

PROGRAM NEWS

Siletz Cultural Camp

Aug. 12-15, 1997

Sponsored by the Cultural Dept./Committee

We would like to invite all tribal members to our four-day Cultural Camp on Government Hill from Aug. 12-15, 1997. Cultural classes and activities are still being planned. Class suggestions have been elder's panel, basket making, traditional food gathering/preparation, shell making, language classes and storytelling. Teepee's will be available on a first come first serve basis, please phone us to reserve a teepee. Meals will be provided. Families are encouraged to attend. Youth under 10 must be accompanied by an adult. If you would like to attend, participate in any capacity, or have any suggestions, please give our office a call. Volunteers are needed to help make this encampment a successful one. We look forward to working together to continue the revival of our culture. Hum'Chil

No Drug's, Alcohol or weapons are allowed. NO EXCEPTIONS. To register or questions: Cultural Dept. P.O. Box 549 Siletz, Or. 97380 1(800)922-1399 Ext. 246 or (541)444-8244

Plank House Construction

The Siletz Tribal Alcohol and drug Wilderness program and Cultural programs have a base camp at Marial in the Rogue River country. It is part of the Bureau of Land Management and they are in the process of developing a memorandum of understanding for long term use. the BLM has also agreed to provide cedar for the construction of a plank house. Initial construction will be from July 2nd through the 7th.

The Alcohol and Drug Program will provide food for everyone who participates and sleeping bags and tent space will also be available on a limited basis. Some bed space may be available for elders at the nearby Rogue River Ranch if we know ahead of time. A van will be driven for those who need transportation or don't want to take their own vehicles. We will caravan to the Marial leaving at 10 am on July 2nd and returning on the 7th.

Construction will begin with a groundbreaking ceremony and then the cedar will be split into planks. Anyone who is interested in helping or being there to provide support, please call: Janet Dair at 541-444-8286 or 800-600-5599; Robert Kentta at 541-444-8244 or 800-922-1399.

Please sign up by June 30th so we can plan for food, van space and camping equipment! We will take breaks in the middle to the day swim in the river and to take short hikes in this beautiful country!! Sweats and Talking Circles will also be available.

THE HOUSING IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM by Howard Roy

For new Siletz Tribal members please remember we can only serve our clients within the eleven county service area. We have awarded our first group of grants to qualified applicants for FY97 grant funds. The HIP Committee is allowing 55 days for the securing of a loan for category 'C' clients with a 5 day written grace period. This allows for the availability of down payment assistance grants to get into the hands of people in a expedient manner.

SUB SURFACE FACILITIES PROVIDED BY THE SILETZ TRIBE IN COOPERATION WITH INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE.

The Indian Health Service supplies water and sewage disposal systems in the eleven county service area of Oregon. However in some cases we have been able to provide service in other areas of Oregon with the assistance of other Oregon Tribes and I.H.S. working cooperatively.

Who qualifies for this program? Any Siletz Tribal member is eligible for this program and the good news is there are no income requirements for this program. The question is what do I do first in order to get sewer or water assistance? You must first obtain a I.H.S. application from one of the area offices or the H.I.P. office in Siletz. Fill out the application and sign it and send it to the H.I.P. office in Siletz. Septic Systems that are spilling effluent onto the ground present a health hazard and should be reported to the Housing Improvement Program for site evaluation from I.H.S.. H.I.P. will provide the necessary personnel deployment and procedures to begin the process. This type of situation is a definite priority for service. We also serve new home sites such as manufactured homes and new construction for residential homes. It is important to get your application request to us as soon as possible for scheduling purposes. There is a waiting list and new septic systems can only be installed between the months of May through October. The sooner you let us know about your problem or upcoming project the easier it is to maintain and schedule service for everyone. C.T.S.I. HIP and IHS applications are available at all area offices or contact Howard Roy at (541)444-8261 (541)-444-8262 or 1-800-922-1399

WHAT IS A FORECLOSURE?

