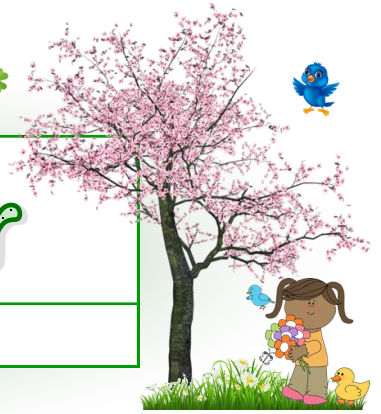




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A fun and informative Newsletter for the Residents of the Kilkich Community

Emergency Preparedness ... R U Ready?

Resources are limited when emergencies happen. Prepare today!



Start by putting together a 'go bag' for every family member in the event you need to evacuate the location you are at or shelter in place when disaster strikes. Keep the 'go bag' with you - it is your survival pack.

In addition to the basic supplies, plan ahead for other items you use daily and may need during the disaster, such as:

- Baby necessities
- Family medications
- Pet supplies - food, medications, leash, bowls, toys, and crate

- Cash, insurance papers, and other important documents
- Books and games
- Non-electrical supplies: a hand crank radio, a cell phone charging device, a manual can opener, a stove top coffee pot, fire starting supplies, etc.
- A fire extinguisher

Plan on electricity being out for a few days to a few weeks. Stores, banks, ATMs, gas stations, and other businesses will most likely be closed until services are restored.

Proactive Planning Tips:

- Make a plan on where to meet if members get separated; have an out-of-state family emergency contact

- Keep your pantry stocked, rotate your food supply, and keep plenty of water on hand
- Keep your cell phone charged and at least half a tank of gas in all of your vehicles
- Have a well-stocked first aid kit and a first aid manual

Preparing is the key to surviving any disaster.



The websites below can help you create a plan and prepare for emergencies.

www.ready.gov

www.redcross.org

www.usa.gov

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DETAILS BELOW.**



Daylight Saving Time Begins at 2 a.m.	13
KRA Board Meeting via Zoom at 5:30 p.m.	14
Happy St. Patrick's Day	17
First Day of Spring	20
CIHA Board Meeting 3:30 p.m. at CIHA	24



**Sunday, March 13
at 2:00 a.m.**



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NEW SIGNS IN PLACE

New evacuation route directional signs have been placed in the Kilkich community.

There are also new signs as you go further up the hill past the CIHA warehouse and the Plankhouse which provide direction to additional evacuation routes on Libby Lane and Morrison Street.



Depending on the emergency, one route may be better than another. Become familiar with the evacuation routes.

Are You Transitioning Back to the Rental Program from the ERA Program?

Please remember that your housing payment is due by the 5th and is late on the 6th. Late payments count against your holiday credit and are considered a program violation.

If you work for the The Mill Casino or the Tribe, you can sign up for payroll deduct to insure your rent is paid on time. Automatic bill pay through your bank is another option.

CIHA has a drop box to the left of the front door for after hours payments. Please contact Tracey at CIHA if you have any questions; (541) 888-6501.

Are You Registered to Vote? Need to Update Your Information?



Oregon's primary election is Tuesday, May 17, 2022. If you would like to register to vote, change your name, update your mailing address, or change your political affiliation, you will need to do so before Tuesday, April 26, 2022.

To register to vote in Oregon, you must be a U.S. Citizen, an Oregon resident, and at least 16 years of age (although you cannot vote until you are 18 years of age).

To register or make changes to your current voter registration, you can update online, by mail, or at the county elections office located at 250 N. Baxter in Coquille.

The telephone number for the Coos county elections office is (541) 396-7610.

Find voter information and online registration at: <https://www.oregon.gov>.



NeighborWorks Umpqua Offering FREE Tax Preparation Service

Have your income taxes prepared for FREE by IRS-certified volunteers. You may even qualify for the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC). The EITC is a measure designed to support anyone earning wages through a tax refund. This works by returning a portion of the federal taxes qualifying workers and families pay into the system.

Bring the following items with you to your appointment:

- Photo ID, Social Security card, or ITIN letter for everyone on your return
- All the documents related to your income and tax-related expenses for 2021
- A copy of last year's tax return, if you have it
- Download and print the required intake sheet at: [Form 13614-C \(Rev. 10-2020\) \(nwumpqua.org\)](https://www.nwumpqua.org)



Income tax preparation services are by appointment only and follow COVID-19 guidelines as outlined by the State of Oregon. Appointment scheduling is open through April 16th.

To schedule an appointment, call 1-877-527-5630.

NeighborWorks VITA website:

<https://www.nwumpqua.org/vita/>