

**NOTICE — Monthly Tribal Council Wednesday Meetings**

DATE	TIME
Wednesday, March 2.....	4 p.m.
Wednesday, March 16.....	4 p.m.
Wednesday, March 30.....	4 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 Tribal members:

I wanted to share my recent experience at Spirit Mountain Casino. I, like many other Tribal members, was suspicious of the large investment the casino leadership recommended and Tribal Council approved to renovate the rooms at Spirit Mountain Lodge. I, like many Tribal members, have no experience in how important good marketing is when we are trying to sell a product.

However, after staying there for a night in a newly renovated room, I have to admit that the investment was worth it. The new look, feel and experience of the new rooms are amazing. They remind me of a first-class hotel.

I also must mention that all the employees we encountered were unfailingly polite. One employee turned off his vacuum cleaner as we walked by him in the hallway!

I think the Lodge will increase its occupancy and that more casino visitors will stay longer because of the renovation.

I want to praise Tribal Council and the casino leadership for a job well done. Spirit Mountain Casino is our biggest Tribal asset and we should invest in its future to keep it No. 1.

Marilyn Portwood  
Roll #2915

**Zumba held Monday, Wednesday in gym**

Zumba, an easy-to-follow, Latin-inspired and calorie-burning dance fitness party, is held from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Monday and Wednesday in the Tribal gymnasium.

The first class is free and \$6 thereafter, or \$5 if participants purchase a punch card.

For more information, contact Tribal Recreation Coordinator Alton Butler at 503-879-1369. ■

**Cultural Resources holding classes**

The Tribe's Cultural Resources Department is holding cultural classes this spring.

In March, the schedule includes Paddles on March 3-4; Bailers on March 10-11; Fish Clubs on March 17-18; and Leisters on March 24-25.

There is a maximum class size of 10 per class and an overflow list will be kept in case of cancelations.

People interested in taking the classes should contact Brian Krehbiel at brian.krehbiel@grandronde.com or call him at 503-879-4639. ■

**First Foods Celebration**

Saturday, March 19, 2011  
Starting at Noon  
Community Center, Grand Ronde

Meal Service starts at Noon  
Please come and enjoy some  
Traditional Foods!

All are welcome!  
And FREE to all!

Ad created by George Valdez

**General Council meeting**  
Sunday, March 6 — 11 a.m.  
Tribal Community Center

**Smoke Signals**

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