



Garden season is ramping up

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Hello, Garden peeps!

It feels like spring is in the air and it's only February. It's time to start ramping up and preparing for garden season.

So far, I have more than 900 plants seeded and still have at least 2,000 more seeds to do! Anyone interested in helping seed a variety of plants for the garden can join me on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon or during the week from 7:30 a.m. to noon.

Every Saturday in March will include an educational class pertaining to gardening. Topics will include amending the soil, the importance of fertilizing, planting, using organic/natural pesticides, worm farming, square foot gardening and champion planting. Come check it out and you might find you're a natural at gardening.

The schedule for the Garden Plant Day & Potluck will be in the March 15 edition of *Smoke Signals*. I'm hoping for a huge turnout just like last year. We'll have the plants ready to be planted for April; date not determined yet.

All the plants for the Grand Ronde Tribal Community Garden will be started from seed. I've already started seeding some plants and they're starting to emerge! The first educational class was posted on the Grand Ronde Tribal Community Garden Facebook page with the topic of amending your soil for a successful harvest. March educational classes will be held 9 a.m. to noon Saturdays. The first class is on March 5 and then every Saturday in March.

Come be part of the movement in becoming self-sufficient by learning how to grow your own food, organic without the preservatives. Hope to see at there! ■

Grand Ronde Housing Department



Opportunity for comment on 2015 Annual Performance Report (APR) for Housing

Under the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996, (NAHASDA), the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will provide grants to eligible Indian Tribes/Indian Housing Authorities for the development and operation of low-income housing in Indian areas. To be eligible for the grants, respondents must submit an Indian Housing Plan that meets the minimum requirements of the Act, and also submit an Annual Performance Report to HUD, and maintain records for HUD monitoring. The Tribe, through the Grand Ronde Tribal Housing Department (GRHD), received multiple grants under this program that were active during 2015.

Comments on the Annual Performance Report are welcome and copies of this report can be obtained at the Housing Department office or by calling 503-879-2401 or 1-800-422-0232, ext. 2401. Comments must be submitted in writing to GRHD no later than 5 p.m., Tuesday, March 8, 2016. All comments will be incorporated into the final report submitted to HUD.

Housing Board seeks community input

The Grand Ronde Housing Board is inviting Tribal members and Tribal housing residents to provide input to assist its members in carrying out its advisory role to the Housing Department and Tribal Council regarding policy guidance. The Housing Board meets at 3 p.m. the third Thursday of each month in the Housing Department conference room, 28450 Tyee Road. Its chair is Matt Thomas. For more information, contact the Housing Department at 503-879-2401. ■

Tech Savvy Kids and the Uninformed Parent

Presented by the Keizer Police Department



When: March 18, 2016
10am to 12pm
Where: Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde — Adult Education Building

Target Audience:
Parents who want to know:

- What children are doing online via social media
- How to better monitor and protect the tech savvy child
- Parental rights

Review

- Sex Crime Laws
- Sexting
- Case Studies
- Cyber Bullying
- Suicide
- Creating the nexus between sexting, bullying and suicide
- Q & A Session
- Resources & Handouts

Presenter: Keizer Police Department
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Flushing prescription drugs down the toilet puts aquatic life at risk. Salmon need clean water to survive, and these chemicals have harmful effects on behavior, growth, and reproduction. Dispose of drugs properly and keep salmon habitat healthy.

