

Tribal EPA Newsletter



Picture of Native Garden April 2021

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Dumpster Rules -Updated recycling list 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Ways to conserve water -New water guidelines 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Speed limitations -Future construction/traffic control -Fire season preparedness 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -2021 Graduates -New employees -Upcoming events



Thank You to all tribal youth/staff who participated in our Earth Day 2021 event and helped make it a success! Remember what we learned and I'll see you all next year!



Solid Waste: We encourage all tribal members to keep up on any solid waste and abide by recycling guidelines. Please do not throw restricted items into waste containers. Attached is the updated recycling list from Ukiah Waste Solutions. If you are unable to move something and need some help or for any questions/concerns contact Matt Smith at Redwood Valley Rancheria Tribal office. **Reminder:** Don't forget to turn in your cooking oil/grease. Each jar recycled, you will be entered into a raffle to win a prize!



RECYCLING

ALL ITEMS EMPTY & CLEAN • TODO VACÍO Y LIMPIO

Plastic
Plásticos

Glass
Vidrio

Cartons
Cartones de Jugo y Leche

Paper & Cardboard
Papel y Carton

Aluminum & Household Metal
Latas y Aluminio

Shredded Paper
Papel Molido

YES
Place these items in your Blue Cart

Recyclables should be loose in cart, not in plastic bags, except for shredded paper, and must fit inside cart with lid closed. Place cart at curb with front of cart facing the street. Cart must be within 3 feet of the street to be serviced.

NO DO NOT place these items in your Blue Cart

- Garbage
- Batteries
- Ceramics
- Clothing
- Syringes
- Light Bulbs

- Hazardous Waste
- CDs/DVDs/Videos
- Tarps & Hoses
- Styrofoam
- Basura
- Baterías
- Cerámica
- Ropa
- Jeringas
- Bombillas
- Residuos Peligrosos
- CDs / DVDs / Videos
- Lonas y Mangueras
- Espuma de Poliestireno

MIXED ORGANIC WASTE

Lid Must Be Closed - Tapadera Cerada

Food Scraps
Desperdicios de comida

Small lumber unpainted & untreated
Madera no Tratada

Garden & house plants
Plantas de Exterior y Interior

Leaves
Hojas

Brush & prunings
Ramas de Poda

Food soiled paper
Papel manchado de comida

Meat, poultry, fish & bones
Carne de vaca, carne de ave, espinas de pescado y huesos

Branches less than 4" in diameter & cut to fit loosely in container
Ramas del Árbol Pequeñas

Food soiled paper plates, cups, napkins & paper towels
Platos de papel sucios, servilletas sucias, tazas y toallitas de papel sucias

Grass clippings & weeds
Hierba

Pizza boxes
Cajas de pizza, cartón y papel encerado

Coffee grounds & filters
Granos de café y filtros

YES
Place these items in your Green Cart

Mixed organic waste should be loose in cart, not in plastic bags and must fit inside cart with lid closed. Place cart at curb with front of cart facing the street. Cart must be within 3 feet of the street to be serviced.

NO DO NOT place these items in your Green Cart

- Grease or Oil
- Nails or Metal
- Hot Ashes
- Hazardous Waste
- Palm Fronds
- Poison Oak
- Tree Stumps
- Biodegradable bags
- Compostable utensils
- Soiled tissue (Kleenex)

- Toilet Paper
- Styrofoam
- Diapers
- Soil
- Garbage/Recyclables
- Brick/Concrete/Rock
- Painted/Treated Wood
- Pet Waste/Litter
- Plastic Bags or Pots
- Grasa o Aceite
- Clavos o Metal
- Cenizas Calientes
- Material Peligroso
- Hojas de Palma
- Hiedra
- Troncos de Árboles
- Plásticos Biodegradables
- Utensilios de compostaje
- El tejido sucio (Kleenex)
- Papel Higienico
- Empaque y envases de espuma de poliestireno
- Pañales
- Tierra
- Basura/Reciclables
- Ladrillo/Concreto/Piedra
- Madera Pintado/Tratada
- Desechos de Animales
- Bolsas o Macetas de Plástico

Water Conservation: This is not a drill, we are currently in a drought.

Due to the current and projected drought conditions, we must do our part in conserving water and supporting each other during this tough time. Again we ask you to come up with a plan within your family/household to save water. It is also important to educate ourselves and stay up to date on any news regarding California's water crisis, for it may impact us in the future. Here is another cheat sheet of tips on how to save water.

Water Saving Tips

- Check for any possible leaks throughout the house inside and outside.
- Limit shower time. (try setting timer)
- Do not let water run while brushing teeth or shaving.
- Only do full loads of laundry.
- Do not leave water running while doing dishes if possible.
- No washing vehicles
- Only water permanent plants like vegetables, flowers and trees
- No swimming pools ☹️ take a trip to the river 😊
- Sweep driveways and porches instead of spraying off with water.

