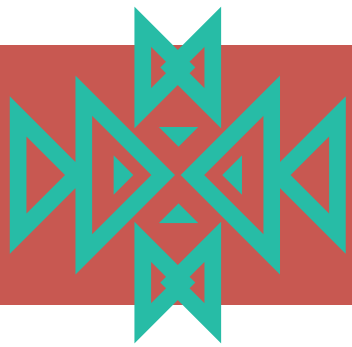




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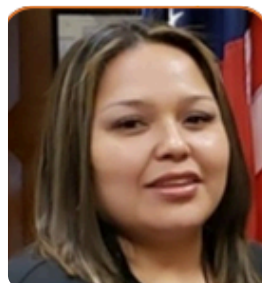
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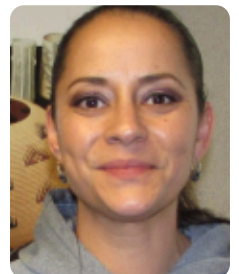
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STACEY KASH-KASH
BOC MEMBER

Every autumn, members of the Nez Perce Tribe elect representatives to serve on different boards and commissions within the tribe, including the Nez Perce Tribal Housing Authority Board of Commissioners, referred to as the BOC. The primary responsibilities of the BOC include supporting our mission by creating and updating policies and programs; overseeing and monitoring NPTHA operations; offering guidance on goals and objectives; prioritizing services based on assessments of Tribal member needs; and approving the annual budget.

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WELCOME DOUGLAS MARCONI SR. AS OUR NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

We are thrilled to welcome Douglas Marconi Sr. to the Nez Perce Tribal Housing Authority as our new Executive Director. With an impressive career dedicated to tribal housing and community development, Doug brings a wealth of knowledge and leadership that will undoubtedly strengthen our mission to serve the Nez Perce community.

Douglas Marconi Sr., an enrolled member of the Nez Perce Tribe of Idaho, possesses 30 years of extensive experience in leading and managing various housing programs within Indian country. Doug has a background that combines Executive Director and construction management roles.

Doug comes to us from Washington, D.C., where he served as the Executive Director of the National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC). In this role, he provided advocacy and support for tribal housing programs across the nation, working tirelessly to ensure that Native communities received the resources and recognition needed to thrive. His tenure at NAIHC was marked by his ability to forge partnerships, navigate complex housing policies, and champion initiatives that directly benefited tribal members.

Prior to his time at NAIHC, Doug gained extensive experience working with other tribal housing departments. His career is characterized by a deep commitment to addressing the unique challenges faced by Native communities in the realm of housing. From developing sustainable housing programs to advocating for increased funding and resources, Doug has consistently demonstrated his dedication to improving the quality of life for tribal members.

DOUGLAS MARCONI SR. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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As Executive Director of the Nez Perce Tribal Housing Authority, Doug will oversee our programs and initiatives, ensuring that we continue to provide safe, affordable, and culturally relevant housing options. His vision aligns with our goals of fostering community growth, preserving our heritage, and supporting the well-being of Nez Perce families.

We are excited about the future under Doug's leadership and look forward to the innovative strategies and ideas he will bring to our organization. Please join us in giving Douglas Marconi Sr. a warm welcome as he embarks on this new chapter with the Nez Perce Tribal Housing Authority.



JESSIE ROSE KIPP JOINS NEZ PERCE TRIBAL HOUSING AUTHORITY AS EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

The Nez Perce Tribal Housing Authority is pleased to announce that Jessie Rose Kipp has joined the team as our new Executive Assistant. Jessie brings a strong background in organization, communication, and program management, making her a valuable addition to our organization. Jessie began her role in October, 2024, and has already made an impact through her dedication and expertise.

Jessie's commitment to excellence and passion for community service align perfectly with the mission of the Nez Perce Tribal Housing Authority. Her organizational skills and proactive approach ensure that our operations run smoothly and effectively.

Outside of work, Jessie resides in north-central Idaho and has a deep appreciation for the culture and community she serves. Her enthusiasm and dedication to her role will undoubtedly help us achieve our goals of providing high-quality housing and support for the Nez Perce community. Please join us in welcoming Jessie Rose Kipp to the Nez Perce Tribal Housing Authority. We are excited to have her on board and look forward to her contributions in the years to come!



