

# General Council meeting

## 11 a.m. Sunday, April 11

Being held remotely using the Zoom teleconferencing program.

### NOTICE — Monthly Tribal Council Wednesday Meetings

DATE	TIME
Wednesday, April 7.....	10 a.m.
Wednesday, April 21.....	10 a.m.

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

### LIHEAP program open in service area

The Tribal Social Service's LIHEAP – Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program – is open to eligible Tribal members in the six-county service area and Clackamas County.

This is a first-come, first-served program and income criteria applies. LIHEAP is federally funded through the Department of Health and Human Services and is designed to help low-income households with home heating costs.

For more information, contact Social Services at 503-879-2034. ■

### Congressional Art Competition seeks entries

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Congresswoman Suzanne Bonamici is accepting submissions for the 2021 Congressional Art Competition, which is open to any high school student who lives in or attends schools in her district, which includes Washington, Yamhill, Clatsop and Columbia counties and part of Multnomah County.

Local artists will select the winning student artist whose work will be displayed in the U.S. Capitol for a year. All students who participate in the competition will be invited to a virtual reception with Bonamici where the winner will be announced and all submissions shown.

Students interested in submitting artwork should visit bonamici.house.gov/services/art-competition on the Internet. Deadline for submissions is Friday, April 30. Art can be mailed to Bonamici's Beaverton office at 12725 S.W. Millikan Way, Suite 220, Beaverton, OR 97005. Staff members will be available to receive art outside the front entrance to the building from 8 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 28, and 2 to 5 p.m. Friday, April 30. ■

### BURIAL FUND ORDINANCE OPEN FOR COMMENT

The Tribal Council is considering amendments to the Burial Fund Ordinance. The proposed amendments were given a First Reading at the Feb. 10, 2021, Tribal Council meeting.

The proposed amendments increase the Burial Benefit from \$6,000 to \$7,000, and may also include minor technical (i.e., formatting, typographical, housekeeping) modifications.

Tribal Council invites comment on the proposed amendments to the Burial Fund Ordinance. For a copy of the proposed 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 Thursday, April 15, 2021. ■

**Clarification** — An article in the March 15 edition of *Smoke Signals* contained information provided by a source that requires clarification: When an Elder becomes eligible for Tribal foster care, the cost is determined by 75 percent of their income, such as Social Security, per capita payments or a pension from a job. The Elders pension received as a Tribal member is not included in determining how much is paid for adult foster care.

# Letters welcome

Letters should be exclusive to **smok signalz**.

Letters should be 400 words or less and must include the writer's name, address, phone number and Tribal roll number. You will be contacted to confirm authorship.

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