

Warm Springs Housing Authority news for November 2000

Hello from the HUD Housing area!

The HUD area currently has eight (8) vacated units, we will hopefully be looking to find tenants to fill at least 2 of these in the next couple of weeks.

A second reminder for all HUD tenants to please unhook your garden hoses as the cold weather starts to move in. We definitely don't want any broken pipes because someone left their hose hooked up! (Don't forget that if this happens to you, you will be billed for all materials and labor associated with repair)

The rising costs of repairing damaged vacant HUD units has prompted housing to take more precautionary measures to keep them from being wrecked up. This is the reason you see HUD units in the West Hills area with their windows and doors boarded up. We've had units set on fire, windows broken out, doors kicked in, water turned on and left on inside the units, every wall inside a unit marked up with graffiti. Some of these things happened to units near 100% completion, as well as units vacated barely one day. The houses may look like an eyesore right now, but it saves money in the long run due to the extreme vandalism we suffer.

Just for all you HUD tenants information, the very near future holds some radical changes as far as tenants responsibility goes. These changes are going to affect every single HUD tenant. You all need to take a good look at where you are right now, make sure you have all your Housing affairs in order. Recertification, income and employee verification, custody papers for the

kids, and updated application forms. Housing is struggling towards readying HUD tenants for home ownership somewhere down the road. Cutting off utility reimbursements was just the beginning, there is more to come. Are you ready?

Housing would like to welcome Nikki and Robert Charley, Sr. as new HUD tenants for the month of October 2000.

Here is a list of former HUD tenants who have made the big leap into HOME OWNERSHIP so far this year: Vernon and Leilani Tias, Abe and Sylvia Hunt, Trudy Thompson, Laura Comedown and Althea Henry. Congratulations all you new home owners! Way to go!!!

Last but not least, this cannot be STRESSED ENOUGH! If you have not re-certified for the year, please do so. This includes filling out a new application, listing who is in your unit, turning in income and/or employee verification for all people in your unit, and childcare verification if you have any.

That's about all I have right now, thanks for taking the time to read this little bit of news. Have a good Thanksgiving.

Greetings from the Tribal Resident Service Specialist!

Congratulations goes out to Jennifer Tufti and Reona Trimble on getting moved into their Brand New Mutual Help Homes.

A friendly reminder for "NO PARKING" on your yard this could cause damage to the pipes that are underneath for yours or neighbors rental units, please use the designated parking lot in your area. Housing would really appreciate it if you could

ask your guests to do the same. We just want to make it a Happy and Safe Environment for each and everyone.

It is getting nearing the cold season now and before we know it the SNOW will be coming. Please take the time and unhook your garden hoses so we will not have any problems with broken water pipes.

Dogs are still a problem in our area, if you have any dogs please make sure that you are in control of them, there has been a lot of trash that is being dragged all over the place and it could turn into Health issues with the mess (besides the trash) that they are leaving behind.

Greetings homebuyers! From the Mutual Help Homeownership Program!

Congratulations going out to all the new homebuyers mentioned from the HUD and Tribal resident service specialists. I want to wish you all the best with your new homes.

"It is truly a wish come true"!!!!

All you homebuyers who re-certified this past year, need to update your payroll deduction forms, because there are a few homebuyers who overlooked this area and are currently falling behind with there house payments.

Homebuyers who take the time to take care of your lawns, keep up the good work and continue making improvements to your yard. It looks great come springtime!

For the month of OCTOBER 2000 all the scheduled home inspections occurred, great job homebuyers for following through with this procedure. **This is a first time!!** Thank you October homebuyers for staying

in compliance with your Mutual Help and Occupancy Agreement.

For all you home buyers who have not followed through with your inspections and re-certifications, please take the time to update your applications (those homebuyers with children and/or extended family who are working need to remember that all income must be included) and the income verification forms and if you have childcare you will need to update this area also.

Congratulations going out to Allen "Butch" Gilbert, Sr. who was recently approved for a Mutual Help home. He is going to build his home back up in Schoolie Flat.

HUD low-rent tenants, Tribal tenants and Mutual Help homebuyers, Housing is seeking toys for the less fortunate. If you have any toys to spare please donate them to Housing.

Hello There, from Collections Corner!

Here it is almost the end of another year. A lot of the tenants in HUD low rent and Mutual Help have not been recertified. All tenants have to be recertified **every year**, regardless if your income has changed or not. Your file has to be up to date every year. And you must report **all income** from everyone living in your home who are working.

