

NORTH SEGMENT NEWS

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NEW TOWN LITTLE SHELL, NORTH SEGMENT REPRESENTATIVE

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“We can move ahead together in writing a new, brighter chapter of our joined history.”

President Barack Obama on UNDRIP 2010
US Ambassador Samantha Powers

Councilman Hall with DOI Assistant Secretary of Interior Ann Marie Bledsoe Downs at the USA



Greetings,

As another school year comes to a close we want to take this time and congratulate all the students, and their families, schools & administrators, for a job well done and wish them a safe and enjoyable summer.

Our Tribal Government has been focusing closely on those larger issues that impact our Tribe. We have had a busy and intense schedule since January because we have been very involved in the 2015 North Dakota Legislative Session. During the 80 day session the Council prioritized a few bills. In particular, HB 1437, which ended up HB 1476 after a few amendments. HB 1476 is an Oil & Gas Tax Incentive Bill for the Oil Industry & is intended to encourage drilling when the price of oil is down. The incentive is on the Extraction Tax, which would go from 6.5% to 4.5%, also called the “Small Trigger”. If the price of oil is below \$55.09 per barrel on average for 5 consecutive months the “Big Trigger” will be implemented. The incentive on Extraction would go from 4.5% to 0% tax. If the price of oil goes above \$90.00 per barrel, then the Extraction Tax would go to 11%. If it stays below \$90.00 per barrel, then it would be 10%. In HB 1476 the Extraction Tax will go to a 10% Flat Tax on January 1st, 2016.

The Tribal Business Council continues to weigh the impacts of the Bill on Tribal Revenues, and whether we stay in the Tribal & State Agreement under these new Tax Incentives, which are financial losses for our Tribe, or, do we withdraw and walk away from it and implement our own Tax Structures. We are working closely with our legal counsel and financial advisors to review the options that are in the best interests of the MHA Nation.

I recently had the opportunity to travel back to the United Nations in New York to attend the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues. I was invited to the US Mission for a session where Ambassador Samantha Powers, Ambassador of the United States of America to the United Nations, spoke. She was joined by a panel of speakers from the US Federal Government Agencies that included the Interior Department. I had the opportunity to discuss the new BLM Hydraulic Fracturing Rule with DOI Assistant Secretary of Interior, Ann Marie Bledsoe Downes. The rule is expected to go into effect on July 1st, 2015. The rule impedes Tribal Sovereignty and makes it more difficult to develop Tribal Minerals. It proposes to “treat Indian Lands like public lands”. Assistant Secretary Bledsoe Downes committed to follow up on the language and communicate with me again. Once again, the Tribe has not been consulted and we have not given consent to this intended change. The State of North Dakota is joining the State of Wyoming in a lawsuit against BLM and the Three Affiliated Tribes Tribal Business Council will decide if we will join them or other tribes in the lawsuit.

The focus of our work is to protect our people and our resources for generations to come. I look forward to hearing from you at our next Town Hall Meeting.

God Bless, Councilman Ken Hall

UPCOMING EVENTS in the North Segment Community & MHA Nation Tribal Business Council

May 14, 2015	10:00 AM	TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING, Tribal Chambers
May 6, 2015	10:00 AM	TBC Natural Resources Committee: Councilman Randy Phelan, Chair, Councilman Hall, Councilman Fox
May 2015	TBD	TBC Judicial Committee – Councilman Fred Fox, Councilman Phelan, Councilman Grady
May 7, 2015	10:00 AM	TBC Economic Development Committee - Councilman Hall, Chair, Councilman Grady, Councilman Spotted Bear
May 2015	TBD	TBC Education Committee – Councilman Spotted Bear, Chair, Councilman Hall, Councilman Fox
May 5, 2015	10:00 AM	TBC Health & Human Services Committee – Councilman Grady, Chair, Councilman Hall, Councilman Spotted Bear
May 26, 2015	6:00 PM	North Segment Community Town Hall Meeting, Supper provided. Everyone Welcome.
May 15, 2015	1:00 PM	Nueta Hidatsa Sahnish College Graduation at Northern Lights Community Wellness Center <i>Special Guest ~ US Senator Heidi Hietkamp</i>
May 16, 2015	1:00 PM	Nueta Hidatsa Sahnish College Graduation Powwow @ Northern Lights
May 21, 2015	4:00 PM	Last Day of School New Town – Summer Vacation
May 24, 2015	2:00 PM	New Town High School Graduation @ 2:00 PM
May 28 & 29, 2015	9:00 AM	Bush Foundation visit with MHA Tomorrow Initiative



