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Welcome to Native Connect

Native Connect is a twice monthly publication which contains a listing of community events, job announcements and resources focusing on the Native American community in Portland, OR. This publication is sponsored by the Portland Indian Roundtable. We hope this serves as a useful resource to connect you to great opportunities happening in the community for all our subscribers. Please visit the PILR website for the latest issue of Native Connect and to subscribe to the bi-monthly emails. To submit an event announcement, email Lai-Lani Ovalles at lailanio@nayapdx.org to receive an announcement form. Please do not send flyers or other attachments. We need a simple format for ease of wide distribution.

Job Announcements are summarized. Please contact the organization directly for full job descriptions, requirements, salary and any required application materials and directions. Attention: Native Connect charges a nominal \$20 fee to non-Native organizations to advertise job postings. For more information or to submit an announcement, please contact Lai-Lani Ovalles at 503.288.8177 x 213, lailanio@nayapdx.org. Thank you.

Upcoming Events

Sibling and Family Night Visit

July 8, 2010 Thursday 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Location: NAYA Family Center, 5135 NE Columbia Blvd., 97218

To Register, Contact: 503.288.8177 -Eva Williams, x 315, evaw@nayapdx.org; Selona Willett, x 225; or Nora Farwell, x 253, noraf@nayapdx.org

Please join Judy BlueHorse and PSU Capstone Program's "Environmental Education Through Native American Lenses", as they give us a tour of the Whittaker Ponds and teach about the NAYA Medicine Wheel Learning Garden. Learn and have fun with plants and nature! This event is an opportunity for youth in foster care to visit with their siblings, family and others who make a difference in their lives.

Native People's Circle of Hope - Portland/Vancouver Metropolitan Chapter

July 10, 2010 10 AM - 2 PM

Location: Augustena Lutheran Church, 2701 NE 14th Ave., Portland

Contact: Cece Whitewolf, 503-970-8004, npcch@spiritone.com

Native Cancer Support Group Monthly Meeting. Potluck - Please bring a healthy snack to share with others. Agenda: Work Session - Medicine Bags- Quilts; Roots of Strength Conference - Chapter President Gifts, Augustena Rummage Sale.

Potlatch Fund: Journey to Successful Fundraising

July 14 - 15, 2010 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM Both days

Location: Mill Casino Hotel, 3201 Tremont Ave., North Bend, OR 97459

Contact: Heather Miller, 206-624-6076, heather@potlatchfund.org

Website: www.potlatchfund.org/

New Grant Writers and Fundraisers! Are you interested in starting a Non Profit Organization to support your people and your work? Are you interested in developing skills to raise funds for your project? Wonder how you can successfully raise funds from private foundations? Want to learn how to develop a winning grant proposal? Attend this Native specific, hands-on training to develop the skills and contacts needed to get your project funded! The class includes a grant program workbook, group discussions, native networking and presentations from experienced Native fundraisers. Cost: \$20 Tribal Members/Students or \$35 non profit/ Tribal employees. For more information, go to Potlatch Fund's website.

New Paths: Dr. Cornel Pewewardy (Comanche-Kiowa) & Glenn Moore.**Friday, July 16, 5pm -9pm**

Location: Bonnie Kahn's new space- 2233 SW Canyon Road, Portland, 97201

RSVP: 503.542-0012

Celebrate the new space with great musicians, lectures, and art from the personal collection of Bonnie Kahn. Dr. Cornel Pewewardy (Comanche-Kiowa) is an award winning musician and professor at Portland State University. Glen Moore, is an award winning bass player and a founding member of the group, *Oregon*. **For one night only. FREE.**

Bonnie will also be selling her private collection of Native American art and a percentage of the profit will go to the Jim Pepper Memorial Scholarship fund at Portland State University.

Positive Indian Parenting**July 20, 27; August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM**

Location: NAYA Family Center, 5135 NE Columbia Blvd., Portland, 97218

Contact: 503-288-8177; Eva Williams, x 315 evaw@nayapdx.orgRita Olson, x 314 ritao@nayapdx.org

Positive Indian Parenting is an 8-week class designed to provide a brief, practical culturally specific training program for Native American parents (as well as non-Native American foster parents of Native American children) to explore the values and attitudes expressed in traditional Native American child-rearing practices and then to apply those values to modern skills in parenting. For hundreds of years, Native American parents were guided by traditions that never left parenting to chance. These traditions were passed from one generation to the next, but they all had the same purpose: to ensure the tribe's future through its children. We cannot go back to the world as it once was, but we can still find great values in our child-rearing experience. For more information, contact Eva or Rita.

Health Fair**July 28, 2010 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM**

Location: Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians- Portland Office, 12790 SE Stark St., Suite 102, Portland, OR 97237

Contact: Verdene McGuire, verdenem@ctsi.nsn.us

The Portland Area Native Community is invited to attend the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians FREE Health Fair. Health related activities, health screenings and information will be available to all. Please join us for a day of fun and health!

