

# General Council meeting

11 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 7

Tribal Council Chambers

Tribal members can participate remotely via Zoom and in-person attendance. Call 800-422-0232 for more information.

## NOTICE — Monthly Tribal Council Wednesday meetings

DATE	TIME
Wednesday, Dec. 3.....	4 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 17.....	4 p.m.

Please note that these times and dates are subject to change if needed. Attendance in Tribal Council Chambers and via Zoom. 503-879-2304.

## Drug take-back kiosk located at Tribal Police Department

There is a new drug take-back kiosk in the front lobby of the Grand Ronde Tribal Police Department, 9655 Grand Ronde Road. It is open during regular business hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The following items are accepted:

- Unused or expired prescription medications, including pet medications
- Unused or expired over-the-counter medications

The following items are not accepted:

- Thermometers or any item containing mercury
- Needles
- Pre-loaded needles
- Empty bottles
- Personal care products (vitamins, herbal remedies, supplements, cosmetics)
- Batteries
- Illegal drugs
- Aerosol cans ■

## TRIBAL OFFICE CLOSURES

Tribal offices will be closing at noon Wednesday, Dec. 24, and remain closed on Thursday-Friday, Dec. 25-26, in observance of the Christmas holiday. Offices also will be closing at noon Wednesday, Dec. 31, and all day on Thursday, Jan. 1, 2026, in observance of New Year's Day.

# Letters welcome

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DEADLINE DATE	ISSUE DATE	MEMBERS OF:
Thursday, Dec. 4 .....	Dec. 15	Indigenous Journalists Association
Monday, Dec. 22 .....	Jan. 1	Oregon Newspaper Publishers Assoc.
Thursday, Jan. 8 .....	Jan. 15	2022 IJA General Excellence
Friday, Jan. 23 .....	Feb. 1	2023 IJA General Excellence

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## Reminder

TRIBAL MEMBERS ON THE TRIBAL SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME/DISABILITY & MEDICARE PART "B" PROGRAMS

IT'S TIME TO SEND US A COPY OF YOUR '2026' SOCIAL SECURITY AWARD LETTER!

If you haven't received your '2026' Social Security Award letter yet, please get in touch with the Social Security Administration at 1-800-772-1213 or online at [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov). Your current SSA award letter must reach our office by Friday, January 16th, 2026, by 5:00 PM to avoid any future delays in your benefits.



Please send a copy of your 2026 SSA letter to:  
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Attn. Shayla Murphy  
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NOTE: It is the responsibility of the Tribal member to notify the Tribe of any changes in your benefits from the Social Security Administration SSI/SSD program. Failure to submit your yearly SSA award letter and/or notify the Tribe of any changes may result in an obligation to repay ineligible benefits received and/or interrupt or delay your Tribal Supplemental Security Income & Disability payments and Medicare Part "B" reimbursements.

