

## Gila River names new police chief



Joshua Jovanelly/GRIN

Chief Kathleen Kirkham outside the police station in Sacaton.

**By Joshua Jovanelly**  
Gila River Indian News

After more than two years of functioning without an official police chief, the Gila River Police Department has a new top official.

Chief Kathleen Kirkham, who began working in March and will be sworn in April 11, brings 20 years of law enforcement experience

to her role atop GRPD. She will fill the shoes of Edward Alameda, who had been serving as acting chief since 2012. Alameda will resume his former position as a commander.

Kirkham grew up in Mesa and worked in the Mesa Police Department since 1993 before retiring last year. Her time with Mesa exposed her to many sides

of police work, including patrol, criminal investigations, domestic violence, gang enforcement and narcotics.

Most importantly, Kirkham brings with her a data-driven approach to crime fighting known as CompStat. The management model, which was used successfully in New York and Los Angeles before spreading to cities like Mesa, uses statistical information to help police officials make the best decisions possible about where and how to utilize resources. Supporters of CompStat tout its effectiveness in reducing crime as well as helping the police force be transparent and accountable to the people.

"Everybody's accountable for their performance from the high-ranking people all the way down," Kirkham said during an interview in her office.

The CompStat data is collected in a 28-day cycle. Kirkham plans to hold monthly meetings, open to the public, where the stats

can be discussed and the Community can see how GRPD is handling crime.

"I want to bring that here because this community is a great community and they deserve to be safe," Kirkham said.

Reducing the rate of violent crime in the Community will be a top priority, Kirkham said. "My number one goal here is to have Gila River be the safest Indian community," she said.

To do this, Kirkham plans to address the root causes of the criminal behavior rather than just throwing offenders in jail. Kirkham has a strong belief in restorative justice and knows that "you can't arrest your way out of a problem." She points to programs like job training and alcohol and drug rehabilitation that will help offenders turn their lives around. "If you institute a mechanism to prevent it from occurring in the first place, then that's where you're going to see the greatest gains," Kirkham said.

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It will be up to all the departments of the Gila River justice system, not just the police, to collaborate with one another for the betterment of the Community. Kirkham is confident they will get there.

"We all need to be focused on a common goal which is to make this community safe," Kirkham said. "I think it's going to happen."

## Hemako art show provides opportunities for talented tribal members

**By Roberto A. Jackson**  
Gila River Indian News

The work of an artist is never done, and the work of the artist group known as the River People Collective took a big step in promoting homegrown talent at the Hemako art show. Artists shared a creative platform at the Hemako Gila River Art Fair as they exhibited their work at the Anthony B. Shelde Building at Wild Horse Pass on Saturday March 29.

The open space of the Shelde building, as well as the back patio, was lined with a variety of artisans who displayed their work, made sales and shared the common truth of participating in a show made by GRIC artists for GRIC artists.

River People Collective

members David Molina, a painter from District 7, and Amy Davila, a photographer from District 4, organized the event to be part art show, part marketplace, as well as an introduction for those that might be unfamiliar with local artists. Molina said Hemako was intended to be an opportunity for artists to spread culture and promote their businesses while networking for engagements.

"I'm really happy about the outcome," Davila said.

Davila's photography was used as the imagery for the flyer.

The show was named Hemako, which means "one," because it was the River People Collective's first show and fittingly because all the artists united as one.

The Gila River Business

Owners Association provided some sponsorship for the event.

District 6 traditional seamstress and fashion designer Cher Thomas turned the Shelde building floor into a runway for a traditional fashion show featuring her Native American inspired clothing.

"This art fair expands different mediums and shows that members of the tribe are very artistic and have different ways of expressing their cultural heritage," Thomas said.

Thomas also donated a Pendleton pow-wow bag as part of a promotional giveaway for the art show.

With the success of Hemako, the River People Collective is looking for more ways to promote



Roberto A. Jackson/GRIN

Photographer Amy Davila at the Hemako Gila River Art Fair at the Anthony B. Shelde Building on March 29.

Gila River artists and their work. The group is looking at August for the next possible show.

**By Annie Gutierrez**  
Gila River Indian News

From sunset to sunrise, runners from all four sister tribes journeyed together to preserve a long O'odham tradition of running and prayer during the 19th Annual Unity Run.

