

# Drug take-back event scheduled for Oct. 27

The Grand Ronde Tribal Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration will hold another drug take-back event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27, at 9655 Grand Ronde Road.

This will be the 16th opportunity for people to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused and unwanted prescription drugs. The service is free and anonymous, but the event will not accept liquids or needles or sharps; only pills and patches.

The DEA and its state, local and Tribal law enforcement partners removed almost 475 tons of medications during the last National Drug Take-Back Day held on April 28. Residents of Alaska, Idaho, Oregon and Washington accounted for more than 20 tons of that total at 190 take-back sites in the Northwest.

For more information about the disposal of prescription drugs or about the Take-Back Day event, go to [www.DEATakeBack.com](http://www.DEATakeBack.com). ■

## Medication drop box installed

The Grand Ronde Tribal Police Department, 9655 Grand Ronde Road, now has a medication drop box located in the front lobby.

Lobby hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The drop box is for any prescribed or over-the-counter medication. If the containers are too large to fit in the drop box, please repackage them in a zip-lock plastic bag. Tribal Police employees cannot handle the medications so the person dropping them off must repackage them.

Needles and liquids are not allowed in the drop box.

Tribal Police suggest mixing liquid medications with cat litter or coffee grounds and then throwing them away with the household trash.

For more information, call 503-879-1821. ■

## Police Department has 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. ■

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The entrance was built with our Elders and those with mobility issues and their ease of access in mind.

If you are coming to the center to pick up prescriptions, please park in one of our regular parking spaces.

**Thank you,**

**Grand Ronde Health & Wellness Center Administration ■**




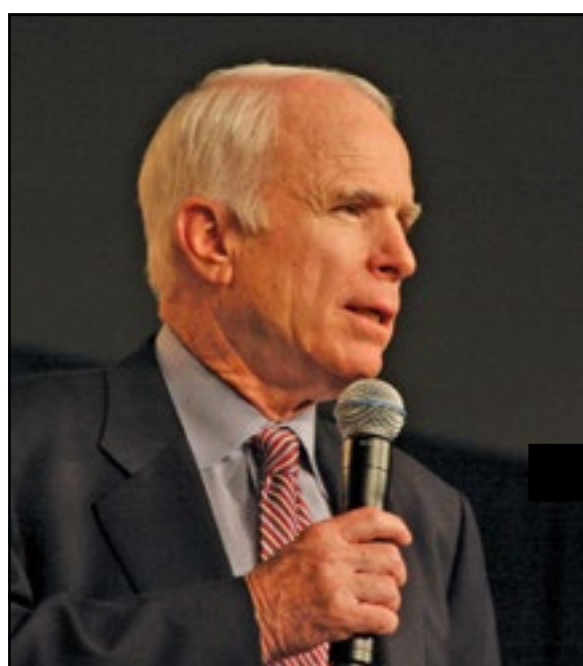
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