

Tribe offers temporary housing assistance for specific situations

The Siletz Tribal Housing Department is introducing its Tribal Temporary Housing Assistance Program, which is a time-limited program to assist:

- Families that need to live closer to medical care as documented by a physician
- Victims of domestic violence who need immediate assistance to relocate
- Individuals transitioning from prison or a rehabilitation facility

Other emergency situations that are temporary in nature as determined by the Siletz Tribal Housing Department (STHD) also will be considered.

The household must be able to meet the NAHASDA income guidelines and the household's share of the rent is 30 percent of the adjusted annual income. STHD will allow up to 10 vouchers for this program each year, as long as funding exists.

For more information, please contact STHD at 800-922-1399, ext. 1322, or 541-444-8322.

Over-income grant program open for applications to repair, renovate

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 things like appliances, saunas, hot tubs or swimming pools.

Over-income refers to Tribal members whose income exceeds the income limits set by the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA) as listed below:

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\$35,950	\$41,050	\$46,200	\$51,350	\$55,450	\$59,600	\$63,700	\$67,800

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 proof of homeownership, must be submitted to the Housing office by July 31, 2012, at 4:30 p.m. Applications received after that date and time will not be accepted.

Qualified applicants will be placed in a lottery drawing, which will be held during August on a date approved by the Tribal Council.

If you have any questions, please call Jeanette Aradoz at 800-922-1399, ext. 1316, or 541-444-8316.

Siletz Tribal Violence Against Women Act Program Policy and Procedures Publication

The Siletz Tribal Violence Against Women Act (STVAWA) Program Policy and Procedures were reviewed and approved by the Tribal Council on May 17, 2012, pending publication and comment according to the Tribal Administrative Procedures Ordinance. The effective date of the policy will be June 18, 2012.

The policy can be accessed on the Tribal website under Tribal Programs, Healthcare, Community Health; or by contacting Kelley Ellis, STVAWA Program coordinator/advocate. Please submit comments regarding this policy in writing to Judy Muschamp, health director, at P.O. Box 320, Siletz, OR 97380 or judym@ctsi.nsn.us.

Time to gather basketry materials

The time to gather basket materials is quickly approaching. Gathering these materials is the necessary first step in our basket-making process.

Hazel sticks (kvn) generally are ready to pick and peel in the middle of spring. Hazel from areas in and around the Willamette Valley generally is ready a couple of weeks earlier than hazel found near the coast.

Many variables help determine the best time to pick hazel. Beginning in April, hazel should be checked to see how easily the bark peels. If hazel is picked too early, the bark won't slip and has to be scraped off. This is labor-intensive and also takes the natural sheen off the sticks.

Hazel is the foundation for most Siletz baskets. When gathering, most people pick a range of sizes, peel them and then grade them for length and

diameter. They are then bundled and stored for later use.

Spruce root (xii-wan-tr'e) is the other main material used in our baskets. It can be gathered year round. An area with spruce trees is found and the roots are dug and rolled up. They then are boiled until the outer layer or membrane will slip off. The roots then are graded and stored for later use.

Tribal members interested in learning to gather and process these materials can call Bud Lane in the Siletz Cultural Department at 800-922-1399, ext. 1320, or 541-444-8320; or e-mail budl@ctsi.nsn.us.

Gathering trips will be scheduled as we get further into springtime. Remember, there is a short window for gathering hazel sticks, usually 30 to 40 days depending on weather conditions and other factors.



Photo by Natasha Kavanaugh

New Tribal van

The van above will replace an older van that had been used primarily by the Siletz Clinic to transport people to medical appointments. Because of the previous van's high mileage, maintenance was becoming an issue. The new van was purchased with funds the Tribe receives from the Oregon Department of Transportation on a regular basis to support public transit services, including paratransit. The new van is built on a Dodge chassis and is recognizable by the Tribal logo. Shown here with the van are David Conroy, Bonnie Petersen, Pam Barlow-Lind and Rick Wake.

STBC sets RV park pricing, Tribal member discounts now available

Logan Road RV Park

Daily:	Back-In \$32 + tax
	Pull-thru \$38 + tax
Monthly:	Back-in \$700 + tax (summer rate)
	Pull-thru \$700 + tax (summer rate)

Hee Hee Illahee RV Resort

Daily:	Back-In \$32 + tax
	Pull-thru \$34 + tax
Weekly:	Back-In \$170 + tax
	Pull-thru \$180 + tax
Monthly:	Back-In \$430 + tax
	Pull-thru \$440 + tax

Members of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians receive a 15 percent discount on their stays, including monthly stays. Utilities, cable TV and Wi-Fi included. Rates subject to change.

Lincoln County Native Graduation, Senior Celebration set for June 11

The Lincoln County Indian Education Program will host a Native Graduation and Senior Celebration at Chinook Winds Casino Resort on June 11 from 2-6 p.m. There are approximately 55 Native students in Lincoln County.

If you would like to assist with fundraising for the reception, donations or making the gifts, please contact Juanita Whitebear at 541-996-2115 or 541-557-1614, or Patty Socha-Paul at 541-444-1100.

Elders Council Meeting

June 9 • 1-4 p.m.

Chinook Winds Casino Resort

For more details, contact Felicia Carmona at 800-922-1399, ext. 1225; 541-444-8225; or feliciac@ctsi.nsn.us

STBC seeks contractor for gate

The Siletz Tribal Business Corporation (STBC) is seeking a contractor to install a metal security gate across the courtyard entrance of the Siletz Business Complex (Portland Area Office) in Portland, Ore.

Please visit stbcorp.net or call STBC at 541-994-2142 or 877-564-7298 for more information.