

Sea~Ha Runner

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



Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

Begins October 1, 2020

LIHEAP Helps Households Pay for Energy Costs

LIHEAP is a federal program that offers financial assistance to qualifying low income households to help pay energy costs, such as heat and electric bills. This assistance is provided through the Department of Health and Human Services. Both renters and homeowners are eligible for LIHEAP.

The amount of financial energy assistance a household is eligible

to receive from LIHEAP is determined by household composition, household income, documented energy costs, and other factors in the current program year. Under federal law, to be eligible for LIHEAP, the household income must be at or below 60 percent of Oregon's median income.

LIHEAP payments are made directly to the energy provider.

If you received LIHEAP assistance last year, an application will be mailed to you. **APPLICATIONS HAVE NOT YET BEEN MAILED OUT.** If you did NOT receive LIHEAP funding last year, or if your address has changed, contact Oregon Coast Community Action (ORCCA) at (541) 435-7082 or visit the office at 1855 Thomas Avenue (off of LaClair Street) in Coos Bay.

Gross Income Guidelines for Oregon Program Year 2021 (Effective October 1, 2020)
Estimated 60% of State Median Income by Household Size

Household Unit Size	60% of Median Annual Gross Income	60% of Median Monthly Gross Income
1	\$27,806	\$2,317.15
2	\$36,361	\$3,030.10
3	\$44,917	\$3,743.05
4	\$53,472	\$4,456.00
5	\$62,028	\$5,169.00
6	\$70,584	\$5,882.00
7	\$72,188	\$6,015.67
8	\$73,792	\$6,149.30
9	\$75,396	\$6,283.00

Gross income means all household income before any deductions.

ORCCA OFFERS COVID ASSISTANCE

If you have experienced job loss, loss of child care, or have in ANY way been affected by COVID, ORCCA may have funds to help you.

Request a COVID Relief Application by contacting ORCCA at (541) 435-7082 or Tracey at CIHA, (541) 838-6501.

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The CIHA Board of Directors recently approved new CIHA maintenance rates. Rates become effective October 1, 2020.



All rates are charged per hour with a one hour minimum.

General Repair Labor Rate	\$52 per hour
Garbage Clean-Up	\$52 per hour
Lawn Maintenance	\$52 per hour
Lock Changes	\$52 per hour
Service Call for No Key	\$52 per hour
Garbage Can Haul Away	\$26 each can
Duplicate Keys Made	\$13 each key

The returned check charge is \$35 for each returned check, plus any additional bank fees.

Housing payments are due on the 1st day of every month and become delinquent if not paid by the 6th day of every month.

The fee for late housing payments is \$50.

October



KRA Board Meeting via Zoom at 5:30 p.m.	12
CIHA Board Meeting at 3:30 p.m.	29
Halloween	31

Housing payment pick up is available for elders and people with a disability. Call CIHA to schedule.

MAHAFFY RANCH IS OPEN FOR THE 2020 SEASON - PICK YOUR OWN PUMPKIN AND MORE!
 Call or email for activity information, ticket prices, and COVID requirements: (541) 269-3900 or mahaffyranch@gmail.com.



Beware of Scammers Posing as COVID-19 Contact Tracers

Scammers, posing as COVID-19 contact tracers, are calling people to try and obtain credit card or bank account information. They may say, "you have been in contact with someone who has COVID-19" and they will typically ask for payment information "before we continue". They may also text or email you.

Contact tracers generally work for health departments. They contact COVID-positive patients to track symptoms, help patients figure out how to isolate themselves from others, and determine who they might have been near in

the days just before or after they tested positive for COVID-19.

- * Real contact tracers WILL NOT ask you for money.
- * Contact tracing DOES NOT require your bank account or credit card number.
- * Legitimate contact tracers will NEVER ask for your Social Security number. Do not give out any part of your number.
- * Immigration status DOES NOT matter for contact tracing; real contact tracers won't ask.
- * DO NOT click on a link in a text or email. Doing so can download malware onto your device.

Be discerning, but don't avoid real contact tracers. You need to know if you have been exposed to COVID-19 so that you can be proactive in isolating, getting tested, and letting other people you have been around know that you have been exposed.

For more information about contact tracing, visit these websites:

oregon.gov/oha
 ftc.gov/coronavirus/scams
 Article excerpted from ftc.gov and opb.org article on 09/01/20