From March 16 to 22 over 150 runners from Tohono O'odham, Ak-Chin, Akimel O'odham (Gila River) and Onk Akimel (Salt River) ran approximately 295 miles carrying prayers and blessings to their respective communities, districts, villages and nations. "The run unifies and strengthens our O'odham hemajkam (people),"



Jaime Jackson/CPAO

Runners gather in District 5 during the approximately 295 mile Unity Run.

said organizer and runner Renee Jackson, D5. "The spiritual journey also strengthens our connection with our sister tribes and our

O'odham jeved (land)..."

The relay-style run began in San Xavier Village, Tohono O'odham Nation and continued

onto Ak-Chin Indian Community, Gila River Indian Community and ending at Red Mountain on the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian

Community.

At designated stops, supporters greeted runners with songs, dances and extended hospitality as they rested, ate and listened to members and fellow runners share stories, history and similar struggles of each community.

Jackson also praised the youth's participation, saying, "It feels good to hear the run has inspired the young runners from across our communities to learn more about their culture and history and to become more physically active...They've made friends over the years and they look forward to it each year."

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# Enhanced Lifeline

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If you live on Gila River and participate in one or more of the programs listed, you qualify for Enhanced Lifeline. Only one program is needed to qualify. You will need to provide a copy of your proof of eligibility. You can also qualify based on income. Please see the income guidelines. (Effective January 24, 2013) (Income guidelines are subject to change)

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## Simple to apply

Complete an Enhanced Lifeline application form and mail it to GRTI, or drop the form off at the GRTI office in the Lone Butte Industrial Park. If you need an application call GRTI Customer Service at (520) 796-3333 or go to www.gilanet.net.

## Pays for installation

When you sign up for new service with GRTI and qualify for Enhanced Lifeline, you also qualify for Link-Up. Link-Up pays for \$45 of the GRTI installation fee.

| Income Guidelines |               |
|-------------------|---------------|
| Family Size       | Annual Income |
| 1                 | \$15,755      |
| 2                 | \$21,236      |
| 3                 | \$26,717      |
| 4                 | \$32,198      |
| 5                 | \$37,679      |

**For each additional person in the home add \$5,481 to income eligibility requirements.**

# Understanding Enhanced Lifeline

Lifeline is a federal program and carries guidelines and requirements that must be followed. Here are helpful tips to ensure you continue to receive your monthly Lifeline phone credit.

## Can I have multiple Enhanced Lifeline benefits?

No more than one person can receive Lifeline benefits per household. If there are two Families living at the same address, the second Head of Household may order another line if they qualify under the Federal Life Line guidelines.

## Do need to recertify my benefits every year?

Once enrolled, you are required to verify your continued eligibility on an annual basis with supporting documents as required for the program you qualified under. GRTI will contact you by mail asking you to recertify. If you don't recertify your eligibility, you will lose your Lifeline benefit.

Recertification for the next year starts in July and must be submitted no later than December 31st of the current year. If you become ineligible for the benefit for any reason, you must contact your provider immediately to de-enroll.

## Does the Phone Service Have to Be in the Name of the Person Receiving the Program Benefit?

The phone service needs to be in the name of a person within a household receiving the benefit; however, the person who qualifies for Lifeline must be a member of the same household as the subscriber.

## What if I Am Receiving More Than One Lifeline Service?

Customers enrolled with duplicate Lifeline services (wireless and/or wireline) are not allowed. You will need to select a single provider and de-enroll from any other Lifeline programs. Failure to follow the Lifeline Program rules could result in the loss of your discount. Any consumer who makes false statements in order to obtain discounts can be punished by fine or imprisonment or can be barred from the program.



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In Memory of

**Marvin Johnson, Captain-Retired Gila River Fire Department**



July 25, 1959 - March 15, 2014

The Gila River Indian Community and the Fire Department honor the life of one of their own, Captain Marvin Johnson. Captain Johnson passed away Saturday, March 15, 2014 at the Caring House in Sacaton, Arizona.

Captain Johnson began his career with the Gila River Fire Department on March 29, 1999 after serving with the Community's Cultural Resources and the Department of Rehabilitation Services.

Marvin was also a veteran having served in the United States Army.

Marvin gave selflessly of his time and himself throughout his life and in service to the Gila River Community and Fire Department. Marvin has served Gila River with integrity, strength and honor. He will be greatly missed.



**COMMUNITY Meeting**

**BE INFORMED, GET UPDATED**

On Saturday, April 19, 2014  
 Another opportunity to learn about the  
**H.R. 1410 - Keep the Promise Act**  
 Gila River Litigation with the Tohono O'odham Nation.