JESSIE ROSE KIPP
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

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Welcoming Carmen Bullock as Our New Kamiah Housing Specialist

We are thrilled to announce that Carmen Bullock has joined the Nez Perce Tribal Housing Authority as the new Housing Specialist for the Kamiah area. Carmen brings a wealth of experience, a deep commitment to community support, and a passion for helping residents achieve their housing goals.

Her Role in Kamiah

As the Kamiah Housing Program Specialist, Carmen will:

- Assist residents with housing applications and leasing processes.
- Provide counseling, including budgeting and homeownership support.
- Act as a liaison between residents and the Housing Authority to ensure clear communication and efficient problem-solving.
- Support community members in understanding and accessing available housing resources.

Carmen is committed to building strong relationships with residents and empowering them with the tools and knowledge they need to thrive in their housing journey.



CARMEN BULLOCK-LOPEZ
HOUSING SPECIALIST (KAMIAH)

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Join Us in Welcoming Carmen

We invite everyone to extend a warm welcome to Carmen as she steps into this important role. Her presence strengthens our mission of delivering exceptional housing services and fostering healthy, thriving communities. If you see Carmen around, don't hesitate to say hello and introduce yourself!

We are confident that Carmen's skills and dedication will make a positive and lasting impact on the Kamiah community. Welcome aboard, Carmen!



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GRAND OPENING

CELEBRATION

**Come celebrate the unveiling of our newly remodeled
Kamiah Office!**

- ✦ **Tour the updated space**
- ✦ **Meet the NPTHA team**
- ✦ **Learn about our enhanced services**

**This renovation reflects our commitment to serving our
community with excellence. We look forward to sharing this
exciting milestone with you!**



**Friday
24 January, 2025**



**Time
11am-1pm**



**NPTHA Kamiah Office
105 Riverview Ave. Kamiah, ID**

NPTHA UPDATES

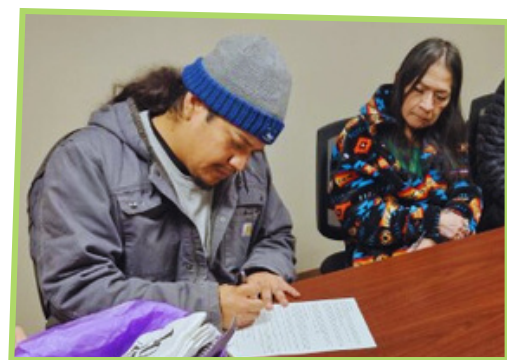
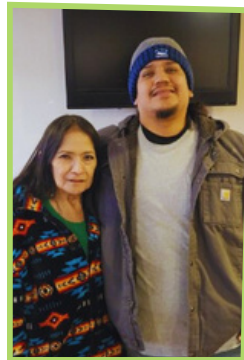
Meet the Kash Kash Family: A New Home, A New Beginning

The Nez Perce Tribal Housing Authority is proud to celebrate the success of the Kash Kash family, who recently moved into their very own home, thanks to their hard work and determination, supported by the Mortgage Finance Assistance Program. Their journey is a powerful reminder of how perseverance and community resources can turn dreams into reality.

How They Achieved Their Dream

The Kash Kash family worked tirelessly alongside the Mortgage Finance Assistance Program to make their dream a reality. Their efforts included:

- **Financial Discipline:** The family committed to budgeting and saving diligently, ensuring they were prepared for the responsibilities of homeownership.
- **Education and Learning:** They attended workshops and counseling sessions to gain a full understanding of mortgages, credit management, and the steps involved in buying a home.
- **Collaboration with the Housing Team:** By working closely with the Housing Authority team, they identified the best mortgage options and navigated each stage of the process with confidence.



HOW RENT PAYMENTS INFLUENCE MORTGAGE LOANS

When envisioning your ideal new home, it's essential to consider your rent payment history, a key focus for mortgage loan officers. **Here are the things they look for:**

- Consistent, timely rent payments without any late fees over the past 1 to 2 years.
- Avoid using untraceable cash payments; opt for methods that clearly link payments to you such as personal check, money order, payroll deduction and, bill/auto pay.
- Received rental assistance? If possible, try to save that amount in your savings account.
- Lender will verify through Landlord Verification and bank statements.

