



Muckleshoot MESSENGER



Section 2

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Tribe Scores Major Housing Grant

ENTIRE NEW RENTAL NEIGHBORHOOD TO BE CONSTRUCTED

One of Only Two Tribes in the Northwest to Receive \$5 Million Awards in Both 2019 and 2020

The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development announced the Muckleshoot Tribe has been awarded a \$5 million grant as part of the Fiscal Year 2020 Indian Housing Block Grant Competitive Program to support the construction of low-income rental units on the Reservation.

This is the second consecutive year the Muckleshoot Housing Authority has been successful securing grant funding through this highly competitive program. The Muckleshoot Housing Authority and the White Mountain Apache Housing Authority are the only two Tribes in the Country to receive the competitive \$5,000,000 awards in both fiscal years 2019 and 2020.

The combination of the two awards will finance the construction of 55 new rental units on the Muckleshoot Reservation. Construction of the units financed by the 2019 grant will start in May.

“The Muckleshoot Tribe is pleased to be one of only 24 tribes in the nation, and one of only two in the Pacific Northwest, to receive funding once again through this highly competitive program,” said Muckleshoot Tribal Council Chairman Jaison Elkins.

“This award, along with the 2019 award, are testament to the great work of tribal staff and will be a big help in advancing the tribe’s goal of providing affordable housing opportunities for all our low-income community members.”

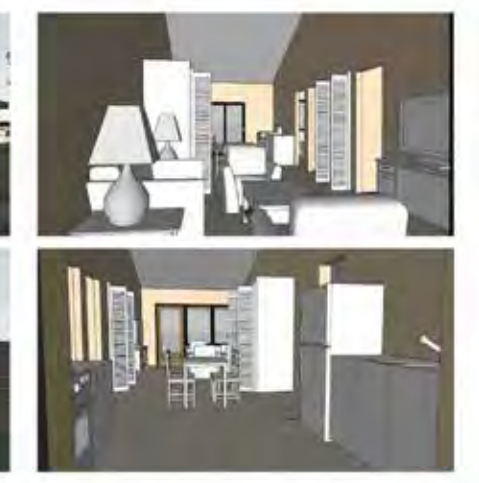
Although the Muckleshoot Housing Authority currently owns a number of rental properties which offer affordable rent opportunities to the Tribal membership, the need is great as evidenced by the waiting list for rental properties managed by the tribe. The new units financed by these two awards will move the tribe closer to meeting that need.



CENTRAL COMMUNITY PARK



LINEAR PARK



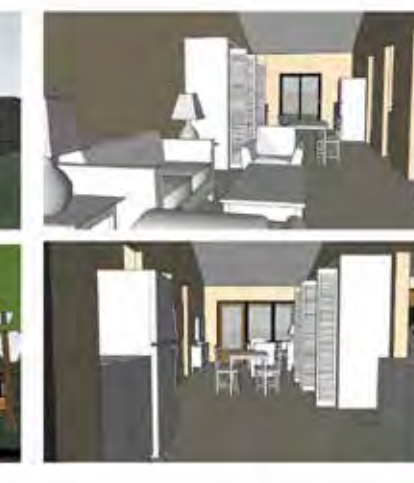
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1A: 1 BEDROOM FOURPLEX | PERSPECTIVES



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Awakening Our Canoes...

Tribal Council Vice-Chair Donny Stevenson had these thoughts to share following this year's annual ritual...

Awakening Our Canoes... a short phrase which really translates to and means so much more!

Like Leadership... John Daniels Jr's and Virginia Cross's words carried the strength and wisdom of not only their own vast experience and extensive well-earned and hard-fought knowledge, but also countless generations of inspiration and service which they obviously each also carry. They spoke beautifully and inspired me to my very heart and core with their truth... wholly powerful and beautiful.

Like Celebration... our culture and traditions... bringing out songs drummed and sung by our people... dances danced by our young ladies since time immemorial... of honoring our families, each other and one another...by showing up, being present to represent both our past and his-

tory and standing up for our young ones and future... by taking our rightful place... doing what's needed and what's asked! All the while, enjoying every moment simply being together and with one another... rejoicing that we are able to once again connect and share space and purpose in a way that few others peoples or cultures will ever truly know!!!

Reverence and Respect... for our homelands and subsequent identity; our place within this land and how we treat and host those who travel therein... knowing that it is these relationships and our establishment, formation, maintenance protection of each that will ultimately define who we are and how we are remembered... also reverence and respect for our own position within our own Canoe Family... of our seat and position, whether providing ground support on the beach or pulling within that physical canoe... of our canoes within and upon the waterway... a healthy respect must always be carried and paid as our Mother (Earth) and Father

(Sky) are always really the ones in charge!!!

It is with all this in mind... I state today was a total and complete success!!! Even through the masked faces, it was easy to "see" the smiles upon all faces and to hear the joy in each voice! A day that we all needed... my hands are raised to all who made it possible! Thank you for today... for Awakening Our Canoes, and along with them a true sense of beauty and happiness in our people and community...

It was much needed and well-deserved for a community which has continually exceeded expectation during a very difficult past year and who have worked hard to represent the living embodiment of compassion and generosity for which their ancestors have always been known... today not only were we all smiling through our masks, but they were looking down on us doing the same!!!





Traditional Ecological News

Story & Photos by Leslie LaFontaine

Welcome to a lively spring! We are waking up and stretching just like all of our plant relatives. Nettle gave us a quick season for fresh young sprouts. Now it's time for grabbing those last leaves for tea. Keep your eyes ready, nettle will go to seed before you know it. (MMMMM nettle seeds).

Our MTS garden is undergoing a much needed facelift this year. It has been a lot of work and we are just beginning. Thank you to all the departments and individuals that have given their time and equipment to help this project come to life; Muckleshoot Federal Corporation's SSCII Crew, AWTP, Hancock Forest Management, Culture division, countless students and the irreplaceable Whitney Kiesler.

Take time to get outside and breathe the fresh air, play in the dirt and be thankful for such a beautiful Earth.



Tending to our Camas beds with Gma Wanda.



Rachel and Dahnahhi discovering nettles.



Dahnahhi and Uncle Will.



MTS garden taking shape.



Nettles are delicious.



PBL trees for your home.



Enter with good vibes.



Plant them and they will come.



Planting pride.



Wild Rose planting.



Handmade pesto!



Rhubarb transplanting.



Rosa conversating with the relatives



Silviculture crew getting busy.



The remodel begins.



Stimulating our Serotonin production.



Investigating Willow.



Delish.



Slugs in the garden.



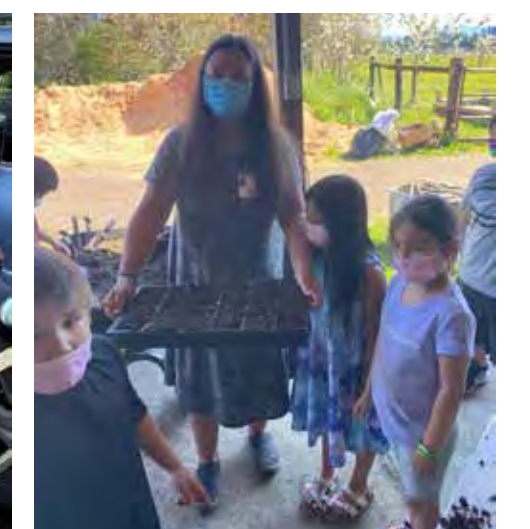
The work continues.



Transplanting our wild Rose.



Juanita W & T'Ann Daniels showing off thier haul.



Spring seedlings.