New housing in Siletz

These photos are of the Tillamook subdivision in Siletz, Oregon. Phase 1 was built with Indian Housing Block Grant funds and consists of seven single-family homes – two three-bedroom, three three-bedroom and two four-bedroom homes.

The homes are the first in a new program called Home of Your Own (HOYO). The HOYO is a lease-purchase scenario that conveys title at the end of the lease period. During the lease period, participants work on building or repairing credit and must achieve a minimum credit score in order to become a homeowner.

The units include many energy-efficient features, such as tankless water heaters, forced air heat, double-pane windows and energy-efficient appliances.

The Tribe anticipates building Phase 2 in 2014.

Courtesy photos

The before (above) and after photos of the Tillamook subdivision in Siletz show the transformation that has taken place in the last few months. Seven homes were constructed and more should be in the works next year.

Complete survey for Home Visiting Program to help with planning effort

The Siletz Home Visiting Program is in its year of planning and hopes to implement the program sometime in the next year.

The program has the opportunity to evaluate specific aspects of it to see how families are improving in certain areas of life because of the services they receive. In order for this evaluation to be meaningful for the community, the Home Visiting team wants to make sure your voice is heard in choosing what topic is most important on which to focus.

The topics presented came from community needs identified in the Siletz Home Visiting Needs Assessment completed earlier this year.

This survey should take no more than five minutes to complete, so please take a moment to provide feedback. This is very important in helping us better understand the needs of families in our community.

Copy and paste the link into your Internet browser to complete the survey – surveymonkey.com/s/NVVJKBF.

Thank you in advance for your help!

If you'd like to participate and do not have a computer available, contact Patrice Clevenger at 541-444-8332 or 800-922-1399, ext 1332. Leave your name and address and a survey will be mailed to you. Thanks so much for your help.

Time to submit your family information to help update Veterans Memorial

By Tony Molina, Siletz Honor Guard Director\Tribal Veterans Representative

If any Siletz Tribal veteran has not had the opportunity to place his or her name on our Veterans Memorial on Government Hill, now is the time to act and submit your request.

Applications will be available at all Siletz Tribal offices. The memorial is updated on an occasional basis, so now is the time to submit information for inclusion in the next update.

Along with your application, we also need a copy of your (proof of service) dd214 or separation from the U.S. Armed Forces or a copy of your military ID if currently serving.

Some Tribal veterans may have already submitted their dd214. Please contact me if you wish to verify that I have it on file.

Please help spread the news. This opportunity is for all of our veterans, alive or deceased, and those on active duty.

You can reach me at 541-444-8330 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1330; or tonym@ctsi.nsn.us.

Tribal veterans' photos needed for Restoration

Please turn in a photo with the Tribal veteran's information (name, branch of service, years served) for the Restoration Celebration in November. Also, submit contact information for the veteran or person turning in the photo (name, phone, address).

Email photos to pias@ctsi.nsn.us or mail them to Public Information Department, Siletz Tribe, P.O. Box 549, Siletz, OR 97380-0549. Contact the Public Information Department at 541-444-8293 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1293, with any questions about the veterans' slide show to be shown at the 36th Restoration Celebration.

Also, don't forget to contact Tony Molina to include your veteran information on the Veterans Memorial (see article above). Thanks!

Courtesy photo

Tony Molina, Siletz Tribal veterans representative and Honor Guard director, stands with Peter McDonald Sr. (left) and Bill Toledo (right), Navajo code talkers during World War II. All three were attending the Veterans Summit: Gathering of Warriors in Grand Ronde, Ore., on July 9-12.

Time to gather materials for baskets

Hazel stick gathering is a must for anyone interested in making traditional Siletz baskets. Spruce root can be dug all year round and is used for the weavers or weft of Siletz baskets.

Bear grass and maidenhair fern are used for overlay to make our traditional designs or marks in our baskets and both are picked in late summer.

Tribal members interested in gathering can call Bud Lane at 800-922-1399, ext. 1320, or 541-444-8320, or e-mail budl@ctsi.nsn.us. Just a reminder – basket materials must be gathered in a timely fashion.

Here is a general breakdown of gathering times for different materials:

August

Fir sticks, spruce roots, bear grass, maidenhair fern, hazel sticks (limited), willow sticks

September

Bear grass, maidenhair fern, woodwardia fern, spruce roots

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Toll-free Helpline – 800-749-8387, press 3

publichealth.va.gov/xposures/agentorange/