

**STEWARTS
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RANCHERIA
KASHIA
BAND
OF
POMO
INDIANS**

**Special points of
interest:**

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Su' Nu' Nu' Shinal

"Huckleberry Heights"

Tribal Elections 2012

Its Official! We have our new Tribal Council

Emilio Valencia



Chairman

Sandy Pinola



Vice-Chairman

Violet Wilder



Secretary

Davida Vargas



Treasurer

We want to congratulate our new Tribal Council: Emilio Valencia, Sandy Pinola, Violet Wilder, Davida Vargas, Elayne Muro, and Angelique Lane!

Angelique Lane



Elayne May Muro



TBD



Our Election Committee did a great job! Thank you all for your participation!



Thank you to: Elvida Banuelos, Norma Garcia, Mary Allen, Anthony Macias, Lenora Vigil-Moya and Lorena Raab.

Misty Houser-Our first Vote of the Day!



**A SPECIAL
THANK YOU TO
OUR PAST
TRIBAL COUNCIL
FOR THEIR TIME
AND
DEDICATION TO
THE VARIOUS
COMMITTEES'
AND ALL THAT
ENTAILS
BEING ON THE
TRIBAL
COUNCIL.
WE APPLAUD
YOU AND WISH
YOU THE BEST IN
THE COMING
YEAR!**

KASHAYA UTILITY DISTRICT –ENVIRONMENTAL DEPT

Rancheria Streetlights

The lights are still going in. The forms were poured in November based on specifications received from the manufacturer for the poles. Unfortunately, when the poles were received, their bases did not match the forms. Modifications have been made to the poles and a structural engineer is currently testing them for soundness. Once they pass the test, installation will begin. We hope to see them up by the end of February.



Pathways – We hope to begin work on the pathways late spring/early summer funding permitting

Kashaya Utility System Upgrades

Upgrades of the water and waste water system will be occurring this spring into the summer with the assistance of Indian Health Service.

Water System: The Utility District and Department of Environmental Planning will be replacing the control panel and well-head at the intake gallery (where we pump water from the river). The goal is to improve the water pumping process and protect against flood waters.



Call Nina if you have any questions!

707-591-0580x107

Culverts and Driveway Approaches

Skaggs Springs Road on the Rancheria is nearly complete. Work stopped for a short-time but we plan on resuming work soon. All that is left is asphalt and one drainage area. We plan to work on Tin Barn Road late spring/early summer.

Waste Water System: The waste water system is scheduled to receive an intermittent sand filter system that will reduce the bacteria content in the effluent (liquid) sent to the leach field and reduce the aroma (stinky smell) from the ponding water.



Cultural Resources Department



Kashia Fishing Day!

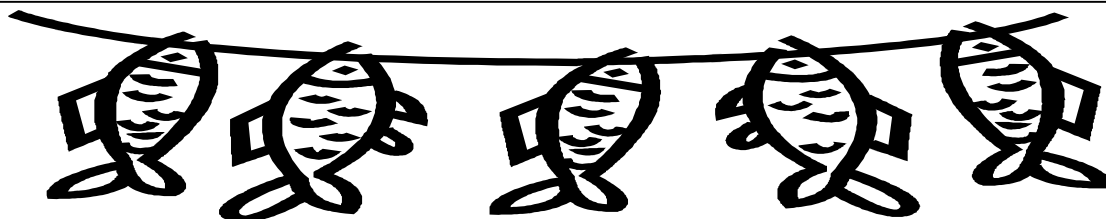
The Kashia Cultural Department is happy to present the Kashia Fishing Class. We are asking you to come out and enjoy a day of fishing along our scenic Kashia Coast. Parents bring your children and we will teach them and you how to fish on the ocean. Grandparents, please bring your grandchildren. This is an event meant to bring together the people of our tribe, young and old, to preserve our fishing traditions.

The one day class will feature lessons on Net Fishing, Throw Line Fishing and Pole Fishing. The head instructor will be a Master Fisherman. He will be aided by a number of our tribal members who still go out and fish on our coast. We will be learning a number of different fishing techniques.



The date is set for July 7, 2012

This is one of California's "free fishing" days, so there is no requirement for a license. If you are interested, please sign up early by calling Emilio Valencia at 707-591-0580 ext 112.

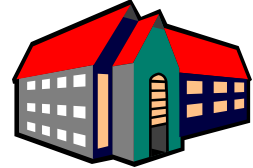


HOUSING DEPARTMENT NEWS

Happy New Year to all! We hope all of you enjoyed the holiday season. 2011 was a busy year; we hope 2012 will see even more positive changes!

2011 Housing Highlights

- We rehabilitated 4 homes with BIA/HIP and IHBG funding
- We replaced 4 Rancheria homes with BIA/HIP funding
- We completed a significant clean-up on the Rancheria
- We submitted an ICDBG grant application for a Santa Rosa Community Center



We received approval for IHBG funding for a Rancheria Community Center

The Return of the Rancheria Community Center

We begin planning in January for a new Rancheria Community Center. We hope to have this project completed this fall. The Center will be providing space for IHS doctor visits, community meetings, classes and other events. We need to hear from you! Tell us what kinds of activities you would like to see at the Center. If you are interested in volunteering your time to work on planning activities, please contact us!

