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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- June 3 Town Hall @ 5:30 pm @ Northern Lights
- June 3 QSP Training – Northern Lights
- June 4 TBC Health Committee Meeting @ 10 am
- June 4/5 Blood Tribe Delegation @ MHA Nation
- June 9-10 Tribal Business Council Budget Meeting
- June 12 Tribal Business Council Regular Meeting
- June 13-15 INFR Tour Rodeo at 4Bears Casino & Lodge
- June 14 Veterans Summit - Bismarck
- June 16-19 Board Director Training @ Northern Lights
- June 18 EPA Meeting – Dickinson
- June 28 MRR Golf Tournament @ Edgewater
- TBA TBC Economic Development & Education Committee Meeting @ 1:00 pm

*As another school year closed we want to take this time to congratulate the students and their families on another successful year. We also want to wish the graduates the best of luck as you make your future plans.*

*The North Segment Office wants to wish those that graduated from College the best of luck in deciding your career plans and hope you will consider coming back to work with our Tribe.*

## MHA NATION TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL COMMITTEES

- HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES:** Councilman L. Kenneth Hall, Chairman  
Members: Councilman Randy Phelan, Councilwoman V. Judy Brugh.
- ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT / EDUCATION:** Councilman L. Kenneth Hall, Chairman  
Members: Councilman Fred Fox, Councilman Barry Benson
- JUDICIAL:** Councilman Randy Phelan, Chairman  
Members: Councilman Mervyn Packineau, Councilwoman V. Judy Brugh
- NATURAL RESOURCES:** Councilman Fred Fox, Chairman  
Members: Councilman Randy Phelan, Councilwoman V. Judy Brugh
- EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:** Tex Hall, Chairman, Councilman Fred Fox, Vice Chairman, Councilwoman V. Judy Brugh, Secretary, Councilman Mervyn Packineau, Treasurer

## COUNCILMAN HALL BOARD DIRECTOR APPOINTEES

- TERO COMMISSION:** El Marie Conklin
- FORT BERTHOLD COMMUNICATIONS ENTERPRISE:** Judy Yessilith
- FORT BERTHOLD COMMUNITY COLLEGE:** Arthur Mandan
- FORT BERTHOLD HOUSING AUTHORITY:** TBA
- MINNE TOHE HEALTH AUTHORITY BOARD:** Phyllis Howard
- TAT GAMING COMMISSION:** Tony Foote
- MOUNTRAIL COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES:** Dr. Kathy Eagle

## NORTH SEGMENT ELDERS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Delvin Driver Sr., Elder
- Phyllis Howard, Elder
- Joe Deane, Elder
- Judy Yessilith, Elder

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- Mr. Arne Sorenson, Deputy Chief of Staff
- Mr. Arthur Mandan, Tribal Liaison
- Brent Vondall, Head of Security
- Jim Miller, Community Watch
- Enos Baker, Head of Maintenance

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- Crystal Hallam, Office Manager
- Ethel Baker, Administrative Assistant
- Colleen Halvorson, Administrative Assistant
- Cylee Johnson, NS Events Coordinator
- Bobby Fox, Bismarck Satellite Office Liaison



Councilman L. Kenneth Hall  
North Segment Representative

## North Segment Community Kick Off to Summer Fun

We hope everyone enjoyed our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Kick Off To Summer Event in Van Hook. Each of the 250 people who attended received free tee shirts. Young and Old, all played on the inflatables, in the games and contests, and won great prizes. Thank you DJ Rocks for providing the music & sound, and to the whole NS Staff & Team. We want to thank all the people for coming out on such a nice day.

More Community Events are being planned at North Segment. Call Cylee Johnson, NS Events Coordinator, for information: 627-3456.

## Greetings,

*“The decisions we are making today will affect our grandchildren’s grandchildren”.*

These words were shared during the Williston Basin Petroleum Conference I attended in Bismarck last month, where over 4500 participants from 9 countries were registered. The common theme by the Experts in Energy determine that the solution to eliminate flaring in North Dakota’s Oil Development is to lay more pipe in the ground. This is part of infrastructure which also reduces truck traffic. In a recent newspaper article, Lynn Helms, Director of the NDIC Mineral Resources division shared that of overall oil production in North Dakota, that 28.5% comes from within the exterior boundaries of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation. This means as a Tribal Nation, we are major players in this global oil play but also we have a responsibility and obligation to make sure that there is a balance of development and culture.