Time: 8:30 am  
 Sheraton Wild Horse Pass Resort  
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 5594 W. Wild Horse Pass Blvd,  
 Chandler, Arizona

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## GRICUA breaks ground on LEED-certified administrative building

By Joshua Jovanelly  
Gila River Indian News

The Gila River Indian Community Utility Authority broke ground on a new administrative building March 24 in a morning ceremony on Sundust Road.

The 7,500-square-foot, one-story office — scheduled to open at the end of the year — will be the Community's first LEED-certified structure, according to GRICUA board chairman John Lewis. Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design certification recognizes projects that are environmentally friendly, energy efficient and sustainable. The GRICUA building will have solar panels over the parking structure that will feed about 120 kilowatt hours per day into the building.

Plans for the new building call for a larger lobby area for customers, a bigger boardroom that can accommodate GRICUA staff and an educational kiosk that will demonstrate the structure's solar power capabilities. Employees will have access to a break room and an exercise room for the first time.

With the morning sun slowly rising behind him during the 6:30 a.m. ceremony, Lewis said the building represents progress not just for GRICUA but also for the Community.

"The Community is experiencing a great amount of growth and great amount of activity and I'm just very happy for GRICUA to be part of that," Lewis said.

In designing a LEED-certified building, GRICUA hopes to send a message that it is devoted to a long-term vision of a sustainable future. Being conscious of the environment is also a way to pay homage to the ancestral lands of the O'otham.

"We are committed to our environment, we're committed to our community and we're doing things that are in tune with our O'otham roots," Lewis said.

Even better, added GRICUA general manager Leonard Gold, for this message to come from the Community's utility enterprise. "Since we're the electric company we just felt that we should set the standard for doing this," Gold said.

Operations director Kathy Galloway and finance director Arnold Mejia join Gold on the GRICUA management team. Lewis recognized the hard work of the team and the consistent quality customer service the GRICUA staff provides to the Community.

Gold and his team have been looking into the plans for a new building since January 2011. "It's been a long journey. In fact, when



Joshua Jovanelly/GRIN

Members of GRICUA's board of directors joined Council members to break ground on the utility authority's new office building on Sundust Road. The structure will be energy efficient and sustainable.

we started I didn't need these reading glasses and my hair was a couple of shades darker," Gold joked to the audience of about 50.

Three years ago, it became clear that the current building and extended mobile units would not be able to keep pace with GRICUA's growth. Although there were some delays, Gold said he found the right contractor in Pace Pacific and is excited to see

them get started on construction.

"I'm grateful to the belief, trust and support of the GRICUA staff, the GRICUA board, the Community Council and the project team," Gold said. "This wouldn't have happened without everyone's patience and perseverance."

The rest of the GRICUA board attended the ceremony, including vice-chairwoman Belinda

Nelson, treasurer Neil Banketewa and secretary Althea Walker. Councilmembers Monica Antone (D4), Norman Wellington (D4) and Robert Stone (D5) were also in attendance. Barnaby Lewis conducted a traditional blessing, followed by a performance from the Achem A'al basket dancers of District 6.

## New chief prosecutor brings wealth of Indian country experience



Joshua Jovanelly/GRIN

Rebecca Plevel brings a lengthy career of prosecution experience in Indian Country to her new role as chief prosecutor. She plans to make the Prosecutor's Office more engaged with the Community.

By Joshua Jovanelly  
Gila River Indian News

Newly appointed Chief Prosecutor Rebecca Plevel brings a wealth of experience litigating in Indian Country to the top position of the Gila River Prosecutor's Office.

Since obtaining her law degree from the University of Arizona in 1991, Plevel, who has ancestry with the Muskogee Creek tribe, has worked in multiple Native American communities including Pascua Yaqui, White Mountain Apache, Ak-Chin and Hopi. She held the chief prosecutor position at all of them except for White Mountain, where she was an assistant tribal attorney.

Plevel has also worked outside of Indian reservations. She had stints as a county attorney in both Maricopa and Coconino counties. She is admitted to practice in the state of Arizona, the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals and Federal District Court of Arizona.

Most recently, Plevel was running a private practice, but one of her very first internships during law school was clerking for the chief judge at Pascua Yaqui. Returning to work in Indian Country feels like coming full circle. "I kind of feel like I've come back to where I started," Plevel said during an interview in her office.

