

## General Council meeting Sunday, Sept. 11 — 11 a.m. Tribal Community Center

### NOTICE — Monthly Tribal Council Wednesday Meetings

DATE	TIME
Wednesday, Aug. 17.....	5 p.m.
Wednesday, Aug. 31.....	5 p.m.

Please note that these times and dates are subject to change if needed.

## Tribal Council Candidates Forum draws about 50

By Ron Karten

Smoke Signals staff writer

About 50 Tribal members attended the July 27 Tribal Council Candidates Forum held in the Tribal gymnasium while 15 of 17 candidates running for three Tribal Council positions attended and answered questions.

As indicated by the questions, per capita and enrollment led the list of concerns. Questions also asked about giving more decision-making input to the General Membership, about making the Tribal Council process more transparent and about the ethical responsibilities of Tribal Council members. One asked if those running for Tribal Council would be willing to punch a time clock, and another asked, "How many promises that you make when running for office are you going to keep if you are elected?"

As at previous events, candidates first introduced themselves, then answered questions selected randomly from many written down by Tribal members in the audience. Finally, all made a closing statement.

Questions written by Tribal members were deposited into and selected from a cardboard box. Some questions were drawn more than once.

Each question was drawn by Tribal member and Public Affairs Administrative Assistant Kristen Ravia and presented for one candidate to answer.

The Public Affairs office also provided lunch boxes for those attending.

Tribal member and Executive Officer Chris Leno was master of ceremonies. The Tribal Council Candidates Forum was filmed by the Tribe's Information Systems Department and can be viewed on the Tribal Web site at [www.grandronde.org](http://www.grandronde.org) under the "Videos" tab.

Tribal election ballots were mailed out in the last week of July and Tribal Election Day is Saturday, Sept. 10. ■

## School Clothes Program begins

The annual Social Services School Clothes Program is for enrolled Grand Ronde Tribal member children.

Children must be of school age and enrolled in pre-school, elementary, middle or high school. Income criteria applies.

For more information or an application, contact the Tribe's Social Services Department at 800-242-8196 or 503-879-2034. Deadline for all applications is Thursday, Sept. 15. ■

## 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 for drop-ins, or \$5 if participants purchase a punch card.

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

**Correction:** In the July 15 edition of *Smoke Signals*, a cutline misidentified Summer Youth Employee Emma Brickell, who works for the Tribal Education Department's K-5 program. *Smoke Signals* regrets the error.

### Tribal Office Closures

Tribal offices will be closing at noon Friday, Sept. 2, and be closed Monday, Sept. 5, in observance of Labor Day.

### Election Board office hours

The Election Board office is now open 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday (closed from noon to 12:30 p.m. for lunch). We will remain open until after the Sept. 10 election.

The Election Board office is in the Community Center Building. Telephone number is 503-879-2271, or you may reach us by calling 1-800-422-0232, and ask for ext. 2271. If you need to send a fax, that number is 503-879-4538.

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