

NOTICE — Monthly Tribal Council Wednesday Meetings

DATE	TIME
Wednesday, May 6	5 p.m.
Wednesday, May 20	5 p.m.

Please note that these times and dates are subject to change if needed. Call Dakota Whitecloud, Tribal Council Relations Coordinator, at 503-879-1309 to confirm.

Letters

Dear Smoke Signals:

I recently read a letter in our local newspaper concerning the conduct of a Tribal Council member and wondered why there are no consequences for "bad behavior." Our General Council and community members have been aware of and been victim to several incidents of "bad behavior" by some of our council members not only here at home but at other community meetings as well.

Being greeted by a council member (unless in executive session) with "Are you a Tribal member?" is inappropriate, racist, irrelevant and unprofessional.

I recall there were many nonTribal people who were instrumental in helping us accomplish our goal of Restoration. NonTribal people working for the Tribe and living in the community are equally concerned and even passionate about a successful future for our Tribe.

At one time, there was an Ethics Committee formed and the very people who were responsible for our Restoration carefully fashioned ethics ordinances for our Tribal Council members to abide by. For some reason, the committee is no more and our Tribal Council are left to "police" themselves. This obviously doesn't work.

In my opinion, an independent Ethics Committee should be formed to assure that the ordinances are enforced so council can be justly held accountable for their actions.

If these ethics ordinances were enforced, perhaps we could all focus our efforts on the betterment of our community.

Just my opinion. Thank you for your time.

Virginia Roof
Roll #1607

Dear Smoke Signals:

Here is it three weeks since the last *Smoke Signals* was published and I have not received my paper. In Hawaii, standard rate postage takes the slow boat.

I talked to Dean Rhodes in the *Smoke Signals* office last week and he said that the reason is to trim costs and save jobs. I would never argue with those reasons, but I really miss the paper!

One idea I had is subscriptions. Would it be too much trouble logistically to offer a subscription rate that would make up the difference in postage?

Judith Pettibone
Roll #717

See page 10 for more letters.

Tribal Office Closures

Tribal offices will be closing at noon Friday, May 22, and be closed on Monday, May 25, in observance of Memorial Day.

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May 20, 2009
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Portland, OR 97239
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General Council meeting
Sunday, May 3 — 11 a.m.
Tribal Community Center

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