

Coquille Indian Housing Authority

Sea~Ha Runner

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

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Happy
Memorial
Day



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Bye-Bye Bogs ... Debris hauling clears way for construction

Dump trucks will shuttle through the Kilkich Reservation in late April and early May, as a contractor clears vegetation and water pipes from two cranberry bogs.

The Coquille Tribe ended cranberry production last year, after years of low prices made the farm unsustainable. All five bogs at Kilkich eventually will be used for future development.

Depending on weather, work on the two southwestern bogs could begin as early as late April, making way for construction of a Tribal wellness center.

Wheeler Excavating, led by Tribal spouse Tom Wheeler, will truck the remaining vines, foliage and pipes to an off-reservation dump site. Tribal Operations Manager Fauna Larkin said the truck traffic will be short-term, and Wheeler will aim to minimize neighborhood impact.

"Tom understands the Tribe," she said. "His kids have spent time at the Learning Center, his wife works on the reservation, and he has extended family living there. He's sensitive to concerns about safety and noise."

Here's a loose timeline (subject to change based on weather and other factors):

- All the cranberry vegetation and related irrigation should be gone in early May.
- Then comes a geotechnical analysis, to determine further excavation and fill needs.
- Based on the analysis, contractors may remove some soil, then truck in sand to level both bogs.
- Bog filling should be complete by early June.



- That should leave time to tidy up the area before June's Restoration Celebration.
- After that, no activity is expected until late summer or early fall.

Larkin said the sand may come from a Tribe-owned "borrow site," accessed by Tribal roads behind the Community Plankhouse. Taking sand from that location would reduce truck traffic past the Learning Center.

The project team's goal is to begin construction before the end of 2019 and finish the wellness center by early 2021. As of late April, the Tribe was in negotiations with a lead contractor for the building's design and construction.

Excavation and fill at the remaining three bogs is scheduled for 2020. Development plans for those areas have not been determined.

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CIHA's Annual Landscaping Contest To Be Held In June

CIHA's annual landscaping contest will be held in June again this year. The exact date will be announced in the June Sea~Ha Runner.

The criteria for the contest will be the same as it has been in past years.

Homeowners and renters will be judged individually; front and back yards will be judged separately.

CIHA has invited the Coos County Master Gardeners to judge the yards again this year. The judges will stop at each home (**unless you notify CIHA in advance that you do not want to participate**), take notes, perhaps some digital photos, and then collaboratively compare notes, tally their scores, and determine the 2019 winners.

Prizes will be:

1st prize = \$100 gift card

2nd prize = \$ 75 gift card

3rd prize = \$ 50 gift card

Honorable Mentions will receive a \$25 gift card.

There is no entry fee to pay or sign-up sheet to complete to enter the contest; **your yard will automatically be judged in the contest unless you contact the CIHA office at 541-888-6501 by Friday, June 7th to opt out.**

You do not have to be a skilled gardener to be a winner in this contest. A hanging basket, a nicely mown lawn, or just a clean landscape could place you in the winner's circle. Everyone is encouraged to participate!



When judging the yards, the Master Gardeners look for a variety of elements, such as:

- * Native Plants 
- * Sustainable Gardening
- * Edibles
- * Plant Health 
- * Color 
- * Bird Friendly
- * Unique Design, Creativity
- * Maintenance
- * Hanging Plants
- * Works in Progress 

Have fun ... show off your green thumb ... and participate for a chance to win a gift card!

If you have any questions, please contact the CIHA office at 541-888-6501. 

2019 Summer Food Service Program - Kids Eat Free - Begins June 17th

The Coquille Indian Tribe announces the sponsorship of the Summer Food Program at the Coquille Indian Tribe Learning Center. Breakfast and lunch will be made available Monday through Friday, FREE to all children residing on the reservation, 18 years of age and under.

