

Tribal Council September agenda

The following are some of the items coming up on the September Tribal Council agenda:

Tuesday, September 6

9 a.m. - Bureau of Indian Affairs update with the acting superintendent.

10 - Office of Special Trustee update with Charles Jackson.

10:30 - Realty items with Urbana Ross - BIA Realty.

1:30 p.m. - Legislative update conference calls, federal and state.

2:30 - Tribal attorney update. Indian Head Casino/Kah-Nee-Ta charters and resolutions. Land purchase resolution.

Wednesday, September 7

9 a.m.-12 p.m. - Management plan discussion with Tribal Council

executive officers.

1:30 pm Review minutes/resolutions with Glendon Smith, s-t.

Friday, September 9

Fish Accords meeting.

Monday, September 12

2017 Budget presentations with department heads.

9-9:45 a.m. - Budget overview.

9:45-10:30 - S/T and community assistance.

10:30-11:15 - Human Resources branch.

11:15-12 p.m. - Finance.

1:30-2:15 p.m. - Tribal Court.

2:15-3 - Human Services Branch

3-3:30 - Public Safety Branch

3:30-4 - Natural Resources Branch

Tuesday, September 13

2017 Budget presentations continue

9-9:45 a.m. - Public Utilities Branch

9:45-10:30 - Tribal Council, Committees, Council Support Services

10:30-11:15 - Debt services, A Place for kids and capital projects

11:15am-12 p.m. - General and administration

1:30-2:15 - High Lookee Lodge

2:15-3 - Museum at Warm Springs

3-3:45 Administrative Service management

Wednesday, September 14

2017 budget presentations continue

9-9:30 a.m. - Governmental Affairs

9:30-10:15 - Gaming Commission and surveillance

10:15-10:45 - Ventures

10:45-11:15 - Telecom

11:15-11:45 - Power & Water Enterprises

11:45-12:15 p.m. - Indian Head Casino

12:15-12:45 - Housing

12:45-1:15 - Credit

1:15-1:45 - Kah-Nee-Ta

2:15-2:45 - Composite Products

2:45-3:15 - Economic Stewardship budget update

Monday, September 19

9 a.m. - Secretary-Treasurer/Operations updates with Glendon Smith and Alyssa Macy.

10 - October agenda/travel delegations/review minutes with s-t.

11 - Draft resolutions.

1:30 p.m. - Legislative update call, federal and state.

3 - Enrollments

Lucille Suppach-Samson/Vital Stats

Tuesday, September 20

Department, enterprise budget call-backs to be determined.

Wednesday, September 21

Department, enterprise budget call-backs.

Thursday, September 22

Red Hills dedication and celebration.

Thursday-Friday, September 22-

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Meeting with CRITFC.



D.McMechan/Spilyay

A home in West Hills was badly damaged by fire last week. Fortunately, no one was home at the time, although the personal belongings were ruined by the smoke, flames and water. It appeared the ignition may have happened due to wiring, as a neighbor reported seeing the initial smoke coming from just below the roof.

Academy grads



Courtesy Starla Green

Two officers recently graduated from the Basic Oregon Police Academy.

Officer Johnathan Adkins



Public Safety General Manager Stan Suenaga, Officer Adkins and Lt. Starla Green; and at left, Officer Vollmer.

has been employed with Warm Springs Police Department since July 2015. He is assigned to patrol with the Department.

Officer Thomas Vollmer has

been employed with the Branch of Natural Resources since March 2016 as a Conservation Law Enforcement Ranger and has full police authority.

Pet owners: Former resident established Daisy Fund

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The service will include a pre-surgical exam, the spay or neuter surgery, pain injection, anesthesia and monitoring post surgery, and a rabbi's vaccination if needed.

Daisy Fund

The background of how this partnership happened begins in the 1940s. At that time, a doctor and his wife were living on the reservation.

They were living on a ridge that gave them a view of some of reservation "rez" dogs, said Megan Gram, executive director of the Bend Spay and Neuter Project.

