



Native American Finance Officers Association (NAFOA)

The 2025 NAFOA Conference was held in Portland, Ore., in September and this fall, the Siletz Tribe was the host. This conference was an opportunity for Tribal Council and staff to highlight our history and culture for 1,100+ attendees from across the country.

The Tribe participated in a panel on the Chemawa Station development and our collaboration with Grand Ronde. Member tribes of NAFOA were provided a copy of The People Are Dancing Again book as a gift and Chinook Winds sponsored activities as well to advertise the resort.

Lincoln City Clinic

The Tribe hosted a ribbon cutting for the Lincoln City satellite clinic (Dan'cah'aa-may-yvlh-srii-dvn "North Doctor Place") on September 18, with plans to open for existing patients on September 29.

The clinic plans accepting new patients in late October with medical, dental and behavioral health services.

The additional services will be a significant benefit for our tribal members in the Lincoln City area. Thank-you to our entire team for making this long-term goal come to fruition.

Salem housing opening

The Tribe hosted a ribbon cutting for the opening of our Salem housing development (Kloshe Illahee Haws) on September 29.

The vision for tribal housing in each of our major populated areas is one step closer to realization.

This development adds 39-units with a mix of low-income and non-low income options for tribal families in the Salem area.

Thank-you to our housing department team for all of their hard work throughout the various planning and development stages. We know housing is a significant need for tribal families and this development will help alleviate some of that need for years to come.

Budgets

The CTSI Administration and programs are preparing 2026 budgets for committee and Tribal Council review throughout the months of September and October.

Our new budgeting process will streamline process, promote consistency throughout the Tribe, and foster less confusion for programs. The new budgeting process will not affect when tribal members receive tribal member distribution payments, elder stipends or out of area health benefits.

If you have any questions regarding the new process, please reach out to Kelley Ellis, Self-Governance and Budget Director at kelleye@ctsi.nsn.us or (541) 444-8202.



Willamette Falls Trust extends its warmest congratulations to our esteemed Board Member, Robert Kentta, on being recognized as a recipient of

the 2025 Indigenous Leadership Awards! We are incredibly proud to see his decades of service to the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, as well as his contributions to inter-Tribal regional and national organizations, honored. His steadfast dedication and deep cultural knowledge have been invaluable to our organization's mission, and we are grateful for his leadership over the past six years. This award is a testament to his remarkable contributions and we celebrate this well-deserved achievement.



Elders Council Meeting

The Elders Council will host an in-person/Zoom hybrid meeting on Saturday, October 11, 2025, at 1 p.m. at Aces Sports Bar & Grill in Lincoln City, Ore.

If you have any questions, please contact the Elders Program at 541-444-8212.

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