

LONE PINE PAIUTE-SHOSHONE

Tribal Newsletter



MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

Manahuu fellow Tribal Members,

I am very honored to be elected and would like to make clear my priorities for the next two years as Chairperson. Ultimately, my goal is to take advantage of the many upcoming opportunities that our Tribe has access to while keeping General Council aware of all Tribal operations. After listening and reflecting on comments and concerns voiced by our community, I would like to outline my strategy moving forward.

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Transparency is one of my biggest priorities, so I am proposing the regular publication of tribal newsletters that include detailed information about ongoing projects, grants, financial budgets and updates on all tribal departments. I am also establishing a new process where Tribal Members can submit their questions to Officers in writing and have their questions answered in a timely manner. This will ensure that Tribal Members' concerns are being addressed quickly and regularly. Furthermore, I believe that every Tribal Member should have the option to participate in General Council Meetings virtually, be counted as present and vote on action items. Therefore, I am supporting the addition of new rules that will allow Tribal members to do just that, no matter where they live.

Building capacity is also critical for projects like virtual meeting/voting solutions, communications networks and housing solutions and require expert knowledge in multiple fields. This means hiring for essential positions to run and sustain daily operations such as: a full-time Tribal Administrator, an enrollment clerk, grant writers, grant compliance experts, and information technology support. By filling these important positions and training experts within our own community, we will be able to sustain and grow these projects in perpetuity.

I am very hopeful and excited for the future of The Lone Pine Paiute-Shoshone Tribe. In the coming months we will be publishing articles about individual projects including detailed information on how they will be implemented, and the grants that will fund them. We will also regularly update the Tribal website (lppsr.org) to keep Tribal Members informed in real time. The more General Council is informed, the better it will be for our Tribe.

Janet Hansen
Tribal Chairperson

AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT

At the August 2021 General Council (GC) meeting, it was made clear to the Tribal Officers that Housing is a top priority for Tribal Members. In addition, Tribal Administration has received numerous phone calls from young, single Tribal Members expressing their struggles with homelessness and urgent need for affordable housing. To address this issue, the Tribal Officers began researching and planning for housing solutions, now referred to as the The Affordable Housing Project (AHP).

The AHP will progress in multiple phases; Phase 1 to construct 20 small housing units (under 400 square ft) to provide immediate housing for homeless Tribal Members.



Photo: example drawing of front of house.



Photo: example drawing of side of house.

These homes will also be “smart homes” and will be connected to The Tribe's fiber optic communications network, scheduled to begin construction this fall. This means the homes will be hooked up with the fastest wired internet possible so Tribal Members will be able to participate in online GC meetings, distance learning and remote employment. The homes are currently being manufactured to LPPSR's specifications and will be delivered as each unit is completed.



Photo: example drawing of "pop-out" portion of house.

As housing prices continue to increase, many young, single Tribal Members cannot afford housing locally, nor do they qualify for funding from Housing and Urban Development (HUD). When combined with upcoming interest rate increases from the Federal Reserve, the financial resources that are needed to secure a home or any type of generational wealth will be out of reach for many. The AHP will provide homeless Tribal Members with much needed shelter and will also allow Tribal Members living off-reservation to establish residency so they can apply for land. In addition, these small units can also be utilized as quarantine locations for family members who test positive for COVID-19. This is especially beneficial for protecting family members of multi-generational

households. The project itself will improve the land and infrastructure we live on, and improve the quality of life for generations of Tribal Members.

HOW IS THIS PROJECT BEING FUNDED?

The first phase of this project has been funded using the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), which is intended to help with the response to the public health and economic challenges resulting from COVID-19. Tribal Housing is among the allowable expenditures of ARPA.

[Please visit the Tribe's website at lppsr.org](http://lppsr.org) for information about individual grants.



Photo: example drawing of front of house.



Photo: example drawing of bedroom.

WHO IS THE MANUFACTURING COMPANY AND WHY WERE THEY CHOSEN?

The newly formed company Inspire RV's was selected as our primary manufacturing partner. The business is owned and operated by long-time housing and manufacturing industry veterans Ron Blair and Don Day. Mr. Blair is the owner of Fusion Concepts which is an RV dealership based out of Seattle, Washington. Mr. Blair has decades of experience in the RV industry and is a pioneer of the "Tiny Home" industry as well. Mr. Blair has also been featured on multiple television programs about tiny homes on Home & Garden TV (HGTV).

Mr. Don Day has decades of experience in the RV and housing manufacturing industry and is the former owner of KIT Manufacturing (later named Extreme RV's) and Weekend Warrior RVs. Mr. Day maintains ownership of properties and manufacturing facilities that are still used by housing and RV manufacturers like KIT Homes. In 2020, Mr Day and Mr. Blair partnered to form the company Inspire RV's LLC with the specific intent to manufacture small, affordable homes at a large scale.

Because LPPSR was able to establish a relationship with Inspire at the early stages of the manufacturing process, the homes will be built to Lone Pine's specifications. By contrast, most customers would only be able to purchase a standard model from a dealership at a vastly inflated price. Additionally, because the homes are designed, built, and delivered directly from the factory, the costs for building homes are much less than buying from a third party.

