Smoke Signals **JANUARY 1, 2018** 



### **January**

- Sunday, Jan. 7 General Council meeting, 11 a.m., Tribal Community Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2301.
- Wednesday, Jan. 10 Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., Tribal Council Chambers, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2301.
- Monday, Jan. 15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Tribal offices closed.
- Wednesday, Jan. 24 Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., Tribal Council Chambers, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2301.

### **February**

- Sunday, Feb. 4 General Council meeting, 11 a.m., Portland site to be determined. 503-879-2301.
- Wednesday, Feb. 7 Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., Tribal Council Chambers, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2301.
- Monday, Feb. 19 Presidents'/Tribal Chiefs' Day. Tribal offices closed.
- Wednesday, Feb. 21 Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., Tribal Council Chambers, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2301.

### March

- Sunday, March 4 General Council meeting, 11 a.m., Tribal Community Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2301.
- Wednesday, March 7 Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., Tribal Council Chambers, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, 503-879-2301.
- Wednesday, March 21 Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., Tribal Council Chambers, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2301.

## Official Tribal Facebook pages

- Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde:
- www.facebook.com/CTGRgov
- Grand Ronde Tribal Council:

www.facebook.com/The Confederated Tribes Of Grand Ronde Tribal Council

• Grand Ronde Higher Education:

www.facebook.com/grand.r.ed

- Grand Ronde Youth Education:
- www.facebook.com/CTGRYouthEducation • Spirit Mountain Community Fund:
- www.facebook.com/SpiritMountainCommunityFund
- Grand Ronde Station:

www.facebook.com/GrandRondeStation

- Grand Ronde Royalty: www.facebook.com/CTGRRoyalty
- Veterans Special Event Board:

www.facebook.com/pages/Veterans-Board-of-the-Confederated-Tribes-ofthe-Grand-Ronde-Community

- Community Garden: www.facebook.com/GrandRondeCommunityGarden
- Grand Ronde Food Bank: www.facebook.com/GrandRondeFoodBank
- Grand Ronde Youth Council: www.facebook.com/CTGRYouthCouncil
- Grand Ronde Tribal Police Department:

www.facebook.com/grandrondepolice/

- Children & Family Services: www.facebook.com/CTGRCFS/
- Social Services Department: www.facebook.com/CTGRSocialservices/



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### **NOTICE TO ALL TRIBAL MEMBERS** ON THE SSI/SSD SUPPLEMENTAL **INCOME PROGRAM**

Attention Tribal members on SSI or SSD Programs:

Fall is here and it is that time of year again: Time to remember to send us a copy of your upcoming benefit statement for the year 2018 from the Social Security Administration so that we can update your file. This is a requirement for Tribal members between the ages of 18-54 who are wanting to re-qualify for this supplemental program.

The SSA benefit statements should start to come out to Tribal members who qualify starting around the month of November with most receiving these statements in December. If you do not receive your current benefit statement, you may order one by calling the Social Security Administration at 800-772-1213 or go online @ www. ssa.gov. Your current benefit statement must reach our office by Jan. 15, 2018, to avoid any delays in your benefits.

For Elders age 55 and older, it is a requirement that we have an updated Social Security Administration (SSA) letter of eligibility once every two years. Please note: We will be contacting every Elder on the supplemental program (SSI) to verify that we get a copy of your SSA statement. Failure to provide this document may result in your Elder tax status being changed from non-taxable Elder pension to taxable Elder pension. We will need a copy of that document (SSA award letter) to update your file.

Please mail copies of your benefit statement and the application to:

CTGR Member Services

Attn: Jolanda Catabay

9615 Grand Ronde Road

Grand Ronde, OR 97347

You may also e-mail or fax a copy to the following: Fax: 503 879-2480; e-mail: Jolanda.Catabay@grandronde.org

Note: It is the responsibility of the Tribal member to notify the Tribe of any changes in your benefits from the Social Security Administration SSI/SSD program. Failure to notify the Tribe may result in an obligation to repay ineligible benefits received, or interrupt or delay your Tribal Supplemental Security Income and Disability payments.

Feel free to contact me if you have further questions or concerns. My contact number(s): 503-879-2253 or toll-free 800-422-0232, ext. 2253.

Respectfully,

Jolanda Catabay

Enrollment Member Services specialist Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde

# **HOMELESS SURVEY**

The Tribe is seeking information on homelessness in our area. All information is confidential.

If you have experienced recently or are experiencing homelessness and reside in the local area of Grand Ronde, Sheridan, Willamina area, please complete the following survey and

return to the Grand Ronde Health & Wellness Center by Jan. 16, 2018. This information can be turned in at Patient Registration/Check In.
Name:
Phone Number:
Grand Ronde Tribal member
Non-Tribal
Parent/Guardian of Tribal Child
Other Native
Your Gender is: Male [ ] Female [ ]
Please check any that apply to your living situation:
Living in a place not meant for human habitation such as car, tents, somewhere that does not provide sewer, electricity, water
Living in emergency shelter
Living in transitional housing
Leaving an institution where you temporarily resided
Will lose housing within 14 days
Please answer any that follow:
1. Have you been homeless in the last year? Yes [ ] No [ ]
a. If you answered yes, where did you stay last night?
b. How long have you been there?
2. How many times in the last three years have you been homeless?
3. Are you housing someone who is homeless? Yes [ ] No [ ]  a. If yes, how many people are you housing?

b. Are they Tribal\_\_\_\_ or non-Tribal\_\_