These guidelines may minimize risk in the eyes of the lender while increasing approval odds for a mortgage loan and prevent a challenging qualification process. For a more in-depth understanding of mortgages, consider enrolling in our Homebuyer Education or Money Basics Class for valuable insights and guidance.



2025 HBE and FINANCIAL EDUCATION CLASS SCHEDULE

Homebuyer Education (HBE)

Learn the process and benefits to purchasing a home as well as the responsibilities of owning & maintenance. Subjects covered are: importance of budgeting and savings, improving credit, calculating affordability, tribal land issues, program/loan options, the steps of loan & construction process, tips to home improvements and upkeep after purchasing.

Money Basics

Take control of your money. Learn the basics and benefits of checking and savings accounts, credit and improving your credit report, as well as understanding loan rates, terms and fees, predatory lenders and how we all can help our local economy. Get motivated to track, assess, and save money.

Financial Skills for Teens & Young Adults curriculum

Learn important life skills that will last a lifetime. Skills that address; budgeting, spending plans, savings, paying bills, paying for an education, car deals, scams, invest large sums of money and importance of good credit.

Post Purchase Class (New)

Homeowners needing to do rehab improvements, maintenance, how to avoid foreclosure and is it wise to re-finance or modify budget and savings. What programs are available and how to find a good contractor.

*** All Classes update on current and upcoming projects with the NPTHA. Various Guest Presenters in classes.

DATES:	DAYS:	TIME:	PLACE:	CLASS:
Jan 27-29	MON-WED	5:00 – 9:00 pm	Lapwai	Homebuyer Education
Feb 18-19	TUES-WED	1:00 p - 7:00 pm 1:00 p - 5:00pm	Lapwai	Money Basics
March 3-5	MON-WED	3:00 - 7:00pm	Kamiah	Homebuyer Education

Please call
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Or e-mail
sonyas@
nezperce.org
to reserve a seat

Education is key to preparation and future success in attaining your goals.



DOOR PRIZES & FOOD AVAILABLE

- * RSVP one week prior due to limited seating & materials
- * Certificates will be issued to those participants who have attended 100% of the multiple day classes.
- * Each set of dates is one complete class
- * Please arrange for your own child care.
- * Classes subject to change or cancelled for var-

Climate-Ready Upgrades

UPCOMING CLIMATE-READY HOUSING UPGRADES ON THE NEZ PERCE RESERVATION

You may have heard the great news that the Nez Perce Tribe will receive \$45 million from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) over the next five years through two Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grants (CPRG). In 2024, the Tribe was awarded \$37 million in the General Competition (competing against over 200 state, local, and municipal entities) and \$7 million from the Tribes and Territories Competition. These grant projects aim to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions across multiple sectors, with initiatives focused on building energy efficiency retrofits, renewable energy projects, electric vehicle transportation networks, and tree plantings. This article highlights the upgrades that will create “climate-ready housing” on the Nez Perce Reservation.

Eighteen million dollars of the CPRG funding will go towards mitigating wildfire smoke, extreme weather events, and energy use in 650 Indigenous homes on the Reservation. Projects are expected to begin in the summer of 2025 and continue through 2029.

There will be an application process and qualifying homes will receive:



- Energy audits to evaluate the home’s existing heating, cooling, and ventilation systems, identifying air leaks and areas to insulate.
- Weatherization and energy efficiency upgrades such as sealing air leaks, insulating mechanical systems and other structural components, and weatherstripping doors and windows.
- Installation of electric air-source heat pumps or mini-splits that have the dual benefit of providing heat in the winter and air conditioning in the hot months.
- HEPA-filter air cleaners to reduce pollutants in the indoor environment.

