



Coquille Indian Housing Authority

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# Sea~Ha Runner



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



Happy  
Holidays!

**Holiday credits will  
appear on your  
December billing  
statement.**



## Holiday Payment Credits Awarded




Approved by the CIHA Board of Commissioners, each household on Coquille Tribal Lands will receive a holiday payment credit ranging from \$25 - \$150. The credit will appear on your December billing statement.

Payment credits are awarded based on how well each household complied with their housing agreement during fiscal year 2015.

The compliance categories are:

- ♦ Payments (made on time and in full each month)
- ♦ Inspections (no home damage beyond normal wear and tear; no housekeeping issues)
- ♦ Update information (provided timely, voluntarily, or upon request)
- ♦ Neighbor complaints (no actionable complaints)

## December 2015

CIHA Board Meeting at 3:30 p.m.	17
CIHA closes at 3:00 p.m. 	18
CIHA closed for the Christmas holiday	24-25
CIHA closed for the New Year's holiday	31

Merry Christmas



## KRA Holiday Gift Card Drawing



The Kilkich Residents Association (KRA) is sponsoring a Holiday Gift Card Drawing again this year.

The drawing guidelines are the same as in previous years.

- All Kilkich homes with OUTSIDE DECORATIONS displayed by Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> will be entered in the gift card drawing. Three \$25 gift cards will be awarded.

- The outside décor may be Christmas lights, trees, wreaths, animated



characters, holiday scenes, etc. **ONLY** outside decorations will be judged.

- The gift card drawing will be held on **Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup>**.
- The winners of the drawing will be awarded their gift cards and the results will be published in the January 2016 edition of the Sea~Ha Runner newsletter.

If you have any questions, please contact KRA Chair Rocky Doyle at 541-888-4910.



## Winter Solstice Celebration

Please join us at the CIT Community Plankhouse on Monday, December 21<sup>st</sup> to celebrate Winter Solstice. Solstice will be celebrated in Traditional Style Dance. All Kilkich residents are invited and encouraged to attend. The celebration is a pot-luck, so please bring a salad or dessert to share. The celebration begins at dusk.

If you have any questions, please contact Brenda Meade at 541-297-8803.



## Rent Check Pickup Call 541-888-6501

If you are an elder or a person with a disability and it is difficult for you to come to the CIHA office to make your housing payment, please call the Housing office at 541-888-6501 to schedule a pickup during normal office hours.



## Shore Acres Holiday Lights



Open nightly through New Year's Eve  
4:00 to 9:30 PM  
Admission is \$5 per carload.

## Carpet Shampooer / Lawn Mower

If you would like to borrow the carpet shampooer or yard equipment, please contact CIHA at 541-888-6501.

**The equipment must be requested a day in advance.**

The carpet shampooer may be checked out for 3 days or over a weekend; yard equipment may be checked out for a 24-hour period.



## Les' Sanitation Recycling

Les' Sanitation has changed their recycling pickup schedule to once a month instead of weekly.

Recyclables will be picked up on the 2nd Monday of every month; a household may set out all the recyclables they have accumulated during the month at pickup time.

Monthly recycling pickup cost is \$4.20. Les' bills bi-monthly for a total of \$9.20 for two months.

Contact Les' Sanitation at 541-267-2848 if you have any questions.



## Tribal Community Center Winter Gym Hours

Winter gym hours at the Tribal Community Center are Monday - Thursday, 7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. and Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Numerous activities are taking place at the Community Center this time of year, so please confirm gym availability by calling Luke Clark at 541-888-7724.



## Puppies, Kittens, and Policy

Christmas can be a popular time to bring home that adorable kitten or puppy to surprise your child or family. Unfortunately, **pets are NOT allowed on Tribal Lands in rental units.**



If you have a prescription for a companion animal, the animal **MUST** be spayed or neutered and up-to-date on all vaccinations - **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

Households are **REQUIRED** to submit current animal vaccination records and proof of the spay or neuter.

By signing this document, you certify that the information provided is true and correct.

Animal Name	Species	Vaccination Status	Spay/Neuter Status

The local S/Nipped facility offers low-cost spay and neuter services and vaccinations. Contact S/Nipped at 541-808-2377.

**Companion animals must be approved by CIHA before being added to the household.**



# November is

November is Native American Heritage Month. Around the country a variety of activities and events are being held to honor that heritage, including the White House Native



Nations Conference held on November 5. On the Internet, there is an official web page managed by the Library of Congress, Smithsonian Institution, and other federal agencies. The page contains links to several web sites covering some of the unique contributions native communities have made to the United States. Visit the main page at [www.nativeamericanheritagemonth.gov/about/](http://www.nativeamericanheritagemonth.gov/about/) and see if you can learn something new! Printed below are summaries of some of the links on this web page.

## American Indian Flute Music

[www.folkways.si.edu/american-indian-flute-music/music/playlist/smithsonian](http://www.folkways.si.edu/american-indian-flute-music/music/playlist/smithsonian)

This site gives a brief history of the Native American flute and has a lot of songs you can listen to. These recordings are courtesy of the Smithsonian run Folkways Recordings, a non-profit record label dedicated to documenting music and sound.

## Why Treaties Matter [treatiesmatter.org/exhibit/](http://treatiesmatter.org/exhibit/)

This web page includes a virtual exhibit of treaties signed between the United States and the sovereign governments of several of this country's first inhabitants. The exhibit points out that the signed treaties affirm this sovereignty of these governments today. The page also emphasizes that tribes today are responsible for managing millions of acres of American lands and natural resources while also protecting and securing the well-being of tens of thousands of American citizens.

