

NOTICE — Monthly Tribal Council Wednesday Meetings

DATE	TIME
Wednesday, Jan. 2	4 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 16	4 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 30	4 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 13	4 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 27	4 p.m.
Wednesday, March 13	4 p.m.
Wednesday, March 27	4 p.m.

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

Smoke Signals returns to less-expensive standard rate

With the Jan. 1, 2013, issue, *Smoke Signals* returns to the less expensive standard mailing postage rate that it used from 2009 through 2011.

During preparation of the 2013 Tribal budget, Tribal departments were tasked with finding ways to be more efficient; ways to do the same job while spending fewer Tribal dollars since the overall Tribal budget was facing a significant reduction.

Publications suggested returning to the standard mailing rate, which is approximately 50 percent cheaper than mailing the paper out first class.

Tribal Council and Tribal senior administration approved the move, which will save the Tribe more than \$100,000 this year in postage expenses.

When *Smoke Signals* was previously mailed out at the standard rate, some Tribal members complained about not receiving the publication in time to know about some Tribal events.

However, the mailed *Smoke Signals* is not the only way to keep abreast of Tribal happenings and events.

Smoke Signals is posted on the Tribal Web site, www.grandronde.org, as a PDF usually a couple of days before its official publication date. To access the paper, click on

the News tab and then click on "Our Recent Issue." Tribal members can read the paper on their computer or print it out at home.

In addition, many of the Tribal events promoted in *Smoke Signals* are advertised well in advance on the Tribe's Facebook page. Become a "friend" of the Tribe on Facebook and learn about Tribal events long before they are printed in *Smoke Signals*.

Also, many of the articles and event notices are published in the News section of the Tribal Web site before they are printed in *Smoke Signals*. Be sure to check the Tribal Web site regularly for new articles and event announcements.

"Saving Tribal members' more than \$100,000 a year in mailing is a significant contribution by Publications to running a more efficient and less expensive Tribal government," said Publications Coordinator Dean Rhodes. "In addition, most papers in the country, Tribal and nonTribal, mail their editions at the standard rate.

"I encourage our readers to take advantage of the available technology so that they can keep abreast of Tribal events in a timely manner. I also encourage other Tribal departments to plan ahead so that we can give Tribal members plenty of advance notice about Tribal events." ■

Recycle Center moved

The Recycle Center has been moved to 9675 Grand Ronde Road. For more information, contact the Tribal Facilities Manager at 503-879-2407. ■

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General Council meeting

Sunday, Jan. 6 — 11 a.m.
Tribal Community Center

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