Portland's 5th Annual Native American Housing to Homeownership Fair**Saturday, July 31, 2010, 10AM - 3PM**

Location: NAYA Family Center, 5135 NE Columbia Blvd. Portland, OR 97217

Contact: Jen Matheson, 503.288.8177 x 297, jenm@nayapdx.org

The 5th Annual Native American Housing to Homeownership Fair on Saturday, July 31, 2010 will offer a wide range of housing and homeownership resources for renters, home buyers, and homeowners. The workshops and resources are designed to support Portland's Native American community acquire and maintain safe, stable and affordable housing. Attendees can meet with lenders, real estate agents and local non-profit housing organizations. **FREE and open to everyone. Offers lunch and children's activities.**

There are free drawing for prizes and down payment and rent assistance.

Are you interested in volunteering at the event? Contact Jen Matheson. Stay tuned for more details about this fun community event, keep watching [NAYA's Homeownership web page.](#)

Wellspeak - Building Intergenerational Communications about Healthy Sexuality**August 19-21, 2010 Thursday & Friday, 5-9pm; Saturday, 9AM - 6PM**

Location: NAYA Family Center, 5135 NE Columbia Blvd., Portland, 97218

Contact: Chenoa Landry, 503.288.8177 x 309, chenoal@nayapdx.org

Youth ages 12-18 and their parents/guardians are invited to attend. Each participant will earn \$50 and a certificate for completing all 3 days of this symposium. Free dinner will be served each day.

The NAYA Family Center will host its first annual community education symposium. In an effort to prevent teen pregnancy, STI's, HIV/AIDS and intimate partner violence, this project will open the lines of communication within families and ultimately among the community. Over the course of 3 days, families will learn tools and strategies to better express themselves and combat some of the common obstacles that teens face today.

**NARA 1st Annual Spirit of Giving Conference: "Weaving the Traditional Pathway to Integrated Health"
August 31st-September 3rd, 2010**

Location: Red Lion Hotel on the River, 909 N Hayden Island Dr., Portland, OR, 97217
Contact: NARA, 503.224.1044, info@naranorthwest.org

SAVE THE DATE for the 1st Annual Spirit of Giving Conference presented by Native American Rehabilitation Association of the Northwest, Inc.

More information on Registration, Agenda, Workshops, Speakers, CEU's, and Limited Scholarships will follow in the coming weeks.

**Oregon Prevention Conference - Save the date!
September 15-17, 2010 (Pre-conference September 14)**

Location: University of Oregon, Eugene, OR
For more information: sappdev.uoregon.edu/conferences/

Join us for this opportunity to hear from experts in health promotion/prevention research, best practices, and effectiveness from across the disciplines of alcohol and drugs, mental health, public health, education, and public safety. In addition to the two and one-half day conference of workshops, participants will have an opportunity to get skill building, hands-on instruction during the pre-conference, and participate in evening events focused on culture and positive youth development.

**Seventh Annual "Roots of Strength" Conference - Save the Date!
September 30 - October 1, 2010**

Contact: Celeste (Cece) Whitewolf, 503-970-8004, npcch@spiritone.org

National Conference for Native Cancer Survivors, Family Members, Caregivers, Medical Providers.

**Call to Convention 2010 National Indian Education Association
October 7-10, 2010**

Location: San Diego, CA
Phone: 202.544.7290 Website: www.niea.org

41st Annual NIEA Convention and Tradeshow, "Investing in Youth for a Vision of the Future!". The NIEA is the oldest and largest Indian organization representing American Indian, Alaskan Native and Native Hawaiian educators and students. This convention brings together over 3,000 delegates who will share resources, renew friendships, build alliances and solidify partnerships. For forty years, NIEA has been providing education advocacy and enhancing access to educational opportunities for Native students and school communities. San Diego will be a place to be to connect with tribal leaders, administrators, educators, and the education community. Ground breaking and cutting edge information on educational programs will be shared through the presentation of workshops, forums, language summits, symposiums, keynote addresses, tribal leader's forum and regional caucuses. Please visit the NIEA website for all Convention registration information, including vendor application, scholarships.

Ongoing Events

American Indian College Fund Blog
americanindiancollegefund.blogspot.com/

Check out the video/photo tour of Tribal Colleges.

Youth Job Club
1st Tuesday of the Month thru Dec. Next meetings: (July 6, August 3)
Location: NAYA Family Center, 5135 NE Columbia Blvd., Portland 97218
Contact: Gabe Walker, NAYA, 503.288.8177 x 205, gabew@navapdx.org

The NAYA Youth Job Club is an after school event and support group for youth ages 16-24, working or job hunting, to come together and talk about job search strategies, attending school, and developing a dream career by practicing job readiness skills. Food is provided along with fun games and activities in a high energy environment. Members of the club tackle employment issues that are important to them, share employment opportunities, and also have access to the Youth Specific Job Board with, business partners, local employers, elders and community job leads. The

group also brings in guest speakers, mentors, and employers who have opportunities or topics to share, and speak about what they look for in an applicant. If you have a youth who is interested, please RSVP with Gabe Walker.

