

## Celebrating And Recognizing Recovery From Alcohol And Drugs

Community Meeting  
Thursday, August 31, 2006  
Where: Grand Ronde Community Center  
6 — 8 p.m.

6 p.m. — Light dinner provided  
6:30 p.m. — Guest Speaker  
7:30 p.m. — Sobriety recognition pins  
Individuals do not have to be in recovery from alcohol/drugs to attend this meeting.

Questions: Call Joe Martineau at 503-879-1690 or Chris Holliday at 503-879-1452.

Sponsored by CTGR Social Services / Post Treatment Services Program CTGR Behavioral Health Program.

## Grand Ronde Tribal Housing Authority



### Come Home To Grand Ronde!

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 changing with the seasons offers a return to the homeland.

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.

## 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:**

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.

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

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

Saturday August 19, 2006  
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Tribal members only

Sunday August 20, 2006  
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Open to the general public

Located in the Storage Building next to the Tribal Pow wow grounds  
NO EARLY SALES!

### Attn: Disabled Tribal Veterans Ages 18-54

Tribal Council has approved a new Tribal benefit; the Veterans' Disability Compensation Program that will be implemented immediately. The purpose of this program is to provide supplemental income to disabled Tribal Veterans between the ages 18-54 who are determined to be disabled by the Veterans' Administration from injury or disease while in the line of duty.

To be eligible for the program, Tribal Veterans must meet all of the following requirements: 1) be currently receiving Veterans' Disability Compensation through the Veterans' Administration; 2) fall within the tribally established income guideline (80% of median income according to family size, excluding tribal timber and per capita payments; and 3) be ineligible for the tribal Elders' Pension, Elder SSI/SSD or non-elder SSI/SSD programs. Listed below is the Veterans' Administration definition of Veterans eligible for Veteran's Disability Compensation:

Disability Compensation is a benefit paid to a Veteran because of injuries or diseases that happened while on active duty, or were made worse by active military service.

If you are not currently receiving Veterans' Disability Compensation through the Veterans' Administration, but think that you may be eligible, you can apply electronically/on-line by going to the Veterans' ON-line APPLICATION (VONAPP) Website; the web address is: <http://vabenefits.vba.va.gov/vonapp/main.asp>.

We encourage Tribal Veterans (between the ages of 18-54) meeting the requirements mentioned above, to contact the Tribe's Member Services Department and request a Veterans' Disability Compensation Program application.

Please call Reina Nelson in the Member Benefits department to answer questions you may have about the program and/or to request a program application. Reina can be reached at 503-879-2223 or toll-free @ 1-800-422-0232 ext. 2223 and [reina.nelson@grandronde.org](mailto:reina.nelson@grandronde.org).

Tribal Veteran Elders, age 55 and over, do not qualify for the Veterans' Disability Supplement Compensation program because they should already be receiving Elders' Pension or Elder SSI/SSD.

## CULTURAL GATHERINGS

- AUG. 18-20: **CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF GRAND RONDE CONTEST POW-WOW.** Pow-wow grounds. **GRAND RONDE, OR.** Contact Dana at 503-879-2037 or [dana.leno@grandronde.org](mailto:dana.leno@grandronde.org). **SEE BACK PAGE.**
- AUG. 25-27: **SPOKANE FALLS N.W. INDIAN ENCAMPMENT & POW-WOW.** Riverfront Park Lilac Bowl, 507 N. Howard St. **SPOKANE, WA.** Contact 509-535-0886.
- AUG. 25-27: **17TH ANNUAL SPOKANE FALLS NORTHWEST INDIAN ENCAMPMENT & POW-WOW.** Riverfront Park, downtown Spokane. **SPOKANE, OR.** Contact Sonny at 509-998-7311 or [quinsfcc@yahoo.com](mailto:quinsfcc@yahoo.com)
- SEPT. 9: **YAKAMA RECOVERY POW-WOW.** Yakama Nation Community Center, N. Meyers Road & E. Larue Rd. **TOPPENISH, WA.** Contact Jeanetta at 509-865-5121 ext. 4475.
- SEPT. 9: **10TH ANNUAL OREGON YOUTH AUTHORITY POW-WOW.** MacLaren Youth Correctional Facility, 2630 N. Pacific Hwy. **WOODBURN, OR.** Contact Steve at 503-981-2501.

If you or anyone you know has information on cultural events happening, **Smoke Signals** would be glad to list it in our Cultural Gatherings. Please e-mail [news@grandronde.org](mailto:news@grandronde.org) or write to **Smoke Signals**, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, Oregon 97347.