****MAY 29, 2015**** 3rd Annual North Segment “Kick Off to Summer” ~ BBQ, Bouncy Houses, Games, Prizes, Awards
Food & Family & Fun Day. Contact Ethel Baker for information @ Northern Lights @ 701.627.3456 & 701.421.6324

“Indigenous means land, it’s about land. And you can have land, but if you don’t have jurisdiction on that land, then you don’t have land.

It’s always about Jurisdiction”.

Chief Oren Lyons

NORTHERN LIGHTS COMMUNITY WELLNESS CENTER - SCHEDULE & USER FEES

Open Weekdays 6:00 am to 10:00 pm. Doors lock at 9:00 pm. Open Weekends from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm.

WORKOUT FACILITIES INCLUDE:

Aerobics Room with Equipment, Cardio Room with New Multiple Cardio Machines, Therapy Pools, Steam Rooms, Gymnasium with Equipment for check out/in. Lockers, Change Rooms, Cafeteria.

WORKOUT FEES FOR THE COMMUNITY WELLNESS CENTER : Daily Fees. Monthly

Memberships

- ✦ High School Students - \$1.00 – Hardship is given consideration.
- ✦ TAT Enrolled – N.S. Community Members (current address on I.D. showing North Segment - \$2.00
- ✦ Non enrolled N.S. Community Member (current address on I.D. showing North Segment - \$2.00
- ✦ Non community members - \$10.00 with identification. Security onsite at all times.
- ✦ No identification - \$20.00. Surveillance Cameras in use 24 hours.
- ✦ Elder / Veteran - \$1.00. Beverages available for purchase at the front office.

ACCOUNTABILITY TRANSPARENCY RESPONSIBILITY VISION

NORTH SEGMENT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Last year in 2014 the Corporation purchased Cottonwood Trailer Court and constructed Two Apartment Buildings, Wooden Bowl I and II, to provide housing for over 70 Tribal members and families. These affordable housing projects were built under budget and ahead of schedule. They diversified the projects and purchased, refurbished, and leased two commercial buildings on Main Street in New Town. We remodeled and upgraded the old North Segment Building and have leased it to the Nueta Hidatsa Sahnish College for student housing.

Exciting things are happening within our Segment as we enter into spring and the construction season begins.

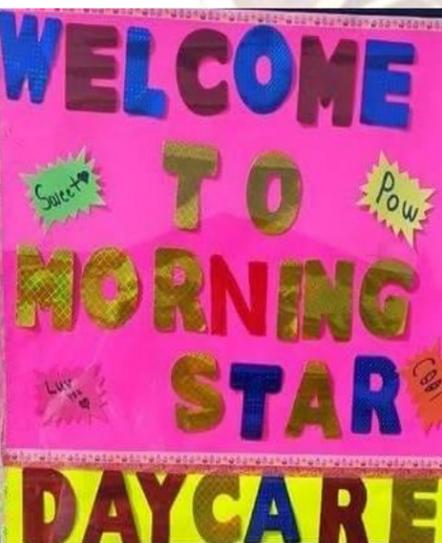
The NSCDC is preparing for upcoming 2015 Projects, which focus on the need for more affordable housing within the North Segment. The master lease for the Breslin property situated adjacent to the new highway bypass north of New Town has a preliminary layout for development of the property, including residential, commercial, and recreational uses.

The North Segment Community Development Corporation Board of Directors work closely with the Office of Councilman Ken Hall to establish a vision, and move toward reaching clearly defined goals on potential projects. This prioritization of projects, coupled with the fundamentals of Native Nation Building, is what guides the NSCDC in its endeavors to improve the quality of life for our enrolled members. *Affordable Housing remains a top priority for our Segment and the NSCDC!*

The NSCDC understands that projects only succeed with proper planning and infrastructure in place. With that in mind, the NSCDC has retained an architect and engineer to draw up plans for the placement of infrastructure within the newly acquired Breslin property that runs adjacent to the truck bypass north of New Town. The MHA Tribal Business Council previously granted the NSCDC the Master Lease in an effort to see to it that proper, planned development occurs within the area. To help alleviate the immediate housing shortage, the NSCDC is currently blueprinting a design for an apartment building and it is anticipated that construction will begin early this summer. It will be designed for elderly & handicapped as well.