As Native Americans we are raised to think of those coming after us when we are living in today. And, so it’s imperative that we get into the driver’s seat of the development of our minerals and that we create lasting legacies with our resources. We need to show the way to the next era and to be the model of the right thing.

Our goal as leaders is the safety of our people and a number of things are happening in this regard. The Law Enforcement Agencies continue to work toward increasing personnel to address the needs in the community. We broke ground for the Truck Reliever Bypass Route, a 3 mile long project north of New Town, to be completed by the end of this construction season. The bypass will redirect traffic off of Main Street and make things a lot safer for all of us.

As Chairman of the Tribal Business Council Committee on Education, I directed Cesar Alvarez to conduct research & prepare a proposal for an MHA Nation Education Trust Fund. This Education Trust Fund will support our members with the resources to further their education goals. We will continue to lobby to establish the fund with the future, your future, our future in mind.

At the recent Tribal & State Relations Committee I presented an update on our Fort Berthold Public Health Unit Pilot Project, Senate Bill #2030. We are building capacity at the Elbowoods Public Health Unit so we can be recognized as our own Health District.

Our North Segment Community Development Corporation continues moving forward with planned development projects. In the recent Tribal Business Council meeting they presented a Resolution to put the Van Hook acreage into Trust Status and zone it residential and commercial. They also presented a resolution for a property exchange with the Lakeside State Bank of New Town. They are acquiring new properties, establishing businesses, and, building housing projects. On May 19<sup>th</sup> we broke ground for the Wooden Bowl Estates, a 20 unit apartment building and building is currently underway.

On behalf of my family, my staff, and the North Segment, we hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable summer. Stay involved and be part of the process of change.

God Bless,

Tribal Councilman Ken Hall



## **NORTH SEGMENT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

The NSCDC continues developing projects in cooperation with the office of MHA Nation Tribal Councilman L. Kenneth Hall and in consultation with the NS Community in the Town Hall meetings. The "CDC" is a legal incorporated organization led by the Board of Directors and they have engaged a number of experts on projects they have undertaken. The Corporate Board Members are: Elgin Crowsbreast, President, Tom Hale, Vice President, Scott Baker, Treasurer, Arne Sorenson, Secretary, and Tribal Councilman Ken Hall. They can be reached at 701-627-3456 and are open for business.

### **HOUSING & BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN 2014**

**Wooden Bowl Estates:** On Monday May 19, 2014 the CDC with Councilman Hall had a ground breaking ceremony to begin the construction of a twenty (20) unit apartment building on 9<sup>th</sup> Street North & 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue East in New Town.

**Cottonwood Trailer Park:** Formerly known as the Salters, the trailer court has been purchased by the North Segment Community Development Corporation and has been cleaned up. The plans are in motion to purchase five brand new trailers to fill the vacant lots for lease or sale. Interested individuals can call the North Segment Office for application.

**Van Hook Housing:** The MHA Tribal owned property in the Van Hook Township has 94 lots available for development. A series of meetings have occurred between the NSCDC, township Residents, and with Councilman Hall. The MHA Nation Tribal Business Council have passed a Resolution granting the NS Community Development Corporation to begin the process of changing the status of these lands/acres/lots from fee status to trust status. The lots have been zoned agriculture and will be converted and zoned for residential/commercial. Infrastructure Development will begin immediately following the status change.

**Tribal Land Acquisition & Planned Development:** The MHA Nation Tribal Business Council, with the North Segment Community Development Corporation, negotiated the purchase of 222 Acres north of New Town which runs adjacent to the Highway 23 Truck Reliever Route. The NSCDC with MHA Nation Tribal Councilman Hall have begun discussions and preliminary work to zone the property for Housing and Business Development.

**Coulee Creek Designs:** Owned by MHA Nation Tribal Enrolled Member, Melanie Lugar has opened her unique Western and Contemporary Clothing and designer jewelry store on Main Street. CCD can be found on Facebook, on the web, and, on Main Street in New Town, N.D. Melanie's Jewels are one of a kind & custom made by her. They have been featured in many major magazine publications including the famous, Cowboys & Indians, and Cowgirl Magazines

**Land Exchange** The NSCDC by MHA Nation Tribal Business Council Resolution are working to exchange a property with the Lakeside State Bank of New Town. The NSCDC and Bank are trading the old Hjelmsteds Café building for the former Child Program Office Building on Main Street.