New water allowance update: As you all may know our new water allowance has changed from 10,000 gallons to 7,000 gallons per household. It is clear that this is very challenging and frustrating at times. I would like to take a moment to acknowledge the community's sacrifice and efforts thus far. Let's keep up the good work, for we have a long summer ahead of us. We are currently working on solutions to provide more assistance and aid to everyone whom is effected by the drought.

Image: Lake Mendocino 2021



Clean Water Program Update:

We have continued to do monthly coliform sampling and will be doing water samples in August for Total Trihalomethanes (TTHMs), Five Haloacetic Acids (HAA5). Along with testing we started well sounding measuring the depth of our wells and continuously take water samples to ensure the water is free of any harmful pollutants. So far this year all water testing results have been absent of any potentially harmful bacteria.

We have to continue to take care of our creeks and wetland areas keeping them clean is essential to the balance of the ecosystem. Pollution only brings problems to land and water system with negative impacts. Due to the increasing heat and lack of rain we are in a drought.

Regarding erosion control our 319 project to reduce sedimentation into Little Bird Creek from the racetrack and the 2017 fire seem to be doing well. We won't know for sure how well the re-contouring of the hill has worked until our next real rainy season. We will continue to monitor this location.

As a reminder no community vehicles or off road vehicles are allowed to be driven on the tank road only work trucks and tribal vehicles.

Sending our best wishes to the Valle family in moving into their new home. Ursula, Nick, Serrano and Domasio.



"It takes hands to build a house, but only hearts can build a home"



Transportation:

Speed limitations: This is just a friendly reminder to abide by the speed limit of 10 mph when driving through all residential roads. Also make sure any **visitors** are aware of the speed limits and children at play.



Construction Work/Traffic Control

We are in the midst of a lot of current and future construction work/maintenance projects. (Septic tank replacements, Water meter replacements, Home repairs, New water tank installation, Fire fuels reduction, Repainting of street/parking lines and more). These projects require numerous workers, along with plenty of vehicles. There will be a significant increase in work trucks, staff and overall traffic within these next few months. This is a heads up to all tribal members who have more than one vehicle and have to park on the main road. We ask to fully utilize your driveways for parking to minimize any traffic jams or damage to vehicles. We recommend parking only on the right side of the road. There is extra parking available in the parking lots at both tribal centers. For any further questions the Redwood Valley Rancheria tribal office.

FIRE SEASON PREPAREDNESS

Do you see that smoke on the mountain? Do you hear those sirens? Feel those gusty winds? Yes. Fire Season 2021 is here which means power shut-offs, possible evacuations, and poor air quality. If you haven't already it is definitely time to **cut your grass**. It is crucial to **make sure your home is fire safe and defensible**. Also to have a plan in place for proposed power shut-offs and evacuations. We suggest staying indoors during days of poor air quality due to heavy smoke. (We will keep you informed on air quality via flyer/memo) A reminder in case of Fire emergency or Power shut-off the Tribal learning center is now equipped with a generator that can provide power, WiFi, and air conditioning for the entire Redwood Valley community. If you are an Elder and need assistance in cutting your grass, feel free to call the Redwood Valley Tribal Office. Ask for Matt.





CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2021 GRADUATES

Yvonne Knight- Golden Gate University/MBA- Minor in Accounting

Jaden Martinez- Kelseyville Adult Education

Jason Carter- Ridgeway High School

Isaac Gomez- South Valley High School

Madyson Jones- Innovation High School

Ysabella Contreras- Santa Rosa Middle

Carol Knight- Eagle Peak Middle

Precious Martinez- Eagle Peak Middle

Hailey Nevarez- Eagle Peak Middle

Estella Nunez- Fort Bragg Middle



Meet the New Staff

Anastasia Barnes - Emergency Rental Assistance Program / ERAP Case Manager

Hi, I'm Anastasia! I'm the new case manager for the Emergency Rental Assistance Program. ERAP is a program that can provide rental and utility aid for those who are eligible! I've highly enjoyed the opportunity to assist and help those who need it. The people who surround me in my work environment continue to encourage and push me to do better. I've unexpectedly gained a huge interest in this field of work and hope this job furthers my curiosity and drive to find a career meant for me!



Tina Altizen - Community Engagement Coordinator/ Breath Again Tobacco Program

My name is Tina Altizen, the newly hired Community Engagement Coordinator for the Redwood Valley Rancheria Breathe Again Tobacco program. My office is located in Building B. As part of the program I will be working with the youth of our community that are interested in joining the youth leadership group to bring awareness about commercial tobacco, smoking and vaping. As well as planning events, collaborating with other tribal tobacco programs on projects and also making short films and commercials. I look forward to working with the youth and bringing awareness to our community on such a big issue that affects us all. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me



Matthew Smith Jr - EPA Assistant/Recycling Manager/Transportation coordinator.

