



**Chief Executive
Officer Report**
Kurtis Barker

**Planning Department
Community Meetings**

The Tribal Planning Department is in the middle of hosting community meetings in each of the area offices and a virtual meeting for members residing outside the service area.

We have already received helpful feedback from the Eugene and Salem areas in the month of January. These

community meetings help drive what the Tribe will prioritize in the next comprehensive plan.

In addition, it will help programs identify unmet needs, gaps in services and guide the administration in future budget proposals. The Planning Department will also use this information while seeking outside grants and resources. We look forward to seeing and hearing from the membership at our February meeting dates for Portland and Siletz, and our out of area meeting in March.

Portland Community Meeting:

February 11

Siletz Community Meeting:

February 25

Out of Area Community Meeting:

March 11

Project Updates

The Tribe has a number of ongoing projects in the works, here is the latest update:

- **Eugene Area Office Remodel:** The Tribe purchased a building that will be the new Eugene Area Office. The remodel was extensive and included a new roof, HVAC system replacement, new windows, siding, carpet, painting and updating the kitchen. The remodel is expected to be completed in March and staff moved in by the end of April.
- **Clinic Basement:** The Siletz Community Health Clinic is renovating the basement that was primarily used as storage into new offices and community space. This renovation will include about 25 new offices, reception area, storage and community space with a teaching kitchen. It will house the following departments: Community Health, CARE, Healthy Traditions, Transportation, Nutrition, Harm Reduction, Tobacco Prevention, Farm and space for

public health. It's scheduled for completion in February and staff moving in shortly after.

- **Siletz Recreation Center:** The new recreation center located in Siletz is scheduled for completion in late June 2026 if there are no delays.
- **Museum:** The Siletz Museum project is moving forward with a new site location. Staff are diligently working on all areas of the project including funding, zoning, and road/storm drainage design. A request for proposals for an architect and engineering firm will be available by the end of the first quarter.
- **Columbarium's:** The Tribe has installed three new columbarium's in the Siletz Tribal cemetery.

Thank you to our CTSI teams and cemetery ad hoc committee for their hard work on these projects.

Elders Council Meeting

The Elders Council will host an in-person/Zoom hybrid meeting on Saturday, February 14, at 1 p.m. at Chinook Winds Casino Resort in the Takelma Room, in Lincoln City, Ore.

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

Purchased Referred Care update

Tribal Members are required to return to the nearest IHS facility. Please finish all current dental work at the facility you are going to and do not start any new treatment plans.

The nearest IHS facilities are:
Chemawa Indian Health Center - 503-304-7600
Grand Ronde Health & Wellness Center - 503-879-2002
Siletz Community Health Clinic - 541-444-1030

<https://ctsi.nsn.us/tribal-government/tribal-elections/>

Tribal Election Day
Saturday, Feb. 7th

In-Person Voting
10 AM to 4 PM
Siletz Tribal Community Center

Taking place during the General Council Meeting

For Registered Voters

- Voter's Pamphlets mailed out starting Dec 16th
- Absentee Ballots mailed out starting Dec 18th

@CTSIgov
Livestream
Streaming on Facebook - **live at 4 PM**

- Counting of Ballots
- Announcement of Results

SIGN UP TODAY FOR WINTER ON-LINE LANGUAGE CLASSES

LEARN NUU-WEE-YA' (OUR LANGUAGE)

TUESDAYS, JAN. 13-MARCH 17

6:00 PM-BEGINNING CONVERSATION 1
6:45 PM- BEGINNING CONVERSATION 2

THURSDAYS, JAN. 15 -MARCH 19

12:30-LANGUAGE AND LUNCH

TO SIGN UP CONTACT NICK VILES AT NICKV@CTSI.NSN.US OR 541-270-5814

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