Additionally, reducing emissions and improving energy efficiency in wood-burning homes is also a priority area. Many wood stoves on the Nez Perce Reservation are more than 40 years old and are uncertified devices. To address this, 350 Indigenous homes will have their existing wood stoves replaced with new EPA-certified models. Old stoves will be recycled or destroyed. Pairing a wood stove with a heat pump has also been an effective strategy in other communities. This initiative includes EPA Burn Wise educational approaches and materials for best burn practices to promote proper wood storage, the use of dry wood, and burning small, hot fires to increase safety and efficiency, and reduce emissions.

Climate-Ready Upgrades

UPCOMING CLIMATE-READY HOUSING UPGRADES ON THE NEZ PERCE RESERVATION (CONTINUED)



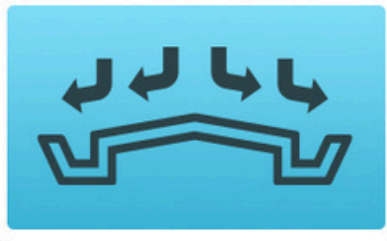
Lastly, an additional 300 Indigenous homes will receive solar power infrastructure upgrades, specifically home-based battery systems compatible with existing or planned solar arrays (purchased and installed with other funding sources). These solar/storage systems will reduce reliance on overhead power lines, which can go down during storms and wildfires. Onsite generation of renewable energy reduces GHG emissions and co-pollutants while creating energy resilience for residents.



TO LEARN ABOUT THE NEZ PERCE TRIBE PRIORITY CLIMATE ACTION PLAN AND VIEW THE EPA GRANT ANNOUNCEMENTS, PLEASE VISIT THESE WEBSITES:

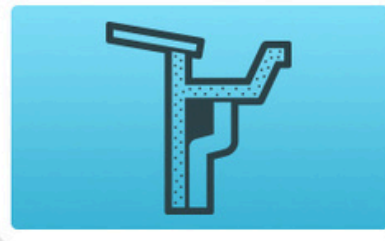
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Why Gutter Maintenance is important



Water Redirection

Your gutter system is your home's primary defense against water damage to the siding and foundation



Prevent Cracks, Leaks & Holes

Regular maintenance is what will keep your gutter system from needing excessive repairs



Avoid Pooling in Gutters

Neglected, clogged gutters are prone to pooling water, putting undue stress on your system and causing sagging gutters

Possible Cracks in Foundation



Soil saturated from pooling water can put your foundation under additional stress, potentially causing cracks and expensive repairs



Avoid Costly Repairs

Diligently maintaining your gutter system means you're much less likely to spend hundreds or thousands of dollars on repairs over the years

For all of your gutter service needs in Fort Collins and all along the Colorado Front Range, contact the professionals at Front Range Seamless Gutters!

www.frsg.net

Tips for Mold Cleanup



MOLD & IT'S CAUSES

Mold is a simple, common type of fungi than can be found everywhere. Any material that remains wet or moist for 24 to 48 hours can be a home for mold.

HOW TO CLEAN & REMOVE MOLD

1. Identify moisture source & correct it
2. Clean & dry the area within 24 to 48 hours
3. Clean with mild soap & water thoroughly dry
4. Repeat anytime you see mold forming



REDUCE & PREVENT MOLD

- Use exhaust fans regularly in kitchen, bathroom, laundry room.
- Clean & dust regularly
- Regularly clean & dry walls & floors around sink, bathtub, shower, and toilets.
- Keep bed, dresser & other objects pulled a few inches from walls.

**FOR CLEANING SCHEDULES
OR CLEANING TIPS CONTACT
NPTHA HOUSING COUNSELOR**



**IMMEDIATELY REPORT ANY
MALFUNCTION TO NPTHA**

208-843-2229

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NPTHA Word Search puzzle

Instructions:

- Find the words listed below in the grid. Words can appear horizontally, vertically, diagonally, and backward.
- Highlight or circle each word as you find it.

NPTHA Housing Word Search

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- PROPERTY
- LEASE
- NEIGHBORS
- COMMUNITY
- RENT
- RESPECT
- SAFETY
- TENANT
- UTILITIES
- REPAIRS
- NIMIPUU
- MAINTENANCE
- HOME
- PESTS
- CLEAN



It's a fun and engaging way to learn about key aspects of maintaining a home and being part of a community.

Enjoy the challenge and see how many words you can find!



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