City Hosts 2010 Homeownership Workshops

For more information: 503.823.3400 Portland Housing Bureau: www.portlandonline/phb
Advanced Registration is required: www.pdc.us/nhp

Portland Housing Bureau (PHB) is hosting FREE homebuyer workshops. "The Home Ownership Workshop" will introduce attendee to the full array of City funded first-time homebuyer programs and resources that are available in Portland and to help people purchase a home of their own. The workshops will teach people how to access local: Homebuyer education and counseling services; Homebuyer tax credit programs; Down payment assistance loans; Homes for sale from non-profit and for-profit partners; Home loan programs. The City's home ownership policy goals include increasing the number of new homebuyers from communities of color because a significant minority home ownership gap exists. The Home Ownership workshops will help people of color achieve home ownership within the City of Portland

Upcoming workshops:

Sept 16, 6 - 7:30 PM Lents Baptist Church, 5921 SE 88th
July 22 & Oct. 21, 6 - 7:30 PM at Portland Housing Bureau, 421 SW 6th Ave., Suite 500;
August 19; Nov. 18, 6 - 7:30 PM at Kaiser Town Hall, 3704 N. Interstate;

Elders Exercise Group

Location: NAYA Family Center, Elders Room, 5135 NE Columbia Blvd. Portland OR, 97218
Contact: 503-288-8177 or Randy Avart ravart@q.com

Elders' Exercise classes are Tai Chi classes, Mondays and Wednesdays at 12:15 - 1:15 PM. Thursdays are 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM in the gymnasium. The Tai Chi classes will run through June. As always, lunch is served at 11:30 AM.

One-on-One Education Coaching

Please call to schedule an appointment or to gain more info about the opportunities that exist
Location: NAYA Family Center, 5135 NE Columbia Blvd., Portland, OR 97218
Contact: Tamara Henderson, 503.288.8177 x296, tamarah@nayapdx.org
Web: www.nayapdx.org

Are you thinking of going back to school? Are you in school and could use a little help? Traditional, first generation, non-traditional, whether you are in college, dreaming of going back to school, or a junior/senior in high school, we are here to help you plan and prepare for a better college experience. Our college match savings program (Education IDA) is an excellent opportunity for anyone interested in or actively pursuing post-secondary education.

Coaching topics include: The value of education; The importance of planning and making goals; Choosing schools and researching your options; Financial aid; grants, loans, scholarships; Making your money work for you: grants, loans, scholarships, IDA's work study and a financial aid breakdown; Student support services and looking at your options.

By appointment only.

Oregon Native American Chamber Meeting

Last Wednesday of the Month, Next Meeting: July 28 , 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Contact: Bianca Kednay, biancak@onacc.org

Website: www.onacc.org

Members meet the last Wednesday of every month (unless otherwise noted), from 11:30AM - 1:00 PM. Monthly meetings are located at the NAYA Family Center. Lunch will be provided by Nawitka Catering. Cost (Cash or Checks preferred) \$15 members/ \$17 non-members). We are unable to guarantee a lunch if you do not RSVP by the deadline.

NARA Youth Night

Thursday Evenings 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Location: 1st Floor, 1776 SE Madison, Portland, 97205

Contact: Robbie Gondara 503-224-1044 x 275 rgondara@naranorthwest.org

Lee-Ann Foster, 503-244-1044 x 253 lfoster@naranorthwest.org

All Youth 9 - 21! Have fun! Play pool, foosball, eat some pizza. Activities that are - Recreational, Cultural, Spiritual. Dinner Served at 5:30 PM.

NAYA Family Center Financial Wellness Class

Next Class Series: July 6, 12, 19, 26. 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Location: NAYA Family Center, 5135 NE Columbia Blvd., Portland 97218
 Contact: Ben Helgren, 503-288-8177x273, benh@nayapdx.org Web: www.nayapdx.org

The Native American Youth and Family Center's Financial Wellness class is designed to help you feel comforted and empowered about your financial situation. The class is conducted over four sequential 2 hour classes. The class is facilitated in a non-judgmental, helpful and confidential manner. No matter your age, educational background or financial situation; the class is designed to help you realize your goals and calm your financial stress. Topics covered include: Traditional Native view on economy, Budgeting, Money Values, Goal Setting, Banking, and Use of Credit. *RSVP is required - call or email today!*

Portland Youth & Elders Council

Meets 2nd Tuesday each month, at 6:00- 8:00 PM

Location: NAYA Family Center, 5135 NE Columbia Blvd. Portland 97218
 Contact: Donita Fry, Youth & Elders Council Organizer, donitasf@nayapdx.org
 503-288-8177x 284

This is a community engagement group that meets to discuss various topics that concern the Native American Community: Housing, Employment, Community Development, Civic Engagement. Youth and Young Adults are encouraged to attend and get involved. Dinner and coffee provided. Everyone is welcome.

Pathways Home: Homebuyer Education Class

SAT. Class Series (9am - 3pm) **Part 1:** June 5 **Part 2:** June 12

THURS. evening Class Series (6pm - 9pm) **Part 1:** June 3, 10; **Part 2:** June 17, 24

Location: NAYA Family Center, 5135 NE Columbia Blvd. (Annex Building Room 2)
 Contact: To enroll - Anna Streirer, annas@nayapdx.org 503.288.8177 x 289

NAYA Family Center's culturally specific classes where you'll learn about all the steps to successful home buying. **Part 1** reviews credit, how to qualify, getting the best home loan, special home buyer programs, and how to close the deal. **Part 2**, local lenders, real estate agents, and home inspectors share behind the scenes info on their roles in the process. **There is no fee for this class.** Lunch and materials are provided. You must complete all 12 hours of the class to receive your certificate. No childcare is available at this time. **To register please contact Anna Streirer.** This class is a MUST for anyone interested in owning their own home! NAYA's Homeownership Education and Counseling Services are HUD approved.