Plevel recognized that working in Indian Country was a

unique atmosphere to which she was drawn to return. "Sometimes it feels more like a community than working on the outside because it is a smaller community. You have to make things work," she said.

Plevel enters the job a few months before the Prosecutor's Office will be able to prosecute felony-level offenses for the first time ever. On May 1, changes from the Tribal Law and Order Act are scheduled to go into full effect in GRIC, meaning felony offenders can be sentenced to up to three years in prison per crime. (The previous maximum was one year.)

"It's been a long time coming," Plevel said of TLOA. She

understands that with the greater prosecution power comes greater responsibility. One of the biggest pieces will be "making sure that we [are] complying with everyone's civil rights," Plevel said. "And making sure we do it credibly, and there's got to be some transparency to the Community."

Engagement with the Community is a top priority for Plevel. She said she would encourage her staff to participate in outreach ef-

orts to the districts, schools and youth education programs like Close Up. This kind of community interaction will show members "we're not the bogeyman."

"My job here is to serve the Community and provide not just prosecution of crimes but justice," Plevel said.

### April is National Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Join the Gila River Crime Victim Services Program for:

**D3 Movie Viewing and Discussion**  
Date: April 16, 2014  
Location: Sacaton Dialysis Center  
Time: 11am-2pm

**D6 Movie Viewing and Discussion**  
Date: April 23, 2014  
Location: D6 (Komatke) Learning Center  
Time: 11am-2pm

Both events will consist of a movie screening of "Listen to the Grandmothers" with light snacks and refreshments followed by a discussion of sexual violence. The event will be an opportunity for attendees to receive a teal awareness ribbon made by Community members, outreach/promotional items and CVS services and resources



For more information on the event or if you need to speak with an advocate please call Crime Victim Services at (520)562-4106  
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# COMMUNITY UPDATES BY GRIN STAFF

Here are some regular updates on the on-going issues pertaining to the Gila River Indian Community.

## Glendale opposes H.R. 1410, Gov. Mendoza says opposition still strong

Some of Glendale's leaders are warming to the Tohono O'odham Nation's plan for a West Valley casino, while opponents of the casino continue to put their hopes in litigation and congressional action.

The Glendale City Council voted 4-3 in late March to oppose H.R. 1410, the "Keep the Promise Act," a congressional bill that would block any additional casinos from opening in the Phoenix metro area until the gaming compact expires in 2027. (The bill has passed the U.S. House of Representatives and is awaiting

action from the Senate.) This action came shortly after a majority of the city council directed city staff to begin negotiating with the Tohono O'odham Nation on its casino proposal.

The controversial casino, slated to be built on 95th and Northern Avenues, has been in the works since 2009 when the southern Arizona tribe revealed its plans to develop lands it purchased near Glendale for gaming. Supporters say it will create jobs and spark the economy, while detractors, including Glendale Mayor Jerry Weiers, say it will

drain sales tax revenue and compete with the surrounding businesses.

The Gila River Indian Community, joined by Salt River, Ak-Chin and a number of other tribes, believes the Nation's casino designs violate the spirit of the gaming compact of 2002. The agreement stated that tribes would limit the number of casinos in exchange for exclusive rights to gaming. GRIC argues that the limit has been reached and no new casinos can be built in the Phoenix area. But a federal district court judge disagreed.

The case is now being taken to the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals.

In response to the Glendale council's willingness to negotiate with the Nation, Gov. Gregory Mendoza in an opinion piece submitted to the Arizona Capitol Times warned Glendale citizens to "proceed with caution when chasing empty promises."

Mendoza stated that the large group that still opposes the casino, "including Gov. Jan Brewer, Attorney General Tom Horne, nearly the entire Arizona Congressional delegation, a host of

Valley mayors and tribal communities statewide, has not changed one iota."

"You can expect the promises to flow like water soon," Mendoza continued, "and the revenue figures to be mind-boggling – perhaps even astonishing enough to persuade a handful of politicians desperate to bail out Glendale from the brink of financial disaster."

Mendoza concluded: "Too often, promises committed to paper are not nearly what they appear to be."

## ADOT announces widening of I-10, project begins this summer

Interstate-10 between Wild Horse Pass Boulevard and Riggs Road will undergo construction beginning this summer, officials from the Arizona Department of Transportation announced at a March 27 meeting held at the Gila River Office of Emergency Management.

The approximately four-mile improvement project will take place in three phases.