**Safe Haven Home** for youth has been purchased and is nearing completion. Will be open for services soon.

**BIA Route 6** – South of New Town in the Shell Creek Area is under the Adopt a Highway project and is being maintained by WPX. They will be laying a dust control product regularly to reduce or eliminate dust. Any questions can be referred to Brandon Harris @ [Brandon.Harris@wpxenergy.com](mailto:Brandon.Harris@wpxenergy.com)

**Hwy 23 Bypass Construction** – Please use caution and follow signs. Slow down.

### **RIVERVIEW TRAILER COURT**

The MHA Nation Tribal Business Council has given direction to the Tribal Housing Program to have a new trailer court location identified, with proper infrastructure planned and built in this fiscal year. The North Segment Office will keep you updated on the Facebook Page or feel free to drop in at Northern Lights if you have any questions.

## **ECONOMIC SOVEREIGNTY & RESPONSIBLE DEVELOPMENT**

Tribal Councilman Ken Hall instituted the Re-Building Native Nations Principles when he was elected. He has invited many stakeholders to the Economic Sovereignty Summits to discuss solutions for developing our minerals while sustaining a safe environment. They are: Mineral Owners, Federal & State Governments, Tribal Nations, Tribal Programs, and, Energy Companies. We have created new partnerships and we continue to dialogue and work together on your behalf.

Recently, he invited the EPA, the Environmental Protection Agency, to host their workshop in North Segment and the Tribal members engaged and discussed Environmental issues in Energy Development. As an Allottee, Tribal Business Council Representative for the North Segment, and, as the Chairman of the Board for the Tribal Owned Oil Company, Missouri River Resources, he continues to advocate for Responsible Development.

The following information is provided about the EPA and their continuing work in the Bakken Oil Play. The Bakken Federal Executives Group was established in April 2012 to provide a forum for senior-level Federal executives to exchange information, identify common issues, and seek solutions to on-going and emerging challenges associated with the Bakken energy boom in western North Dakota. The initial objectives of the BFEG were to: 1) gain a shared understanding of the specific and shared responsibilities of each bureau/agency; 2) discuss issues and challenges faced by Federal agencies with the increased energy development; 3) consider coordination efforts between agencies to address some of the challenges; and 4) identify issues that would require coordinated actions at a regional/state director level.

The following **Federal agencies comprise the Bakken Federal Executives Group (BFEG):**

- Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA),
- Bureau of Reclamation (BOR),
- Farm Services Agency (FSA),
- Forest Service, Northern Region (FS),
- Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS),
- Office of Natural Resources Revenue (ONRR),
- United States Geological Survey, Midwest and Northwest Regions (USGS), and
- Bureau of Land Management (BLM),
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA),
- Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS),
- National Park Service (NPS),
- Office of Indian Economic and Energy Development (IEED),
- Office of Special Trustee for American Indians (OST),
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE).



### **HARVARD UNIVERSITY NATIVE AMERICAN PROGRAM**

#### **HARVARD FLY IN PROGRAM**

The MHA Nation Tribal Business Council made a financial contribution to the Harvard University Native American Program [HUNAP] to support a pilot project of called the Harvard Fly In Program. This is an opportunity for any outstanding or prospective high school students who may be considering attending this academic institution to fly in and visit the campus. Any interested students can call the Office of Tribal Councilman Hall for information and applications. The HUNAP will be the coordinator of any travel of selected students.

### **Acupuncture Treatment & Massage Therapy Clinics**

The Northern Lights Wellness Center in New Town will be host location of these Clinics which are provided free of charge for MHA Nation members.

Scheduled for Wednesday & Thursday, June 7 & 8/ 2014, from 8:30 am to 5:30 pm daily. Trained Health Professionals from Colorado Health & Fitness LLC of Lakewood, CO., & the Chinese College of Medicine, of Boulder, CO. will be providing training.

For appointments call Ethel Baker at the North Segment Office @ 701.421.6324 / 701.627.3456, and also contact Marilyn Youngbird @ 303.345.3139.

### ***In the Nation Building Approach to Economic Development, Indian Nations are in the driver's seat.***

**The characteristics of the Nation Building Approach that does work:**

- Practical Sovereignty
- Effective Governing Institutions
- Cultural Match
- Strategic Orientation
- Nation Building Leadership

Governing Institutions have to be stable. That is, the rules don't change frequently or easily, and when they do change, they change according to prescribed and reliable procedures. They separate politics from the day to day business & program management. They take politics out of court decisions or other methods of dispute resolution, sending a clear message that claims will be dealt with fairly.

When tribes back up Sovereignty with stable, fair, effective and reliable governing institutions, they create an environment that is favorable to "sustained economic development"... and they increase their changes to improve tribal welfare.

Dr. Stephen Cornell, Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development