

SILETZ AREA PROGRAM NEWS

HOUSING REPORT: By Connie Hoffman, SIHA Executive Director

Tribal Members interested in serving on the Housing Authority Board of Commissioners still have time to submit applications to Tribal Council for consideration for appointment to two terms which come up for renewal in June. The appointments are scheduled to be made at the June 21 Regular Tribal Council Meeting.

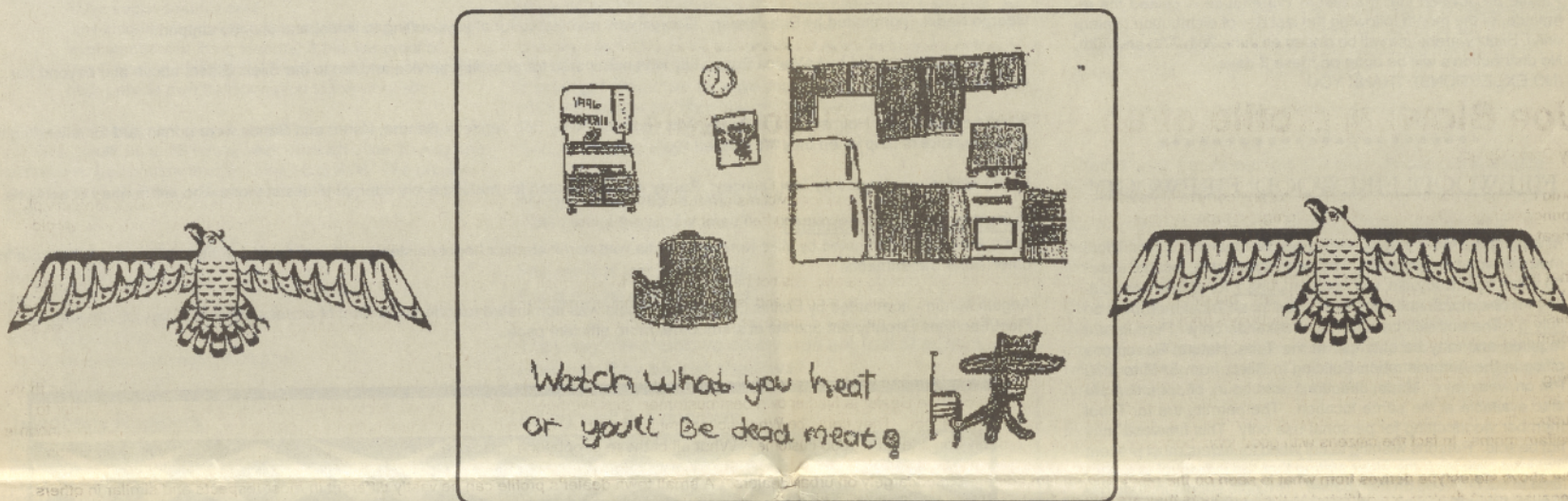
Although the HUD housing programs under which more than 100 units of Tribal housing have been developed over the past ten years are being changed by new federal legislation which takes effect Oct. 1, 1997, it is expected that the Siletz Indian Housing Authority will continue to be governed by a seven-member housing commission.

The commission meets for a regular meeting each month and holds special meetings as needed. Commissioners are paid mileage and have opportunities to attend training and housing conferences at the Housing Authority's expense. The commission is responsible for the management and development of the Tribe's housing projects and housing programs, such as the Section 8 rent subsidy program. As the Executive Director of the Siletz Indian Housing Authority, I work directly under the supervision of the housing commission.

One of the most important things that will be occurring in the next few weeks will be to review the proposed new regulations which will be published by HUD in June in the federal register. These are the regulations that will take effect Oct. 1, under the new federal law. We plan to comment on whatever is in these new regulations which concern us.

As we prepare for the new scheme of things, we are taking advantage of the last opportunity to apply for funds under the "old" HUD programs. We are planning to submit applications for additional Mutual Help and rental units. We are also planning to apply for HUD funds to repair and improve the 54 Mutual Help homes in Silatchee Park.

