

Tribe earns 'Best Multi Modal' award for Gwee-Shut Road sidewalk project

Tribal Planning staff was pleasantly surprised at the 2017 Northwest Tribal Transportation Symposium, held March 7-9 in Spokane, Wash. The Siletz Tribe received a "Best Multi Modal" project of 2016 award for the Gwee-Shut Road sidewalk project.

This award was one of only three for the entire Northwest. The initial sidewalk project expanded to include reconstruction of a section of the upper Gwee-Shut roadway and shoulder widening along Logsdan Road. The new crosswalk lighting has been an appreciated safety improvement.

Construction Project Manager Tracy Bailey and Paul Knox of Akana Engineering were key to the project's success.

This project was identified as a priority by the Tribal Council in the Tribe's Transportation System Plan and funded by the BIA Tribal Transportation Program.

Planning appreciates the support of NW BIA Roads Department staff; Public Works Director Max Hoover; the Administrative and Accounting departments, and all other support staff who prove it takes a great team to successfully accomplish big projects.

A special thank you goes out to the Silatchee Park residents who were very patient with the construction process. May the project serve you and all the Tribal community well for many years.

Photo by Diane Rodriguez

Angela Ramirez from the Tribe's Enrollment Department holds information about the Planning Department's award.



2017 College Students Summer Internship Program

Students attending college can apply for the Tribe's 2017 College Students Summer Internship Program. To be eligible, you must be at least a half-time student attending a two-year or four-year college and in good academic standing.

Applications will be mailed to known students but if you do not receive one, please contact Assistant General Manager Bonnie Petersen or the education specialists at any Tribal area office to request an application.

This program helps Tribal students locate internship placements to gain work experience in their field of study. Ten slots are available in 2017.

Students can work up to 360 hours at minimum wage and can be placed within or outside of the Tribe. Students selected for the program must complete an orientation, criminal history background check and drug screening (Note: The Tribe does not recognize Oregon laws allowing the use of medical or recreational marijuana).

Placements can begin in June, but must be completed by Sept. 30, 2017.

Deadline for applications to be received in central administration at the Siletz Tribal admin building is 4:30 p.m. on May 1, 2017. Students should send a completed application and an unofficial copy of their transcripts to:

By mail

CTSI
Attn: College Internship Program
P.O. Box 549
Siletz, OR 97380-0549

By fax

541-444-2307

By email

collegointerns@ctsi.nsn.us

Tribal Court information for 2017 per capita

Siletz Tribal Court would like to remind Tribal members to keep their address current with the Enrollment Department.

Per capita notices will be mailed June 9, 2017, to the address on file with Enrollment. The 2017 per capita hearing dates are July 11 for money owed to an entity of the Tribe and July 12-13 for money owed for child support and to the IRS.

Those with questions regarding per capita should contact Tribal Court at 541 444-8228 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1228. Any requests to update addresses must be sent to Enrollment.

Culture Craft Nights

Feather Dance Regalia making (Nee-dash na'trvsh yvthl-sri)

April 3 • 5-7 p.m.
Siletz Tribal Community Center

April 4 • 5-7 p.m.
Eugene Area Office

April 10 • 5-7 p.m.
Portland Area Office

April 11 • 5-7 p.m.
Salem Area Office

Siletz Tribal members and their families welcome. Young people under age 10 need an adult to accompany and assist them.

Bring your unfinished Feather Dance regalia projects so they can be finished before the Nee-dash. If you have a Feather Dance regalia project in mind that you want to do, come learn how.

Lots of examples will be displayed. The Siletz Culture Department will provide instructors to assist.

Contact: Bud Lane, budl@ctsi.nsn.us; 541-444-8320 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1320

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Hazel stick peeling (Tr'vthl-xee-li ch'ay-lhchvm's)

May 1 • 5-7 p.m.
Siletz Tribal Community Center

May 2 • 5-7 p.m.
Eugene Area Office

May 8 • 5-7 p.m.
Portland Area Office

May 9 • 5-7 p.m.
Salem Area Office

Siletz Tribal members and their families are invited to come and learn how to peel and process hazel sticks for Siletz basketry.

All ages welcome. Young people under age 10 need an adult to accompany and assist them.

The Siletz Culture Department will provide some material and instructors.

If you have your own materials, please bring them.

Gathering basket-making materials

Spring is here and very soon hazel sticks will be ready to pick and peel.

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.

Any Tribal members interested in gathering can call Bud Lane at 800-922-1399, ext. 1320, or 541-444-8320, or email budl@ctsi.nsn.us.

Just a reminder – basket materials must be gathered in a timely fashion. Due to our changing climate, these times may vary.

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

April

Hazel, willow and fir sticks; spruce roots

May

Hazel, willow and fir sticks; spruce roots

June

Hazel, willow and fir sticks (until mid-June); spruce roots

July

Fir sticks, spruce roots, bear grass, maidenhair fern

August

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

September

Bear grass, maidenhair fern, woodwardia fern, spruce roots