Pi Nee Waus

Tuesday evening pot luck dinners, 5:30 PM.

Location: Southeast Multicultural Center, SE 45th and SE Belmont, Portland, OR.
 Currently, Pi Nee Waus meets every Tuesday.

Portland American Indian Elders - Potluck

1st & 3rd Sundays of the month

Location: Elders' Room, NAYA Family Center, 5135 NE Columbia Blvd,
 Contact: Randy Avart, 360-574-6164, ravart@q.com

The elders are on a summer hiatus. No Potlucks until Fall 2010.

NAYA Family Center Small Business Class: Expanding Your Future

Location: NAYA Family Center, 5135 NE Columbia Blvd., Portland OR 97218
 Contact: CJ Williams, 503-288-8177 x231, cjw@nayapdx.org

For those interested in starting their own business. The **next opportunity for you to sign up** for the Small Business Class: Expanding Your Future will be **September 10, 11 from 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM** both days and on **Sept. 24th from 6-7:30 PM.** The curriculum is Native specific. By the end of the class participants will have a written business plan and have a greater understanding of what it takes to start a business. The cost for the class is \$10, paid two weeks before class and \$60.00 for the curriculum, paid three days before class. Individual Development Accounts for those that qualify will help participants make purchases toward their small business.

Teachings of the Sundance Medicine Wheel as taught by Roy Wilson

Meet on 4th Thursday of each month, 7pm -9pm

Debbie Russell (L.W. Hawk), 503-282-2910, lwhawk@q.com
 Please contact Debbie Russell for location.

A Medicine Wheel is an ancestral healing tool, used by traditional cultures throughout the world, to assist in relating to nature. Community members are encouraged to participate in healing ceremonies and bring their unique contributions to honor the land and its people. Roy Wilson, Itswwot Wawa Hyiu (Bear Who Talks Much), is a Cowlitz spiritual leader in the old traditional ways as well as a Methodist minister. Roy was born on the Yakama Indian Reservation from an Indian father and a non-Indian mother and lives in Washington with wife, Cheryllyn.

Job Announcements

The following job announcements are summarized. Please contact the individual agency directly for full job description, requirements, salary and application materials and directions.

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Grantmakers for Education

Contact: Chris Tebben, 503.595.2100, gfeofficemanager@gmail.com

Website: edfunders.org/news/GFE_Office_Manager_Exec_Assist.pdf

Office Manager & Executive Assistant

Closes: July 2, 2010

Grantmakers for Education (GFE) is a national network of over 260 foundations and corporate giving programs. GFE is presently recruiting for the position of Office Manager & Executive Assistant. Primary responsibilities include: administrative support for Executive Director, board and staff; office Management and phone reception; assisting bookkeeper; human resources support. Full-time with generous benefits. Salary: \$33,000 - 37,000, DOE. Application procedures: Interested candidates should review the job description and apply by Friday, July 2, 2010.

MIKE Program

Contact: Cheryl Neal, 503.296.7705, info@mikeprogram.org

Web: mikeprogram.org

To Apply: Please submit cover letter, 3 references to info@mikeprogram.org. The successful candidate will be invited for an interview. An invitation for an interview does not constitute promise to hire.

Americorps Volunteer Coordinator

Deadline: July 15, 2010

Full time (40 hrs/wk) 11 mo. (September 1, 2010 - July 31, 2011). The Volunteer Coordinator will recruit, train, monitor, and support volunteers - both mentors and other integrative positions - for the successful delivery of service to under served teens, undergraduate and graduate health professional students, and other community members.

Preferred Qualifications: 1. Independent, creative, self-motivated individual who enjoys working with diverse groups of people. 2. Experience and/or desire to work with teens and young adults. 3. Interest in recruiting and supporting volunteers. 4. Strong organizational and interpersonal communication skills. 5. Experience with common office computer applications and software.

Tribal Community-Based Prevention of Noise Induced Hearing Loss and Tinnitus

Contact: Linda Howarth, Program Manager, Oregon Hearing Research Center, 3181 SW Sam Jackson Park Rd., Mail code: NRC 04, Portland, OR 97239

503-494-0670. howarthl@ohsu.edu

To Apply: Please send resume and cover letter to Linda Howarth.

Research/Office Assistant

Deadline: August 15, 2010

(0.5 FTE). The overall goal of this project is to reduce noise-induced hearing loss and tinnitus (chronic ringing in the ears) in Tribal communities. We will work with our tribal partners to create sustainable hearing health programs that are within the social, cultural, practical requirements of their communities. The study will test the effectiveness of a multiple-intervention, community-based program at changing knowledge, attitudes and intended behaviors towards exposure to hazardous sounds and appropriate use of hearing protective strategies. (Salary range \$35,000 - \$40,000 based on 1.0 FTE)

Native American Youth and Family Center

Contact: Patrick Eagle Staff, Human Resources Manager

Email: patrickes@nayapdx.org

Web: <http://www.nayapdx.org/about/jobs.php>

Address: NAYA Family Center, 5135 NE Columbia Blvd., Portland, OR 97218

NAYA Family Center's mission is to enhance the diverse strengths of our youth and families in partnership with the community through cultural identity and education. Application Procedures: Interested candidates should submit a cover letter addressing their qualifications for the position and why they are interested in joining the NAYA Family Center team. Please also enclose a NAYA Application and your resume. Applications and the official position description can be obtained at NAYA website or by contacting the office. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Development Director **Open until filled**

Full-time, exempt. The Development Director will work directly for the Administration office and report to the Executive Director. The position will be generally responsible for grant coordination, donor development, events coordination, fundraising activities and publicity/marketing with the Executive Director and Board of Directors.

