

# Coquille Indian Housing Authority

Merry Christmas

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

### Kilkich Resident Holiday Credits Awarded \$\$\$

Approved by the CIHA Board of Commissioners, each household on Tribal Lands will receive a holiday payment credit on their December 2017 billing statement. The payment credit ranges from \$25 to \$150.

Payment credits are awarded based upon how well each household complied with their housing agreement during the current year.

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 on file)

If you have any questions, please contact Dale at the CIHA office.



Housing Payment Pick Up Available

Housing payment pick up is available for elders and people with a disability. Call CIHA to schedule a payment pick up at 541-888-6501.

### KRA "Outside Holiday Décor" Gift Card Drawing

The Kilkich Residents Association (KRA) is sponsoring an "Outside Holiday Décor" Gift Card Drawing again this year. Three winners will be drawn; each winner will receive a \$25 gift card.



To be entered in the drawing, a home must have **outside** Christmas decorations that can be

seen from the road. The décor may be trees, lights, wreaths, holiday scenes, yard ornaments, etc.

The judges will drive through the Kilkich community the evening of December 15<sup>th</sup> noting all homes with outside Christmas décor displayed.



The winners will be awarded their gift card the week of December 17<sup>th</sup>.

If you have any questions, please contact KRA Chair Duke Summers at 541-217-8002.

Join in the holiday spirit and be entered to win a \$25 gift card!



WE wish YOU A Merry CHRISTMAS



### DECEMBER

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| KRA Board Meeting at 5:30 p.m.         | 11 |
| CIHA Board Meeting at 3:30             | 14 |
| CIHA Office Closes at 3:00 p.m.        | 15 |
| Nee-Dash Ceremo-                       | 21 |
| CIHA Closed for the Christmas Holiday  | 22 |
| Christmas Day                          | 25 |
| CIHA Closed for the New Year's Holiday | 29 |

**Congratulations to Winners  
Amber Powell and Mike  
Lenox who correctly identified  
the meaning of the reflectors  
on the sign posts at the  
bottom of Miluk Drive.**

Amber and Mike's names were drawn from the entries CIHA received regarding the "informational reflectors" at the bottom of Miluk Drive.

The reflectors spell "Miluk" in Morse Code. -- ··· ···· ··· ---

Amber and Mike each won a \$25 gift card. Thank you to everyone who submitted an entry!



Reflectors have been placed on the sign posts at the bottom of Miluk Drive to assist traffic in locating the entrance to Tribal Lands easily at night.

**December KRA Meeting**

The Kilkich Residents Association will meet on Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. at the CIHA office. KRA meetings usually last approximately one hour and all Kilkich residents are invited and encourage to attend.

If you would like to contact KRA prior to the meeting or have a question or a comment, contact KRA via email at:

[killichresidents@gmail.com](mailto:killichresidents@gmail.com)

**Happy Holidays!**



**Nee - Dash Ceremony**

Please plan to attend the annual Nee - Dash Ceremony at the CIT Community Plankhouse on Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup>. Nee - Dash will be celebrated in Traditional Style Dance and will begin at dusk with a potluck.

Please bring a salad or dessert to share.

All Kilkich residents are invited and encouraged to attend.

If you have any questions, please contact Brenda Meade at 541-756-0904.



**Home and Yard Maintenance  
Equipment Available**

CIHA has a carpet shampooer and yard equipment (mower, rake, wheelbarrow) available for Kilkich residents to borrow.



**The equipment must be requested a day in advance during normal office**

**hours.** Call CIHA to reserve the equipment at 541-888-6501.

The carpet shampooer may be checked out for 3-day period or over a weekend.



The yard equipment may be checked out for a 24-hour period or over a weekend.



*Sometimes you will never know  
the value of a moment until  
it becomes a memory*



**Dogs running free should be reported to the Tribal Police, 541-888-0189.**

**Please be considerate to the community and ALWAYS clean up after your pet.**



Applications are still being accepted for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program.

**Are you eligible?** Log on to [www.orcca.us/energy-weatherization](http://www.orcca.us/energy-weatherization) to obtain eligibility guidelines and a LIHEAP application or visit the Oregon Coast Community Action office at 1855 Thomas Avenue, Coos Bay, or call 541-435-7080.

**VISIT  
SHORE  
ACRES  
HOLIDAY  
LIGHTS**



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



## Companion Animal Guidelines and Requirements

Christmas is a popular time to bring home an adorable kitten or puppy to surprise your child or family.