Remember if you have had your rent caught up through your equity, you are required to stay current after that. It is a onetime opportunity to help you get caught up and then stay current.

Tribal units too, who have delinquent balances, these need to be caught up and start being current. When you signed your lease agree-

ment, the rent was the first thing you agreed to **pay every month**. So come into the Housing Department and try to work out some kind of payment plan to get your rent current. I'm here to work with you!

Thank you, Carol Craig, Collections Officer

Housing welcomes aboard two new staff members, **Adele Waheneka**, is the Tribal Secretary and **Taw Foltz** was hired on with the Maintenance Crew. Housing wishes you both the best of luck!

2000 Demo/Buy Down Project The Warm Springs Housing Department and the Warm Springs Credit Department would like to announce the **"2000 Demo/Buy Down" project**. The 2000 project will assist 10 qualified tribal member families

by providing a \$10,000 grant that will be used as a down payment for purchasing a new home. Financing will be provided by the Warm Springs Credit Department.

The "Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act" (NAHASDA) was passed by Congress in 1996. In June 2000 the Warm Springs Housing Department submitted a Indian Housing Plan (IHP) which was approved by HUD (NAHASDA requirement). Within the IHP \$100,000 was budgeted for "Buy Down" activities.

Applications are available at the Credit Department. If you have any questions regarding the "2000 Demo/Buy Down" project you may contact the Housing Department at 553-3250 or the Credit Department at 553-3201.

"Demo/Buy Down" Project

Project Goal: Assist 10 Tribal Member Families Purchase Homes. Qualification Requirements: Tribal Member **families** may be eligible for a loan and the "grant" if they meet ALL the following requirements:

1. Do not have adequate home.
 2. Total Family income does not exceed the 100% percentile level of FY 2000 National Income Limits (NAHASDA requirement)
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| 1 person \$35,150 | 5 person \$54,200 |
| 2 person \$40,000 | 6 person \$58,250 |
| 3 person \$45,200 | 7 person \$62,250 |
| 4 person \$50,200 | 8 person \$66,250 |
3. Have adequate and dependable available income to pay all debts, family living expenses and home loan payment.
 4. Steadily and gainfully employed for not less than two years.
 5. Have a credit history that indicates a reasonable ability and willingness to meet obligations as they become due.
 6. If signing jointly the couple must be legally married (Tribal Requirement) and have legal custody of at least one minor child (HUD Requirement).
 7. Able to pay premium for fire insurance for first year.
 8. Homes will be built on Tribal owned land. A home site lease will be kept on file in BIA Portland Area Office.
 9. Homes to be built by a valid building contractor (must meet Tribal Purchasing Department standards). Prior to construction, a site plan must be approved by the appropriate authorities.
- Pick up applications at the Credit Department. Application deadline is November 30, 2000.

Suppah's announce birth of daughter

Jake and Julie Suppah are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Jananey Lily Ann Suppah, September 13, at Mountain View Hospital in Madras. At birth, Jananey weighed 8 pounds 9 ounces, and measured 20 1/2 inches in length. She joins her sisters, Sophie 12, and Sierra 5, at home.

Jananey was born on her grandmother Lily Ann Moses-Walker's birthday.



Jananey Lily Ann Suppah

The grandparents are the late Vernon M Suppah and the late Lily Ann Moses-Walker, who were both of Warm Springs, Susan Lewis of Northern California, Everett Elliot of Madras, and Rodney and Carol Wilson of Southern California.

The great-grandparents are Franklin and Margaret Suppah of Warm Springs, the late Oscar and Kathleen Moses of Warm Springs, Nathan and Norma Lewis of Northern California, Phil and Velma Heater of the Oregon Coast, and Opal Wilson of Arizona, and Mildred Elliott of Madras.

Please submit your proposal to the Small Business Development Center, 1134 Paiute St., W.S.O. if interested in leasing the space at the Warm Springs Plaza, 3240 Walsey Lane, suite #3,

Thank you Bill and Nat



Farm Service Agency news...

County Committee Elections

This year there will be elections held in LAA #3, Crook County, and LAA #4, Deschutes County. Ballots will be mailed no later than November 24, 2000. Please don't forget to sign your ballot return envelope. Ballots must be received by our office no later than 4:30 p.m. on December 4, 2000.

