

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 November 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 closed during Thanksgiving week Monday, Nov. 24 to Friday, Nov. 28.

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 Veterans House. Chair: Molly Leno.
- **Editorial Board** meets monthly. The next meeting will be held at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 19, via Zoom. Chair: Mia Prickett. Contact Editorial.Board@grandronde.org for the meeting link.
- **Education Committee** meets at 5:30 p.m. on the last Tuesday of the month in the Adult Education building. Interim Chair: Valeria Atanacio.
- **Elder Board** meets the first and third Wednesday of the month at 10 a.m. in the Elders Activity Center. Chair: Darlene Aaron.
- **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 Monday of the month in the Cheryle A. Kennedy Public Health Building. 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: Molly Leno.

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



2020 — With the COVID-19 pandemic wreaking havoc and state restrictions on indoor gatherings, the Tribe moved its Restoration Celebration online for the 37th anniversary of restored federal recognition.

2015 — Tribal Council voted to pursue the purchase of the 31-acre Multnomah Greyhound Park in Wood Village. No longer used for dog racing, the site was listed at \$11.2 million. Tribal Council Chair Reyn Leno said the Tribe was developing a business plan for the property to diversify the Tribe’s economic base.

2010 — Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy met with President Barack Obama at the Oregon Convention Center in Portland, where Obama was appearing in support of Democrat John Kitzhaber’s campaign for governor. Kennedy was among several Native American council chairs from western Oregon to meet with the president.



2010

File photo

2005 — The Tribe left the annual Government-to-Government Summit after Oregon Gov. Ted Kulongoski left the summit before lunch, for the second year in a row. Tribal Council Vice Chairwoman Angie Blackwell told the assembled Tribes and agency heads that, “I want to thank you but my audience was with the governor and the Grand Ronde Tribe will be leaving at this time.”

2000 — The Tribe’s Veterans Committee, local veterans, their families and Tribal Council were supporting efforts to establish a new memorial to honor veterans. The effort was being led by the Tribe’s Veterans Ad Hoc Memorial Committee. Tribal member and veteran Steve Bobb designed the memorial, while Tribal members Courtney Galligher and Mark LaBonte posed in traditional regalia for the artist’s rendering of the design.

1995 — More than 4,000 Tribal members, civic leaders, business vendors and others involved in Spirit Mountain Casino attended the opening ceremonies. The casino was the newest to open in Oregon, and the largest Tribal gaming facility.

1990 — A landmark bill in Congress designated November as National American Indian Heritage Month, after years of work by The American Indian Heritage Foundation and other organizations. National and local ceremonies were planned.

1985 — Seventy-nine applicants were approved for membership in September, according to a report in Smoke Signals, bringing the Tribe’s roll to 1,682. This meant there were 1,020 new members since the Tribe’s restoration by the federal government.

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

ELECTION BOARD VACANCIES

Two alternate board member positions open.

Qualifications:

Basic computer skills / file search / email / phone inquiries / flexible hours.

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PLEASE SLOW DOWN IN ELDER HOUSING

Also, please make sure and maintain low levels of music in the Elder community.