Chapter Summer Youth Employment

By Kasey Perkins

Summer break is here for our local youth and the Navajo Nation Chapters are starting to receive their summer youth disbursement in order to be able to hire for the summer while they are on their break. The summer employment program for the chapters is great for the youth not only will they be getting hands on training but will be gaining experience as well. Navajo Nation Chapters have been seeking students who are interested in earning money for the summer. Students are filling temporary positions such as office assistants, maintenance workers, laborers, and land scrapers. This opportunity is awesome for students to develop skills in the work place, learn about customer service, and get an understanding of how payroll works with earning wages. They will also learn the values of having a job, the concept of being on time to work and how important that is. It’s a good way for them to experience this at a young age so when they turn 18 and start to look for a daily job they will already have great experience and understand how it all works.

Chapter staff have been in and out of the Administrative Service Center (ASC) picking up disbursements and are excited to start their hiring process for their local youth. The youth are smart, energetic and add a positive energy to the work environment.
DCD met with the Office of the President/Vice-President and received its annual allocation of the Executive Branch budget. Last year, DCD received an allocation of $3.8 Million. This year, DCD’s allocation was $4.8 Million, an increase of approximately $1 Million. This is due to the hard work of Mr. Smith and the budget team to put together a solid, well-planned budget. Mr. Smith also put forth a great effort to communicate with the oversight committees and Office of the President/Vice-President to present his case for the budget.

The budget supports the plan for reorganization of the DCD and creation of a new Capital Projects Management Department that restructures the Capital Improvement Office, Design & Engineering Services Department, and the Solid Waste Management Department into one cohesive department. The new department will also take over the management of the regional planners that were under the Administrative Services Department. This should result in clarification of roles and responsibilities and inter-communication between all staff that deal with projects.

DCD has finished submitting it's proposed FY 2017 departmental budgets to OMB. Next up is the Executive Branch budget reviews.
The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, on Tuesday, June 14, submitted an application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the Indian Community Development Block Grant program asking for $5.5 Million. The CDBG team worked hard to ensure that their application was submitted electronically and on time. The proposals included 12 powerline projects throughout the Navajo Nation. The Navajo Nation expects HUD to provide a notice of award sometime in September, but it depends on how quickly they are able to review and award the funding.

HUD has a new rule that projects must be underway within 180 days of award notification. This means that all preliminary work must be completed and a contract awarded to NTUA to begin work, prior to the 180 days following award notice. However, Mr. James Adakai, CDBG Program Manager, is optimistic that the CDBG program will be able to meet that deadline.

CDBG also received another award for 2015 this past February for $4.1 Million. CDBG conducted a post-award orientation on March 22. To date, the environmental clearances have already been completed and they are ahead of schedule. "This is the first time that I'm aware of that this has happened in the history of the CDBG Program. It's amazing." said Mr. Adakai.

Some projects have also recently been completed, including the following:

- Owl Springs Waterline Project in Lake Valley Chapter - $2.2 Million - serving 55 clients
- White Rock Phase III Powerline Project - $210,276 - serving 8 clients
- Ramah-Pinehill Waterline Project - $1.6 Million - serving 19 clients
- Dennehotso Tri-City Powerline Project - $1.2 Million - serving 30 clients
- Wide Ruins Tanner Springs Phase I Powerline Project - $926,345 - serving 14 clients
New Golden Eagle Aviary Dedication at the Navajo Nation

By Kayla White, College Student Intern

Friday, July 1, 2016 -- The Navajo Nation Zoo in Window Rock, AZ, released six golden eagles into the new aviary. This is only the third eagle aviary for Native Americans. The other two are located in Oklahoma and Zuni. The purpose of the aviary is to house eagles that are no longer able to cultivate or survive in the wild.

With this, the Navajo Nation believes they can gather a supply of eagle feathers for future generations, not only to help preserve the golden eagles, but to also preserve the Navajo tradition. The goal is to have 20 to 25 eagles at the aviary in the future.

Sony Franklin from the Design and Engineering Services Department was the project manager who pushed past all the obstacles to make this project happen. With the strong support of former Navajo Nation President Ben Shelley, Navajo Nation Zoo manager, David Mikesic, and through generous donations from NECA and Navajo Division of Transportation. NTUA contributed to the project by agreeing to move a three-phase power line to make room for the new aviary.

