

Interested in Serving on the Tribal Housing Authority Board?

■ Two positions open to Tribal or non-Tribal applicants.

The Grand Ronde Tribal Housing Authority has two Board Commissioners whose three-year terms expire in March 2001. Anyone who is interested in serving in one of these positions, and who has housing related experience to qualify for the position, is encouraged to attend the January Board meeting. The meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, January 16, 2001, at 6:00 p.m. at the Housing Authority office in Grand Ronde.

This is an opportunity to:

- 1) Observe how the Board functions,
- 2) Become acquainted with the types of issues that are regularly discussed, and
- 3) Determine if you are seriously interested in such a position now or in the future.

The three-year terms are on a rotating basis, and several expire each March. Both Tribal members and non-Tribal people are eligible to serve on the Board, and incumbents are eligible to reapply.

Interested persons should have a demonstrated interest in housing and experience in the housing field in some capacity, such as:

- affordable housing development
- property management
- residential building construction
- housing financing
- housing planning
- other related areas

The Board oversees all housing development, management, and operations for the Tribe, and is responsible for policy-making decisions. The Board currently meets at 6:00 p.m.



on the third Tuesday of each month at the Housing Authority office in Grand Ronde.

Interested persons should send a letter outlining their interest and qualifications to:

Linda Layden, Director
Grand Ronde Tribal
Housing Authority
9615 Grand Ronde Road
Grand Ronde, Oregon 97347

All letters need to be received by February 15, 2001 to be considered. For more information regarding qualifications, or to confirm the Board meeting date, contact the Authority at 503-879-2401 or toll-free at 1-800-422-0232, ext. 2401.

Help Us Find Our MISSING MOCCASINS

The Member Services department is in need of your assistance. If you have any information that could help locate these Tribal members please call Valorie Sheker, Margo Mercier or Sharon Grout at 1-800-422-0232 or 1-800-442-0346.

Terry Becker
John Brown Jr.
Robert Brown
Lavina Bueno
Rudolph Bueno
Joyce Craig
Robert Craig
Dorothy Dowd
Theodore Dowd
Charles Gillman
Frank Hamilton
George Hamilton
Catherine Hudson
Michael Hudson
Diana Hutchins
Harry Jeffries
Vera Jones
Clisse Knighton
Franklin Langley
Carl Landon
Orville Michelle
Jacqueline Michelle
Nora Michelle
John Olney
Mary Seward
Lawrence Smith Jr.
Jennifer Smith
Ronald Smith
Clyde Sorenson
Beatrice Taylor
Thomas Taylor
Gerald Taylor
Henry Tipton
Sandra White
Goldie Williams

Emergency Assistance Notice

Tribal members needing emergency assistance during the month of December will need to utilize their Casino Revenue Distribution money first. The Social Services department will freeze funds from their Emergency Assistance program, the Benevolence Fund and the General Assistance program from December 1-31.

Casino Revenue Distribution 2000

The Tribal Council has passed a resolution allocating the distribution of 25% of the Casino revenue to Tribal members through the Member Services Division. Members who will be 18 years of age as of December 13, 2000 will be automatically generated a check. Those under the age requirement of 18 years will have their monies directly distributed into their Trust accounts.

The date of distribution will be December 13, 2000.

- The Member Services Division will need all members who have had information changes within the last year to provide conformation of name, address and Social Security number. Please note we will only accept information changes for members 18 years and over by the member only.
- Only members enrolled on or before July 31, 2000 will be eligible for this distribution, as stated in the Tribe's Gaming Revenue Allocation Plan.
- Tribal members will be able to pick their checks up in person on December 13 from 8 a.m. through 4:30 p.m.
- All checks not picked up on this date will be mailed out at 4:30 p.m. on December 13.
- Payment instructions have been mailed to all Tribal members. If you need further assistance contact Member Services at one of the numbers listed below.
- **Per capita payments from casino revenues are subject to federal, and where applicable, state income taxes. Each Tribal member is responsible for any tax due as a result of this payment.**

When calling to update your information with the Tribe please call Member Services:

1-800-442-0346 or 1-800-422-0232

- VALORIE SHEKER (ext. 2221)
- HOLLIE LARSEN (ext. 2490)
- MARGO MERCIER (ext. 2253)



- AMY JUSTEN (ext. 2223)
- LIZ LENO (ext. 2082)
- SHARON GROUT (ext. 2116)

Letter

Dear Editor,

The Tribal Wellness program started the first "After School program" approximately six years ago. It was and continues to be an extension of the children's educational day. The children are taught life skills, basic health education tobacco, alcohol and drug abuse education, cultural education, help with homework, etc.

The Wellness staff that work in this program work with children from the ages of three through eleven. The staff receives prevention education from the State Office of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Program and their studies indicate that "one-time" prevention education is not effective. The Wellness program is a small part of a prevention team that ideally includes parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, school personnel and friends.

All children are important as they are all the future of this country, however, the Wellness program does not have the resources to provide services throughout the Six County Services Area. There are Federal programs in the schools for Native American children to provide additional services such as tutoring, culture, special trips, prevention education, counseling, etc.

The prevention education for youth ages 12 through 17 services are available in the Grand Ronde, Willamina and Sheridan area. If you have any questions or would like to request service, please call Robert Schmid at 503-879-2104.

This response does not adequately cover the Wellness program activities. We welcome Tribal members to come and visit with staff and share ideas. Please call 503-879-2078 to schedule a visit.

Thank you,

Bonnie Tom

Wellness Component Director

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DEADLINE DATE	ISSUE DATE
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Wed., Dec. 20	JANUARY 1