Years later, the wife wanted to leave a legacy to help address the dog situation in the county, and

especially on the reservation. She created the Daisy Fund, which now funds the Bend Spay and Neuter Project.

Earlier this year after some consideration, the project leaders concluded that a way to fulfill the legacy—helping dogs at risk—would be to offer the free pet clinic on the reservation, Megan said.

Arlissa Rhoan and the Housing Authority this summer worked with the Spay and Neuter Project to secure the location; and the clinic is now set to begin next week.

Weather permitting, the clinics will continue the first Tuesday of each month at least through the rest of this year, Megan said.

It is possible in the future, she said, that the program could be ex-

panded to include the ownerless rez dogs.

The project helps the dogs, and is a chance for people to volunteer and learn: Help will be needed with the pre- and post-surgery aspects of the procedure.

Volunteers are needed for cleaning, sweeping and mopping, cleaning instruments, wrapping and sterilizing surgical packs, helping lift and transport the dogs, etc.

There may be a need for people to help transport dogs of owners who do not have transportation, or otherwise cannot make it to the clinic. For more information call 541-617-1010. Or go to:

Bendsnip.org

Or call Arlissa at Housing, 541-553-3250.

CPS: plan for improvement

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Get up to date with all billing and compliance standards with the Department of Human Services, the BIA, and federal pass-through grants.

The final two goals have to do with facilities: One is to develop a confirmed plan for a new or remodeled CPS facility; and two, create a separate facility for juveniles in need of supervision.

Each of the goals includes a list of activities to carry out the objectives.

A number of people were part of the team that worked on the evaluation and improvement plan for CPS. They include Caroline Cruz, chief operations manager Alyssa Macy, tribal health liaison Shana Radford, Isaac George of Finance, tribal court judge Lola Sohapp, and the CPS staff.

An expert in the field of tribal child welfare, Mary McNevens conducted an independent assessment of the CPS-foster care services of the Confederated Tribes. In her assessment findings, she sees strengths, as well as concerns and challenges. Some of the strengths:

The CPS staff are dedicated, "they seem to like their work, and are supportive to each other in that work."

And there is a strong desire and accountability to keep children in the tribal community, rather than placing them outside the community. These are some of several strengths identified in the review.

Training opportunities for the staff would go a long way toward addressing many of the concerns and challenges, according to the report. Here are some of the concerns, as identified in the assessment:

"The review found a serious disconnect between CPS policy and actual practice. This is across the program in foster care, CPS assessment services, and Indian Child Welfare Act cases...."

"Policies and procedures were reviewed and were found to pro-

vide an acceptable framework for child welfare practice. In any event, they were not being followed."

"CPS is staffed well below the level that would be required to provide comprehensive services to families, and to carry out the policies currently in place."

Parts of the assessment can sound harsh, but the goal was to present Tribal Council with an accurate and honest report, Ms. Cruz said. The point was not to criticize the staff, who are dedicated and whose work by its nature can be stressful, she said.

Instead, the goal is to find a solution and implement the needed changes. She gave some background on how the current situation arose:

"CPS experienced more than 25 years of sustained management. About four years ago, CPS experienced a change in leadership. As is not uncommon after a break in long-standing consistent program leadership, CPS has since experienced organizational challenges.

"As a result, staff turnover has increased. Staff retention, training and development have decreased. And over the past few years concerns have been identified regarding compliance with funding resources, and the experience of families, relatives, program partners, law enforcement, the courts and other partners."

Fortunately, the report presents a plan of action to address the situation. New hires, and more training opportunities are the points of emphasis.

"This plan will ensure CPS works effectively with the community, tribal government and partners, while nurturing staff in order to create a positive work environment... CPS aims to be seen as a helpful and respectful resource, one where children have the opportunity to be raised amongst our community and culture by building healthy families, ultimately encouraging preservation of the family."



Jayson Smith/Spilyay

Native Aspirations hosted an all-night party, at the community center, toward the end of the program in August.