

# General Council meeting

11 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 8

Tribal Council Chambers

Tribal members can participate remotely via Zoom and in-person attendance. Call 503-879-2304 for more information.

## NOTICE — Monthly Tribal Council Wednesday Meetings

DATE	TIME
Wednesday, Aug. 21.....	4 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 4.....	4 p.m.

Please note that these times and dates are subject to change if needed. In-person attendance in Tribal Council Chambers and via Zoom.

## LETTERS

Dear Smoke Signals,

When I looked at Spirit Mountain the other day, I was saddened to see it had been desecrated.

I heard booms the other day and thought I was hearing things. When I looked up to the mountain, I saw that trees had been cut down.

Spirit Mountain has so much meaning to our Tribe. It's on our logo for both the Tribe and casino; it looks so sad. We have many ancestors buried up there and they're crying out loud to stop Hampton Lumber from cutting down more.

No amount of money is worth cutting down the trees on our mountain. I know we don't own the mountain. Why don't we? We should. I know Hampton Lumber owns it but for them to do this hurts my heart to where it's breaking wide open.

Please Hampton Lumber, stop cutting down our sacred burial land. No amount of money is worth it, please stop being so greedy. I think on a gesture of good faith, give the land back to us that was stolen from us so many years ago when we were terminated and later restored on Nov. 22, 1983.

Please give us our mountain back. Hampton Lumber, (if) you do this would help heal an open wound with so many people. My brother Jack Pichette is buried up there along with many other families who have loved ones buried up there.

Hayu Masi for taking the time to read my heartfelt letter.

Respectfully submitted,

Veronica Eileen Gaston

Roll #2332

Daughter of Oren G. Pichette and Donna Casey

## TRIBAL OFFICE CLOSURES

Tribal offices will be closing noon Friday, Aug. 30, and closed on Monday, Sept. 2, in observance of Labor Day.



## Housing Grievance Board

### Purpose:

- Carry out the grievance review function for tenants and applicants, develops grievance procedures, and to advise the Housing Department on policies and procedures pursuant to the Tribal Housing Ordinance.

### Process:

- In order to formally grieve, the resident/applicant must have gone through the grievance process informally with the Housing Department before a request to appear in front of the board.
- The Housing Department will organize the formal grievance date/time with the board and applicant/resident.
- Once the board hears the formal grievance (with both input from the Housing Department Manager and the grievant), the board will reach a decision and the grievant will be notified of the decision within 10 business days.

### Other outlets for residents, applicants, or community members:

- Public input is addressed at each Housing Grievance Board meeting. Residents, applicants and/or community members can provide public input to the board.

### Members:

- Chair: Harris Reibach
- Vice Chair: Denae Towner
- Secretary: Kalene Contreras
- Board Member: Simone Auger
- Board Member: Toby McClary
- Board Member: Vacant

### Contact information:

- HGRB@grandronde.org
- Meets at 3 p.m. the third Thursday of the month in the Housing Department conference room.

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Friday, Aug. 23.....	Sept. 1	Indigenous Journalists Association
Monday, Sept. 9 .....	Sept. 15	Oregon Newspaper Publishers Assoc.
Tuesday, Sept. 24 .....	Oct. 1	2022 IJA General Excellence
Monday, Oct. 7.....	Oct. 15	2023 IJA General Excellence

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