The following nominees have expressed that he or she is willing to serve if elected:

LAA #3 Candidates

Brian Barney is nominated in LAA #3, Crook County, to serve as COC member for a three-year term. Brian resides at 910 NE Johnson Creek Road, Prineville, LAA #3, and has produced garlic, grass seed, wheat peppermint, hay and cattle for 18 years. Brian is an active member of Stock Growers, Cattlemen's, Livestock Sale Committee, and Oregon Essential Oils.

Matt Lisignoli is nominated in LAA #3, Crook County, to serve as COC member for a three-year term. Matt resides at 2555 SW Williams Road, Powell Butte, LAA #3, and has produced wheat, potatoes, carrot seed, hay and various vegetable crops for 10 years. Matt is an active member of the Farm Bureau.

Dorothea Liverman is nominated in LAA #3, Crook County, to serve as COC member for a three-year term. Dorothea resides at 101060 Paulina Highway, Prineville, LAA #3, and is currently in CRP with a history of producing dryland rye for over 20 years.

Brad Santucci is nominated in LAA #3, Crook County, to serve as COC member for a three-year term. Brad resides at 960 ND Dry Creek Road, Prineville, LAA #3, and has produced peppermint, wheat turgrass, hay, and livestock for 33 years. Brad is an active member of the Farm Bureau, Cattlemen's, Stock Growers, and Oregon Essential Oils.

Carl Weaver is nominated in LAA #3, Crook County, to serve as COC member for a three-year term. Carl resides at 50500 SE Camp Creek Road, Prineville, LAA #3, and has produced cattle for 20 years and hay prior to raising cattle. Carl is an active member of Cattlemen's.

LAA #4 Candidates

Charlie Dillin is nominated in LAA #4, Deschutes County, to serve as COC member for a three-year term. Charlie resides at 62250 Dadds Road, Bend, LAA #4, and has produced hay and cattle for three years.

John Gunzner is nominated in LAA #4, Deschutes County, to serve as COC member for a three-year term. John resides at 8399 NW 31st Street, Terrebonne, LAA #4, and has produced hay and livestock for 16 years. John is an active member of Cattlemen's and the Black Angus Association.

Ken Miltenberger is nominated in LAA #4, Deschutes County, to

serve as COC for a three-year term.

Ken resides at 63560 Johnson Market Road, Bend, LAA #4, and has produced peppermint, hay, and cattle for 25 years. Ken is an active member of the Farm Bureau, Central Oregon Hay Growers and a current member of the COC.

Tim Williams is nominated in LAA #4, Deschutes County, to serve as COC member for a three-year term. Tim resides at 6800 N. Highway 97, Terrebonne, LAA #4, and has produced hay, cattle, and sheep for 23 years.

Direct Deposit

Producers have supplied our office with account numbers so that all program payments can be made by direct deposit. Please remember to contact our office when account numbers or banks change. Direct deposit files must be up to date in order for you to receive timely payments.

2001 AMTA Payments

2001 AMTA payments can be requested any time after October 1, 2000 if you have your contract updated and all signatures and or leases on file for the 2001 crop year.

2000 Honey Crop Loans

Beekeepers who produced honey in the 2000 calendar year and who will have the honey extracted by December 31 are eligible for 9-month recourse loans. The loan rate is \$.59 per pound of honey. A loan fee of \$.45 or .005 times the gross loan amount will be assessed before the loan is obtained. A lien search must be performed before the loan is issued. Producers have until March 31 to obtain honey loans.

Report all farm changes

If there have been any changes in the operation of your farm such as new owners or operators, changes in land, addresses, etc., please notify our office as soon as possible. Failure to do so may result in delayed or incorrect payments.

Non-insured Assistance Program (NAP)

If you suffer a weather-related loss, on any non-insurable farm crop, it is important that you file notice of the loss at the FSA office within 15 days after the loss occurs or when it becomes apparent. Failure to timely file could make you ineligible for this or other crop disaster programs.

Program regulations require an inspection of the crop by FSA for appraisal purposes, before destruction of any un-harvested or partially harvested areas.

Faxed Signatures

FSA can now accept faxed signatures on certain forms and documents. For your faxed signature to be accepted you must have form FSA-237 on file with the FSA employee. If you fax documents prior to completing the FSA-237, your request will not be honored until the completed 237 is on file.

EQIP sign up

FSA is accepting applications for

the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) through November 30, 2000. If you are interested in applying, please come by or call the office for an application.