## National Park Service Travel Itineraries [www.nps.gov/nr/travel/index.htm](http://www.nps.gov/nr/travel/index.htm)

These are guides for you to use when visiting heritage sites listed in the National Register of Historic Places connected to native peoples and American history. The itineraries include the Indian Mounds of Mississippi, an early history tour of coastal California, and the national historic trail El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro. This trail is the longest Euro-American trade route in the United States and tied colonial Spain's capitol, Mexico City, to its northern border in New Mexico.

Designating days or months to honor this country's native peoples is nothing new. In fact it is over a century old. The Boy Scouts of America declared a "First Americans" day in 1915. The state of New York declared an "American Indian Day" in May 1916 and several states followed suit by designating the fourth Saturday in September for the recognition. In 1990, President George H.W. Bush approved a joint resolution approving "Native American Heritage Month".

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## *Drum and Dance Practice at the Community Plankhouse*



Drum and dance practice is held every Wednesday night at the Community Plankhouse from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. All Tribal members and Kilkich community members are invited to the practice. **Children age 13 and under MUST be accompanied by an adult.** For additional information, please contact Lyman Meade at 541-297-5582.



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## Christmas Buffet

at the Saw Blade Buffet  
located inside The Mill Casino • Hotel  
on December 25

- Incredible entrees
- Hand-carved meats
- Succulent sides
- Delectable desserts
- Free Wi-Fi
- Warm, comfortable atmosphere



For restaurant hours  
and buffet cost,  
call 541-756-8800.



*May Peace be your Gift  
at Christmas and your  
Blessing all year through.  
~ Author Unknown*

## Christmas Tree Fire Safety



- Select fresh trees - choose a green tree with a sticky trunk and tight needles.
- Care for your tree - keep the tree away from heat sources and keep the tree stand filled with water at all times.
- Take advantage of curbside recycling to dispose of your tree; never put the tree or branches in the fireplace or woodstove.

Excerpted from AMERINDRISK.org

## Beware of New and Old Information Scams

Technology has provided thieves new methods to obtain and use your personal information fraudulently costing victims thousands of dollars. Be aware of any offer that sounds too good to be true and take your time in making any decision - buying or donating. Be proactive; **check current scams at: <http://www.consumer.ftc.gov/scam-alerts>**

Below are some tips to help you avoid becoming a victim of a scam.

1. Don't buy from an unfamiliar company without doing your research first. Obtain a salesperson's name, business identity, business license number, telephone number, street address, and mailing address **BEFORE** you buy. **VERIFY** information with the Better Business Bureau.
2. Charity scams are huge! If you want to donate to a charity, it is best to do your research and seek out the charity yourself. Do not immediately send money because a charity has a "desperate" need. Visit [www.ftc.gov/charityfraud](http://www.ftc.gov/charityfraud) for more tips.
3. Do not agree to send money to someone claiming to be a relative or loved one claiming to be in trouble (very common scam). Check the story with relatives.
4. Don't fall for "investment schemes". Be aware of any promise of "massive returns" on an investment. Deal only with reputable and verifiable credible institutions.
5. Many scams are spread via email. A popular scam is the "Nigerian email scam". <http://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/00021-nigerian-email-scam> Other email scams include "phishing", where an email looks like it is from a legitimate institution and asks for your personal information. <http://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0003-phishing>
6. This scam is currently happening. If you receive an unsolicited call offering you something "FREE", hang up. Do not press the number they are asking you to press. Simply hang up!

Contact <https://www.fbi.gov> to report scams or abuse.

## Charleston Annual Miniature Village and Christmas Train Display

The Charleston Annual Miniature Village and Christmas Train Display will open on Monday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at the Old Charleston School House located at 64065 Seven Devils Road in Charleston.

The display is open nightly from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Come out, bring the family, and enjoy the popular **FREE** display! For more information, call 541-888-3268 or 1-800-824-8486.



# Community Night/Parent Meeting

December 15<sup>th</sup> from 5:30pm to 7:00pm

Coquille Indian Tribe Community Center

located at 591 Miluk Drive - Coos Bay

In the spirits of the Holidays our December parent meeting will be combined with our community night and will be focused on spending time together as a family.

The evening will begin with dinner followed by activities that include decorating cookies, making cards and listening to stories. Please note, there won't be any childcare provided as this will be a family night.

If you have any questions  
please give us a call at  
541-888-9494 ext. 2231





DRUG &  
ALCOHOL  
FREE  
NEW  
YEAR'S  
EVE PARTY

Date: 12/31/15

Time: 6:00pm-9:30 pm

## Come Celebrate With Us!

The 15th Annual Coquille Indian Tribe New Year's Eve Party will be held from 6:00PM to 9:30PM. This is a safe **FAMILY ORIENTED PARTY** for Coquille Indian Tribal Members, Kilkich Residents, Coquille Indian Tribe staff & Invited Guests Only.

We will be offering a variety of activities for children & adults. Food and beverages will be available until 8:00pm.

Bingo will be available for ages 13 and older.

All children must be accompanied by an adult at all times. If you have any questions please contact Luke

or Quila at the numbers below.

The New Year's Eve Party will be held at The Coquille Indian Tribe Community Center located on The Coquille Indian Tribe Reservation at 591 Miluk Drive, Coos Bay.

**Contact:** Luke - 541-888-7724  
Quila - 541-888-7723

**Time:** 6:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m.

**Date:** Thursday, 12/31/15



## Highlights

FREE FOOD, DRINKS, GAMES  
& FUN!!