.

## Siletz Restoration Celebration

On Nov. 14, we will celebrate 32 years of Restoration with our annual recognition dinner and pow-wow. As the years pass, it's important that we be mindful of the early restoration pioneers who got us where we are today. It reminds us to be thankful for all the benefits that have been made available. Hope to see you there.

## Highlights of 66<sup>th</sup> Annual NCAI Convention

Ending his two terms as president of NCAI, Joe Garcia addressed the 66<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention by paying tribute to

Tribal officials and their achievements during his presidency.

This convention was held in Palm Springs in October. Loraine Butler, Tina Retasket, Reggie Butler Sr., Lillie Butler and I attended.

Also addressing the convention was Larry Echo Hawk, assistant secretary of the interior, who laid out his and President Obama's priorities, which included upholding Tribal treaty rights, their commitment to improve economic development, law enforcement and education.

Echo Hawk also recognized and praised Ken Salazar, secretary of the interior, as someone who will represent the best interests of Indian Tribes.

While many high-level positions still have not been filled by this new administration, there was a clear message that Tribes will be included in decisions that affect them.

Also announced at the meeting - President Obama is hosting all the Tribes on Nov. 5 at the Department of the Interior for the White House Tribal Nations Conference. Tribes will have the opportunity to speak on critical issues that affect them. I will be in attendance at the meeting.

## Stimulus Funds

A list of American Recovery and Reinvestment Acct (ARRA) funds awarded is available on page 11. The Tribe has received more than \$6 million.

## The 32<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Restoration Celebration of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians

Nov. 14, 2009

Chinook Winds Casino Resort

1777 NW 44<sup>th</sup> St.

Lincoln City, Oregon

Welcome - 10 a.m.

Luncheon - Noon

Closing - 2:30 p.m.

Pow-Wow - 6 p.m.

## General Council Meeting

Nov. 7, 2009 • 1 p.m.

Siletz Tribal Community Center • Siletz, Oregon

### Agenda

Call to Order

Invocation

Flag Salute

Roll Call

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes

Programs:

• Culture Department - Pow-Wow

Candidate's Declaration for Tribal Council

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Chairman's Report

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