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UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 31, 2015 10:00 AM TBC Education Committee
- April 02, 2015 6:00 PM Dinner, Easter Extravaganza & Gospel Music
- April 03, 2015 12:00 PM Office Closure at noon for Good Friday
- April 06, 2015 Closed Office Closure for Easter Monday
- April 07, 2015 10:00 AM TBC Economic Development Committee
- April 07, 2015 1:00 PM TBC Health Committee
- April 09, 2015 10:00 AM TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
- April 17, 2015 10:00 AM Flea Market @ Northern Lights @ 10:00 am
- April 22, 2015 8:00 AM Earth Day NS Segment Community Clean Up
- April 22 & 23, 2015 Sacred Synergy Conference @ the NHS College
ND Legislative Session continues to the end of April.

Follow the North Segment on Social Media

Keeping everyone informed of the facts and the developments in our Segment our Tribe, is key to engaging the public. We operate on *Transparency & Accountability* to show you what we are doing in the: Town Hall Meeting, Newsletter publications, the Twitter page, Facebook, and update by YouTube. Remember to stay involved & follow us on social media:



"Easter Extravaganza" @ Northern Lights on Thursday April 2/2015 @ 6:00 pm

*Dinner by Famous Daves / Easter Baskets for Everyone
Raffling of Bikes, Skateboards, Tablets – for Children
Gospel Singer & Guest ~ Ivan Chartrand*

Call Ethel Baker, Events Coordinator, for Information @ 701.421.6324

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BUILDING HOURS & FEE SCHEDULE: OPEN WEEKDAYS
6:00 am to 10:00 pm. Doors lock at 9:00 pm. OPEN WKENDS 10:00 am to 6:00pm

Workout Facilities include: Aerobics Room with Equipment, Cardio Room with Multiple Cardio Machines, Gymnasium with Sports Equipment for check out/in. Therapy Pools, Steam Rooms, Lockers & Change Rooms, Cafeteria.

Workout Fees for the Community Wellness Center: *Daily Fees.* All users must sign in at front desk or with security. Hardship is considered & fee waived.

- + High School Students - \$1.00 Elder / Veteran - \$1.00.
- + TAT Enrolled – N.S. Community Members (must have current address listed on I.D. showing North Segment) - \$2.00
- + Non enrolled (TAT) N.S. Community Member (must have current address listed on I.D. showing North Segment) - \$2.00
- + Non community members - \$10.00, with identification.
- + No identification - \$20.00.
- + Rental Rates and Applications for Special Events are available.



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From the Office of MHA Nation Tribal Business Councilman, Mr. L. Kenneth Hall
Secretary of Three Affiliated Tribes Tribal Business Council Executive Committee

April 2015

ACCOUNTABILITY RESPONSIBILITY TRANSPARENCY VISION



Greetings Everyone,

The month of March was another busy month here at the North Segment Office as well as with the Tribal Business Council.

During this State Legislative Session I have made it my priority as your Council Representative to oppose the ND House Bill #1437 and to assert our Tribal Sovereignty. I will not allow a unilateral amendment to the Tribal State Tax Agreement that we negotiated without legal Consultation and Consent of our Tribal Nation. Through this Agreement we have given the State of North Dakota nearly \$900,000,000.00 and we deserve their full respect, a proper Consultation Process to Amend the Agreement, and, we will not be forced to accept this Bill without our consent. I oppose a loss of oil & gas tax revenues for our Tribe.

On Thursday March 26, 2015 the Tribal Business Council met with the leaders of both parties in Bismarck to speak about HB #1437 and our opposition to this "amendment" of the Tax Agreement. If it passes the Tribal Council will have to examine the next step and possible legal actions to take in our Government to Government relationship with the state of North Dakota. This Bill is not what is in the best interest of the MHA Nation and you can be assured that I will continue to take a public position to oppose it and will not allow it to be enforced. HB #1437 is to extend the extraction tax incentive for 2 years until 2019. The incentive would be reduced from 6.5% to 4.5% on the extraction tax which would mean Millions of dollars in lost revenue for MHA. The Tribal Business Council also hosted the State Legislators at the United Tribes Technical College on Thursday March 26th and lobbied on a number of bills including HB 1437 and how the state of North Dakota needs to consult with the tribes when these bills have an impact on us.

We took actions to create the opportunity for every enrolled member to receive the revenues from our Oil resources and in a Special Council Meeting on March 18, 2015, we approved a distribution of \$1,000.00 to each enrolled member with no restrictions. If you have any questions about the distributions or have not received your check yet you can call our finance office at (701) 627-4781.