Development Assistant **Open until filled**

Full-time, non-exempt. The Development Assistant will work directly for the Administration Office and report to the Development Director. The position will be generally responsible for 75% auction coordination, donor coordination and data entry, 10% donor development and 15% other fundraising activities as assigned by the Development Director.

Literacy Specialist **Open until filled**

Regular full-time, exempt. This position is with the NAYA Early College Academy. Essential functions include: Coordinate and teach the literacy program within the Academy. The literacy program will be based on the Oregon standards and will support the literacy strengths of the agency while focusing on targeted areas identified through formative and summative assessments in need of improvement. Support language arts teachers in core curriculum.

Early College Academy Spanish/ESL Teacher **Open Until Filled**

Regular, full time, exempt. Seeking qualified individual to provide full-time Spanish instruction at the high school level, along with ESL services with possibility of teaching courses outside of content area. Individual will be responsible for all ESL State and district testing. Reports to and is evaluated by the Principal. About the Program: The Early College Academy is a unique partnership of stakeholders, providing a commitment to an educational pathway for Native students to graduate from high school and transition seamlessly to post-secondary education. The partners include: Portland Public Schools (PPS), Portland Community College (PCC), Lewis and Clark College, National Indian Child Welfare Association (NICWA) and Portland Schools Foundation. Partners will collaborate on the development and implementation of the school and provide the foundation to build a successful and sustainable community school. The stakeholders will work together to design and implement the model and integrate Native American culture in to the curriculum content.

Jobs & Opportunities lists on Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board

www.npaihb.org/about/jobs_opportunities/

Employment opportunities listed with Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission

www.critfc.org/text/jobann.html

Local Business and Employer Youth Job Board

Location: NAYA Family Center, 5135 NE Columbia Blvd.

Contact: Gabe Walker, 503.288.8177 x 205, gabew@nayapdx.org

Website: www.nayapdx.org/services/employment-housing-community-development/employment.php

Attention to all Community Local Employers and Businesses! The Local Business and Employer Youth Job Board was created to help businesses find good youth works, and to assist good workers with finding great jobs and internships. Potential youth candidates are participating in the NAYA Youth Job Club, working with the support of an employment coach, and attending monthly groups that develop job readiness skills. The purpose is to help our youth explore career interests and develop positive work experience. We would like to reach anyone from small microenterprises to corporate offices and recruiters. If you are interested or in partnering with NAYA to develop a work experience or internship, please contact Gabe Walker.

Elders and Community Youth Job Board

Location: NAYA Family Center, 5135 NE Columbia Blvd.

Contact: Gabe Walker, 503.288.8177 x 205, gabew@nayapdx.org

Do you have some work that needs to be done around the house or in your community? Using this job board elders and community mentors are encouraged to call and share a job or volunteer opportunities to be filled by our own NAYA youth ages 16-24. The elder and community job board advertisements can be as complicated as a home project for multiple youth, or as simple as assistance programming a cell phone. The purpose of

this program is to help our youth develop a positive working relationship that may provide a community mentor and give them some work experience. Youth participants are active in Native American Youth Employment Services and the NAYA Youth Job Club. If interested, please contact Gabe Walker to develop a job card that describes the work, expectations and qualifications.

Community Services & Community Engagement

Do you live or own property near the airport?

July 6, Tuesday 3PM - 6PM (drop in anytime)

Location: Multnomah County Drainage District, 1880 NE Elrod Drive, Portland, 97221

Contact: Jay Sugnet, 503.823.5869 or Lise Glancy at 503.415.6519

To learn more about Airport Futures, please visit the project web site www.pdxairportfutures.com

The City of Portland is proposing to update the environmental overlays on properties north of Columbia Boulevard between I-205 and NE 13th Avenue as part of the Airport Futures planning process. If you have questions about how this proposal may affect you, please join City staff to talk and review proposed maps of your property. Or call Mindy Brooks at 503.823.7831 to request more information. If you believe the resources are mapped incorrectly on your property, Mindy is happy to visit your property at a time convenient to you.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, July 6, 3 - 6 pm - Office Hours

Tuesday, July 13, 12:30 pm - Portland Planning Commission Hearing and Work Session

August/September - City Council Hearing

Human Rights Commission Meeting

July 7, 2010 4:00 PM - 6:30 PM

Location: 5315 N Vancouver, Portland, 97213

Contact: Maria Lisa Johnson, 503-823-4428, marialisa.johnson@portlandoregon.gov

Notice of Human Rights Commission regular meetings every first Wednesday of the month. Meeting minutes and agendas are posted on the web at www.portlandonline.com/humanrelations/index.cfm.

Do your children have health care? NAYA Family Center can help!