Please remember ... **pets are NOT allowed on Tribal Lands in rental units.**

**Companion animals require a doctor's prescription. The animal MUST be spayed or neutered and up-to-date on ALL vaccinations - NO EXCEPTIONS; this is a requirement.**

**Companion animals must be approved by CIHA BEFORE being added to the household. Call Dale for more information.**

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



**SAFEMEDICINE  
DISPOSAL PROGRAM**

*Excerpted from The Costco Connection Magazine, September 2017*

If your medicine cabinet contains medications that have expired or are no longer needed, you've probably wondered about the best way to dispose of them. Safe disposal of medications can prevent accidental poisonings, medication misuse/abuse, and helps protect the environment.

The best way to dispose of medications is to use community-based drug take-back programs. The Drug Enforcement Agency's website supports a search tool to find an authorized drug disposal collector in your area. The DEA also offers National Prescription Take-Back Days twice a year, in April and October. Visit the DEA website for more information, [www.dea.gov](http://www.dea.gov).

If you need to dispose of medication before a Take-Back Day is available, most medications can be disposed of in the trash with a few precautions.

- ◆ Take the medication out of its original container and mix it with used coffee grounds, cat litter, or dirt to disguise the medication and make it less desirable to pets, children, or persons seeking drugs.
- ◆ Place the mixture in a sealable plastic bag, empty can, or plastic container to contain it.
- ◆ Throw the container in your household trash.
- ◆ Remove and dispose of the prescription label from the empty medicine container.





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*Wishing you and your family a safe and joyous holiday season!*



Public auction for the decorated trees will be held on Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Salmon Room at The Mill Casino. Admission is free! All proceeds benefit local services such as Toys for Tots. Purchased trees may be donated to a needy family. Delivery is limited to a 30-mile radius.

The Festival of Trees will be on display until December 4<sup>th</sup> at The Mill Casino · Hotel.

For more information, contact Heidi Proett, 541-269-7929 or Amy Bailey, 541-435-0757.



43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Sounds of Christmas Organ Concert featuring Lee Littlefield & Paul Quarino on the Mighty Wurlitzer & the Christmas Brass on Saturday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>; concert begins at 12:00 p.m.

Admission is FREE; donations accepted.

Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more information, call 541-269-8650.



**Open To Anyone In Need**

invites you to their Christmas Dinner Buffet on Christmas Day from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at 1999 N. 7th Street, Coos Bay. Buffet is "dine-in only".

Santa will have gifts for kids and adults.

Call 541-269-5017 if you have any questions.



## Holiday Scams and Malware Campaigns



US-CERT (United States Computer Emergency Readiness Team) reminds users to **remain vigilant when browsing or shopping online this holiday season.**

Emails and ecards from unknown senders may contain malicious links. Fake advertisements or shipping notifications may deliver attachments that are infected with malware.

Spoofed email messages and phony posts on social networking sites may request support for fraudulent causes.

To avoid becoming a victim of an internet scam that could result in security breaches, identity theft, or financial loss, internet users are encouraged to take the following actions.

- ◆ Avoid following unsolicited links or downloading attachments from unknown sources
- ◆ Do business with reputable vendors
- ◆ Make sure your online transaction information is being encrypted (you will see a URL that begins with "https" instead of "http" and a padlock icon)
- ◆ Be wary of emails "requesting information" (attackers may send emails requesting that you confirm purchase or account information)
- ◆ Use a credit card instead of a debit card (there are laws to limit your liability for fraudulent credit card charges)
- ◆ Check your shopping app settings (look for apps that tell you what they do with your data and how they keep it secure)
- ◆ Check privacy policies (before providing personal or financial information, check the website's privacy policy and make sure you understand how your information will be stored and used)

Staying safe online isn't complicated, but you do need to be aware of how scammers operate and be constantly on guard. Identity theft can be devastating and costly. Fraudulent debit card charges can wipe out your bank account. Fraudulent credit card charges are inconvenient and time-consuming.

Please check out the links below for in-depth information that may save you from becoming an internet scam victim, whether during the holidays, or just during casual online shopping.

<https://www.us-cert.gov/ncas/tips/ST07-001>

<https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0515-apps-help-you-shop-stores>

<https://www.us-cert.gov/ncas/tips/ST05-019>

<https://www.us-cert.gov/ncas/tips/ST04-014>

<https://www.us-cert.gov/ncas/tips/ST04-013>



Excerpted from <https://www.us-cert.gov/ncas/current-activity/2017/11/16/Holiday-Scams-and-Malware-Campaigns>