

## Flagging opportunities

TERO is working with A Plus Flagging Inc. on ODOT projects. They are seeking certified flaggers and anyone interested in becoming a certified flagger. A Plus Inc. will train and certify you! If you or anyone you know is interested, call TERO at 503-879-2188. ■

### Construction workers needed for work on upcoming projects

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) is seeking construction workers who are CTGR Tribal members and enrolled members of federally-recognized Indian Tribes to participate in a workforce that is being prepared for deployment on construction projects. Projects are located on the Grand Ronde Reservation and on ODOT projects in various locations in northwestern Oregon.

TERO is looking for workers in the following job classifications:

- Carpenter
- Laborer
- Equipment operator
- Cement masons
- Truck driver
- Electricians
- Ironworkers

In addition, TERO is also seeking experienced Native American highway traffic control flaggers for assignments to projects. A limited amount of training positions in construction trades are available to candidates that meet apprenticeship requirements.

#### Immediate need and assignments!

- Laborers
- Concrete form setter
- Concrete finisher

For an application to be considered for these opportunities or for more information, go to [www.grandronde.org/tero](http://www.grandronde.org/tero) or e-mail [tero@grandronde.org](mailto:tero@grandronde.org) or call 503-879-2188. ■

## ENROLLMENT ORDINANCE OPEN FOR COMMENT

The Tribal Council, in consultation with the Tribal Attorney's Office, adopted, on an emergency basis, proposed amendments to the Enrollment Ordinance at the July 2, 2014, Tribal Council meeting.

The primary purpose of the proposed amendments is to amend the Loss of Membership provisions in the Ordinance to provide that decisions regarding disenrollment, other than voluntary relinquishments, be made by the Enrollment Committee rather than Tribal Council. Among other things, the amendment provides that if the Enrollment Committee decision is to disenroll, then the member will be provisionally disenrolled. During the appeal process, the member will continue to receive health care and certain housing benefits. All other rights and benefits will be suspended. Suspended monetary benefits will be separately accounted for and held by the Tribe through the appeal process.

The amendment applies to loss of membership cases for which Enrollment Committee recommendations have been made, but have not yet been acted upon by the Tribal Council. The Enrollment Committee's decision may be appealed to the Tribal Court. The proposed amendments also include minor technical (i.e., typographical, housekeeping) modifications.

The Tribal Council invites comment on the proposed amendments to the Enrollment Ordinance. For a copy of the proposed amendments, please contact the Tribal Attorney's Office at 503-879-4664. Please send your comments to the Tribal Attorney's Office, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, Oregon 97347 or by e-mail to [legal@grandronde.org](mailto:legal@grandronde.org).

Comments must be received by Aug. 31, 2014. ■

## Elder Bingo postponed

There will be no Elder Bingo until 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15, at the Elders' Activity Center. For more information, contact Elder Activity Assistant Daniel Ham at 503-879-2233. ■

# 'It is a name that honors our ancestors'

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neighborhood closer together and remind families in the area that this land and more had been ceded more than 150 years ago by ancestors of the Grand Ronde Tribe.

This is the first Parks and Recreation Department name that honors the indigenous people of the area. It comes on the heels of the naming of a Willamette River bridge "Tilikum Crossing," also suggested by the Grand Ronde Tribe and also honoring the area's Native American roots.

"It is a name that honors our ancestors," said Tribal Council member Jon A. George at the unveiling, "the original people of this place, the Clackamas and Multnomah people.

"Khunamokwst Park is a name that honors us as the Willamette Valley Treaty Tribe, and our community of Portland. Together, we will enjoy the beauty and protect the health of this place, just as our ancestors did."

Tribal Council member Denise Harvey, Public Affairs Director Siobhan Taylor, Tribal Attorney Rob Greene, Land and Culture Manager Jan Looking Wolf Reibach and Administrative Assistant Reina Nelson, and her son, Peter, as well as Lewis, Archuleta, Cole, and many others from the Tribe attended.

Peter Nelson said he observed "a sense of community" at the ceremony. "They were showing love to each other and the area."

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Photo by Michelle Alaimo

**Tribal Council member Jon A. George speaks during the naming celebration for Khunamokwst Park in Portland on Thursday, Aug. 7. Tribal Council member Denise Harvey, left, also attended the event.**

sayka," said Reibach after the ceremony. It means "we are all one family."

Reina Nelson called it "a great place for the community."

All stakeholders in the development of the park participated in the naming.

About 100 coalesced for the early evening ceremony, including Tribal representatives of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians.

Members of the local community attended. Many had participated in the park's planning. Representatives of youth groups attended. They had visited many parks and consulted with established public artists before submitting design

ideas.

Leaders of the city's Parks and Recreation Department attended. Portland Parks Commissioner Amanda Fritz described features of this developing project. She cited a nature area, interactive woods and paths, a large open lawn, picnic areas, a small skateboard spot for beginners and other young skateboarders, lights at night, on-street parking, a rain garden, and the feature most promising — a flushing toilet.

Portland Commissioner Nick Fish, who set the project in motion with the purchase of the property in 2009, was honored but could not attend the ceremony.

Mike Abbate, director of the

Parks Department, emceed the event. "We are all stewards of this place," he said.

Representatives of the park's designers and builders also came for this landmark moment for the project.

Previously, this former Werbin property had served industrial purposes.

"This was all woods when I was a boy," said Donald Rumford, 78, wearing a University of Oregon cap. Until 1998, Rumford had been a maintenance man for a building that once sat right where the ceremony was taking place. He pointed to the southwest corner of the property where "a little house" used to sit, he said.

"Not in my wildest dreams did I think we'd have a park in the community," said Emily Hill, who came to the opening with her children, Pippa, 4, and Pascal, 2. The family lives eight blocks away and has been attending meetings since last summer.

"There have been rumors for longer than that," she said.

Until the completion of Khunamokwst Park, expected next spring, the family travels to Harper's playground, eight miles away.

The Tribal Canoe Family and members of Tribal Royalty sang and drummed at the ceremony's beginning and end.

Come next spring, 1,500 families will have a city park in their neighborhood. Its name will honor the legacy of the Tribe's ceded lands and the people of the Cully neighborhood. ■