

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.”

The Food Bank will hold December food box distributions from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fridays. In addition, there is a light food box (mostly bread and produce) distribution from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesdays.

The Food Bank will be hosting a drive-through holiday food box distribution from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21.

The Food Bank will be closed Friday, Dec. 20, to prepare for Saturday’s distribution, and will remain closed from Monday, Dec. 23 through Friday, Dec. 27.

People must check in 15 minutes before closing to receive a food box on both days. 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 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 email for the Food Bank calendar and events, as well as follow the Food Bank on Facebook.

The Food Bank is an equal opportunity provider. Contact Ambrose at 503-879-3663 or 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 as needed 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 11:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 13, at the Employment Services building on the Tribal campus. Contact Chair Mia Prickett at Editorial.Board@grandronde.org for more information.
- **Education Committee** meets at 5:30 p.m. on the last Tuesday of the month in the Adult Education building. Interim Chair: Valeria Atanacio.
- **Elders Committee** meets at 10 a.m. the first and third Wednesday of the month in the Elders Activity Center. Chair: Carmen Robertson.
- **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: Reyn Leno.
- **Health Committee** meets at 10 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month in the Molalla Room of the Health & Wellness Center. Chair: Darlene Aaron.
- **Housing Grievance Board** meets at 3 p.m. the third Thursday of the month in the Housing Department conference room. Chair: Harris Reibach.
- **Powwow Special Event Board** meets as needed at the Community Center. Dates vary. Contact Dana Ainam at 503-879-2037. Chair: Dana Ainam.
- **TERO Commission** meets at 10 a.m. the second 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. Chair: Jon R. George.
- **Veterans Special Event Board** meets at 5:30 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month in the Quenelle House. Chair: Raymond Petite.

To update information on this list, contact Smoke Signals Editor Danielle Harrison at 503-879-4663 or danielle.harrison@grandronde.org.



2019 – The Tribe formally ended its effort to purchase 1.5 acres along the Willamette River in Oregon City, after being unable to agree with the owner on a price. A few months earlier, the Tribe had purchased the 23-acre former Blue Heron Paper Mill site at Willamette Falls. It had hoped to add the smaller property to its holdings.



2019 File photo

2014 – The Tribe issued a statement on the passage of Measure 91, which made possession of marijuana legal in Oregon, reminding employees and Tribal members that it is a sovereign nation and the measure did not, and does not, apply on Tribal lands. That’s partly because the Tribe receives federal grants requiring it to maintain a drug-free workplace, and marijuana remains illegal under federal law.

2009 – A contingent of Grand Ronde Tribal members led by Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy participated in the 12th annual Tribal-State Government-to-Government Summit, hosted by Gov. Ted Kulongoski, at the Oregon State Fairgrounds in Salem. Topics included the economy, how unearthed Native remains should be handled in accordance with state law and improving Oregonians’ awareness of Tribal history and sovereignty.

2004 – A Circle of Weaving gathering helped teach Tribal members and other attendees ancestral basketry techniques, and to get them interested in carrying on the traditions. Approximately 100 people attended, an estimated 70% of them Tribal members.

1999 – With construction of a new 38-unit rental complex underway on the campus, the Tribe encouraged Elders to apply for housing that would allow them to live near the governance center, health clinic and other amenities.

1994 – The Tribe purchased a two-story modular building to increase badly-needed office space for employees. The 10,752-square-foot building was to be located near Spirit Mountain Development Corporation.

1989 – No December edition was available.

1984 – Tribal membership approved the Tribe’s Constitution by an overwhelming majority. It stated that the blood quantum requirement for enrollment would be lowered to 1/16.

Yesteryears is a look back at Tribal history in five-year increments through the pages of Smoke Signals.

GENTLE YOGA

WITH INSTRUCTOR MALLORY HARMAN, LAC



FIRST CLASS IS THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12TH
4:30 PM - 5:45 PM AT THE
CTSI PORTLAND AREA OFFICE
3220 SW 1ST AVE.

All Levels Welcome - Open to the Community
Please bring yoga mats & blocks or blankets!

\$5 DONATION PER CLASS APPRECIATED

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ATTENTION ALL HOUSING TENANTS AND GUEST
PLEASE SLOW DOWN IN ELDER HOUSING
Also, please make sure and maintain low levels of music in the Elder community.