

Housing outlines projects in the works

The Warm Springs Housing Authority this year is working on a variety of projects, from veterans housing and a new tax-credit development, to a pilot project to help address homelessness.

Community members heard details of these and other projects during a gathering last week with Housing Authority staff.

Supportive Housing

A new Housing Authority project is Permanent Supportive Housing, with the goal of helping reduce chronic homelessness among tribal members.

This project will include eight individual 1-bedroom units, located by the trailer court at 'the dips,' as the location is known. A duplex on campus will be rehabilitated for this effort as well.

Homelessness—including chronic homelessness—is a serious matter for the Confederated Tribes, as with other communities. A Point-in-Time survey late last year, conducted by Warm Springs Health and Human Services, found 23 tribal members experiencing chronic homelessness.

'Chronic homelessness' refers to people who may be actually without shelter for a period of time, rather than living with relatives or some other temporary housing.

Tenants of Warm Springs



Tom Strong reviews some of the upcoming projects at Housing.

Housing Authority Permanent Supportive Housing would have access to services of Behavioral Health. This could help the person address barriers the individual may be facing, leading to the chronic homeless condition.

Permanent Supportive Housing is a new program for Housing and the tribes, and a pilot project in the state of Oregon. Chronic homelessness in Oregon, as in other states, is increasing. This in turn leads to increased costs to the court system, law enforcement and incarceration, medical and other services.

The idea of the Permanent Supportive Housing pilot project is to help address chronic homelessness, thereby reducing its associ-

ated costs to society.

Veterans duplexes, YouthBuild

The Warm Springs Housing Authority Veterans Duplexes are under construction on Bear Drive at Greeley Heights. The Housing Authority crew is building the three duplexes.

Housing is also planning another construction project with Housing and Urban Development, and hoping to partner with Oregon YouthBuild, a Heart of Oregon Corps AmeriCorps program.

Many Warm Springs youth have participated in, and graduated from YouthBuild—Heart of Oregon Corps. Two cottage style units are planned.

Another Housing project

is a tax credit project. This effort will include rehabilitation of five duplexes and a fourplex. New construction is dependent on Housing Authority ability to obtain matching funds. Should WSHA be successful with matching funds, the new units will be constructed near the Tenino apartments.

These would include 4-, 5- and 6-bedroom rental units.

Rehabilitation work on the hamlets at Kah-Nee-Ta is a grant effort through the tribes. The tribes applied for Indian Community Development Block Grant funds to start repairs. The Hamlets are in dire need of repair and this effort will get the process started.

— Dave McMechan

Pageant in March

The Miss Warm Springs Pageant is coming up on Thursday, March 26 at the Agency Longhouse.

Current Miss Warm Springs Charisse Heath, her family and the Pageant Committee extend a warm welcome to all community members to attend the event. Former Miss Warm Springs title holders are encouraged to attend in regalia and crown.

This Friday, February 28 is the last day for prospective contestants to submit an application to participate. For questions about applying, contact Norene Sampson:

norsampson@yahoo.com

T-shirt art contest for Pi-Ume-Sha Health Fair

This year's theme is 'Big Steps Toward Legendary Health'

Warm Springs Community Health is looking for your art for the Twentieth Annual Pi-Ume-Sha Community Health Fair.

The art will be featured on the Health Fair flyers, passports and on the annual Health Fair t-shirt.

Submissions must be turned in at Warm Springs Community Health reception window no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, March 20.

There will then be a vote by the Pi-Ume-Sha Health Fair Planning Committee on Tuesday, March 24. The winner will be announced on April 8.

The winner will receive a Health Fair shirt with their art, a Pi-Ume-Sha Health

Fair travel mug, and a \$50 Amazon gift card.

All submissions must be your own original art, and be single color graphics.

This year's theme is *Big Steps Toward Legendary Health!*

You must incorporate Bigfoot in some way; plus the Warm Springs Reservation Boundary shape, and the three tipis in your image.

