

# Food Bank news

The Grand Ronde Food Bank – iskam məkʰmək haws – is operated by Marion-Polk Food Share, which has been leading the fight to end hunger since 1987 because no one should be hungry.

Recipients of SNAP, TANF, SSI or LIHEAP assistance automatically qualify for assistance at the Grand Ronde Food Bank, 9675 Grand Ronde Road. No one will be turned away in need of a food box.

“We believe that everyone deserves to have enough to eat,” Food Bank Coordinator Francene Ambrose says. “You are welcome to get a food box at each of our regular weekly distributions. No one will be turned away in need of a food box.”

In a continuing reaction to the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic, the Food Bank will hold August food box distributions on Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

“We are asking clients to not come for a food box if they are having any symptoms or concerned about their health,” Ambrose said. “We are limiting our geographic service area to Sheridan to Otis on Highway 18 and Sheridan to Hebo on Highway 22. We are asking clients and volunteers to wash their hands immediately upon entry to the building. Our lobby is closed until further notice.

“Food box distribution is happening outside while maintaining a safe distance between clients. We are sanitizing and keeping the food quarantined for three days before distribution. Pre-made boxes are available on distribution days, limited to two days of food for two adults. Clients within our geographic service area are still welcome to visit us weekly.”

People must check in 15 minutes before closing to receive a food box. If you need immediate assistance, call 211 or visit 211info.org.

Those who are unable to pick up a food box can fill out an authorized representative form and that designated person can pick up a food box on your behalf. The authorization is good for one year.

The Food Bank is continuing the Farm Share Rx program with 35 farm shares being distributed from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesdays. It is a first-come, first-served distribution until the shares are depleted.

The Food Bank continues to seek volunteers to help with repacking food, putting food on the shelves, handing out food boxes, end-of-month inventory and picking up food donations at area stores.

Call to ensure someone is available to assist. People also can sign up for a monthly e-mail for the Food Bank calendar and events, as well as follow the Food Bank on Facebook.

The Food Bank is an equal opportunity provider.

Call Ambrose at 503-879-3663 or contact her at [fambrose@marionpolkfoodshare.org](mailto:fambrose@marionpolkfoodshare.org) for more information or to volunteer. ■

## Committee & Special Event Board meeting days and times

- **Ceremonial Hunting Board** meets as needed. Chair: Marline Groshong.
- **Culture Committee** meets at 5:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at the Grand Ronde Food Bank/iskam məkʰmək haws, 9675 Grand Ronde Road. Chair: Francene Ambrose.
- **Editorial Board** meets monthly. The next meeting will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 13, using the Zoom teleconference application. Chair: Siobhan Taylor. Contact: [Editorial.Board@grandronde.org](mailto:Editorial.Board@grandronde.org).
- **Education Committee** meets at 5:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month in the Adult Education building. Chair: Tammy Cook.
- **Elders Committee** meets at 10 a.m. the third Wednesday of the month in the Elders Activity Center. Chair: Penny DeLoe.
- **Enrollment Committee** meets quarterly in Room 204 of the Governance Center. Chair: Debi Anderson.
- **Fish & Wildlife Committee** meets at 5:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at the Natural Resources building off Hebo Road. Chair: Harold Lyon.
- **Health Committee** meets at 10 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month in the Molalla Room of the Health & Wellness Center. Chair: Bernadine Shriver.
- **Housing Grievance Board** meets at 4 p.m. the third Thursday of the month in the Housing Department conference room. Chair: Simone Auger.
- **Powwow Special Event Board** meets monthly at noon at the Community Center. Dates vary. Contact Dana Ainam at 503-879-2037. Chair: Dana Ainam.
- **TERO Commission** meets at 10 a.m. the first Tuesday of the month in the Employment Services building. Chair: Russell Wilkinson.
- **Timber Committee** meets at 5 p.m. the second Thursday of the month at the Natural Resources building off Hebo Road. Interim Chair: Jon R. George.
- **Veterans Special Event Board** meets at 5:30 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month in the old Elders Craft House. Chair: Rich VanAtta.

To update information on this list, contact Publications Coordinator Dean Rhodes at 503-879-1463 or [dean.rhodes@grandronde.org](mailto:dean.rhodes@grandronde.org).

(Editor's note: All committee and special event board in-person meetings have been suspended during the Tribe's reaction to the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic.)



**2016** – Tribal Education Manager Leslie Riggs and his staff welcomed 25 young African leaders to the Tribal campus. They were part of a cultural exchange program through Portland State's Civic Leadership Institute. “Any time you get to experience people from another culture and people who live another way of life, I'm definitely game for that,” Riggs said. “How often do you have an opportunity like this? I think it's awesome.”



2016

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**2011** – Tribal member Jake McKnight graduated from the Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training to become the first officer of the Grand Ronde Tribal Police Department. While in training, he was awarded the best in class out of 325 trainees in defensive training. “It's a historic time and a historic day for the Tribe,” Pete Wakeland, Tribal member and police supervisor, said. “We are enhancing security not only on Tribal lands, but in the local area as well. I'm incredibly proud of what's been accomplished.”

**2006** – Canoe Families throughout the Northwest came to Grand Ronde to welcome its most recent addition the Tribe, a handmade canoe that measured 33 feet long and 5 feet wide. A naming ceremony was held in the Tribal gym, with Elder and Tribal Council member Wink Soderberg speaking on the meaning and importance. Members of the Grand Ronde Canoe Family sang an honor song as the community was introduced to “stankia,” which means coyote in Chinuk Wawa.

**2001** – The Tribe's Social Services Department opened a shelter in Grand Ronde in an effort to provide a safe place for troubled youth. Social Services Director Anthony Gagliardo said the shelter took more than a year to complete. “This shelter shows a true commitment and dedication for the safety and well-being of Tribal member children,” he said at a blessing ceremony for the facility.

**1996** – Spirit Mountain Casino was being credited by local governments with helping create an economic boom in the West Valley area. According to an article in a Sheridan newspaper, eight new businesses had opened in Willamina since the casino's opening. These included an art studio, antique store, mini-mart, hair salon, two real estate offices, balloon shop, insurance office and pizza restaurant. “I guess it is a time of growth in Willamina,” Mayor Twila Hill said. “I'm sure most of it has to do with the casino. There is going to be an influx of people and money when you put 900 people to work at once.”

**1991** – Tribal Council passed several amendments to the Enrollment Ordinance to establish new procedures and criteria for adults and minors seeking to be enrolled in the Tribe. Among these were that the applicant must demonstrate close social and economic ties to the Tribe, have fully relinquished membership in any other Tribe, and either be listed on the official Tribal Roll of June 22, 1984, or be able to obtain letters from three sponsors who were Tribal members and not members of the applicant's immediate family. Minors would be required to have at least one parent on the Tribal rolls who was registered to vote and had voted in two Tribal elections prior to applying the child for membership. The new amendments were set to take effect on Jan. 1, 1994.

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