I would like to take this time and thank my staff at the North Segment Office for doing an outstanding job on hosting the Town Hall Meeting on March 24, 2015 while I was on travel with the rest of the Tribal Business Council in Washington, D.C. They are great leaders with skills and talents that our Tribe benefits from. They are providing expertise to drafting & enforcing policies that create and support efficiencies in government and streamline the procedures of the Office of the Secretary and the Tribal Business Council.

The Tribal Business Council are a Unified Government when it comes to Washington D.C. and during our meetings in the Nation's Capital on March 24 & 25, we addressed the Congressional Representatives and the Federal Agencies on some of the long standing issues of our Tribe like the Excess Lands, the Riverbed, and our current challenges in Law Enforcement, Drugs, Crime, Healthcare, Roads, Housing needs just to name a few.

I would like to wish you all a very Happy & Blessed Easter.

Thank you & God Bless, Councilman Hall



THE NORTH SEGMENT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

"Inspire Each Other to Hope"

The Corporation Board & Staff continue to listen to & address the concerns and needs of the MHA Nation members residing within the North Segment community.

Numerous Town Hall meetings have been organized through the office of North Segment MHA Tribal Business Councilman Ken Hall where MHA Tribal members have had an opportunity to have their voices heard & to provide input. Recently, feedback was given by North Segment residents through a survey that the CDC distributed at a public input meeting and then again at the North Segment Community Town Hall held on March 24, 2015. Both Mr. Crowsbreast & Mr. Hale spoke at the Town Hall about the purpose of the CD; the projects they've completed, the projects projected for short term & for long term, the opportunities available for members to invest or start their own businesses, and, how the Corporation's Vision is to *"change the culture of the way we think"*, and, to build things that will *"have a positive impact on the future of our people and on our Tribe"*.

The top priorities put forth by the respondents are: law & order/public safety/traffic issues; housing; drug treatment / drug awareness; elder and youth facilities and programs. The NSCDC is incorporating these priorities within a long term plan of action. The Board members of the NSCDC work hand in hand with the Tribal Officials, officials from the City of New Town, to include the Mayor, Police Chief, City Engineer, as well as the City Council, Planning & Zoning Commission, and various other administrative offices. Only through this collaborative effort will the priorities be effectively carried out.

As we approach the beginning of the 2015 construction season, the NSCDC remains engaged in advanced planning to tackle the needs of housing and commercial development. Past endeavors by the NSCDC to secure a Master Lease on the property north of New Town have necessitated prudent community planning where future construction of homes, apartments, and commercial buildings will turn dreams into reality.

The master lease assures us of keeping on that path toward self-sustaining economic development that benefits *all* enrolled members and our community. Productive coordination and communication between the NSCDC, MHA Tribal program/office personnel, and MHA Tribal Business Council members kept the process moving toward a successful conclusion. Your opinions and expectations matter so please join us at our next Town Hall meeting as we continue the conversation on how to best utilize our land and plan for future generations.

The North Segment Community Development Corporation is a legal incorporated Corporation under the laws of the State of North Dakota. It is a Corporation created by the Three Affiliated Tribes Tribal Business Council that has the MHA Nation Tribal Business Council Recognition and Mandate as the organization with full oversight for development in the North Segment Community. We are open for business and can be reached at: P.O. Box 579, New Town, ND 58763. office [701-627-3270](tel:701-627-3270), cell [701-793-5865](tel:701-793-5865) fax [701-627-3240](tel:701-627-3240)

Congratulations Kimberlee Dawn Howard Blevins Miss AIHEC 2015.

Kim is a member of the MHA Nation. She entered in the 2015 Spring Conference in Albuquerque, N.M., in the AIHEC Student Congress for the "Historian" & with 7 other College Women, she entered the Ms. AIHEC and won! The Ms. AIHEC Crown has not been in the Great Plains Region. She is the daughter of Stephanie Howard Baker and granddaughter of Phyllis Howard.

The MHA Tribal Business Council, as the Charter Organization, has approved the name change of the FBCC to become the Nueta Hidatsa Sahnish College.

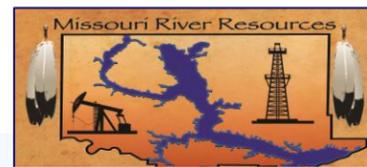
Councilman Ken Hall and President Twyla Baker Demaray have unofficially agreed to make the Northern Lights the home of the NHSC Storm Athletics.

The NHS College will be host to the Sacred Synergy *"Writing American Indians into Story, Song and Film"* Conference in New Town on *April 22 & 23, 2015.*

Presenters include Chris Eyre, Producer & Director, Georgina Lightning, Director & Actor, J. Carlos Peinado, Director & Author, Keith Secola, Performer & Writer.

For information call: Colette Keith @ 701.627.4738 or register at www.fortbertholdcc.edu

Registration is \$150.00. Student fee to register is \$25.00.