Additionally, the NSCDC is in the process of purchasing the Golden Age Mobile Home Park in New Town and will likely takeover the property by the end of May. There are approximately 32 lots within the park and a few of those are currently vacant. The NSCDC will be improving the infrastructure and also undertake a general "clean up" campaign of the property. The intent is to deliver a better quality of life for existing tenants as well as offering more spaces for new tenants.

The NSCDC is under the leadership of the Corporate Board that the MHA Nation Tribal Business Council has Recognizes & Mandates as the organization with full oversight for development in the North Segment. They are governed by the Board of Directors that are comprised of the following individuals: *Mr. Elgin Crowsbreast, President - Tom Hale, Vice President - Marc Bluestone, Secretary, Scott Baker, Treasurer - MHA Tribal Councilman Ken Hall - Ex Officio Director as Council Representative.* They are open for business and can be reached through their Corporate Office at 701-627-3270.



MORNING STAR DAYCARE Opens in New Town

Business Owners: Tanya Lone Fight-Ceynar, and Barbara Little Swallow hosted an Open House on April 24th and will be open for business on May 4th. Applications are being received, but, they are already at capacity. They are expecting to expand and fill more slots.

Your kind donations of gently used toys or other items for toddlers and infants are appreciated and welcome.

You are welcome to come by at #726 4th Street North in New Town. Please call Tanya at 701.720.9817



Miss Indian World 2015 ~ Cheyenne Brady

The Gathering of Nations, North America's Largest Powwow, has bestowed the Crown of the 2015-2016 Miss Indian World upon Miss Cheyenne Brady of New Town, North Dakota. She is the daughter of Jon "Poncho" and Rebecca "Tooky" Brady of New Town, ND.

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Tribal Councilman Hall was invited to attend a meeting at the US Mission to the United Nations in NYC, and he shared the story of the MHA Nation and spoke of the 61 Injustices against the Tribe, which are documented in the MHA Tomorrow Initiative. He quoted President Obama's statement on the UNDRIP, the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, "I don't want this to be just another document, I want ACTION".

This meeting was held in conjunction with the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues at the United Nation in New York. US Ambassador Samantha Powers also addressed the group & Indigenous Rights Experts were all in attendance participating.



Generation Indigenous (Gen I) launched by President

Obama on December 3, 2014. *Gen I is a Native Youth Initiative focused on removing the barriers that stand between Native Youth and their opportunity to succeed.*

This Initiative will take a comprehensive, culturally appropriate approach to help improve the lives and opportunities for Native Youth and will include: New Native Youth Community Projects, administered by the Department of Education through the existing Demonstration Grants Program to provide funding in a select number of Native communities to support culturally relevant coordinated strategies designed to improve the college-and-career readiness of Native Children & Youth.

New *National Native Youth Network* program in partnership with the *Aspen Institute's Center for Native American Youth*, the Youth Network will support *leadership development, provide peer support through this site which will be extended to include links, resources and tools, and empowers youth to become leaders within their communities.* Get your organization, business, school, Tribal Leaders and yourself involved with the Gen I Youth Challenge & capture positive community impact to share. Visit: www.cnay.org

White House to Host Tribal Youth Gathering

WASHINGTON, DC – On Thursday, July 9, 2015, the White House will host the first-ever White House Tribal Youth Gathering in Washington, DC, to provide American Indian and Alaska Native youth from across the country the opportunity to interact directly with senior Administration officials and the White House Council on Native American Affairs.

Any Native Youth interested in attending must do both of the following steps: **1.** Sign up and take the Gen-I Youth Challenge and describe what they did/will do in their community as part of the initiative. **2.** Complete the **White House Tribal Youth Gathering Participation Application** Ages 14-24, {no later than **May 8/2015**}. The National UNITY Conference will follow this event in D.C. July 10-14, 2015. *Travel and other related expenses must be covered by the Tribe, individual or other sponsors & youth under 18 must have accompanying chaperone.*

Contact **Roger White Owl at the Office of Councilman Hall if you would like to apply for the White House Youth Gathering at 701.421. 0238.*