

Coquille Indian Housing Authority



Happy Spring



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*A fun and informative Newsletter
for the Residents of the Kilkich Community*

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ShakeAlert Early Warning Earthquake System Becomes Active in Oregon on March 11, 2021

The USGS **ShakeAlert® Earthquake Early Warning System** uses science and technology to detect significant earthquakes quickly so that alerts can reach people before shaking arrives, offering seconds of advance warning that allow people and systems to take actions to protect life and property from destructive shaking. ShakeAlert does not predict when or where an earthquake will occur or how long it will last.

On March 11, 2021, the ShakeAlert system will begin delivering **Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA)** in Oregon. Oregonians will be alerted via WEA on compatible cell phones and other mobile devices through text-like messages and through apps, as they become available. March 11th coincides with the 10th anniversary of the M 9.1 Great Tohoku, Japan earthquake that took place in 2011. <https://www.livescience.com/39110-japan-2011-earthquake-tsunami-facts.html>.

ShakeAlert infrastructure is already in place along most of the West Coast, and is operational for automatic-action systems such as water utility valve shutoffs and starting back-up generators. It can also prevent cascading failures in the aftermath of an event. For example, isolating utilities before shaking starts can reduce the number of fire initiations.

If you and your family have not already prepared for and practiced an emergency preparedness plan, please don't wait. Visit the websites listed below for valuable preparedness information.

- www.nsc.org
- www.ready.gov
- www.emergency.cdc.gov
- www.redcross.org



ARE YOU PREPARED?

MARCH

KRA Board Meeting via Zoom at 5:30 p.m.	8
Daylight Saving Time Begins	14
St. Patrick's Day	17
Spring Begins	20
CIHA Board Meeting at 3:30 p.m.	25



**Sunday March 14
at 2:00 a.m.**



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Did You Know The Kilkich Fitness Room Is Open?

The Kilkich Fitness Room is open to Kilkich community members, Coquille Tribal members and spouses, Tribal employees, and Community Health Center patients. To use, you must be age 13 and older.



Due to COVID-19 health risks, each registered user or guest must complete an online Health and Safety Waiver before entering the facility.

Find online form at: https://www.coquilletribe.org/?page_id=4208

To obtain a paper format waiver, call 541-888-9494, ext. 2211, or email annachavez@coquilletribe.org.

FREE Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event - Sat., March 27
from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at
Beaver Hill Transfer Site
Call 541-396-7624 for information



NeighborWorks Umpqua Offering **FREE** Tax Preparation Service

In partnership with the IRS, NeighborWorks is offering free income tax preparation to people with limited income and persons with disabilities. The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) has sites in North Bend and Roseburg. This year the tax service is being offered in five languages; English, Spanish, Chinese, Korean, and Vietnamese.

In order to reach a larger population, people who are unable to travel to a tax preparation site can use a self-service website while trained volunteers are available to answer questions.

Income tax preparation services are by appointment only and follow COVID-19 guidelines as outlined by the State of Oregon. Appointment scheduling is open through April 15th. To schedule an appointment, call 1-877-527-5630 or visit the NeighborWorks VITA website at: <https://www.nwumpqua.org/vita/>



HELP PREVENT IDENTITY THEFT

Be aware of scams through the mail, Internet, telephone, or in person. Be cautious when someone asks for personal information, especially your Social Security number.

For additional information and guidance, visit: www.usa.gov/identity-theft.



FAMILY EMERGENCY SCAMS

Scammers are calling or sending messages, convincingly posing as a relative or friend, and playing on a person's emotions, to urge a person to wire money immediately to the scammer who is saying they need cash to help with an emergency - like getting out of jail, paying a hospital bill, or some other extreme reason. The goal is to trick a person into sending money before they realize it's a scam.



ALWAYS verify the emergency and resist the urge to act immediately, no matter HOW dramatic the story.

- * Verify the person's identity by asking questions that a stranger couldn't possibly answer.
- * Call a phone number for your family member or friend that you know to be genuine.
- * Check the caller's story out with someone in your family or circle of friends, even if you have been told to keep the call and request a secret.

Don't send any money until you are absolutely sure the emergency is genuine.

Report possible fraud at www.ftc.gov/complaint or by calling 1-877-FTC-HELP.