

Tulalip Housing Department News

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Mission Highlands Rental Units



Build Your Own Home at Mission Highlands

HURRY!

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The Tulalip Tribes Housing Department and Housing Hope is currently taking application for Self Help Housing Program. The Sixteen Home sites are available at Mission Highlands. No Down Payment-Interest Rates from 1%. Three or Four bedroom: 2 bath 2 Car Garage. Build by You, Your neighbors & Friends. Training and Supervision Provided. Tribal Members apply today. Call Toni about Self-help Housing @ 425-347-6556.

Tulalip Tribes Housing Assistance Program (TTHAP) is here to help make sure that you qualify for the home of your dreams. TTHAP works with tribal members and non-tribal members to help with any credit problems to any loan problems you may be having. The TTHAP department will help you create a way to increase your credit score, clean your report or even help you understand the loan agreements you might be facing with the new housing project.

To set-up an appointment please call, Paul Steinbach at 360-651-3359 or Iliia Brown at 360-651-3439

Message from the Manager Herman Williams Jr.



I am happy to announce the arrival of the Tulalip Tribes Housing Departments (TTHD) new garbage truck. We are in the process of delivering your new 96 gallon trashcans. Once the new state of the art playground is completed we will have an official ribbon cutting ceremony and blessing. The park will be named after the original home owner of the log house that was adjacent to the park "Effie Choisl Park". Watch for the announcement in the See-Yaht-Sub.

The Mission Highlands construction of 25 homes is going well! All of the roads sewer and water lines are completed and several homes are at different levels of construction. I walked through a couple of the homes. In my opinion these home are going to be very nice with large living areas. If you get a chance drive through and take a look!

The beginning of January 2008 we will start putting new sidings on the homes in Silver Village. We are already in the process of re-roofing some of our older units. We are getting design concepts for the homes in the Church site. We will be remodeling some of the single family homes on Ezra Hatch Road. The ones closest to the bay will become single story duplexes for the elders. Those closest to Marine View Drive will be two story duplexes all with a view of Tulalip Bay.

I would also like to thank all of the housing staff for pulling together and making a team effort to achieve our goals and objectives: Again I would like to take the opportunity to thank Les Parks and his maintenance crew for doing such a wonderful job in performance of their duties. The housing sites look 110% better. Thanks to Lyle Reeves, Leon Enick, Mike Monger, George Reeves, Donald Hatch III; Shirley "Dodie" Jones and her staff Jennifer Merrival, Michele Miller, Carrie Enick, Dorothy "Topo" Jones, Juan Gomez, and Deloris "Dee Dee" Parks for making our tenants feel more comfortable and welcome when they come to our office to help with their concerns and issues; Vince Henry, Toni Ambrose, Crystal Reyes, Justin Scalf for keeping "Mission Highlands" development site on pace for completion date; Nancy DeCoteau my Administrative Assistant who keeps us on the straight and narrow according to NAHASDA/HUD rules and regulations. I want to take the opportunity to announce the latest addition to the Tulalip Tribes Housing Department Team, Norma Razote, our new Finance Coordinator. I am very happy to have her with us. She already proved to be a great asset. I believe I have a great team to work with. Thanks! to all my staff.



Now, I would like to thank Charles Anderson for all the effort and hard work that his done for the Tulalip Tribes and the Housing Department. Chuck will be ending his tenure as the Housing Department Executive Director at the end of December 2007. Chuck will continue on as a consultant to the Housing Department, Shelly Lacy and the BOD. Chuck was instrumental in resolving the Audit Findings that occurred in 2004. He introduced the Housing Department and the BOD to the "Low Income Tax Credits" program. I personally want to thank you Chuck for all you've done for my tribe and my people "My Hand Go Up to You!" And wish you the best of luck in your future endeavors!

"Happy Holidays! Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year! Be Safe!"

IMPROVE ENERGY EFFICIENCY ALL AROUND THE HOUSE

A few simple steps can go a long way toward increasing the energy efficiency of your home and reducing your energy costs. Read through the list below for simple tips that you can take to begin saving money today.

Water:

- ❖ Be sure faucets are turned off completely.
- ❖ Fix any leaky faucets immediately.
- ❖ Install water saving shower heads.
- ❖ Lower the water temperature setting on your water heater

Windows:

- ❖ Caulk cracks and install weather stripping
- ❖ On sunny winter days. Let the sun warm your house by opening window shades and blinds. Be sure to close them again at night.

Electric Heat:

- ❖ Move furniture away from the heat source. Blocking the heat source makes the system work harder.
- ❖ Turn down your thermostat
- ❖ Be sure to turn off your heat when you open you windows

Lights:

- ❖ Turn off lights when not in a room
- ❖ Replace your bulbs with energy star qualified lighting.

Laundry:

- ❖ Use cold water to rinse your laundry.
- ❖ Only run the washer with full loads
- ❖ Only use maximum washing time for highly soiled clothing.
- ❖ Use an automatic cycle. If you clothes dryer has one.

Cooking and Cleaning

- ❖ Use cold water when running your garbage disposal
- ❖ Don't open the oven more than necessary when cooking as this allows heat to escape
- ❖ Don't let your refrigerator or freezer door stand open
- ❖ Don't allow the water to run while cleaning. Instead, fill a bucket with warm soapy water and carry it with you.

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Employee News

The Housing Department is pleased to announce that our New Finance Coordinator is Norma Razote. The Finance Coordinator will “provide administrative support in all areas of Housing Finances and Grants Programs and implementing budgets.” “Monitor expenditures from grants to ensure Housing is in compliance with funding agencies rules and regulations.” The new Tenant Service Specialist is Dorothy “Topo” Jones. Topo will be working with the tenant/homebuyers with the last name that starts with the letter K through Z. The new Tenant Services Housing Clerk is Deloris “Dee Dee” Parks. Dee Dee primary responsibility is payments and waiting lists.

Department Policy: New

Tulalip Tribes of Washington, Housing Department, Housing Management Policies: Policy Changes are as follows:

1. Rent Caps – for Certifications *effective July 1, 2008*, the following caps will be effective for **Low Income rental tenants**: 1 Bdrm - \$400; 2 Bdrm - \$500; 3 Bdrm - \$550; 4 Bdrm - \$650; and 5 Bdrm - \$700. **Note that the rent caps do not apply to families who are above low-income.**
2. Effective immediately, the Home Repair program has been changed from a loan to a grant for elderly families only. It continues to be a loan for non-elderly families, amortized over ten years and no payback unless the family moves. This change applies to current applicants for the program.
3. Effective immediately, the Housing Department will provide accessibility modifications for all families living in Rental and MH housing who have a documented need for them, at no cost to the family.

Holidays

Christmas Eve ½ day	December 24, Monday
Christmas Day	December 25, Tuesday
New Years Eve ½ day	December 31, Monday
New Years Day	January 1, Tuesday
Presidents Day	February 18, Monday

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