Simply put, foreclosure is what happens when monthly mortgage payments are not made on time. As a result, the lender "takes the property back." This is a legal action, and there is not much flexibility in the process, once it is initiated. The best way to avoid this type of action is good communication skills. Do not ignore the lending institution, in fact make every effort to give the lending institution as much advanced notice as you possibly can. If you are having financial difficulty the lending institution will work with you as it is in their best interest to do so. They don't want the property back. When a borrower gets behind in their mortgage payments, the lender will send written requests for payment. If the payments aren't made, the lender will eventually send warnings about possible foreclosure. If payments are still not made, the lender will enter a "Notice of Default" at the local County Recorder's Office. This notice includes information about the mortgage, the amount owed, the address of the property, and the date the notice is filed. The property owner typically has 90 days from the date a "Notice of Default" is filed to make the required payments. The time between the date the default notice is filed and the actual day of sale is called the "publication period." This time period will vary from state to state.

WORDS OF WISDOM !

1. Happiness is the art of learning how to get joy from your substance.
2. How sad to see a father with money and no joy. The man studied economics, but never studied happiness.
3. Communication is the ability to affect other people with words.
4. Take advantage of every opportunity to practice your communication skills so that when important occasions arise, you will have the gift, the style, the sharpness, the clarity, and the emotions to affect other people. A recent example of this was the Gladys Knight performance! If you can draw those types of emotions out of people you can build unity!
5. Financial independence is the ability live from the income of your own personal resources.
6. If you were to show me your current financial plan, would I get so excited by it that I would go across the country and lecture on it? If the answer is no, then here's my question: Why not? Why wouldn't you have a superior financial plan that is taking you to the places you want to go?

IDEAS AND FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES!

There is still matching funds available for people who own their own home and have a very low to low income as specified by FmHA. Please contact us at the HIP program on how to access these funds. These funds are clients with houses residing in Lincoln County only!

HOME OPPORTUNITIES!

Doug Roberts & Associates
Kelly Atkinson
1625 N. Coast Highway
Newport, Oregon 97365
285-8814
Owner Carry Houses in Siletz and Toledo.

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HOUSING REPORT

By Connie Hoffman, SIHA Executive Director

Kathryn (Harrington) Dick completed a four-year term on the Housing Authority Board of Commissioners in June. We recognized Kathryn for her years of service at our June board meeting. For the past six months, she has served as chairman of the Housing Board.

Kathryn was a Homebuyer in the Silatchee Park homes for most of the time that she served on the Housing Board. She set a good example in all areas of Homebuyer responsibilities. She rarely missed a Housing Authority board meeting, despite being a single parent of three busy teenagers. She dealt with the problems that came before the board in a professional, courageous manner. She was supportive and loyal in upholding Housing Authority rules and regulations. I will miss her presence here.

We welcomed two new residents to our Tolowa Court apartments in June - Jack McCord from the Albany area and the John Bostwick family from Toledo. We are in the process of notifying applicants on our waiting list who are being selected for the apartment units on Takelma Court (off Judd Road). These units are proceeding on schedule and will be ready for occupancy in September.

As I write this, in mid-June we are still waiting for the new housing regulations to be published by HUD. My major concern as we make this change to a new Indian housing program is the survival of our Section 8 rental assistance program. This program has been extremely important for our Tribal members, but since it is not strictly an Indian program but is part of the public housing system, it threatens to fall between the cracks as we make this transition to a new Indian housing program. I have been working with our Tribal lobbyist and with our Congressional delegation to seek a change in the law which would allow us to continue the program as we have been operating it. Even if allowed to continue it, we will be looking at changes in the near future, as HUD will be reducing subsidies for all Section 8 households, in an attempt to bring federal spending under control. We can live with the same reductions that all Section 8 households are receiving; what I don't want to see is an elimination of any our Section 8 units. That is what we are striving to avoid.

We are beginning the site planning for the Dickenson property where our next housing area will be developed. The housing board will be ready to present these plans to the Tribal Council and the general Tribal membership for review in the fall.

The Tribe's housing plan, which is required under the new Indian housing legislation, should also be ready for review by then.

Many of our Homebuyers in Silatchee Park have taken advantage of every sunny day that we've had to spruce up their yards. Next time you're in Siletz, take a minute to drive through our neighborhood and admire their work.