AFFECTS OF COVID ON THE HOUSING MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY

Supply chain issues have affected nearly every aspect of the housing and manufacturing industries, particularly in regard to materials and components.



Photo: example drawing of interior living room/kitchen area.

Because of Inspire's long time relationships within the manufacturing industry, they are able to respond to supply chain issues much faster and more efficiently than other manufacturers.

As an example, most housing/RV dealerships are anywhere from 2-3 years away from delivering new homes for new customers like Lone Pine. In contrast, Inspire anticipates regular delivery of new housing units to Lone Pine in a fraction of the time.

WHY ARE THESE HOMES DIFFERENT THAN OTHER AFFORDABLE HOUSING OPTIONS?

Most small, manufactured homes/RVs are only designed to last up to 10 years maximum. They use less expensive and often lower quality materials, with the idea being that in 10 years, the customer will then need to purchase another unit. Lone Pine

housing units will be constructed from solid wood and super strong composite materials designed to last much longer when properly maintained.

THE FUTURE

After Phase 1 of the AHP is complete, solutions to accommodate larger families, such as multi-generational households, will be pursued. Inspire has already begun designing newer, larger 'park model' units more suitable for multi-person families. This project is just the beginning and cultivating relationships with manufacturers like Inspire will allow our Tribe to remain agile and responsive to our future housing needs. With proper planning we can eliminate homelessness on the LPPSR entirely and ensure that future generations always have a safe place to call home.

DRAFT VIRTUAL VOTING POLICY

The Draft Virtual Voting Policy has been posted to the Tribe's website under the 'Important Documents' tab.

For anyone wishing to be mailed a **physical copy**, please email the Tribe at receptionist@lppsr.org or submit your request in writing at the Tribal Office.

GRANT FUNDING

The Tribe has already been awarded or is anticipating awards from the following agencies:

**NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND
INFORMATION ADMINISTRATION (NTIA)**

CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION (CPUC)

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA)

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

TRIBAL NATION GRANT FUND (TNGF)

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA)

These grants will help fund the completion of a permanent communications network, affordable housing for Tribal Members and resources and equipment that Tribal Members can use for education, training, health, entertainment and accessing information in general.

For information about these grants, visit lppsr.org.

PURE PRIDE CONSTRUCTION



Pure Pride Construction, a company owned and operated by Tribal Member Earl Andreas, has completed repairs on the roof of the Elder's Building.

ROOF BEFORE

Next, Pure Pride will be renovating the exterior of the Elder's Building.



ROOF AFTER

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The Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERA1) that was funded through the U.S. Treasury Department will be ending on **September 30, 2022**

RENTAL UNIT AVAILABLE

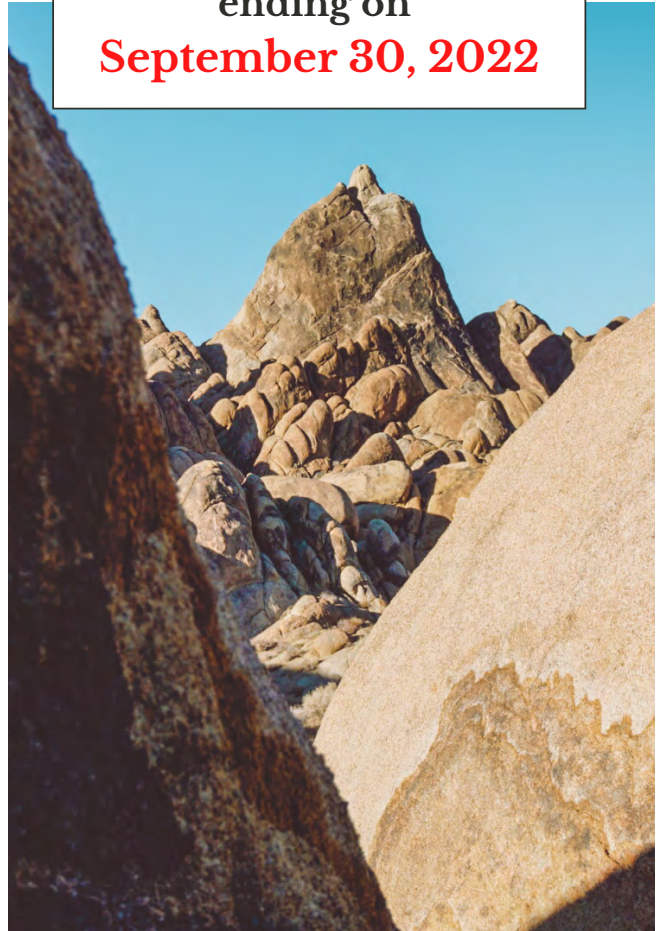
For Tribal Members in need of housing, HUD housing unit 306 on Goodwin Rd is now available to rent.

The unit has 2 bedrooms and 1 bathroom.

Interested Tribal Members must complete a housing application and submit income verification by July 15th.

SURVEYOR NEEDED

The Tribe is seeking a surveyor to survey a minimum of 10 assignments. If you're a surveyor or know of someone who is interested please contact the Tribal Office.



DEMOLITION ALERT

Please be aware that the old Shephard house located at 1020 Burkhardt Rd. is scheduled for demolition in July. A full clean up of the site will follow demolition.