The primary phase will be the addition of an auxiliary lane in both directions for the stretch between Wild Horse Pass and Queen Creek Road. The extra outer lanes will help ease traffic jams by reducing the weaving that

sometimes occurs as the on-ramp lane merges with the two-lane I-10. The expansion would allow a driver heading eastbound to enter the freeway at Wild Horse Pass and exit at Queen Creek without merging with another lane.

The second phase will improve the pavement for all existing lanes between Wild Horse Pass and Riggs. The final phase includes refurbishing the signage on the same stretch, making sure they are up to standard in terms of shading, reflectivity and the size of letters.

Construction is scheduled to begin in June or July and finish by the end of the year. The lane widening

will take place during the day — the original two lanes will remain open — and the repaving will occur at night. On-ramps may be closed at certain times but at least one lane will remain open during night construction.

The information on the freeway construction will help the Office of Emergency Management make informed decisions about emergency planning as events like the Super Bowl in 2015 draw near.

More information will soon be available on [azdot.gov](http://azdot.gov) under Projects.



Joshua Jovanelly/GRIN

View of Interstate-10, south of Sundust Road.

## Clean-up group picks up litter and paints over graffiti in District 6



Annie Gutierrez/GRIN

GRPD Explorers and Officer Rachelle Rodriguez pick up litter near District 6 Sundust Circle playground.

By Annie Gutierrez  
Gila River Indian News

Sundust Circle is looking more welcoming thanks to the numerous volunteers who helped beautify the District 6 housing area in an act to prevent crime in the neighborhood.

On March 29, the Department of Community Housing collaborated with Gila River Police Community Response Team, the District Six Committee Board, District One Block Watch Committee, Department of Public Works and the Citizens Advisory Board to host a beauti-

fication project in an aim to promote and support a community block watch program.

Local residents and volunteers from various community and mentor groups worked together Saturday morning to pick up trash that lay in the streets, walkways and alleys and paint over gang graffiti that surround the housing neighborhood. Afterward, DCH provided lunch for all the hard workers.

"[Our] goal is to make an environment safer for residents, guests and visitors," wrote DCH Drug Elimination Coor-

dinator Derwin Cooper in an e-mail. "Through [beautification projects] it sends a message to all criminals that there is a responsible person nearby and their criminal activity is unwelcomed."

In addition to District 6, DCH plans to host more Crime Prevention Clean-up events in the community with District 4 next in line.

"We welcome and encourage everyone to come out and support their community. We are very thankful for those who continue to support our efforts,"

said Cooper. "Crime prevention is not only the responsibility of the DCH and GRPD, but incumbent upon all members to take an active role in reporting criminal activity to appropriate authorities."

The next Crime Prevention

Neighborhood Clean-ups are scheduled for Saturday April 5 at District 4 Gila Butte Housing and April 19 at Snaketown Circle Housing. District 5 Pedro-site Housing is also on the list for April 26.

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## Pinal County Library Federation



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Ira H. Hayes Memorial Library hosted the Pinal County Library Federation meeting on Friday, March 21. Librarian Ramona Tecumseh stands behind the welcome sign with all the visiting librarians.

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### DID YOU KNOW?

Earth Day is April 22, 2014.

Community Event at Ira Hayes Memorial Park from 10am-2pm

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## AMAZE



## 5th Annual Cancer Awareness Day Event "Honoring the Journey"

April 26, 2014

District 5 Vah-ki Multi-Purpose Building



A continental breakfast and a light lunch will be served to all visitors.

Registration starts @ 6:00 am

Pre-registration will be available. For more information, contact: Tyrel Thinn @ 520-562-2025

10K run, 3-person 10k relay, & 1 Mile walk start

@ 7am

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For more information, contact Devin Pablo (Communiy Health Education Program) @ 520-550-8000



**Earth Day Fashion Show!**

In celebration of Earth Day on April 22, the Department of Environmental Quality is hosting the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Recyclable Material Fashion Show.

Display your creative side by designing an outfit using only recyclable/reusable materials. Represent your department as you strut your stuff on stage at the Ira Hayes Memorial Park!

You may use:

- Any type of plastic
- Aluminum: cans, foil, food containers
- Paper/cardboard: boxes, newspapers, etc.



Entries are limited to one contestant per department. For an application, please contact Janet Travis or Althea Walker. If your department would like to register for a booth, contact Manual Fontes. All can be reached via GRIC employee email or 562-2234.



