

Enthusiastic response encourages plan for more out-of-area community meetings

It finally came together and it was great! Our first community Zoom meeting for out-of-area Tribal members was enthusiastically welcomed by attendees.

How should we get important information about the availability of programs, benefits and events to members, especially those not living in the 11-county service area? It's a challenge.

In past years, the Planning Department's community meetings were held in the area offices of Portland, Salem Eugene and Siletz. Because of the increased acceptance of the use of Zoom to conduct virtual meetings, Planning decided to experiment with expanding the meetings to include the nearly 40% of Tribal members who live outside of the 11-county area.

Planning began outreach by sending announcement postcards to out-of-area members. Tribal members appreciated the historic photo printed on the back of the cards. Notices were also placed in Siletz News and emails were sent.

The meeting focused on listening to the community and the answering of questions by Siletz staff. Health Director Marci Muschamp addressed health care, vaccination and insurance concerns. Interim Programs II Manager Alissa Lane-Keene and Education Specialist Sonya Moody-Jurado answered questions on education and culture.

Planning staff presented a brief report on the results of the 2020 Tribal Survey. Procurement and Administrative Support Coordinator Jeanette Aradoz represented

Housing. Presenters and members were open and candid.

Katrina Hudson, web content specialist, demonstrated how members could get information about events and the location of various Enrollment forms from the Tribal website. Members of the Tribal Council and senior staff were also present and attentive.

An educational concern was the lack of funding for students attending two-year colleges, certificate programs and vocational training as well as support for internships and advanced degrees. Deadlines for application for various programs were given.

Members were enthusiastic about the possibility of a mail-order pharmacy based at the Siletz Clinic. There are some

annual direct benefits for medical, dental and vision services for members even if they are not in the 11-county service area.

Questions for Housing included over-income loan limits and filing deadlines.

All presenters provided contact information and invited members to contact them and their departments with questions and comments.

Recordings of the Portland and Siletz community meetings are available. To view these meetings on the Tribal website, go to the Tribal Services tab and click Other Departments. Then click on Planning and click on the recording desired. Each is about two hours long.

Due to overwhelming member interest, plans are under way to have more meetings with out-of-area Tribal members.

USDA distribution dates for September

Siletz			
Monday	Sept. 13	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	
Tuesday	Sept. 14	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	
Wednesday	Sept. 15	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	
Thursday	Sept. 16	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	
Friday	Sept. 17	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	

Salem			
Monday	Sept. 20	1:30 – 6:30 p.m.	
Tuesday	Sept. 21	9 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.	
Wednesday	Sept. 22	9 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.	
Thursday	Sept. 23	By appt only	

Staff will be attending the annual conference of Food Distribution Programs

on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), so the first week of the month is not available for distribution. Please check your appointment slips and try to keep your scheduled appointments.

LIKE us on Facebook at Siletz Tribal FDPIR. We would like to see more people sharing their recipes on our FB page.



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2021 Elk Tag Drawing Information

The annual drawing for the Tribe's elk rifle tags will be held Monday, Oct. 4, at the virtual Natural Resources Committee meeting. Applications will be available starting Aug. 30 and are **due Sept. 24** in the Natural Resources office.

Applications can be picked up at the kiosk at the back of the admin building, downloaded from the Tribe's website (Tribal Services/Other Departments/Natural Resources) or they can be mailed to you by calling the Natural Resources office.

Each person must fill out, sign and turn in his/her **own** application. This year we have 25 tags each for the first and second season bull hunts and 15 tags for the various cow hunts.

If you have any questions, call Natural Resources Manager Mike Kennedy at 541-444-8232 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1232.

CTSI Jobs – Employment information is available at ctsi.nsn.us.

Note: "Open Until Filled" vacancies may close at any time. The Tribe's Indian Preference policy will apply. Tribal government will not discriminate in selection because of race, creed, age, sex, color, national origin, physical handicap, marital status, politics, membership or non-membership in an employee organization.

CTSI constantly is looking for temporary employees to cover vacancy, vacations, maternity leave and extended sick leave. If you are looking for temporary work that can last from 2-12 weeks, please submit an application for the temp pool.

Virtual Culture Nights

While Tribal offices remain closed, Virtual Culture Nights will focus on gathering, storing and preparing materials for traditional arts and foods. All Siletz Tribal members and their families are welcome to log on to these virtual events.

Upcoming Dates

Sept. 29, 6-7 p.m.: Acorns

Contact Nick Viles, nickv@ctsi.nsn.us or 800-929-1399, ext. 1757, for login information.

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IN HONOR OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY, CTSI WANTS TO KNOW:

WHAT DOES BEING INDIGENOUS MEAN TO YOU?

SEND US A VIDEO OR PICTURE SHOWING US HOW YOUR FAMILY CELEBRATES INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY BY OCTOBER 1ST

THOSE WHO SUBMIT WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR A SPECIAL SILETZ DECAL

IDEAS FOR SUBMISSION: SHOW US YOUR TRADITIONAL CRAFTS, DANCING, DRUMMING, SINGING, OR COOKING.

FOR CTSI FAMILIES WITH YOUTH

IF SENDING A VIDEO, PLEASE LIMIT TO 10-20 SECONDS. SEND YOUR SUBMISSIONS BY EMAILING KAT AT KATRINAH@CTSI.NSN.US

YOUR SUBMISSION WILL BE USED IN A SPECIAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY VIDEO POSTED ON THE CTSI YOUTH FACEBOOK PAGE. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO OPT OUT OF THE VIDEO AND ONLY RECEIVE THE STICKER, PLEASE LET US KNOW WHEN SENDING IN YOUR PHOTO OR VIDEO