

Letters

Dear Tribal members:

Hopefully, all Grand Ronde Tribal members know by now that the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Siletz Agency has been requested by the Grand Ronde Tribal Council to conduct an election to amend the Tribe's Constitution to add provisions for a primary Tribal Council election in the event more than 10 qualified candidates are nominated to run for Tribal Council.

Currently, there is no provision for a primary Tribal Council election during the Tribal Council election process that is held each year.

All Tribal members of voting age should have received a voter registration packet from the Election Board Chairman Bureau of Indian Affairs in a special Official Secretarial Election marked envelope with the red words "Important Election Material Enclosed."

If you or a Tribal member you know did not receive the voter registration packet, be sure and contact Penny DeLoe in the Tribal Member Services Department and let her know.

Because this will be a federally conducted election, not a Tribal election, any Tribal member who wishes to vote in this election must fill out the voter registration card that was mailed from the Election Board Chairman Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Be sure to sign the voter registration card exactly as your name appears on the label on the voter registration card. Return the completed voter registration card in the special no postage necessary if mailed in the United States envelope addressed to the Election Board Chairman Bureau of Indian Affairs that is in the packet. The voter registration envelope must be postmarked or received by the BIA Siletz Agency on or before May 9.

Remember, if you do not register for this BIA-conducted constitutional election, you will not be eligible to vote to the question about adding provisions to our Tribe's Constitution for a primary Tribal Council election in the event more than 10 qualified candidates are nominated to run for Tribal Council. Therefore, it is extremely important that you register to vote with the BIA if you want your voice to be heard.

Leroy Good
Roll #892

800 trees to be cut down for project

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ties and the city of Portland, we've done an exemplary job of reminding stakeholders that they're in the ceded lands of the Grand Ronde people," said Siobhan Taylor, the Tribe's Public Affairs director, who first received word that the cultural resources could be made available to Tribal members.

"As a result of these efforts, they let us know when they have projects that might affect the Tribe," Taylor said.

Some 800 trees are being taken down in the Sellwood Bridge project.

"There's been coordination with the Grand Ronde Tribe and others in the valley for about a year," said Multnomah County spokesman Mike Pullen. "When the Sellwood Bridge project began, we thought about how we could work together."

The connection came through Kevin Kilduff from the Portland office of Healthy Working Rivers, who put the county in touch with Tribal member and Tribal consultant Greg Archuleta, who works out of the Tribe's Portland office on Barbur Boulevard.

Initial concerns centered on whether Native artifacts or burial sites would be found, said Pullen, but when the arborist catalogued trees in the area, it became clear that bark from cedar trees and the wood from yew trees in the area could be used as cultural resources.

"The bark will be used for a variety of projects within our lifeways and culture classes," said Archuleta. Although the materials are being stored at the Portland Tribal office, Archuleta said that they will share with Tribal Elders and members in other locales.

Archuleta, and Tribal members Jon George, his son, Trey, Jade Unger and Eric Bernando collected the cedar bark and yew trees on Sunday, April 15.

The bark and yew wood set for a year before they are used, Archuleta said. "Then we can use the bark for basketry, cedar mats, hats, cordage and rope making, and we might be able to do some traditional cedar clothing."

Yew trees can be used for digging sticks, like digging camas, for adze handles, for bow making and other carving projects, Archuleta said.

"It was a great opportunity to have a partnership with Multnomah County to secure the trees," he said.

"I've worked for the county for 14 years," said Pullen, "and this is first time we've cut more than a couple trees. It doesn't come up very often, but it's been a real positive experience, and we would love to do it again if the opportunity comes up."

A similar possibility has already come up through Tri-Met, Archuleta said, which is building a new line to Milwaukie. And more trees may yet become available from the Sellwood Bridge project. ■

Grand Ronde Tribal Housing Authority



Down Payment Assistance Program

The Grand Ronde Tribal Housing Authority (GRTHA) has 2012 Down Payment Assistance available for applicants with moderate to low incomes. Although the budget for Tribally funded Down Payment Assistance has been committed for 2012, HUD funds may be available for qualified Tribal applicants whose gross household income either meets, or is less than the guidelines below:

Family size/Gross income	
1	\$39,900
2	\$45,600
3	\$51,300
4	\$56,950
5	\$61,550
6	\$66,100
7	\$70,650
8	\$75,200

Please call Nancy Holmes, Homeownership Coordinator, at 503-879-2445 to pre-qualify for HUD funded assistance.

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The following screening criteria is required for the Market Rate Units: Credit history, landlord history, criminal history, income (at least three times monthly rent). One adult member of the household must be an enrolled CTGR Tribal member.

HUD assisted rental applicants must meet low-income and other federal requirements.

Call GRTHA for applications or for further information at 1-800-422-0232, ext. 2401, or 503-879-2401.

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- Camping available (must camp with a parent or guardian)
- Last day to register is May 31st
- Must have permission slip signed by parent or guardian

June 28th, 29th, 30th

Meals @ 9am, 12pm, 6pm

Location Grand Ronde Pow wow grounds at the first Yamhill state park

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