

NOTICE — Monthly Tribal Council Wednesday Meetings
DATE **TIME**
 Wednesday, July 11.....5 p.m.
 Wednesday, July 25.....5 p.m.
Please note that these times and dates are subject to change if needed.

Election Office opens on July 23

Starting Monday, July 23, and running through Thursday, Aug. 30, the Election Office in the Tribal Community Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, will be open from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. with a half-hour lunch from noon to 12:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday. The office can be reached at 503-879-2271.

For eligible voters' convenience, blank signature verification forms will be placed in a hanging basket outside the Elections Office door. Completed forms with a notarized signature or legible copy of ID, including your signature, (driver's license, member ID card, passport, etc.) attached need to be mailed to the Election Board office for processing. The form will not be processed unless it has been notarized or includes a legible copy of ID and your signature attached.

Ballots will be mailed to voters with verified signatures on Wednesday, July 25. Tribal members may create a verified signature card at any time up to and including Election Day on Saturday, Sept. 8.

The Grand Ronde post office is no longer open to accept your ballots on Saturday, Sept. 8. For those members intending to walk into the post office with your ballot, you will have ensure that you turn it in before the post office closes at 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 7. ■

Police start non-emergency text line

The Grand Ronde Tribal Police Department has created a non-emergency text line.

"We learned in our last school meeting that kids would like a different way to communicate with the police if they have a non-emergency situation," Tribal Police Chief Jake McKnight said. "We all know kids love to text so my officers and I decided this would be a great tool to utilize."

The new text number is 541-921-2927.

"Even though this is mostly designed for children, I don't want adults thinking that they can't use it as well. If you have a non-emergency situation or question, feel free to contact my officer via text through this line. When one of my officers receives the text, they will call you back when they have time."

McKnight said that emergency situations still require people to call 911. For more information, contact McKnight at 503-879-1474. ■

Tribal Office Closures

Tribal offices will be closing on noon Tuesday, July 3, and closed on Wednesday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day.

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Friday, July 20.....	Aug. 1
Monday, Aug. 6.....	Aug. 15
Monday, Aug. 20.....	Sept. 1
Wednesday, Sept. 5.....	Sept. 15
Friday, Sept. 21.....	Oct. 1
Friday, Oct. 5.....	Oct. 15

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