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www.stewartspoint.org

Our goal is to eventually have the newsletter available on the website only or to be able to email an electronic version. For this we will need email addresses. Please call the Tribal Office and ask to be put on the E-Newsletter list!
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This is the time of year to cut down tall grass and weeds around your home to prevent fires. Don’t leave the engine running in vehicles parked on dry grass. Extinguish cigarettes in ashtrays or cans filled with sand – don’t throw them in the yard!

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Starting May 7, 2013 Esperanza will be Available every Tuesday to work with tribal members on job search. If interested please call to make an appointment! 707-591-0580 x104

We Continue with the Kashia Language class twice a month, every other Thursdays from 6-8 pm. I am restructuring the class to have it a fun place to learn. A snack before each class is apart of every meeting. Bring something and share. Come and attend your class.

Since the first of the year, monitoring jobs have slowed due to weather. Few requests have been received during that time. Spring is here and monitoring jobs may be available. Come in and sign up to be a monitor. Make an appointment with me for more information and paperwork.

Free Fishing Days will be coming up in July & September. We are planning outings on those 2 days for anyone interested in joining us. A short introduction on safety and fishing gear will be conducted on site. Bring warm clothing.

For more information on any of these topics please call Otis Parrish at 707-591-0580 x105
KASHIA's LAND PURCHASE and NEW HOMES

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My name is Norma Garcia and I am pleased to be working back at the Stewarts Point Tribal Office. I am a graduate of Empire College School of Business with an Administrative Assistant Certificate. I am a Kashaya Tribal Member, my mother is Elvida Banuelos, my Grandmother was Florence Lopez Smith. As the Housing Assistant II I look forward to serving fellow Tribal Members in a fair and diligent manner. Currently my work hours are Mon-Weds 8 a.m.-5 p.m, by appointment.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the Rental Assistance Program or would like schedule and appointment, feel free to give me a call at (707) 591-058 ext. 114
Our program purpose is to conduct basic water quality assessment and to monitor long-term health of all Tribal water sources—ground water, water imported from the Wheatfield Fork of the Gualala River, and on-reservation ephemeral streams and springs. The intent of the program is to:

- Document water quality data
- Take field measurements (temperature, turbidity, conductivity, pH, dissolved oxygen, water odor and color)
- Collect water samples to be sent to the laboratory for testing

Sampling and monitoring events are taken once a year and is generally done after the rainy season (March/April) to ensure each site has water to collect samples from. KDEP's Water Quality Program event was conducted on March 13-14, 2013 at 4 of the 6 locations:

- South ephemeral stream
- Raw water intake—water coming straight to the treatment house via the Gualala river
- Spring
- Hand-dug well

Field measurements are taken first and then water samples are collected in batches and sent to Alpha Analytical on the same day. The laboratory tests our water samples for contamination from metals, bacteria (e.coli), and nitrates/nitrites. Test results are returned back to us, where the water quality specialist, Cynthia Naha, reviews results for any "over the limit" detection levels. Results from this year's water monitoring and sampling event showed a few over the limit detection levels in all 4 sites:

- South ephemeral stream—aluminum and bacteria (e.coli)
- Raw water—bacteria (e.coli)
- Spring—aluminum and bacteria (e. coli)
- Hand-dug well—aluminum, mercury, and bacteria (e.coli)

Any time there are "over the limit" detection levels it tells us that contamination is affecting the water quality of the Rancheria.

- Aluminum and mercury, whether naturally occurring or man-made, can enter our water systems in various ways, improper waste disposal, pesticides, burning of household trash, through contaminated rainfall, etc.
- Bacteria (Coliform Bacteria/E.coli)—although it does occur naturally in the environment from soils and plants, it is also a by-product of the intestines of human and other warm-blooded animals. E. coli bacteria are a sign for the presence of pathogenic bacteria, viruses and parasites from domestic sewage (septic systems/leach fields), animal waste, or plant and soil material.

Protection of our environment, including the surface and ground waters, is just as important as protecting your health; because what harms one element, harms another. Efforts are being taken into consideration by the Water Quality Program to determine the causes of the "over the limit" detection levels in the water sources on the reservation. Once these are identified, measures can be developed and implemented to ensure that these levels will be under the limit by the next annual monitoring and sampling event.

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On February 20, 2013 Hopland Environmental Department hosted a pruning workshop at the Stewarts Point Rancheria. With the help of Hopland and Kashia participants, we were able to prune about 15 fruit trees throughout the land. The branches cut down from the apple trees were given to the Kashia school and chipped into pieces and will be sold at the Hopland Rancheria Farmer’s Market and the money earned from the sale will go to the Kashia School!

Please join us next season to learn about fruit trees, pruning techniques, and an all-around learning experience that will benefit the health of your fruit trees!!!
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Indian Gaming Revenue
Sharing Trust Fund Distributions
(Per Cap)

Starting with the May 2013 distribution, you will have a choice on how you would like to receive your distribution payments. Instead of waiting for your check in the mail, you will be able to receive your money as a Direct Deposit into your checking account. If you do not have a checking account you can receive your money on a Pay Card. Your Pay Card will work just like a debit card with no fees if you withdraw your quarterly distribution in cash from any Wells Fargo bank. You can also use the Pay Card like a Credit Card for signature point of sale transactions with no fees.

You could also continue to receive your check in the mail, but with Direct Deposit or a Pay Card your money will be available for you sooner, with no worries about your check being lost in the mail.

Go to our website www.stewartspoint.org to download one of these forms or call or come by the office.

Gayle Pena, Our current Fiscal Officer, is leaving us to take on new adventures in her career. We would all like to wish Gayle continued success in her future and we will all miss her!

We are working on a replacement, stay tuned!
QUARTERLY MEETING

GENERAL COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

**PHOTO I D WILL BE REQUIRED**

WHERE:
SCI HP
144 Stony Point Road
Santa Rosa, CA 95401

WHEN:
Saturday, May 11, 2013

TIME:
Pot Luck Starting at 12:00 NOON
Meeting starts at 1:00 PM

THIS IS A POTLUCK! PLEASE BRING A DISH TO SHARE
ALL TRIBAL MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!
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**Keep up the good work!**

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Congratulations to Martina Morgan on her new Position with Fort Ross!

Eric Wilder and his Mother Vivian Wilder sharing history of Kashaya, the importance of language preservation and ideas on the future of the Tribe. It was an honor to have Vivian Wilder visit.
Eric plans on doing a Pomo program for KGUA.

KASHIA KORNER
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6th Annual Summer Picnic!

Save The Date:

6th Annual Summer Picnic
Saturday, August 3, 2013
12:00 PM-5:00 PM
Finley Park Gazebo Area
Santa Rosa, CA

Park Fun!~~ Jumpy for the kids~~
Snow Cones~~ Adult & Senior Raffle Prizes~~
And of Course Bingo!!

PLEASE BRING A DISH TO SHARE!

PLEASE NOTE!
**EPA will have a recycling bin for your electronic waste, ie. cell phones, toner cartridges, monitors, printers, dvd players, vcr’s, cables, wires, ipods, calculators, tvs, lap tops, computers, computer parts.**

NO HOUSEHOLD BATTERIES OR LIGHT BULBS
Please remember to contact us when you move or get a new phone number and set up your Voice Mail so that we can contact you when needed!