Ideas for items to use:

- Plastic flowers
- Reusable grocery bags
- Natural materials such as dried flowers, sticks
- Plastic bubble wrap (please keep it for later use!)
- Old CDs attached to clothing
- Twine
- Jewelry made of bottle caps, old buttons, etc.

\*The possibilities are endless!\*



Earth Day Event: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Fashion Show begins at Noon

**Earth Day Celebration**

Submitted by

Gila River Indian Community Department of Environmental Quality

Many of you may have heard the term “Earth Day” before, but did you know that this special day (April 22) marks the anniversary of what many consider the birth of the modern environmental movement began back in 1970?

At the time, Americans were pumping leaded gas into large automobiles with V8 engines. Industry belched out smoke and sludge with little fear of legal consequences or bad press, and air pollution was commonly accepted as the smell of prosperity. Although mainstream America remained oblivious to environmental concerns, the stage had been set for change.

The idea for Earth Day came to founder Gaylord Nelson, then a U.S. Senator from Wisconsin, after witnessing the ravages of the 1969 massive oil spill in Santa Barbara, California. Inspired by the student anti-war movement, he realized that if he could infuse that energy with an emerging public consciousness about air and water pollution, it would force environmental protection onto the national political agenda. After Senator Nelson proposed his idea to a

small group of conservationists in Seattle, a news agency published a story about the event.

As a result, on the 22nd of April, 1970, 20 million Americans took to the streets, parks, and auditoriums to demonstrate for a healthy, sustainable environment in massive coast-to-coast rallies. Thousands of colleges and universities organized protests against the deterioration of the environment. Groups that had been fighting against oil spills, polluting factories and power plants, raw sewage, toxic dumps, harmful pesticides, the loss of wilderness and the extinction of wildlife, suddenly realized they shared common values.

Earth Day 1970 achieved a rare political alignment with support from Republicans and Democrats, rich and poor, urban and rural Americans. The first Earth Day led to the creation of the United States Environmental Protection Agency, and eventually the passage of the Clean Air, Clean Water, and Endangered Species Acts.

In 1990, Earth Day went global. It mobilized 200 million people in 141 countries, and lift-

ed environmental issues onto the world stage. Earth Day 1990 gave a huge boost to recycling efforts worldwide, and helped pave the way for the 1992 United Nations Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro. In 1995, it prompted President Bill Clinton to award Senator Nelson the Presidential Medal of Freedom -- the highest honor given to civilians in the United States -- for his role as Earth Day founder.

The fight for a clean environment continues in an atmosphere of increasing urgency as the ravages of climate change become more evident every day.

For a number of years, the Community’s Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has celebrated Earth Day to raise public awareness about environmental issues locally, nationally and globally. We invite you to be a part of Earth Day and learn what the various DEQ programs are doing to protect the Community’s resources. Please help us achieve more victories so we can build a clean, healthy and safe environment for generations to come!

**Integrated Pest Management (IPM)**

Submitted by

Gila River Indian Community Department of Environmental Quality

IPM focuses on the fundamental reasons why a pest is a problem in the first place. IPM reduces risk, is cost effective, and pesticides are used only when necessary. Pesticides kill pests, but do not necessarily prevent them. IPM is not a single pest control method but rather a series of pest management evaluations, decisions and controls.

An IPM plan consists of techniques to:

- Avoid attracting pests
- Keep pests out of your home
- Remove pests using the safest most effective methods

Do you really need to use a pesticide? Like humans, pests require three critical elements to survive: food, water, and shelter.

Before using pesticides, try these simple steps to control or kill pests:

**STARVE THEM OUT**

Pests will eat just about anything, but they might leave you alone if they don’t have easy access to food

- Seal up boxes and bags of food. Store open food in plastic bags or use containers
- Clean up spills and leftover

crumbs; don’t forget behind the stove and under toasters.

- Keep a tight lid on trash and empty it often. Place trash cans far away from a back door entrance.

**DRY THEM OUT**

Although roaches can live up to one month without food, without water roaches can die in a week’s time.

- Always drain dish water from a sink and repair leaking/dripping fixtures.

• Empty excess water in flower pots and plant stands. A drop of water can be all a roach needs to feel satisfied.

**KEEP THEM OUT**

By keeping ants, roaches and rodents out of your home, you can prevent them from ever becoming a problem.

- Seal cracks and openings along baseboards, behind sinks, and around pipes and windows.
- Repair holes in door and window screens to prevent insects and other pests from entering a home.