* All households in Multnomah County are encouraged to apply

By Appointment Only

Location: NAYA Family Center, 5135 NE Columbia Blvd. Portland

Questions or to schedule an appointment, please call: **Healthy Kids Hotline, 503.972.2466**

What is Healthy Kids? Healthy Kids is Oregon's recently expanded health coverage for uninsured Oregon children. It is free or low-cost health care coverage for Oregon children who don't have health insurance. Even kids with current health conditions can enroll. Coverage lasts for at least one full year and can be longer as long as the child is still eligible. **With Healthy Kids you don't have to be uninsured for any period of time before you can apply.** Healthy Kids is based on a family's income and there are three health coverage options: no cost, low cost, and affordable. **Who qualifies?** Child must be under the age of 19 (19th birthday) and must live in OR and be a legal resident. **Free application assistance** - let us fill out your application - we are here to help make the process easy and painless because every kid should be a healthy kid! **Is it time to renew?** Bring in your paperwork, we can help!

For more information on our services, visit: www.nayapdx.org

Our Children Need You, Our Youth Need You

Contact: Rita Olson, Foster Family Recruitment Coordinator, NAYA Family Center

503.288.8177 x 314, ritao@nayapdx.org

As a foster parent you have the opportunity to provide a safe, secure, and loving home to a child in need. Native American people traditionally cared for their children through extended families. It was common for relatives, for "Aunties & Uncles" to care for one another's children in difficult times. Being a foster parent is another way to carry on this tradition and share these values for our future generations, while supporting our children to maintain their Native culture. In the Portland area there are significantly more Native foster children than there are Native foster parents. Many of these children and youth are far away from their tribes and communities and may have lost their connection to their culture. You can help them. You are wanted. You are needed. You can make a difference in a young person's life. Please contact Rita Olson for more information.

Domestic Violence Support Group

Contact: NAYA Family Center, 503-288-8177

Culturally specific domestic violence support group that teaches individuals that violence is not a traditional Native way of living. Contact Family Services at the NAYA Family Center for more information.

Year-Round Free Tax Preparation at NAYA Family Center

Must call for an appointment - no walk-in service will be available.

Contact: Irena Solomon, 503.288.8177 x 280, irenas@nayapdx.org

Details about the tax site, what to bring, and limitations on our services at:

www.nayapdx.org/services/employment-housing-community-development/taxes.php

By Appointment only basis from June through October 2010

Available 2nd Thursday of the month from 5 pm - 8 pm and 4th Saturday of the month from 9AM - 12 PM. We can prepare 2009 returns (both new returns that didn't get filed by the deadline, and amended returns if a mistake was made of the taxpayer would like to claim the home-buyers credit, etc. **Dates: June 10, 26; July 8, 24; August 12, 28; Sept. 9, 25; October 14, 23.**

Cultural Events & Pow Wows

Toppenish Powwow

July 2 - 3, 2010

Location: Toppenish (WA) Rodeo Grounds

For information, call the Toppenish Chamber of Commerce 509-865-3265. www.toppenish.net

All Nations Ghost Dance

July 7-11, 2010

Location: Southern Oregon

Join us in Southern Oregon for the first All Nations' Ghost Dance. The sacred ceremony is open to everyone, although space is limited. To find out more information and to reserve your place, please visit: www.ghostdance.org

Grand Ronde Veteran's Powwow

July 9 -11, 2010

Location: Uyxat Powwow Grounds, Grand Ronde, OR

Contact: Chris Tinney, 503.883.3610, PO Box 38, Grand Ronde, OR 97347, christian.tinney@grandronde.org

Gourd dancing Sat & Sun. 11am. Grand entries 1pm & 7pm, Sat. 1pm, Sun.

All veterans, dancers & public welcome! Arts & crafts, food vendors welcome. Free Parking, camping available.

Living Waters Family Camp & Powwow

July 29 - August 1, 2010

Location: Aldersgate Conference Center, Turner, OR

Contact: Gary, 360.546.1867, geasty@wiconi.com

Wiconi International, PO Box 5246, Vancouver, WA 98668

The family camp is for all ages and was a huge success last year. Limited full and partial scholarships are again available this year on a first-come, first-serve basis, so please register early. All takes place in Turner (also known as Salem), OR.

3 Days of Aloha in the Pacific Northwest

July 29 - 31st, 2010

Location: Portland, OR and Vancouver, WA

For more information, please check out our event website: hawaiianfestivalpnw.com

Aloha e Hawaiians and Hawaiians at heart - the Ke Kukui Foundation is hosting 3 amazing days of Hawaiian food, hula, arts and crafts, history, kid's activities and music in the beautiful Pacific Northwest. Featuring Na Kumu Hulla, Vicky Holt Takamine, Robert Cazimero, Lena'ala Kalama Heine,

Leialoha Amina and more. Also, Guitar with Roland Cazimero, Featherwork by Aunty Paulette and more. For more information regarding Ke Kukui foundation, visit: kekuiuifoundation.org/

Grand Ronde Contest Powwow

August 20 - 22, 2010

Location: Uxyap Powwow Grounds, north of state Highway 18; on state highway 22 (Hebo Road), Grand Ronde, OR 97347

For more info: 503.879.1453; Toll Free: 800-422-0232, Website: www.grandronde.org

Anyal Grand Ronde Tribe contest Powwow attracts hundreds of competitive dancers and features Native themed vendors and food stands. One of the largest powwows in western Oregon.

