

Grand Ronde Tribal Housing Authority



Native American Housing-To-Homeownership Fair — July 29

The Native American Youth and Family Center (NAYA Family Center) announces Portland's first Native American Housing-to-Homeownership Fair. The event will be held on Saturday, July 29, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. in the Mount Tabor Hall at Portland Community College S.E. Center, 2305 S.E. 82nd Ave and Division, Portland OR 97216.

The Native American Housing-to-Homeownership Fair is free and open to everyone. Participants will meet housing resource professionals, lenders and may be eligible to enter to win \$1,500 in down payment assistance. Classes, homebuyer assistance information and housing resources for renters with home ownership goals will be offered. Features include Native American dance performances, a guest drum, food, Kids' Corner and raffle prizes.

The fair is offered in response to community need and as part of NAYA Family Center's goal of increasing economic and housing stability in the American Indian/Alaska Native Community. The fair will provide a wide range of resources for the whole community: from renters to potential home owners. In comparison to populations of similar size, only 17 percent of Portland's 38,000 American Indians and Alaska Natives own their home (Northwest Area Foundation).

This event is coordinated by the NAYA Family Center in collaboration with the Bureau of Housing and Community Development, Portland Development Commission, The Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde, US Bank, Albina Community Bank, The State of Oregon, The Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, Portland Community Land Trust, Housing Connections & 211 Info, HOST Development Inc., The Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians, The Coquille Indian Tribe, Home 123, Portland Habitat for Humanity, Portland Housing Center, Key Bank, Northwest Housing Alternatives, Columbian Non-profit Housing, Cascade Residential Mortgage and other partners.

Questions? Contact Sara Libby at the Native American Youth and Family Center at 503-288-8177, X232 or saral@nayapdx.org

Come Home to Grand Ronde!

New rentals available for families, without income limits.

Be the first to live in these beautiful homes that offer from 1 to 5 bedrooms. The larger units boast two full bathrooms and a walk in closet. Eighteen of the homes are equipped with free-standing gas stoves, air conditioning, granite counter tops, hardwood cabinets, energy efficient appliances, high quality carpeting, washers & dryers, individual garages, private patios and an expansive green space complete with water features for the kids! An additional eighteen rentals will offer fewer amenities, but with somewhat lower rents. The GRTHA team has worked diligently to provide high quality homes that are family friendly, functional and cozy. Inspiring views of Spirit Mountain, panoramic sunrises and sunsets, and the coastal range changing with the seasons offers a return to a homeland within an unparalleled natural setting.

Rents include landscaping and common area maintenance. Eligible CTGR Tribal members who work for the Tribe and live in this project are exempt from Oregon State Income Taxes! The first of these rentals will be available in the late summer 2006*.

Applications will be available as units are completed. Interest lists for the open market rental units are presently limited to enrolled members of the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon.

NEW Chxi Musam Illihi Open Market Rentals

Bedroom Size	Monthly Rent
One Bedroom	\$515
Two Bedroom	\$615
Three Bedroom	\$895
Four Bedroom	\$1,080

*Two and Three Bedroom units will be available in late summer 2006, other sized units by the fall of 2006. The five-bedroom unit, and additional lower rent units with fewer amenities will have rents published next month.

NEW Chxi Musam Illihi Low-Income Rentals

Low-income families will also have 36 more rental units available from 1 to 5 bedroom size, upon the completion of this new phase of family housing development in late 2006. Rents for these units will be 30% of adjusted household income, and income limits apply**. Call the Housing Authority for an application that will place you on the waiting list. ** Per HUD occupancy policies

Contact the Grand Ronde Tribal Housing Authority at 1-800-422-0232 ext. 2401 or 503-879-2401 for more information.

Canoe Meetings In Grand Ronde

The canoe journeys are all about teaching our kids about living a cultural and positive lifestyle along with being drug and alcohol free. With our kids being around all this positive influence and seeing how other kids are participating in these events, they learn more about themselves and how they can live a good and clean lifestyle. Come and join us. For more information, contact Bobby Mercier at 503-879-2076. Our meetings are July 6, 11, 19. We leave on July 22 from Grand Ronde to Neah Bay, WA. and leave in the canoes on July 23.

Tribal Housing Offers Trainings & Financial Skills

Grand Ronde Tribal Housing Authority is pleased to be able to offer Homebuyer Trainings and Financial Skills classes to Tribal members.

Financial Skills Trainings consist of four 2-hour class sessions and will be held on the following schedule:

Fridays: July 7, 14, 21, 28 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Tuesdays: September 12, 19, 26, Oct. 3 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Tuesdays: October 31, Nov. 7, 14, 21 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

The above classes will be held at the Housing Authority.

Homebuyer Training consists of three 3-hour class sessions and will be held on the following schedule:

Tuesdays: July 11, 18, 25, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Tuesdays: September 12, 19, 26, from 9 a.m. to noon.

These classes will be held at the Housing Authority.

Please contact Deborah Kroeker at 503-879-4522 to register for the classes, or if you have any questions.

There is no fee for these classes — Refreshments will be served. Sorry, no childcare available.



Native American Applicants Sought For Hatfield Fellowship

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde announce that applications for the Mark O. Hatfield Congressional Fellowship are now available. Each year, a Hatfield Fellow serves as an intern for a member of Oregon's Congressional delegation.

The Hatfield Fellow is selected from adult Native American applicants, who are enrolled members of a federally recognized Tribe in Oregon. If there are no qualified applicants from Oregon, enrolled members of federally recognized Tribes in Washington, Idaho and Montana will be considered.

The Fellow will intern in Washington, D.C. for nine months and will receive a monthly stipend, relocation and travel expenses and tuition for the American Political Science Association orientation.

Deadline for applications is 5 p.m. July 14, 2006. Applicants will then be notified if they qualify for interviews. Late applications will not be accepted. Application packets may be obtained by contacting Gerry RainingBird at Spirit Mountain Community Fund 503-879-1462, email at gerry.rainingbird@grandronde.org or by mail at 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347.

The Fellowship honors Mark Hatfield for his accomplishments as a United States Senator, a former Governor of Oregon and for his mentorship of many leaders in their own communities.

Funding for the Fellowship comes from the Spirit Mountain Community Fund, the philanthropic arm of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, which is committed to honoring their Tribal traditions of sharing and giving back to the community. In addition to funding the fellowship, the Tribe dedicates six percent of the profits from Spirit Mountain Casino to non-profit organizations in 11 counties in Western Oregon. Since the fund's beginning in 1997, over \$30 million has been awarded to area non-profits!

Deadline: Friday, July 14, 2006