• Clean up clutter, including stacks of newspapers, paper bags, and cardboard boxes.

Remember, a vacuum is your best friend for physically removing insect pests.

Look for one with a HEPA filter if possible.

For additional information regarding proper pesticide usage or choosing a pest control company, please contact: Department of Environmental Quality, Pesticide Control Office at 520-562-2234



**GRIC RECYCLES**

In 2011, GRIC began offering residential recycling service to Districts 2 & 3 as part of a pilot project funded by a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. From May 2011 to September 2013, the two districts have recycled over 352,000 pounds (176 tons) of recyclable material. On average, 13,000 pounds of material is collected each month. In October of 2013, the recycling program expanded service to include Districts 1 & 4. The DEQ and the Department of Public Works are working in conjunction to complete expansion of recycling services to the remaining districts by the end of the year.



# GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY EARTH DAY



APRIL 22, 2014  
10AM-2PM  
IRA HAYES MEMORIAL PARK  
SACATON, AZ

FOOD/RAFFLE/ENTERTAINMENT

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT: DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
520.562.2234



# TRIBAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT "MASHCHAMA HA JENIKTHA"



## Students see their future in Close Up program



Mikhail Sundust/GRIN

Students in the Close Up program attended a Community Council meeting in Sacaton on April 2. The students introduced themselves at the meeting then shook hands with the council representatives. The program teaches the basics of tribal and state government as well as culture classes.

By Mikhail Sundust  
Gila River Indian News

The Gila River Indian Community Close Up program has been teaching inquisitive young Community members about tribal government for 15 years.

Close Up is "a boot camp of politics, so to speak," said District 7 Councilman Devin Redbird, who, under the direction of Youth Council Coordinator Michael Preston, has been an organizer and facilitator of the camp for the past four years.

GRIC high school students from all seven districts participated in the annual three-day camp. This year, nearly 30 youth – including three members of the Akimel O’odham/Pee Posh Youth Council – joined in.

The camp was broken up into several sessions over three days from March 31 to April 2. They covered such topics as the differences between the three branches of government, the GRIC Constitution, the Arizona tribal-state gaming compact and the legislative process on a more in-depth level than any textbook could. On the last day, the students attended a Community Council meeting and introduced themselves to the Council members.

Keenan Morgan, 19, said, "It's a good program because it gives a good insight on what needs the youth need to take [part] in."

Morgan's goal after he graduates is to become a firefighter. But after Close Up, he said he would definitely consider running for a

seat on the Community Council in the future as well. "The thing that really interested me was [how] the judicial, legislative and executive branches...work [together]."

Close Up is an immersive educational program. "We gave them real life scenarios," said Redbird.

For example, early in the program, the 29 students selected a mock council of seven members. Gus Pablo, 17, was elected governor and Akicita Yellowman-Lewis of District 4 was elected lieutenant governor. (Coincidentally, Yellowman-Lewis is the nephew of Lt. Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis.)

On the first night, as an exercise in budgeting, Redbird separated the mock council from the other participants and divided the remainder up into groups repre-

senting Districts 1-3, 4 & 5 and 6 & 7. Each group was presented with an allowance of funds from a savings cache of \$25 million to support community programs, economic development projects or whatever they chose.

Each group debated on the best way to use Community dollars – most wanted to start an economic development project to supplement casino revenues – and they convened 20 minutes later in a mock council meeting.

As it turned out, the Close Up Council voted to ratify only their plans for the future and considered none of the requests made by the district groups.

Using what they learned from "the constitution part of the exercise," Redbird told the Community Council at its April 2 meeting, "they initiated a recall because [the council] didn't listen to the people and they were just elected a few hours [before] saying they were for the people." All but Lt. Gov. Yellowman-Lewis and two councilmembers who voted against the council decision were "recalled."

"The students did that on their own," Redbird said, "but that's the actualities of the constitution; they have the right to do so. The debate went on and the students were really into it."

As always, the program offered cultural classes in addition to the government lessons. Ginger Martin, a well-known Gila River historian, led a session on GRIC history and Tribal Education Cul-

ture Coordinator Joyce Hughes taught a class on the O’otham language.

"I'm very happy and thankful for what our tribe does for the youth," said Close Up Gov. Pablo. "People just see us having fun and going out and making memories. Well, it is that but I see the deeper part of it. This is our tribal government. We're going to learn about this – that's what I'm here for. When we were on break I was making jokes and making everyone laugh, being myself but when it was time to get down to everything we had to do, I was just serious."