Chemawa's Back to School Powwow

September 25

Location: Salem, OR

Contact: Karen, 503.399.5721 x 225, kserna@chemawa.bia.edu

Grand Entries at 1pm and 7pm. Traditional Powwow. www.chemawa.bia.edu

Festival of Nations - Call to Artists

Location: Cascade Locks Marine Park

Contact: Rebecca Gandy, 503.753.4267, rebgandy@comcast.net, Website: www.oregoncrafted.org/festivalofnations

Festival of Nations "*A Gathering at the River*", is a cultural celebration, centered on Native American traditions, welcoming to all. Held on September 25-26, 2010 in Cascade Locks Marine Park, we offer a 10K Salmon Run, Free entertainment, exhibits, crafts and more to honor the communities of the Columbia River Gorge.

We are seeking vendors and natural crafting. We offer entertainment that is culturally traditional and welcome dancers, musicians and storytellers. Contact Rebecca Gandy for application and details.

Volunteer Opportunities

Hands on Portland

Web: <http://www.handsonportland.org/HomePage/index.php/home.html>

We will connect you with a volunteer opportunity that makes a meaningful, rewarding change in the Portland area. Build a house. Tutor a child. Care for abandoned pets. Build hiking trails. Lead a volunteer group. Join a nonprofit Board. Whether you are working, parenting, in school or retired, Hands On Greater Portland offers you a variety of ways to get involved while meeting your schedule and interests. Volunteer for a one-time project. Volunteer for a few weeks. Volunteer after work or on the weekends. Volunteer alone, with family, friends or co-workers. Visit our website for more information.

Native American Youth & Family Center

Location: NAYA Family Center, 5135 NE Columbia Blvd., Portland

Contact: April Ybarra, 503-288-8177, apriily@navapdx.org

Volunteering with us provides opportunities to: Connect with the Portland Metro area's Native American community, gain a variety of transferable skills, and do what you love. Volunteers play an important role in the NAYA Family Center's success. We simply couldn't function without the support of our volunteers who dedicated over 2000 hours of service last year. Come to a Volunteer Interest Meeting to learn about NAYA Family Center and Volunteer Opportunities. Contact April to attend one of the next Volunteer Interest Meetings

Internships, Scholarships & Fellowships

Internships with National Indian Child Welfare Association (NICWA)

Contact: Carmen Farmer, Operations Specialist, 503-222-4044 x 111, carmen@nicwa.org

Website: www.nicwa.org

The National Indian Child Welfare Association works to address issues of child abuse and neglect through training, research, public policy, and grassroots community development. NICWA also works to support compliance with the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978 (ICWA), which seeks to keep American Indian children with American Indian families. For more info about NICWA go to the website.

Donor and Membership Relations Internship

The **Donor Relations intern** will help assess, develop, and implement three new development activities aimed at increasing individual donor revenue to increase NICWA's capacity to deliver core services to American Indian children and families. The **Donor Relations Coordinator** will work with development staff to create innovative ways of communicating with donors, develop and implement policies and procedures that protect the integrity of donor information, and utilize a creative process for developing unique and innovative marketing materials for new and potential donors. The Donor Relations Coordinator will also work with NICWA's Development Manager and Executive Department staff to contribute ideas and efforts to the organization's annual fundraising strategy, research and process for identifying funding sources, as well as write grants/funding applications.

Beginning in late July or early August.

Media/Communications Internship

NICWA has regular queries from non-Indian and Indian-owned mass media. A single nationally-syndicated story carries the potential for getting our message to a broad national audience, improving our advocacy relationships, and pushing American Indian/Alaska Native social issues forward. NICWA seeks to improve media understanding of our issues and our relationships with all media.

We would like an intern to work within our offices to connect with established child welfare reporters who are writing for mainstream newspapers across the United States and orient them to NICWA. The intern would also help NICWA establish an accurate database of media contacts, across American Indian-focused publications, tribal publications, mass media, and child welfare publications by creating a descriptive profile of each one by basic research techniques and queries. It would require a self-starter, extensive online and phone queries, a pleasant phone presence, and ability to understand NICWA's media goals.

Library Sciences Internship

NICWA has gathered an extensive library, containing historical and up-to-date materials pertaining to all aspects of Indian child welfare. Part of the library has been digitized for online searches, and the remainder is only in printed form.

The library internship would focus on digitizing the most requested materials for maximum public exposure, ensuring that library documents are catalogued correctly and that the library and website contain the most relevant and applicable information available. Duties would also include responding to requests for information from workers in the Indian child welfare field and making sure that the proper copyright permissions have been obtained for presentation on the website and dissemination to the public.

Konaway Nika Tillicum Native Youth Summer Camp

July 17 - 24

Contact: Brent Florendo, 541.552.8580 florendb@sou.edu

Website: www.sou.edu/natam/konaway.shtml

Konaway Nika Tillicum which means "All my relations" in Chinook Trade Jargon is an eight day academic academy exploring a broad range of classes, lectures, cultural experiences and recreational activities for Native American students. Konaway is a completely self-supported program, generating funds each year through grants, donations, and fundraisers. We attempt to provide scholarships for all of our students at \$825 per child. Each household is required to pay a \$50 fee upon student acceptance, which will reserve their spot in the academy. Students selected for Konaway stay on the Southern Oregon University campus in Ashland and interact with other Native American students while being challenged by creative, imaginative instructors and activities. Konaway Nika Tillicum is administered by the Center for First Nation Studies, Sociology Department, SOU.