Submission forms will be available at Community Health for you to provide your full name and current contact information (phone number, email, etc.) so that the winner can be reached.

For any questions, please call Community Health at 541-553-2460.

Good luck, and let's see what you can do!

Warm Springs Community Health

Spring Break Bike Rodeo coming up in March

The Spring Break Community Bike Rodeo in Warm Springs is coming up on Thursday, March 26. The ride will be at community center parking lot around 2:30 p.m., lasting till around 4:45.

Learn about bike and road safety—First 60 youth will get an ice cream cup (6 and under please bring a guardian). All are welcome.

The Spring Break Bike Rodeo is hosted by Warm Springs Recreation, the Warm Springs Police Department, the Papatxsimisha Program, Family Preservation and OEI.

For more information contact Carol at Recreation, 541-553-3243. Or Jaylyn at 553-0497.

Innovative Dance workshop

There will be an Innovative Dance Workshop, with an indigenous twist, from 4-5 p.m. this Friday, February 28 at the Youth Center Gym, with a dance performance to follow.

Light refreshments will be provided, and the event is free to the community.

For more information please call 541-615-0037.

Summary of Tribal Council

The following is a summary of the February 10 Tribal Council meeting:

The meeting was called to order at 9:07 p.m. by Chairman Raymond Tsumpti. Roll call: Chief Alfred Smith Jr., Vice Chair Brigitte McConville, Raymond (Captain) Moody, Lincoln Jay Suppah, Wilson Wewa, Jr., Glendon Smith, Chief Joseph Moses, Chief Delvis Heath, Minnie Yahtin, Recorder.

Neighbor Impact introduction with Scott Cooper.

Draft resolutions with Michele Stacona, Secretary-Treasurer:

- Motion by Brigitte adopting Resolution No. 12,668 that it may select such other officers and committees as it may deem necessary for properly conducting business of the Tribal Council; that Janice Clements, chair of the Health and Welfare Committee, Catherine Katchia, vice chair, and Eugene Austin Greene as alternate, are authorized to represent the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs at local, state, regional, and national meetings to express and vote (if needed) on health issues, retroactive to May 2019. Second by Captain. Question: 8/0/0, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

Other business:

- Miss Warm Springs is requesting to attend the Denver March Powwow. Brigitte will follow-up.

- The One-Hundred and Fortieth Chemawa Birthday will be added onto the Tribal Council agenda.

- Outdated equipment on the communication tower will need to be replaced.

- Discussed logging contracts and tribal member preference.

- A question was raised regarding forest inventory.

- Discussed concerns regarding IRMP 1.1.

- Tribal Council will review the General Council comments for further discussion.

- Tribal Council Proclamation and Priorities discussion with Louie Pitt.

- Discussed two donation requests:

- Tribal Council does not have a budget line item for donations.

- Oregon State University Update with Allison White Eyes.

- Fish and Wildlife On and Off Committees responsibility discussion:

On Reservation:

- Give attention to helping tribal members exercise their treaty reserved rights to hunt, gather in ceded areas, and help gain access to

dig roots, hunt, and pick huckleberries.

- Carry out language in the treaty in ceded and usual & accustomed areas.

- Responsible for the fish.

- Hunting and fishing in ceded lands.

Off Reservation:

- Participate in meetings and roles at the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission, being one of four tribes carrying out interests in zone 6.

- Ensure the tribes receive fair share of the fish.

- Use of the tribal attorney: If any legal issues come up, it is to come before Tribal Council.

- Budget: As discussed with both committee chairmen, the budget will be 60 percent for On Reservation, and 40 percent for Off Reservation. This will remain in place for remainder of 2020. If there are insufficient funds to cover all services, it's recommended to prepare for additional funds in the 2021 budget.

- Both committees will

work with Culture and Heritage and Natural Resources to serve our tribal members for hunting, fishing, gathering roots and berries, and ceded lands.

- There were no questions regarding the duties and responsibilities from either committee.

Motion made by Brigitte to adjourn at 5:09 p.m.

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