

in new housing resources for Tribal members. One of the important tasks facing Housing Board members in the coming months is to develop a plan for the use of these funds. This plan must be approved by HUD, but even more importantly, it must be designed to meet the need of Siletz Tribal Members.

Housing Authority commissioners should be recognized for their many hours of volunteer service. They have to make difficult decisions and be willing to listen to criticism, regardless of the stand they take. They strive for fairness and consistency in enforcing the rules and regulations. They have a record of bending over backward to work with residents toward resolving problems. representation in Tribal Court. One of the hardest parts of our job is to have to take steps to force a Tribal member from their home. Those who find themselves in this situation deserve competent legal counsel.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

During 1996, we will be moving into new office space at our Tolowa Court apartment project and getting our residents settled into their apartments at this beautiful riverfront site off Logsden Road. We plan to start construction of another 25 rental units at the Judd Road site by mid-1996.

With federal housing funds in jeopardy, we need to look at alternate sources of funding. One of these sources is our own equity account fund, which holds a portion of the house payments that are paid by the Mutual Help homebuyers. The Housing Board has restricted use of these funds by Homebuyers and is watching this fund grow at a faster rate. New Indian Housing regulations from HUD permit use of a portion of these funds for housing development, through leveraging, etc. even during the lease period. After sale of the homes, which will begin to occur in the next 5-6 years, all of the equity funds from these homes are available for investment

HOUSING IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

From Howard P. Roy, HIP Coordinator

There are many exciting things happening this month with the HIP Program. We are still in the process of ranking and rating our FY96 clients. There will be a HIP Committee Meeting on February 15, 1996, to complete more of the many file ratings. This will be our third Committee meeting in order to complete this long process. Many thanks to all of the Committee Members for your time and support in this lengthy process!

With Mother Nature blowing and raining on us we have had a lot of emergency repairs. We are now beginning these home and roof repairs. Thanks to everyone for their patient's and perseverance!

If you are interested in home improvement or purchasing a new home please begin your applications for "1997". Remember the new guidelines are in place, and you will receive 3 bonus point for every year on file if you have not been served before.

Home repair classes are being offered at the Home Depot on Green Acres Rd. in Eugene. Call (541) 344-1312 for scheduling. The classes include sheetrock repair, decks, door installation, basic wiring and plumbing repairs.

The HIP team provided the scope of work, inspections, and project management for the new Tribal Youth Center on Logsden Rd. The project is fine to this point however, if there are any volunteers who are interested in

The HIP team is helping with the organization of the Transitional Living Center options. We are happy to participate in ongoing projects such as these. GO TRIBE GO!

Words of Wisdom

- Emotions will either serve or master, depending on who is in charge.
- The ultimate reason for setting goals is to entice you to become the person it takes to achieve them.
- The key to life is to become skillful enough to be able to do rewarding things.

SPECIAL BULLETIN

Natural disaster relief from the flood and high winds have caused Tribal members a great deal of personal property damage. The HIP program has been extremely successful in securing "Fair and equitable claims from the insurance companies". If you need assistance with your insurance claims the HIP program is here to assist you in your inspections and or meetings with the insurance adjusters. We have found most insurance companies are tighter than the bark on a tree. However once they are faced with properly documented facts from a Oregon State Certified Structural Inspector and/or a Oregon State Certified Manufactured Home Inspector. Their hearts and minds soon follow. Special thanks to the HIP Committee namely, Tom Staggs HIP Committee Chairman, Reggie Butler Tribal Council Representative, June Austin HIP Committee Member, Josh Rilatos HIP Committee Member, and also Lilly Butler Tribal Council Member. All of these individuals are great humanitarians dedicated to the best service possible for our Tribal Members. **THANK YOU!**

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For immediate emergency needs, call the American Red Cross at 1-800-272-2684

The Enrollment Ordinance has been amended. Names and addresses are no longer confidential. Those who do not want their addresses given out must write a letter to the Enrollment Department to that effect.