NAFOA Scholarship Program

Applications DUE Friday, July 30, 2010

Contact: Sarah Hernandez, 602.540.0303, sarah@nafoa.org

Website: www.nafoa.org

The Native American Finance Officers Association (NAFOA) is dedicated to supporting Native people pursuing their education. Our scholarship program assists Native American and Alaska Native students working toward a degree with a financially related field.

NAFOA Scholars are chosen by the Board of Directors based upon academic merit, interest in business and finance, and demonstrated commitment to the Native community. Scholarships will be awarded in September 2010. Award amounts vary by year based upon decisions made by the Board.

Eligibility Requirements:

*Must be working towards a degree in a financially related discipline including (but not necessarily limited to): Accounting, Business, Economics, Finance and Marketing.

*Must provide a completed application along with personal statement, letter of recommendation, a list of honors and awards, a list of community involvement and volunteer activities, transcripts and a photograph.

*Must provide proof of tribal enrollment.

To apply: Download application at www.nafoa.org

Native Youth Scholarships - Wisdom of the Elders

Website: www.discoveringourstory.org

For more Info, call Rose High Bear, 503.775.4014, rosehb@wisdomoftheelders.org

Native Americans have not been portrayed in a positive light in the media. This has created a confusing, negative impact on Native peoples, especially our youth. Therefore, Wisdom of the Elders as part of the Discovering Our Story Project is forming a Native youth leadership team that will have an opportunity to change that image! In partnership with Film Action Oregon, WISDOM is currently offering scholarships for a special film and video production training course this summer. With the support of Native youth mentors, Film Action Oregon, and WISDOM's video, TV studio and web production teams, this team will receive intensive summer training and produce a short culturally-tailored video production. Please contact Rose High Bear for detailed information.

Oregon Native American Chamber 2010 Student Scholarships

Contact: Michael Tom, 503.494.8827 tomm@ohsu.edu

Website: www.onacc.org

Mail application materials to: PO Box 69563, Portland, OR 97239

Application Deadline: Must be postmarked by September 20, 2010.

The Oregon Native American Chamber (ONAC) is dedicated to working with all members of the community to advance educational and economic opportunities for Native Americans in Oregon and Southwest Washington. This year, ONAC will award the \$1,000 scholarship to FIVE qualifying Native American students selected by ONAC's Scholarship Committee. Each student will be awarded with his/her ONAC \$1,000 scholarship at ONAC's Annual Gathering on October 8, 2010.

Student Eligibility Requirements:

Must be enrolled and attending an accredited community college or accredited four year college/university. Eligibility is limited to undergraduate students who are residents of the state of Oregon or Clark County, Washington. Eligible applicants must be in good academic standing at their respective institution. Any "first term" students must include their cumulative High School GPA, graduation rank and evidence of college/university enrollment.

Recipient(s) must attend ONAC's 6th Annual Gathering on October 8, 2010 to receive the scholarship award.

Students with relatives that are currently serving on ONAC's Board of Directors are ineligible.

Please submit the following documents to the ONAC address.

Submit a photocopy of current Driver's License and proof of Native American identification (must include your tribal enrollment number).

Submit a sealed official college transcript.

Submit one letter of recommendation from a person other than a family member. A professional associated with your education, community involvement, extracurricular activities or employment is preferred. It must be submitted directly from the individual supplying the reference. Originals only, photo copies will not be accepted.

Imagining Indigenousfuturisms Science Fiction Writing Contest - \$1000

Send personal statement and unpublished Science Fiction story to Professor Grace L. Dillon (Anishinaabe) dillong@pdx.edu, PO Box 752, Portland, OR 97207-0751

Open to Native, First Nations, Indigenous and Aboriginal students currently enrolled part-time or full time in an accredited university, college or high school. 2010 Judge: Acclaimed SF, experimental fiction, and horror writer Stephen Graham Jones (Blackfeet). Submit a brief personal statement containing affiliation or descent, student status, and goals for your science fiction writing, along with the previously unpublished writing sample (up to 4,000 words). **Contest Deadline: November 1, 2010.** Winner Announced in December. Sponsored by the Native American Studies Program Portland State University.

Census 2010 - Help Make the Invisible Visible! We can help our Native community thrive!

Identifying as Native American on the 2010 Census will help ensure that our community receives quality culturally specific services and programs. **Please identify as Native American if you are the descendent of American Indians or Alaska Natives and you feel culturally connected to the Native American community.** You do not have to be enrolled in a tribe.

If a 2010 Census worker knocks on your door, here are some ways to verify that person is a legitimate census taker:

The census taker must present an identification badge that contains a Department of Commerce watermark and expiration date. Census takers may also carry a black canvass bag with the Census Bureau logo.

Census takers will provide you with supervisor contact information and/or the local census office phone number for verification, if asked.

Census takers will only ask you the questions that appear on the 2010 Census form.

Census takers will NOT ask for social security number, bank account or credit card number and will never solicit for donations or contact you by e-mail.

Make sure you and your family are counted in the 2010 Census!

You may call the Telephone Questionnaire Assistance to give your answers to over the phone:

1-866-872-6868 (English)

1-866-928-2010 (Spanish)

Helpful Websites: 2010.census.gov

www.indiancountrycounts.org
