

Salem Intertribal Project opens new opportunities for members

On behalf of our Tribe, I am so proud to be leading the Salem Intertribal Project, an unprecedented opportunity for Oregon

Tribes to work together to build the state's first intertribal entertainment and gaming facility in North Salem.

For the past two years, we have worked to build a comprehensive agreement that will generate millions in revenue and new

opportunities for our members and the surrounding community.

For our 5,100 members, this project is so much more than a casino on our Tribal trust land. Beginning in 2019, the construction of the facility will bring transportation and infrastructure improvements to the surrounding area and an estimated 2,295 construction jobs.

Upon opening in 2021, the facility will generate 1,300 new, living-wage jobs and millions in revenue to support health care, education, environmental, housing and transportation programs critical to our Tribal community.

We know that when we work together as one Tribal community, we can achieve more for you and the entire community. Our Tribe's leadership is working hard to secure the partnership of all of the other eight Oregon Tribes in the Salem Intertribal Project.

In addition to millions in revenue, comprehensive participation by Oregon Tribes in this project means we will redirect gaming revenue currently going across the border into Southwest Washington. We have had a series of positive discussions with Oregon Tribal leaders the past few months and we feel confident we will begin securing partners soon.

As a Tribal community, we have a responsibility to preserve and grow jobs and revenue in Oregon. The Salem Intertribal Project gives us the opportunity to achieve this and so much more. I hope you will share my excitement for the opportunities this project brings to our community for generations to come.



Delores Pigsley

I will continue to keep you updated on our progress and in the meantime, you can visit the website dedicated to the Salem Intertribal Project and sign up for email updates at OregonTribes.com.

Washington, D.C., visit

Tribal Council members Sharon Edenfield, Bud Lane and I, along with our Tribal attorney Craig Dorsay and lobbyist Matt Hill, recently informed our congressional delegation about our Salem proposal. We also discussed the 2018 budget and other Tribal issues.

I gave testimony before the House Subcommittee on Appropriations to express our budget concerns and make requests for adequate funding for Tribal programs.



Courtesy photo

Bud Lane, Delores Pigsley, Sharon Edenfield and Craig Dorsay in Washington, D.C.

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Open to Tribal members of all ages

Siletz
 Tribal Community Center
 June 5 – 6-8 p.m.

Portland
 Portland Area Office
 June 12 – 6-8 p.m.

July classes will be held at Culture Camp.

Eugene
 Eugene Area Office
 June 6 – 6-8 p.m.

Salem
 Salem Area Office
 June 13 – 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.