

## General Council meeting

11 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 4

Monarch Hotel and Convention Center in Clackamas

### NOTICE — Monthly Tribal Council Wednesday Meetings

DATE	TIME
Wednesday, Jan. 24.....	4 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 7.....	4 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 21.....	4 p.m.
Wednesday, March 7.....	4 p.m.
Wednesday, March 21.....	4 p.m.
Wednesday, April 4.....	4 p.m.

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

## Smoke Signals starts podcast

Smoke Signals has started a new podcast on the hosting website Spreaker.com.

The first episode, posted on Thursday, Dec. 28, features Tribal Council Vice Chair Chris Mercier discussing podcasting and expansion of Tribal media outreach efforts and Editorial Board Chairwoman Siobhan Taylor talks about the board and its activities since it started meeting in June.

The second podcast, posted on Sunday, Jan. 7, features Tribal Council members Lisa Leno and Michael Langley discussing the fast transition that occurs when Tribal and Spirit Mountain Casino employees are elected to Tribal Council.

The third podcast, posted on Tuesday, Jan. 9, features Tribal Fish and Wildlife Manager Kelly Dirksen discussing Tribal efforts to help lamprey populations in the Willamette River basin.

The podcasts can be heard at [www.spreaker.com](http://www.spreaker.com) and then searching for "Smoke Signals podcasts."

"I think that podcasting will aug-



ment and complement the news coverage offered to the Grand Ronde Tribal membership by *Smoke Signals*," said Editor Dean Rhodes, who hosts the podcast shows.

"I can see us highlighting news that occurs between our current

publication cycle, which is the first and 15th of each month, and also conduct more in-depth interviews with Tribal employees and Tribal members to complement stories that appear in the Tribal newspaper."

Tribal Lands Department Manager Jan Looking Wolf Reibach, a multiple Native American Music Awards recipient, granted *Smoke Signals* blanket permission to use his Native flute-oriented music in the podcast.

"We will eventually ramp up to posting a weekly podcast," Rhodes said. "As we start, I would suggest Tribal members keep checking out the Tribe's Facebook page or visiting the Spreaker site for new shows."

For more information about the podcast or to suggest show ideas, contact Rhodes at 503-879-1463 or [dean.rhodes@grandronde.org](mailto:dean.rhodes@grandronde.org). ■

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### DEADLINE DATE ISSUE DATE

Friday, Jan. 19.....	Feb. 1
Monday, Feb. 5.....	Feb. 15
Tuesday, Feb. 20.....	March 1
Monday, March 5.....	March 15

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**Julie's office hours are:**  
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