The eagle aviary was declared a priority by the President of the Navajo Nation. DES worked on a cost estimate and found that it would cost approximately $500,000 dollars. It took a long time to get the funding, but once the funding was secured, architect Lee Gemelsky was selected to design the aviary.
The building consists of a pre-engineered metal building with netting on the roof and on the south side of the building for the birds to have visibility. The final product turned out well, being built according to specifications. Ed Preston, Registered Architect, DES, remarked "It was a very special and momentous feeling to see the eagles finding a home. It was a very special and emotional occasion. A lot of credit goes to David Mikesic. He was very patient, unwavering in putting the project together and finding funding. He deserves a lot of the credit."
OPEN POSITIONS WITHIN DCD

Administrative Service Center Accountants:
Region 3, Shiprock, New Mexico
Region 4, Shiprock, New Mexico

Administrative Service Center Senior Planner:
Region 10, Chinle, Arizona

Chapter Community Services Coordinators:
Coyote Canyon, New Mexico
Shiprock, New Mexico
Hardrock, Arizona
Round Rock, Arizona
Klagetoh, Arizona

Chapter Accounts Maintenance Specialists:
Lukachukai, Arizona
Rock Point, Arizona
Jeddito, Arizona
Navajo Mountain, Arizona
Tolani Lake, Arizona
Alamo, New Mexico
Standing Rock, New Mexico
White Horse Lake, New Mexico
Church Rock, New Mexico

Farewell To Two Employees

Melissa Kelly has resigned from her position as Chapter Manager of Beclabito Chapter to pursue other interests.

Jonathan Yazzie has resigned from his position as Engineering Technician for the Design and Engineering Services Department.

We wish both of them luck in their future endeavors.

DCD Staff Throw Mr. Carl Smith a Surprise Birthday Party!

On Wednesday, June 29 in the afternoon, DCD staff held a surprise birthday party for Mr. Carl Smith, DCD Executive Director. The goodies included cake, ice cream, chips and guacamole.

Mr. Smith was very gracious and thanked the staff, and let the staff enjoy their break for a while. But true to form, after most people were done, he encouraged people to return to work and make a difference that day.
RDC APPROVES NEWCOMB CHAPTER'S CBLUP

On Tuesday, July 5, 2016, the Resources and Development Committee approved Legislation No. 0195-16, certifying Newcomb Chapter’s community-based land use plan. The chapter’s first community land use plan was approved by the RDC in 2006.

ELECTIONS TIMELINES

Voter registration ends and absentee voting opens July 31, 2016 for primary elections. The upcoming primary election is Tuesday, August 30, 2016. The general election is Tuesday, November 8, 2016.

TS’AH BII’ KIN CHAPTER CERTIFIED

On Friday, June 24, 2016, the Resources and Development Committee passed a resolution granting LGA Certification to Ts’ah Bii’ Kin Chapter. Ts’ah Bii’ Kin Chapter becomes the 45th chapter to achieve LGA Certification.

HEALTHY DINÉ NATION ACT GUIDELINES APPROVED BY BFC

The Budget and Finance Committee on Tuesday, June 21, 2016 voted 3-1 to approve the Healthy Diné Nation Community Wellness Development Project Guidelines and Distribution Policy. They are the final authority to approve the policy and this allows DCD to allocate funds from the Healthy Diné Nation Act of 2014 to all 110 chapters for projects such as wellness centers, playgrounds, community gardens, trails, sports fields, etc, that will encourage an active lifestyle.

The Bulletin Board
How the American Community Survey Works for Your Community

About 1 in 38 U.S. households per year receives an invitation to participate in the American Community Survey (ACS).

Collection:
YOUR COMMUNITY

Individuals can complete the questionnaire for their household either online or on a paper form.

Processing & Dissemination:

CENSUS WEB SITES
REPORTS, TABLES & APPLICATIONS

The Census Bureau publishes statistics as reports, tables, and other products through its Web sites, American FactFinder, and QuickFacts.

Data Combined into Statistics

U. S. CENSUS BUREAU

Government agencies use these statistics to help with decision-making and to allocate over $400 billion each year back to your community.

Data-Driven Decisions

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, STATES, AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES

$400 BILLION PER YEAR

SCHOOLS
ROADS
HOSPITALS

YOUR COMMUNITY

Civic & academic institutions, and businesses use the ACS for a variety of purposes.

The ACS is an official Census Bureau survey that is part of the Decennial Census Program. It is sent to a small percentage of U.S. households monthly.
Google Calendar is a must have for scheduling meetings and events. Some people find it intimidating but using it faithfully can help organize your schedule. Below is a great tip for using Google Calendar.

If you have several events during the day, it can be difficult to keep track of what’s happening where and when. If it is a meeting that you are scheduling and you are using email to coordinate — Google Calendar can help you coordinate that meeting for participants near and far from your email.

1. If you have been sending email discussing dates — Gmail will automatically pick up on the date and underline it. You can hover over the dotted lines and decide to add it to your calendar.

2. Click on the Add to Calendar

3. Select Save.

4. If you are inviting other guests to this event, you can add their invitations to this event. If they have a conflict of schedule or simply can’t attend, they can notify you right away with a yes or no.

5. You can also have it notify you and your guests of the event with email notifications.
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