Meals will be served at the Coquille Indian Tribe Learning Center beginning on Monday, June 17, 2019. Meal times will be 8:30 a.m. for breakfast and 11:30 a.m. for lunch.

If you have any questions, please contact Becky Cantrell, Sandi Belletto, or Laura Angulo at 541-888-7737.

The Summer Food Program runs through Friday, August 30, 2019.

The Coquille Indian Tribe is an equal opportunity provider.



TWO PLANTING BEDS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE COMMUNITY GARDEN.

Contact CIHA if you would like to reserve a garden bed; 541-888-6501.



Need to borrow lawn equipment or the carpet shampooer? Please call CIHA a day in advance to reserve the equipment, 541-888-6501. Equipment is loaned on a first come, first served basis.



Kilkich Residents Association Board of Directors

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Dear Kilkich Resident,

We are your association. It is our goal to make our community a safe, happy and friendly place to live. Our meetings are held at 5:30 pm at the Housing Authority Office on the second Monday of every month.

We welcome you to our community and invite you to attend your residents' association meetings.

Your Kilkich Residents' Association:

- * Holds a holiday raffle each year for those residents who decorate their home in December. Gift cards are given when your name is drawn.
- * Issues a grant each year to the After School Program which allows all Community children to participate in activities outside the normal program.
- * Donates a gift card to all non-Coquille households in our community in early December.
- * Sponsors activities for all residents, i.e., community picnics, renting the North Bend Pool for everyone.

We earn our money by holding a "Silent Auction," usually at our Restoration Celebration, of items that you, our residents, have donated. We also offer a Tribal Blanket raffle and a 50/50 raffle at most Tribal celebrations. KRA officers prepare and man a garage sale booth during the community's annual garage sale and we welcome donations.

KRA would like to do more and we welcome all your comments. If you have suggestions for money-making or suggestions for assisting our community members, we would love to hear them.

What we ask of you in return is to be a kind neighbor to those around you. This means remembering that there are children who play here so please drive within the speed limit and watch for those children who neglect to look first before darting across the street. Remind your guests of the speed limit as well.

This is a young community with many children of all ages. They are impressionable and need your good conduct to remind them of the correct way to behave.

Keep your dog on a leash and always carry a plastic bag to pick up his feces. Do not let your pet use your neighbor's lawn as his privy.

Do not display vulgar, rude or racial signs, paintings, flags or posters. It promotes anti-friendly attitudes, as does yelling curses when you are outside your home.

We look forward to seeing you in the neighborhood and at future meetings.

Sincerely,

Kilkich Residents' Association Board of Directors

The next KRA Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 13th at 5:30 p.m. at the CIHA office. Hope to see you there!

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TALL SHIPS RETURN TO COOS BAY



The Lady Washington and the Hawaiian Chieftain will visit Coos Bay May 1 - 6. See website for complete itinerary, tickets, and general information.
<https://oregonsadventurecoast.com/event/lady-washington-hawaiian-chieftain-tall-ships/>

May Calendar

Happy Mother's Day 	12
KRA Board Meeting at the CIHA office at 5:30 p.m. 	13
CIHA Office Closed 	24
Memorial Day Holiday CIHA Office Closed	27

May 24 - 26, 2019 at The Mill Casino · Hotel



Don't miss this incredible Memorial Day weekend event! Enjoy three days of award-winning BBQ, hand-crafted ales, IPA, cider, and lager samples, and live music. For more information and weekend event schedule, log on to:

<https://www.themillcasino.com/bbq-event/>

The Coos Bay Farmers Market opens in downtown Coos Bay on May 1st and runs through October 30th. Open every Wednesday from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Call 541-266-9706 for more information.

Staying Safe Online - Protect Your Identity and Personal Information

Hacks, scams, malware, and identity theft are a constant danger these days to your personal computer, smartphone, tablet, and interconnected devices. Reduce your risk by doing the following.

Limit the Amount of Personal Information You Share. The less you share, the safer you are.

