

## National Museum of the American Indian

The museum, through its director, Kevin Gover, has encouraged Tribes to work with the museum to get good historical information out to the public.

NMAI is dedicated to this project. Gover has asked for all Tribes to participate in a meaningful process.

## Federal Recognition

Our Tribe has commented on the new regulations coming out on the process the BIA follows to recognize Tribes.

When Siletz was restored to federal recognition in 1977, there was no process. If a Tribe was terminated, the process was to have legislation enacted to be restored to federal recognition

During the hearing at that time, Sen. Mark Hatfield requested that the Bureau of Indian Affairs come up with a process Tribes could follow to be acknowledged. A process has been in place for the past several years but according to testimony, the process is long and slow.

Our Tribe wants to be sure that the new process is fair and doesn't want other Tribes that currently are recognized under the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians (CTSI) to gain independent recognition. Tribes that were terminated under CTSI were restored as a CTSI Tribe.

Currently, the Clatsop/Nehalem people have legislation that was introduced in the House of Representatives that would give them recognition when they already are part of our Tribe. So the new BIA process needs to recognize that

these actions create a huge problem for Tribes like us.

We have commented on the new regulations and recently met with a BIA official to address our concerns.

## Mascots

Probably all of you have followed the national news on the mascot issue as it pertains to the Washington Redskins. Many Tribes have opposed the national football team and its mascot name, but not all Tribes are opposed.

Our Tribe is opposed to mascots that are insensitive. Having said that, however, we have worked very hard to keep the Siletz Warriors name for the charter school in Siletz. We are currently in the process of determining how we will work with other Tribes in Oregon to keep mascots that are sensitive and not offensive.



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## Most Often Requested Numbers

Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians – 800-922-1399	Siletz Community Health Clinic – 800-648-0449
Salem Area Office – 503-390-9494	Siletz Behavioral Health – 800-600-5599
Salem Finance Office – 888-870-9051	Chinook Winds Casino Resort – 888-244-6665
Portland Area Office – 503-238-1512	Chemawa Health Clinic – 800-452-7823
Eugene Area Office – 541-484-4234	Bureau of Indian Affairs – 800-323-8517
Contract Health Services (CHS) – 800-628-5720	Website – <a href="http://ctsi.nsn.us">ctsi.nsn.us</a>

## Elders Council Meeting

Nov. 8 • 1-4 p.m. • Chinook Winds Golf Resort

Siletz Elder potlucks are held monthly at 6 p.m. on the Monday before the regularly scheduled Elders meeting. Please bring a potluck dish you would like to share.

For more information, contact the Elders Program at 800-922-1399, ext. 1261, or 541-444-8261.

## CTSI Jobs – Employment information available at [ctsi.nsn.us](http://ctsi.nsn.us).

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**Change of address:** Tribal members – contact the Enrollment Department at 541-444-8258; 800-922-1399, ext. 1258; or [covas@ctsi.nsn.us](mailto:covas@ctsi.nsn.us). All others – call the newspaper office.

## General Council Meeting

Nov. 1, 2014 • 1 p.m. • Siletz Tribal Community Center • Siletz, Oregon

- Invocation
- Flag Salute
- Roll Call
- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Minutes
- Hunting and Fishing MOU
- Tribal Members' Concerns
- Tribal Council Candidates Declarations
- Chairman's Report
- Announcements
- Adjourn

## Nuu-wee-ya' (our words)

### Introduction to the Athabaskan language

Open to Tribal members of all ages

**Siletz**  
Tribal Community Center  
Nov. 3 – 6-8 p.m.  
Dec. 1 – 6-8 p.m.

**Portland**  
Portland Area Office  
Nov. 10 – 6-8 p.m.  
Dec. 8 – 6-8 p.m.

**Eugene**  
Eugene Area Office  
Nov. 4 – 6-8 p.m.  
Dec. 2 – 6-8 p.m.

**Salem**  
Salem Area Office  
Nov. 11 – 6-8 p.m.  
Dec. 9 – 6-8 p.m.

Classes begin with basic instruction and progress over the year. They also are a refresher course for more-advanced students. Come and join other members of your community and Tribe in learning to speak one of our ancient languages.

We also have equipment in the Cultural Department available for use in grinding and drilling shell or pine nuts or other applications. If you need to use the equipment, call the number below to set up an appointment.

For more information, contact Bud Lane at the Siletz Cultural Department at 541-444-8320 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1320; or email [budl@ctsi.nsn.us](mailto:budl@ctsi.nsn.us).

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