NOVEMBER 15, 2020 SMOKE SIGNALS

General Council meeting

11 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 6

Being held remotely using the Zoom teleconferencing program.

NOTICE — Monthly Tribal Council Wednesday Meetings Wednesday, Dec. 2......1:30 p.m. Please note that these times and dates are subject to change if needed.

ATTENTION TRIBAL MEMBERS ON THE TRIBAL SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME (SSI)/DISABILITY (SSD) & MEDICARE PART B REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAMS

It's time to send us a copy of your "2021" Social Security award letter

*If you haven't received your "2021" Social Security award letter yet, please contact the Social Security Administration (SSA) at 1-800-772-1213 or online at www.ssa.gov

*Your "2021" SSA award must reach our office by 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 15, 2021, to avoid future delays in your benefits.

Please send a copy of your "2021" SSA letter to:

CTGR Member Services Attn: Shannon Simi 9615 Grand Ronde Road Grand Ronde, OR 97347

E-mail: Shannon.simi@grandronde.org - Fax: 503-879-2480 -Phone: 503-879-1358 or 1-800-242-0232, ext. 1358

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 submit your annual SSA letter and/or notify the Tribe of any changes may result in an obligation to repay ineligible benefits received and/or interrupt or delay your Tribal Supplemental Security Income & Disability payments and Medicare Part B reimbursements.

Clothes Closet open Friday afternoons

The Clothes Closet is open from 3 to 6 p.m. Fridays on the Tribal campus near the Elders Activity Center at the end of Blacktail Drive.

The change in hours will better serve the community so people do not have to choose between going to the Grand Ronde Food Bank or the Clothes Closet. It also will be open and available to those who work.

The Clothes Closet accepts clothing, small appliances, small pieces of furniture, electronics and household goods that are clean and in good condition. It does not accept books, large TVs or furniture, but there is a community board where people can post those items.

For more information or emergency clothes, contact Lori Walker-Hernandez at 559-847-7565. ■

TRIBAL EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS ORDINANCE **OPEN FOR COMMENT**

The Tribal Council is considering amendments to the Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance. The proposed amendments were given a First Reading at the Oct. 28, 2020, Tribal Council meeting.

The proposed amendments include: (1) a provision restricting a commissioner's access to records if the commissioner also bids on a project; (2) a provision granting limited administrative supervision of the TERO Director to the Chief of Staff or in her/his absence the General Manager; (3) a requirement that TERO workers on construction projects be afforded the opportunity to work the same hours as nonTERO workers; (4) and other minor technical changes.

Tribal Council invites comment on the proposed amendments to the Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance. For a copy of the amendments, please contact the Tribal Attorney's Office at 503-879-4664. Please send your comments to the Tribal Attorney's Office, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347 or by e-mail to legal@ grandronde.org.

Comments must be received by Dec. 15, 2020.

Tribal Office Closures

Tribal offices will be closed on Monday-Friday, Nov. 23-27, in observance of Tribal Restoration Day and Thanksgiving.

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