Santa Rosa Community Center

Awards for the ICDBG grant will be announced in April. If successful, we can purchase property in Santa Rosa for a Community Center with ICDBG and IHBG funding. What activities would you like to see at the Center? Please give us a call and let us know, or fill out the questionnaire that was sent to everyone in December and return it to us.

Got Construction?

SPR Housing is on the hunt for Tribal Members with hands-on construction experience! If you are a licensed contractor, or have several years experience in construction (carpentry, roofing, painting, electrical, plumbing, tile work), we want to hear from you. We are putting together a list of tradespersons for upcoming projects.

PG&E Bills Too High?

Old fridges or fridges needing repairs can make energy bills skyrocket. If your fridge needs repairs, call PGE at 800-933-9555. If your fridge needs replacement, the State of California might replace it; call 866-675-6623. You must qualify as a low-income family for both programs. The Housing Department is investigating other resources for help with appliances.

Got Puppies?

Housing has been receiving complaints from Rancheria residents about dogs and puppies that are running free on the Rancheria. Per Tribal Ordinance, dogs are not allowed to run free and must be spayed or neutered. Fines may be levied by Tribal Council against dog owners who fail to observe these and other requirements. If you need help paying for spay/neuter services, please call us and we will refer you to an agency that can help. If you wish to make a complaint about loose dogs or puppies, please write a letter to Tribal Council and submit it to SPR offices or any SPR employee. *Housing does not have authority or funding to take action against owners.*



We Need Your Help

The growing, manufacturing, selling and possession of illegal drugs on the Rancheria puts **ALL Kashia Tribal Members at risk.**

This includes marijuana, as Federal laws apply. The Tribe's grant funding could be lost if illegal activities are taking place; Rancheria land could be at risk as well. **Any Land Assignee found to be in violation of Federal law and/or tribal policy is at risk of losing their Land Assignment. IT'S NOT WORTH IT.**



NOTE:

Housing will be holding financial Literacy Class' starting Jan 28th, 2012. If you are on Rental Assistance, the Class' are a requirement to continue receiving assistance.

So please call to schedule your class!

Rosellen George: 707-591-0580x114

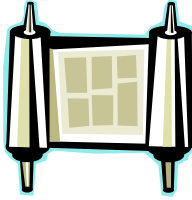


PRIZES Will Be Given!!!

Enrollment Department Report

The Enrollment Department is still as busy as ever!

We have an Enrollment Committee compiled of seven (7) members along with the Enrollment Coordinator. We are making it a priority to meet more often to stay current with all new applications.



We are trying to keep the Membership Files as up to date as possible.

We will be sending out letters to those members that have incomplete files. Please respond with the paperwork that is requested. It's a benefit to you to have a complete file, as we can often fax info to your requested locations.



Thank You!

Our numbers are continuing to grow and the Tribe is heading in a positive direction. The current status for the Tribe is as follows:

Tribal Membership Status

Total Membership: 851

Total 18 +: 566

40 for a quorum (new constitution)

Total Elders 55 +: 108

Total Minors: 285

At this time the Enrollment Committee is looking for a few volunteers to sit on the Committee as alternates in place of absent members. Our current committee members are: Priscilla Muro-Southwick, Chairperson, Violet Chappel, Vivian Wilder, Freda Davis, Inez Adam, Esperanza Valencia and Shawn Marrufo.

The duties would include attending the meeting, actively participating in approving or disapproving member applications and making recommendations to the Tribal Council. If you are interested in being an alternate for the Enrollment Committee please call Melissa Cerda at (707) 591-0580 and your information will be presented to the Enrollment Committee.

Tribal ID Cards

Many tribal members have contacted the Enrollment Department to get replacement ID cards or their first ID card.

We have been operating with a very old ID software that has been discontinued and no longer has any technical support for problems we are encountering. We have found a new software that will work with our current machine and it is the last "testing" stages.

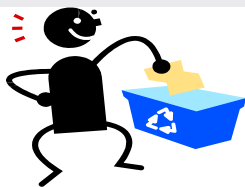
We anticipate that the ID machine will be up and running very soon, hopefully by mid February.

Until this problem is resolved we are issuing Tribal Certifications which states you are a member along with your picture as proof of your enrollment with Kashia. Just call Lenora or Melissa and we can get that to you right away!

Also, if you have not called to be added to the ID card list, please give us a call, we will send you a card as soon as the machine is fixed!

Melissa Cerda -707-591-0580x110

Dates and Events to Remember



Recycling – 3rd Wednesday of the Month:

Hopland Rancheria will be at Stewarts Point

Rancheria on the 3rd Wednesday of every month to buy back your glass bottles, aluminum cans and plastic bottles that have a CRV redemption value on them.