Our waiting lists for all of our housing programs continue to grow as Tribal enrollment increases. With the completion of the apartments on Takelma Court in September, we will be moving 25 families and individuals into new apartments. These are proceeding on schedule and should be nearly completed by the time of Pow Wow.



For the second time in about three years, one of our residents has received national recognition in the Amerind Risk Management Corporation fire safety poster contest. A poster created by Kyanna Fisher, the daughter of Mike and Tracy Fisher, is featured in the 1997 Fire Safety Calendar, published by Amerind. Amerind is owned by all of the Indian Housing Authorities in the country and provides us with insurance for our housing units. Kyanna's poster was selected as one of the winners in our region and was forwarded to Amerind last year for the national competition. Her poster is the featured one for the month of June. A limited number of copies of the calendar are available at the Housing Authority office. Good Work, Kyanna!

Let's see if we can keep up the tradition here. This year's fire safety poster contest is underway right now. Youngsters wishing to participate should contact LeiLani Cordova, Resident Services Specialist at the Housing Authority office. Cash awards are presented at the regional level.

SILETZ JR. GOLF PROGRAM TO START IN JUNE !!

Thanks to the collaboration of the Youth Services Program, the Alcohol/Drug Prevention program and the Lakeside Golf Club in Lincoln City, the first Tribal Youth Golf Program is set to begin in June after school is out and run for the summer. The program is designed to allow participation from all areas served by the Tribal offices. A special one time grant for minorities golf programs from the United States Golf Association is being applied for by the Tribe.

Program Description:

- Sign-ups begin May 14th, call Joe Marmo at 444-8222 to sign up or if you have any questions.
- Sign-ups limited to the first 32; the program may be able to handle up to 40 if it gets enough volunteer counselors (see below).
- Three slots are reserved for each of the three area offices.
- Begins Tuesday, June 17th, 9:30 at the Lakeside Golf Course in Lincoln City and runs every Tuesday morning for eight weeks.
- Participants will also be allowed to play in the Lakeside Jr. Golf Championship and awards presentation in August; a scramble for kids and their family will also be held.
- Clubs will be provided for those who do not have them.
- Open to both Tribal boys & girls of all ages. However, the target ages are 10-14.
- No fees for the program.
- Transportation will be provided from Siletz to Lincoln City; Vans will leave Siletz at 8:30 and return at noon; transport from outlying areas still has not been worked out.

If the USGA grant comes through, there are plans to set up a hitting area in Siletz for hitting golf balls. In addition, so youth in the outlying areas can hit balls, accounts will be set up at driving ranges in all three areas.

ATTENTION ALL GOLF ENTHUSIASTS !

To help support Junior Golf and make sure it will be a success now and in the future we need your help in the following areas:

Volunteer counselors: Todd Young, the Pro at Lakeside Golf Club needs experienced golfers who can help in supporting the lessons and helping the kids in the practice areas and on the course.

Tribal Youth Golf Association: A new association is being formed to help the program be successful. The association will help the program set goals and assist in making sure the activities are a success.

If anyone is interested in volunteering contact Joe Marmo, Alcohol/Drug Prevention Program Developer at 444-8222 or Kent Rilatos, Youth Services Director at 444-4278.

Golf News Update!!!

Junior golfers invited to U.S Open in Portland!!

The United States Golf Association has extended a special invitation to the new Tribal Youth Golf Program to attend the golf clinic for youth prior to the U.S. Women's Open at the Pumpkin Ridge Golf Tournament in Portland in July. "This is a great opportunity for the kids to be part of the biggest Women's Tournament in the world", stated Joe Marmo, program organizer. This is the first tournament of this caliber to be held in Oregon. The clinic will give our kids a chance to meet and get pointers from some of the best golfers in the nation." Details will be worked out at a later date. The clinic date will be either July 7, 8, or 9 prior to the start of the tournament.