

IN THE FUTURE



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- kways-mun (September)
- Monday, Sept. 2 – Tribal offices closed in observance of the Labor Day holiday.
 - Wednesday, Sept. 4 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., in-person attendance in Tribal Council Chambers and via Zoom. 800-422-0232.
 - Saturday, Sept. 7 – Tribal Election Day. 503-879-2271.
 - Sunday, Sept. 8 – General Council meeting, 11 a.m., in-person attendance in Tribal Council Chambers and via Zoom. 800-422-0232.
 - Wednesday, Sept. 11 – Tribal Council swearing in-ceremony, 11 a.m., Tribal Governance Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 800-422-0232.
 - Friday-Saturday, Sept. 13-14 – Spirit Mountain Marketplace, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Spirit Mountain Casino, 26820 S.W. Salmon River Highway.
 - Wednesday, Sept. 18 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., in-person attendance in Tribal Council Chambers and via Zoom. 800-422-0232.
 - Friday, Sept. 27 – Tribal offices closed in observance of National Native American Day.

- taḥlam-mun (October)
- Wednesday, Oct. 2 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., Tribal Council Chambers and via Zoom. 800-422-0232.
 - Wednesday, Oct. 2 – Grand Ronde Emergency Services fire station grand opening, 4-7 p.m., 28480 McPherson Road. Ribbon cutting ceremony followed by dinner and an open house.
 - Saturday, Oct. 5 – mək^hmək Mania, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Chachalu Tribal Museum & Cultural Center. Open to all.
 - Sunday, Oct. 6 – General Council meeting. Tribal Council Chambers and via Zoom. 800-422-0232.
 - Monday, Oct. 14 – Tribal offices closed in observance of Indigenous Peoples’ Day.
 - Wednesday, Oct. 16 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., Tribal Council Chambers and via Zoom. 800-422-0232.
 - Saturday, Oct. 19 – Tribal plankhouse achaf hammi’s 15th birthday celebration. Doors open at 4 p.m. and a meal will be served at 5:30 p.m. Contact bobby.mercier@grandronde.org or 503-879-2076 for more information.

To stay informed of future Tribal events, visit www.smokesignals.org/calendar.

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, Sept. 4.....	4 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 18.....	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.

Missing your Tribal ballot?

The Tribal Council election is drawing near, so if you haven’t received your ballot in the mail, contact the Election Board so a new ballot can be sent out.

Office hours are 9:30 to 2:30 p.m., Monday to Thursday through Sept. 5. The phone number is 503-879-2271. In lieu of having a ballot mailed, adult Tribal members can vote in-person from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 7 at the Tribal Community Center.

Ballots can also be dropped off at the Tribal Governance Center from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday to Friday at the ballot box inside the building through Friday, Sept. 6.

Ballots that will be mailed in must be received by the Election Board on or before Sept. 7. ■

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.

All letters are subject to editing for space, grammar and, on occasion, factual accuracy. Only two letters per writer are allowed during a three-month period. Letters written in response to other letter writers should address the issue at hand and, rather than mentioning the other writer by name, should refer to the date of the letter published. Discourse should be civil and people should be referred to in a respectful manner.

Letters deemed in poor taste will not be printed. Send letters via e-mail to news@grandronde.org, or submit in person at the Tribal Governance Center in Grand Ronde, Ore., or mail to **smok signalz**, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR, 97347.



CTGR Member Services

Requests for Descendancy Options

1. Descendancy letter (no DNA testing)

2. Certificate of Descendancy (DNA testing required)

Process:

Submit completed application (digital signatures are not accepted) along with a copy of an original state certified birth certificate (we cannot accept copies) and proof of payment for the DNA from the Finance Department. Once application is received, Enrollment Office staff will process and setup the DNA appointment.

DNA at the Grand Ronde Health & Wellness Center: Cost of DNA testing is \$35 and you must pre-register with the clinic prior to your appointment. To pre-register, contact Ashley Stonebrink at 503-879-1325 or Stacy Pond-Bissonette at 503-879-2096.

To request an application or if you have any questions, contact the following:

Memberservices@grandronde.org

Enrollment staff:

Tristin Armstrong 503-879-1619, Tristin.armstrong@grandronde.org
Nick Labonte 503-879-2490, Nick.labonte@grandronde.org

Please send completed applications to:

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde
Attn: Enrollment Office
9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347

Election Board office open through Sept. 5

The Tribal Election Board office will be open through Thursday, Sept. 5. Office hours are 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Monday to Thursday.

The office is located in the Tribal Community Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. The phone number is 503-879-2271.

Blank signature verification forms have been placed in a hanging basket outside the Election Board’s office door. Complete signature verification forms, with a notarized signature or legible copy of identification including your signature, such as a driver’s license, Tribal ID, passport, etc. need to be mailed to the Election Board for processing. The form will not be processed unless it has been notarized or includes a legible copy of your ID to match signatures.

Ballots were mailed to voters with verified signatures on Wednesday, July 24. Tribal members can submit a verified signature card at any time up to and including Election Day, which is Saturday, Sept. 7.

There will be a ballot box in the Governance Center during the election season and one in the Community Center on Election Day to drop ballots off.

Ballots will be available, as they have been in the past, for Tribal members who prefer to vote in person. It is the voter’s responsibility to ensure their ballot is received by the Election Board on or before Election Day.

Remember, if using the Post Office all mail must go to Portland to be sorted before returning to Grand Ronde, so make sure your ballot is in the mail a few days early. ■