



# NPTHA's Quarterly Newsletter

June 2009  
2nd Quarter

## Sundown Heights Low Income Housing Tax Credit #3 Grand Opening

On May 19, 2009, the NPTHA held its Grand Opening of the Sundown Heights Tax Credit III Project. This new housing development consists of 15 homes that are 3 and 4 bedrooms. Most of the homes are two story homes, all with a great view of the Lapwai Valley.

The event began with an opening prayer and blessing from Horace Axtell and a song from the We-pqaan drum. Laurie Ann Smith, Executive Director for the NPTHA, introduced the NPTHA Board of Commissioners' Chairman, Richard J. Arthur for opening comments. Recognition of the sponsors of this development included Low Income

Housing Tax Credit funds provided by JP Morgan, Affordable Housing Program funds from Sterling Savings Bank and HUD Indian Housing Block Grant funds. Mr. Arthur gave a brief insight of the development and then handed the honors of cutting the ribbon to Mrs. Smith.

Along with community members and potential tenants, sponsor representatives included Ray Mooney, Virgil Garland, Ed Hasenoehrl and Lorrie Asker from Sterling Savings Bank and Tom Carney from the Seattle HUD Office of Native American Programs. JP Morgan representatives had completed a site visit two weeks prior and were unable to return for the event.

After the ceremonies, guests could tour the three different homes representing the three different floor plans. Although the homes were only near completion, guests

could see the layouts of the homes, the flooring, cabinets, fixture design and spaciousness of the homes.

The first homes are expected to be completed by the end of June and the remainder by mid-July. Rental applicants have been selected and are currently completing their pre-occupancy training. We also look forward to the construction of a playground once the construction of the homes are complete. If you have any questions about the new development, please contact the NPTHA office. Again, we would like to thank everyone that participated in our Grand Opening.



*What's  
inside . . . .*

*9th  
Annual  
Home  
Fair*

*Groupwork  
Camps*

*Riverview  
Play-  
ground*

*Summer  
Clean-up*

*Vickie  
Nielson  
10 yrs of  
Service*

*What's on  
the back . .*

*Congrats  
to:*

*Kaleigh  
Steffy*

*Tyrel  
Henry*

# HOME FAIR

## BETTER THAN EVER!

The NPTHA was ecstatic to see 24 businesses wanting to work with and contribute to educating and providing resources to our local community. There were over 220 people who participated this year. The NPTHA Staff and a few Senior Citizens donated 25 cakes and deserts for the cake walk. There were 37 door prizes donated by vendors and NPTHA that were given away throughout the day.

The Grand prize winner of the Barbeque Grill  
(donated by the NPTHA)  
*Caron Zachery*

The NPTHA also served free Hot Dogs and Pop. I don't think anyone could have walked out of that gym without something free or learning something new. The Vendors had a lot of nice trinkets to hand out along with their educational information on the products and services that they provide.

### The following Vendors Participated:

*NPT Safety Program ~ NPT Water Resources ~ NPTHA  
NPT Forestry Fire Prevention ~ Advocare ~ Western Floors  
NPT Womens Outreach ~ Clearwater Power Co. ~ Avista  
LC-Partners Habitat for Humanity ~ Costco ~ Happy Elves Media  
Office of Native American Programs ~ Idaho Legal Aid ~ NPT Police  
Creative Design & Landscaping ~ Floor Covering International  
Sterling Savings Bank ~ Community Action Partnership/ Weatherization  
NiMiiPuu & Community Health ~ Consumer Credit Counseling Service  
USDA Rural Development ~ NPT Early Childhood Development Program  
Paulouse/Clearwater Environmental Institute.*

*Also a Special Thanks to AMERIND Insurance Company for their monetary contribution.*

The NPTHA Executive Director would like to commend the NPTHA Staff for putting forth a team effort to pull off this successful event.

The NPTHA would like to thank all those that participated in this years 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Home Fair. Planning has already begun for next year's 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Home Fair.

### **What did you like most about the 9th Annual Home Fair?**

*"Cake walk, great people, awesome accommodations . . . Thank you!"*

*"The variety of vendors, especially the Consumer Credit Bureau."*

*"Friendliness of NPTHA staff; information was good and good representation of services."*

*"Credit counseling, natural cleaners, fire prevention, and saving electricity."*

*"All the booths!"*

*"Free stuff!"*

*"Free light bulbs!"*

*"Friendly environment."*

*"Hot dogs & pop."*

*"Good activities & prizes."*

### **Suggestions/improvements for the 10th Annual Home Fair**

*"Contractors to do home repair."*

*"Free plant give-aways."*

*"Get the word out early."*

*"Home improvement activity."*



**The NPTHA is accepting  
Groupwork Camps  
applications for July 2010.  
For more information,  
please call  
Tia Hernandez  
at the Housing office  
(208)843-2229**

# RIVERVIEW PLAYGROUND

## Grand Opening

The Nez Perce Tribal Housing Authority received two grants to place one playground in both the Lapwai and Kamiah communities. On June 16, 2009, the Riverview community and the NPTHA staff celebrated the Grand Opening of the Kamiah Riverview Playground.



*Lightning Creek*

Lightning Creek honored the construction of the playground with a song and a special Thank You presentation was given to



*Reggie James*  
officially opening the Playground

Mr. James put in a lot of his time and effort into the prep work and the assembly of the new playground. Mr. James was also recognized as the honorary ribbon cutter to officially open the playground for the children in the community. The NPTHA office supplied cookies and punch for the event and raffled off basketballs and backpacks. The five lucky winners were: Brentiyah Broncheau, Isabelle Plummer, Dave Steffy Jr., Ezra Broncheau & Ryan Lockart. The NPTHA would like to thank our project sponsors: "Fight Obesity through Play" grant and the Potlatch fund.



Left to right:  
*Ezra Broncheau, Brentiyah Broncheau, Laurie Ann Smith, Silas Racehorse*



*Ryan Lockart*



**NPTHA Display Table**



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**NPTHA Summer Clean-Up**  
**July 20-31, 2009**

**NPTHA Maintenance will assist on:**

**July 22nd - Orofino/Kamiah**  
**July 23 & 24 - Lapwai**

**Please give Roxanne a call for the**  
**Lapwai Area**  
**and Danice for the Orofino/Kamiah**  
**Area**

**208-843-2229**

**208-935-2144**

**CONGRATS**  
*10 Years of Service*

**Vickie**



**Nielson**

**May 21, 1999- May 21, 2009**

# CONGRATS

Congratulations!!



**AMERIND and the Northwest Indian Housing Association co-sponsors the regional Fire Safety poster contest every year.**

**This year two of our kids won regional awards. They are:**

**Kaleigh Steffy  
3rd place  
7th - 8th Grade Division**

**Tyrel Henry  
3rd Place  
K-3rd Grade Division**



**In addition to the NPTHA awards each of them received a \$50 check and a certificate from AMERIND and NWIHA.**

**The NPTHA along with AMERIND and the NWIHA appreciates all the entries received for the Fire Safety poster contest.**

**We look forward to seeing your entries next year!!!**