Hello I'm Matt. Happy to be on the team and to be able to serve the community. I plan to apply my skills and develop new ones as the tribe's new EPA Assistant. I'm excited to educate the tribal youth on environmental issues. One thing I like about this position so far is the amount of multitasking it requires, oh yeah and there is no morning commute.



REDWOOD VALLEY RANCHERIA LEARNING CENTER

JUNE 2021

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 <u>Outdoor Exercise</u> 2:00 – 4:00	2 <u>Outdoor Exercise</u> 2:00 – 4:00 <u>Language Class</u> 5:30	3 <u>Gardening</u> 2:00 – 4:00	4 <u>Zoom Tutoring</u> 2:00 – 3:00 <u>Outdoor Exercise</u> 2:00 – 4:00	5
6	7 <u>Staff Meeting</u> 10:00 - 11:00 <u>Zoom Tutoring</u> 2:00 – 3:00 <u>Pomo Basketry</u> 5:30 – 6:30	8 <u>Outdoor Exercise</u> 2:00 – 4:00	9 <u>Outdoor Exercise</u> 2:00 – 4:00 <u>Language Class</u> 5:30	10 <u>Gardening</u> 2:00 – 4:00	11 <u>ICWA Coalition Meeting</u> 1:30 – 3:00 <u>Zoom Tutoring</u> 2:00 – 3:00	12
13	14 <u>Staff Meeting</u> 10:00 - 11:00 <u>Zoom Tutoring</u> 2:00 – 3:00	15 <u>Diabetes Group</u> 2:00-4:00 <u>Graduation Ceremony</u> 6:00	16 <u>Outdoor Exercise</u> 2:00 – 4:00	17 <u>Gardening</u> 2:00 – 4:00 <u>Utility Board Meeting</u> 5:00	18 <u>Zoom Tutoring</u> 2:00 – 3:00 <u>Outdoor Exercise</u> 2:00 – 4:00	19
20 <u>Father's Day Tribal Council Meeting</u> <u>First Day of Summer</u>	21 <u>Staff Meeting</u> 10:00 - 11:00 <u>Zoom Tutoring</u> 2:00 – 3:00	22 <u>Outdoor Exercise</u> 2:00 – 4:00	23 <u>Kids Nutrition & Physical Activity Training</u> 10:00 -12:30	24 <u>Gardening</u> 2:00 – 4:00 <u>Full Moon</u>	25 <u>Zoom Tutoring</u> 2:00 – 3:00 <u>Outdoor Exercise</u> 2:00 – 4:00	26
27	28 <u>Staff Meeting</u> 10:00 - 11:00 <u>Zoom Tutoring</u> 2:00 – 3:00	29 <u>Outdoor Exercise</u> 2:00 – 4:00	30 <u>Outdoor Exercise</u> 2:00 – 4:00	 A MASK IS NOT A POLITICAL STATEMENT. ITS AN I.Q. TEST.		

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3250 Road I, Building B, Redwood Valley CA 95470, Phone: (707) 485-0361

Library Hours	Monday-Friday	By Appointment. Please Call.
Adult/Elder Quiet Reading Hours	Monday-Friday	By Appointment. Please Call.
Computer Lab Hours	Monday-Friday	By Appointment. Please Call.
Adult/Elder Computer Lab Hours	Monday-Friday	By Appointment. Please Call.
Red Road Meetings	Coming soon on Thursdays	6:00 pm. Please call.
Student Tutoring	Monday & Friday	2:00 pm – 3:00 pm Via Zoom.
Gardening	Thursday	2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Outdoor Youth Games	Monday - Friday	2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Diabetes Wellness Group	2 nd Tuesday Monthly	2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Learning Center Staff:

Tina Altizen, Breathe Again Community Engagement Coordinator

Jasmine Billy, Education Coordinator

Martin Martinez, III, Director of Social Services

Chris Piekarski, Indian Child Welfare Act Coordinator

Outside Agency Staff:

Erica Carson, Jr., Northern Pomo Language Instructor

Yoosha Carson, Pomo Basketry Instructor

Carol Gottfried, PYCCSP Tutor

Doris Sloan, CTHP Community Outreach Manager

For more information about classes and activities, please contact Jasmine Billy: (707) 485-0361

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Redwood Valley Rancheria

3250 Road I

Redwood Valley CA, 95470



Redwood Valley Little River Band of Pomo Indians

Notice

The Tribe is establishing a list of Members interested in short term Tribal jobs.

These may include helping with Tribal events, teaching cultural skills, leading Youth Projects, weed eating, general clean up, stacking firewood, etc.

Please complete the following and return to the Tribal Office to be included on this list.

Name _____

Phone Number _____

Interested in

Special skills/cultural knowledge _____