Missouri River Resources Making History

For the first time in Tribal History, the Three Affiliated Tribes is drilling wells through their own Oil & Gas Company, **Missouri River Resources**. The Tribe has been involved in oil since the 1950's but only as a royalty recipient. Today we are Owners & Producers, as well as receiving Royalties. We are Sovereign.

"We talked about the idea for a long time, but with the talking we took cautious steps towards building our own Tribal Oil & Gas Company, the Missouri River Resources". After the Tribal Council successfully negotiated a new Tax Agreement with the State, Mr. D. David Williams, President & CEO of MRR, and the Tribal Business Council negotiated investment terms to fund the Oil Company's Drilling Plan. MRR has "made good" on their deal and in 2014 they paid the MHA Tribe a 26% Royalty Rate totaling \$2.4 Million in Royalties. They also paid a 7% loan payback and have paid back \$2.2 Million dollars the same year. Other Oil Companies pay the Tribe 16%-18% royalties. Today the Company has built and completed the location and is drilling 4 wells: two wells into the Bakken formation, and two wells into the Three Forks formation. Missouri River Resources Corporate Office is located at PO Box 193 - 330 Main Street, New Town, ND, USA, 58763. (work) 701-627-3058 (fax) 701-627-3078 and, www.missouririverresources.com.

NORTH SEGMENT HOME IMPROVEMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Three Affiliated Tribes, Office of North Segment Housing Improvement Assistance policy is that every North Segment Member family should have the opportunity for a decent home and suitable living environment. Every community member applicant who meets the basic eligibility criteria defined by the Office of North Segment is entitled to participate in the home improvement dollars. The NSHIA assistance will continue to provide services which result in more functional dwellings and institute changes as an essential element in long term sustainable housing needs, building stronger Indian families, communities, and a more vibrant housing market. Grants are specifically to assist community members who are; (1) eligible to participate in NSHIA; (2) renovation or rehabilitation of current home. **Program Parameters:** 1. Applicants must complete the North Segment Housing Improvement Assistance Application. 2. Applicants must be able to provide proof of ownership property and provide proof property as their primary residence. 3. The MAXIMUM grant shall not exceed **\$20,000**. The grant assistance is a ONE TIME ONLY assistance to the applicants. This assistance is available on a FIRST COME FIRST SERVE basis until such time funding for this purpose has been expended. Not all projects will require the maximum grant available. The primary intent of the program is to increase the number of homeownership recipients. Sound judgment should be used in determining the grant amount necessary to obtain affordable assistance. 4. A housing inspector may be utilized to confirm work needed and work completed. 5. Home must be owned or have a mature mortgage at least ¾ mature.

Grant Purpose: 1. Assist North Segment homeowners in reducing the financial burden maintaining and promoting safe quality homeownership. 2. Maintaining of a new modest home or the renovation of an existing home to be used as primary residence. **Grant Cannot Be Utilized For:** 1. Refinance existing dwelling. 2. Payoff existing indebtedness. 3. Real Estate Taxes. 4. Purchase of land. 5. Purchase of income producing assets. 6. Household furniture. 7. Vehicles. 8. Rental property. 9. Purchase of any used mobile/manufactured home. 10. Detached buildings from primary residence. 11. Second home. 12. Construction Loans. 13. Not available for internet lenders, mortgage brokers, contract for deeds. 14. Reimbursement of cost or expenses prior to application submittal. * For more information and an application, please see Cylee J. Johnson at Cell: 701-421-9994

Legislative Update

Over the past few months it has been a very hectic for the Tribal Council who are in the forefront advocating for our Tribe at the State Capital in Bismarck and in the Nation's Capital in Washington D.C.

Councilman Hall has been very busy at the State Capital in Bismarck at the ND 64th Legislative Assembly, which is drawing to a close. Council members have hosted several meetings with legislators to ensure that the Bill 1437 does not pass or includes language that **EXEMPTS** the Tribe from the implementation of the pro industry tax incentive that will reduce the amount of monies the tribe receives from the oil and gas tax agreement signed with the state in 2013.

Along with other Councilmen they recently returned from the ever vital Capitol Hill visits, one of the major issues that the Council advocated for was the support for the passage for S. 209 entitled the Indian Tribal Energy Development and Self-Determination Act. Overall this legislation enables tribes to better develop energy from conventional and alternative energy sources throughout Indian country. The legislation is for the development of regulations and standards and the important creation of the **"One Stop Shop"** centers for speeding the permitting process for oil and gas development to be housed locally. The Tribal Council also did testimony at the House of Representatives for funding for mandates in S. 209. They met with our Congressional Delegation about issues of Healthcare, Public Safety, Roads, and energy in our lands.