Lamb Meat Adjustment Assistance Program

Lamb Meat Adjustment Assistance Program growers should take note that they can now self-certify on the quality of their feeder lambs instead of obtaining ear tags or having an agent present when the lambs are sold. Producers wanting to self-certify must fax the location of the animals to AMS at least 72 hours before their identity is lost. During the last 24 hours of the 72-hour time period, the animals need to be available for viewing if AMS decides to do so. Producers applying for slaughter payments are reminded to obtain an FSA-383 before the lambs are shipped and sent the form with a self-addressed postage paid envelope so AMS can return the form back.

Fruit and Vegetable Planting

With low grain prices, you may have been looking to plant vegetable crops or increasing your vegetable acres. Please be aware that you are prohibited under your Production Flexibility Contract (PFC) from planting fruits and vegetables (FAV) on contracted PFC acres. Vegetable seed crops are considered vegetables under this program. Please check with our office to see if you have excess acres for vegetables before planting. Planting vegetables on PFC acres can have very costly penalties.

Wool and Mohair Market loss assistance program

Sign-up for the Wool and Mohair Market Loss Assistance Program began October 10, 2000 and will end December 29, 2000. Wool and mohair producers are eligible for a payment of \$0.20 per pound for wool and \$0.40 for mohair on all wool produced and shorn from January 1, 1999 through December 31, 1999 and has been either sold, stored, destroyed, or given away.

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Rez Car parade success, thank you

To the editor, Thank you, thank you, thank you! The rez car parade was so much fun and the lunch was a success (It must have been cause we ran out of food).

I want to thank Warm Springs Forest Products for the donation. It was used for the 1st, 2nd, 3rd Places and the Govenor's Award. I know the winner's were happy—Jeremiah, Poopsie, Daffy and MiMi.

Thanks to all the fun folks that joined in the fun of entering their "rez cars".

I enjoyed cooking and sharing the food especially hearing the men laugh and joke throughout the meal. I was reminded that this is a true treasure of your gift of cooking. If there is laughter and all the food is eaten (plus I like to hear "Indian Men" laugh, it is so unique). A special thanks to my co-worker and elder Urbana for all the cupcakes.

Thanks to the Police Department for the escort: Captain (for all the

stuff you do), Housing Department, Judges Jody Calica, COO, Sheila Wahnetah, and Stoney; Enie for the fun of planning the event.

Thank you to the ladies that pitched in at the longhouse to help



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serve the food in a good way.

Thank you to the Spilyay Tymoo staff for helping us promote this community activity and next year we want your unique entry.

Organizer, **Charlotte Herkshan**



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Member puzzled about Council

To the editor, I have some concerns that I would like to share with you. I was led to believe that we would have a vote on whether or not we approved the budget. At November 1 budget meeting, we were told that the Tribal Council had already approved it. This bothers me as I had some questions I felt needed answering.

Do you know that the Secretary/Treasurer gets an income of \$377,927.00 a year? Doesn't that seem unreasonable to you since the duties for such a small tribe shouldn't be that much. Are you aware that the President of the United States doesn't even get that much income per year? Something doesn't add up here and I feel we should have some answers.

Another concern of mine is the \$400,000 needed for land purchases. What plans for future land purchases are already made? Why weren't we told about them? Have you traveled around the Reservation and surveyed the unused land? Shouldn't we be asking ourselves why buy land elsewhere and not use it when we have our own land here? That would be a

savings of \$400,000 for the tribe.

I believe it is time that we begin to voice our opinions and that our opinions be listened to and heeded. The Tribal Council and Management have already formed their opinions without any intake from us. That is wrong! They definitely do not have our best interests at heart.

We need to speak as Once Voice and say "Enough!" Enough padding your pockets with our money! Enough lying to us and keeping us in the dark. Enough of this foolish spending. We are tired of depending on you to take care of us and you don't.

Maybe it is time for a recall of both Tribal Council and Management and put in those people who care for us and want to do their best for us. We need someone who will not lie to us and who will find ways to establish a better future for us and for our children. We need someone in whom we can put our trust and not worry whether or not they are only in there for their own gain.

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Birth announcement

Rena Suppah-Gomez and Bernabe Gomez announce the birth of their baby Inez Delilah Gomez-Queahpama. Inez was born November 3, 2000, at 12:10 p.m. Her weight at birth was 8 pounds 8 ounces, and she was 22 inches in length.

She joins a brother and a sister at her home.

Inez's grandparents are Delilah Suppah and Rapheal Queahpama of Warm Springs, and Inez and Serafin Gomez of San Miguel Tecomellon Guerrero.

Inez's grandparents are Guadalupe Gomez and Alfredo Santana of Mexico, and Oscar, Irene, and Rena of Warm Springs.