Keep Your Privacy Settings On. Hackers seek out your information. Stay private when possible.

Practice Safe Browsing. Resist clicking on unknown sites and tempting articles. Cybercriminals use these as bait to infect your device with malware and gain access to your personal information.

Create Complex Passwords. Create strong, unique, individual passwords for all your accounts. 

Use multi-factor authentication when available. Easy passwords are also easy for cybercriminals.

Use Public Wi-Fi Cautiously. Public Wi-Fi is not always secure. Make sure your device's security is up-to-date. Make sure sites you are visiting start with "https" and have a padlock icon in the URL field.

Choose Downloads Carefully. Be selective at what you download. Type in the trusted site's URL instead of clicking on links. Cybercriminals trick people into downloading malware, disguised as a program or app, to steal personal information. Always download from a trusted site.

Keep Antivirus and Software Programs Current. Internet security software provides a vital layer of security. It doesn't protect against every threat, but it will detect and remove most malware. Keeping your software up-to-date insures you have installed the latest security patches.

Excerpted from: <https://securingtomorrow.mcafee.com/consumer/consumer-threat-notice/10-tips-stay-safe-online/>

You spoke. We heard.



Responses to feedback about the Ko-kwel Wellness Center Project

JALA!

The Ko-kwel Wellness Center Project inspired strong turnout and great participation at the Tribal Council's March 30 community meeting. Here's a summary of some recurring topics and how we're addressing them:

You asked about ... **LOCATION**

- One question that arose was whether the former cranberry bog would definitely be the building site. Yes, the Tribal Council voted on that last fall.
- There are several good reasons: (1) Low cranberry prices have made our farming venture unsustainable. So the land is prime for development. (2) As reservation land, it's eligible for some special financing. (3) Utilities are readily available there.
- Most importantly, (4) it's at the very heart of Kilkich, the hometown we built for Tribal families and Tribal services.

You asked about ... **TRAFFIC**

- During peak morning and evening drive time, Miluk Drive near Cape Arago Highway currently averages 84 vehicles per hour. We expect that to rise to 99, which is still fairly light traffic.
- But we want Kilkich as safe as possible. We'll look at changing the traffic pattern in front of the Learning Center.
- We're also talking with Tribal police about other traffic safety ideas.

You asked about ... SECURITY

- It's true that the Wellness Center will bring more non-Tribal visitors to Kilkich. But the Tribe has the authority to decide who is and isn't welcome.
- Comprehensive security measures will be incorporated into the design.
- Only patients who can pay will be accepted.
- Technology will be used to protect patients, employees and the community
- We'll consult further with our Tribal police and Kilkich residents.

You asked about ... NEW SERVICES

- We plan to add a "mid-level provider," such as a nurse practitioner or physician assistant. This person will offer same-day care without need for an appointment.
- That step will increase the availability of our existing health-care providers.
- We intend to add dental services..
- Mental health services also are in the plan.
- The plan is to add other services such as chiropractic, acupuncture and massage, after the new facility has been staffed and operating for at least a year.
- Sorry, but diagnostic imaging (MRI, CT, etc.) is unlikely. We're too small to support the investment.

You asked about ... INPUT

- Although the general location has been chosen, many project details remain undecided.
- We need the community's advice on what elements to include, the site layout, design features, landscaping, parking, street access and much more.
- We'll hold another **community meeting on May 30**, to talk about some of those key questions. We definitely want to hear from you!

You asked about ... MUCH, MUCH MORE

- People's comments and questions at the March 30 meeting filled 40 poster-size pages.
- **The full transcript is available** at the CIHA office, the Community Health Center or the Administration office in North Bend. Or download it from MyTribe.
- A project timeline, FAQs and informational charts also are available.
- If you have other comments or questions, please send them to anna.chavez@coquilletribe.org; drop them off at any Coquille Tribal office; or talk to any Tribal Council member.

