

# Metro award will help fund Tribal Nations Center effort

PORTLAND – A \$750,000 grant from Metro is supporting the strategic planning and engagement efforts for a proposed Center for Tribal Nations and a waterfront education park at the OMSI District on the eastern shore of the Willamette River.

The Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians and Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission will lead the visioning process with Tribes, Tribal and interTribal organizations, and Indigenous community members.

Metro awarded the grant to the city of Portland and Oregon Museum of Science and Industry, which will engage a coalition of partners to explore development of the Center for Tribal Nations and education park.

“This grant is part of Metro’s efforts to acknowledge that history,” said Metro Councilor Bob Stacey. “Metro recognizes the fact that Indigenous peoples have made, and continue to make, immense contributions and innovations to the arts, education, health, economic development, environmental stewardship and civic community that make greater Portland a better place to live and work. The grant will help project partners create access and opportunity for the greater Portland Native American community through this project.”

The center and education park will seek to meaningfully restore Native peoples’ connection to the Willamette River and be part of an integrated package of redevelopment that will include riverfront restoration, and office and community spaces for Native people and Tribal and intertribal organizations that live, work or visit the Portland metropolitan region.

“This effort ... shows a turn of the times that Native people need to be present, acknowledged, visible and provided space,” said Laura John, Tribal Relations director for the city of Portland. “Having that space will help to accomplish the city of Portland’s vision as it works toward making the city a desirable destination for Native people – whether they are coming to visit or they’re coming to live and work here.” ■

# First snow



Photos by Timothy J. Gonzalez

The statues at the West Valley Veterans Memorial received a dusting of snow on Monday, Jan. 25, during the first snowfall of the winter season. Employees also left footprints in the slush heading into the Governance Center as they arrived for work. On Tuesday, Jan. 26, heavier snowfall in western Oregon forced the closure of the Governance Center for a half-day beginning at noon. Tribal offices re-opened at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 27.



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Whew, here we go again ... If you know any enrolled Grand Ronde Tribal members, no matter where they live (in or out of the service area), who are in need of assistance with the following services:

- Dental Care
- Glasses/Vision Exam
- Hearing Aid
- Braces
- Lasik Eye Surgery
- Residential Drug & Alcohol Treatment

Please spread the word and have them contact one of the following staff members to discuss being added to our deferred services list for assistance in 2021.

Some services do have longer wait times and some limitations apply, but we will be happy to assist you and answer any questions you may have.

**Please call or e-mail:**

- Leah Bailey at 503-879-2197 or leah.bailey@grandronde.org
- Erica Mercier at 503-879-2080 or erica.mercier@grandronde.org
- Kayla Leno at 503-879-1406 or kayla.leno@grandronde.org
- Melody Baker at 503-879-2011 or melody.baker@grandronde.org



## WEST VALLEY VETERANS MEMORIAL APPLICATION

**DEADLINE IS MARCH 15, 2021**

NAME:		DOB:	
ADDRESS:		CITY:	STATE: ZIP:
PHONE:		GENDER: MALE/FEMALE (CIRCLE)	
RANK:	BRANCH:	HONORABLE: YES/NO (CIRCLE)	
DOE:	PLACE OF ENTRY:		
DOS:	PLACE OF SEPERATION:		
DECEASED: YES/NO (CIRCLE)		PLACE OF BURIAL:	
CTGR TRIBAL: YES/NO (CIRCLE)		IF TRIBAL, ROLL#	

\*All applicants must submit a copy of their DD214. If applicant is deceased, a family member or spouse can submit a copy of their DD214. If you are a CTGR Tribal member please attach a copy of your Tribal ID. If you are non-Tribal please attach a copy of a bill/record with your name and address showing you had lived or now reside in Grand Ronde, Willamina or Sheridan. Please send application and all documents to Grand Ronde Veterans SEB, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR, 97347. If you have any questions, please call Steve Bobb at 503-876-3118.

Any applications received after March 15, 2021, will be kept on file for inclusion to the Memorial in 2022.