

Veterans' Office Has New Location

The Veterans' Office has moved to a new location. It is now located in Gene Labonte's office at the end of Blacktail Drive in Grand Ronde. The contact number for the Veteran's Office is 503-879-4578. Billie LaBonte is the contact person for Veterans' Memorial. Contact her at 503-879-5342. After the loss of our important Veterans' Service Officer Diana Cilenti we have new contact information for any Veteran's needing assistance. Contact Debbie at 503-434-7503.

Free Books At "Fun In The Park" Event

The Boones Ferry-Wilsonville Historical Society of Wilsonville, Oregon would like to announce some books that are given out at the "Fun in the Park" city celebration Saturday, August 5 in Town Center Park, Town Center Loop, Wilsonville, Oregon. The first page features the Kalapuyan Indians. There is no age limit required to receive a book, as we have found all ages like to color and crayons come with them. More info at www.funinthepark.info

2006 School Clothes Program

Social Services School Clothes Program is for Tribal members. Grades pre-school through 12th. Financial criteria applies.

This is a first come, first serve program.

For application please contact Social Services at 503-879-2034 or 1-800-242-8196.

Spirit Mountain Casino Spotlight

August 2006: Trina Pesterfield

"Spirit Mountain is a great company to work for and the employees are truly something the entire Tribe should be proud of.

I originally started working for Spirit Mountain in February, 1998 and worked through March of 2005. In 2005, I took a position closer to home. However, in December, 2005, I enrolled in school and came back to work for Spirit Mountain in order to be closer to my school and have the flexibility needed for my school schedule.

Spirit Mountain has become like home and family to me. I have learned many skills that have helped me not only professionally but personally. I have a better understanding of dealing with diversity, gained confidence, and improved my computer skills and patience immensely in my time of employment here at Spirit Mountain. I have built an outstanding rapport with my co-workers and leadership members which is priceless to me.

Working at Spirit Mountain gives me a feeling of giving back to the Tribe for all it has done for us. As Tribal members, it is our responsibility to set the example as owners of the casino. We need to demonstrate reliability, dependability, and professionalism at all times while continually looking for opportunities to improve."



Note from Sam Henny, Tribal Developmentor:

"Trina is an outstanding example and role model for dependability and always completing the task at hand in the most efficient manner. 'Hard worker' comes to mind as a way to describe her, but Trina gives new meaning to the word. She has continued to work while going to school - keeping work, school and home in balance. She is an eager learner and always puts her learning to practice. Spirit Mountain is better place because she is here."

Looking for a place to share your thoughts and feelings with other women?

Womens' Drop-in Support Group
1st and 3rd Thursday of each month — 1-2 p.m.
(no childcare provided at this time)
Grand Ronde Tribal Health Center
For more information call the Sable House at 503-623-6703.

OPEN FOR COMMENT

TRIBAL PREVAILING WAGE ORDINANCE

The Tribal Council, in consultation with the Grand Ronde Tribal Housing Authority and the Tribal Attorney's Office, has adopted the Tribal Prevailing Wage Ordinance. The Ordinance was adopted, on an emergency basis pending final adoption in accordance with the procedures set out in the Tribal Government Organization and Procedures Ordinance, at the June 28, 2006, Tribal Council Meeting.

The purpose of the Ordinance is to provide a mechanism to establish Tribal prevailing wages which supersede all federal wage determinations on projects funded pursuant to the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (NAHASDA) and other federal laws containing requirements for the establishment and payment of a determined prevailing wage such as wage determinations set under the Davis-Bacon Act. The establishment of Tribal prevailing wages promotes the general welfare and economic development of the Tribe by decreasing the cost of development projects funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) pursuant to NAHASDA.

Among other things, the Ordinance (1) contains procedures for establishing Tribal prevailing wages, (2) requires a provision for payment of not less than Tribal prevailing wages in agreements with the Tribe or any of its departments or entities funded pursuant to NAHASDA or other federal laws containing requirements for establishment and payment of a determined prevailing wage for construction, installation, alteration, repair or maintenance of buildings or works, and (3) contains provisions for enforcement of the requirements under the Ordinance.

For a copy of the Tribal Prevailing Wage Ordinance please contact the Tribal Attorney's office at 503-879-4664. The Tribal Council invites comment on the Ordinance. Please send your comments to the Tribal Attorney's Office, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347.

Comments must be received by August 15, 2006.

OPEN FOR COMMENT

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE GENERAL COMMITTEE AND SPECIAL EVENT BOARD ORDINANCE

The Tribal Council, in consultation with the Tribal Attorney's Office, has proposed amendments to the General Committee and Special Event Board Ordinance. The first reading of the proposed amendments was made at the July 12, 2006, Tribal Council Meeting.

The purpose of the proposed amendments is to improve the Ordinance by clarifying provisions pertaining to the role of committees, membership requirements, reporting requirements, duties of officers, and requirements for financial transactions.

The proposed amendments include the following: (1) clarification of the role of committees; (2) exception for membership on an ad-hoc committee or board from the limitation that an individual may not serve as a voting member on more than two committees or boards at a time; (3) prohibition of persons with certain felony convictions from serving on a committee or board; (4) clarification that committees and boards shall make a report to General Council on an annual basis; (5) clarification of the duties of the office of vice-chairman; and (6) clarification of documentation requirements for financial transactions.

For a copy of the proposed amendments to the General Committee and Special Event Board Ordinance, please contact the Tribal Attorney's office at 503-879-4664. The Tribal Council invites comment on the proposed amendments. Please send your comments to the Tribal Attorney's Office, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347.

Comments must be received by 5 p.m., on August 31, 2006.

OPEN FOR COMMENT

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS ORDINANCE

The Tribal Council, in consultation with the Tribal Attorney's Office, has proposed amendments to the Governmental Relations Ordinance. The first reading of the proposed amendments was made at the July 12, 2006, Tribal Council Meeting.

The purpose of the proposed amendments is to update the Ordinance to reflect the establishment of the Public Affairs Office and the Public Affairs Director position. The proposed amendments also replace references to the Executive Officer with Public Affairs Director as the individual to assist Tribal Council with public relations and intergovernmental communication.

For a copy of the proposed amendments to the Governmental Relations Ordinance, please contact the Tribal Attorney's office at 503-879-4664. The Tribal Council invites comment on the proposed amendments. Please send your comments to the Tribal Attorney's Office, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347.

Comments must be received by 5 p.m., on August 31, 2006.