They will set up in front of the Firehouse from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm.



Tribal Environmental Campout:

In June, Tribes from Mendocino, Sonoma and Lake Counties will be holding another Youth Environmental Campout. The Campout will take place on the Coast hosted by the Potter Valley Tribe.

The details are still being worked out, but if you have children interested in attending, please let us know.

**All groups must have chaperons
Watch for further details!**



CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	1 Wednesday	2 Thursday	3 Friday	4 Saturday
				Language Classes at Kashia Tribal Office 6-8 PM	Tribal Council Meeting 6:00 PM	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 General Council Meeting, Steele Lane Rec Ctr 12:00
12  Lincoln's Birthday	13	14  Valentines Day!	15	16 Language Classes at Kashia Tribal Office 6-8 PM	17 Tribal Council Meeting 6:00 PM Swearing in of Tribal Council!	18
19	20  President's Day	21	22  Washington's Birthday	23	24  Flag Day	25 Ya Ka Ama Elections 10am-4pm at SCIHP Senior site.
26	27 Lent Begins	28	29			

KASHIA YOUTH EDUCATION FUND

We are still accepting applications for school age children from Kindergarten to High School

Section 3. Program Description

The KYEF provides rewards to Kashia Tribal youth who meet or exceed benchmarks set forth by the Kashia Community Council. The program is designed to provide "Kashia Rewards Cards" to tribal youth who promote grades from K-8 (example-graduating 1st to 2nd grade), youth who maintain a 3.0 grade point average in Middle or High Schools (per semester), youth who promote from Elementary to Middle school or Middle school to High school and youth who graduate High School.

The intent of the program is to promote school and education to our youth and build support and trust between them and their tribal government.

Section 4 Program Guidelines

4.1 The KYEF shall be made available to all enrolled Kashia tribal members in Kindergarten through grade 12.

4.2 The KYEF will provide rewards for students who promote to higher grade levels in Elementary School and who are promoting from Elementary to Middle School or Middle to High School.

4.3 The KYEF shall provide rewards for middle and high school students who can document a 3.0GPA or higher.

You need to supply a High School Diploma and/or a report card as proof of promotion and GPA

**Call the office for an application or if you have any questions!
Lenora Vigil-Moya 707-591-0580x101**

FORT ROSS BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION



Emilio Valencia, Senator Noreen Evans, Charlena Valencia

On January 21, 2012 Fort Ross and the Kashia Members came together for a “Opening Blessing” to celebrate the 200 year Anniversary of the Historic Russian Settlement.

This celebration brought together Elders, Tribal Members and their families of the Kashia band of Pomo Indians and the Russian Consul General of San Francisco, Vladamir Vinokurov. Also present was Efren Carrillo; Sonoma County Supervisor and State Sen. Noreen Evans, D-Santa Rosa.



Vladimir Vinokurov



Pictured on left: Eric Wilder, Inez Adam, Marlene Adam, Reno Franklin, Freda Davis

The event had an array of Native foods like Seaweed, Wild Boar, Salmon, Abalone and much more!



Violet Chappel and Vivian Wilder



Christmas Gift Giveaway



This is the 3rd Year Tribal member and Receptionist Lenora Vigil-Moya was able to help Tribal Members with gifts for the children.

Lenora called the Firefighters Local 1401 Toys for Kids program and submitted tribal children's names from the Sonoma County area.

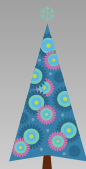
This year we did not hear back from the Organization until the last minute and Lenora came in on her day off to distribute the presents. Toys for Kids cannot guarantee that every request submitted will be fulfilled; however Toys for Kids try to fulfill requests to the best of its ability.

Tomas Lozano

We were very fortunate this year to have our request granted and at least 80 Tribal children in the Sonoma County area were able to receive a gift in time for Christmas. We are so glad that Lenora has made it a priority to seek additional assistance for our Tribal Members And she is doing such a great job at it! Thank You Lenora!



Tribal Children were happy to receive a gift for the holiday, pictured, **Marlana Sawyer**



David Barboza and wife picking up presents for their children



If you would like to sign your child up for a gift and you live in the Sonoma County area please call in **October 2012** and we will get their name on the list. You can call Lenora at 707-591-0580 ext. 101.

(Emilio Valencia came in to help wrap presents)

TRIBAL MEMBER ADDRESS UPDATE NEEDED

Rebecca Covarrubias
Brandon Amanti Wilder
Veronica Durazo
Robert Sidney Tapia
Derek Blain Muro
Aliciana Lozano
Danielle Hoppe
Leigh Ann Cross
Kody Smith
Johi Spoto
Lorayna Gonsalves
Andrea Villa
Isaac Antone



If these are family members of yours and you have a way of contacting them, please have them call Melissa at the tribal office at 707-591-0580 and we will get all their information updated.

Please remember to always update your address and phone number as soon as you move and include your children as well. Thank you!



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