A natural public speaker, Pablo said he hopes to have his own talk show one day.

Other activities included a mock trial meeting, which took place at the Gila River courthouse in Sacaton with the assistance of Children's Court Judge Jay Pedro and a banquet at the Residence Inn in Mesa, which provided the students with an opportunity to interact with Gov. Gregory Mendoza and Lt. Gov. Lewis.

"The mock trial really got to me," said AOPPYC District 4 representative Kandi Antone. "I really like to hold an argument."

She said, "[The] thing that really struck me was the sovereignty that we have as a tribe." She is planning on becoming a lawyer and hopes to use her law degree to assert the Community's sovereign rights to their fullest extent. "I want to make a difference."

**College Day**  
For Gila River High School Seniors and Juniors

Date: April 24, 2014  
Time: 4:00pm - 6:00pm  
Location: District 5 Multi-Purpose Building

For more information Please contact the Student Services Department at (520) 562-3316

"Today's preparation is tomorrow's achievement."

**2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL CASA GRANDE UNION HIGH SCHOOL POWWOW SATURDAY MAY 3RD 2014**

**LOCATION**  
CASA GRANDE UNION HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL FIELD

**SCHEDULE**  
GRAND ENTRY: 1:00PM & 7:00PM SUPPER BREAK: 4-5PM  
GOURD DANCING: 11AM-5PM

**HEADSTAFF**

**COLOR GUARD:** CASA GRANDE JROTC  
**HEAD GOURD DANCER:** JEFF BEGAY  
**HOST NORTHERN DRUM:** MASWADAE  
**HOST SOUTHERN DRUM:** JOSEPH SEKAYOUMA  
**MC:** CHUCK BENSON  
**ARENA DIRECTOR:** DONALD SABORI  
**HEAD MAN:** BRIAR HOOVER  
**HEAD WOMAN:** ISABEL VALENZUELA

**VENDOR CONTACT:** BRENDA BYERS (602) 973-4328  
**\*ARTS & CRAFTS VENDORS:** \$50 + 1 DONATED ITEM

**FOR MORE INFO CONTACT:** MARCUS SEKAYOUMA (520) 610-9411

\*ALL DRUM, DANCERS AND ROYALTY WELCOMED  
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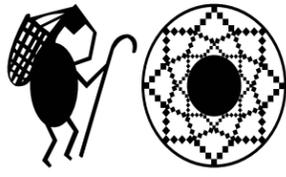
**PUBLIC NOTICE**

IN THE COURT OF THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY IN THE STATE OF ARIZONA  
COURT DATE NOTICE  
In Re: Ray Ortiz  
Docket Number: CV-2013-0197  
This case has been scheduled and YOU ARE ORDERED TO APPEAR on the date, time and place designated below. IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR your hearing may be held in absence and a warrant may be issued for your arrest, forfeiture of your bond,

judgment in favor of the other party or jail time may be ordered.  
Answer response Hearing  
Place: Sacaton Judicial Center  
Post Office Box 368  
721 W. Seed Farm Rd.  
Sacaton, Arizona 8524 7  
(520)562-9860  
Date: Tuesday, May 6, 2014  
Issued by: R. Luna, Court Clerk  
Time: 9:00 A.M.

SPECIAL SERIES BY BILLY ALLEN

# A'AGA



## SOMETHING TO BE TOLD OR TALKED ABOUT

Kwi I'ivathak Mashath: It's time to pack away jackets and dress sweat pants, and start gathering mesquite wood for the outside kitchen. When my father put away his felt hat and put on his straw hat, it was official: spring is here. Runners also welcome the heat, especially elderly runners. When it's warm, it takes less time to "o'otham up" or warm up. In the past, running could have been the difference between life and death. Today our modern deadly foe is Type 2 diabetes. Running is kind of like "an apple a day" to help us ward off that disease. Running was a big part of our past, and making it part of our present could help all of us have a longer future.

In the book, *The Pima Indians* by Frank Russell, he wrote about a calendar stick notation of the time at Hashen Kekh in 1875-76 when people gathered to harvest mescal in the hills. A foot race was held between a man and a woman—and she won!

The notching for 1877 noted O'otham and Piipash villagers raced against each other, but no winner was mentioned (maybe it was a "fun run"). In that same

year, Tcerikus and other Piipash runners went to San Francisco for a six day long race. Tcerikus won the race and later finished a close 2nd at a similar race in New York.

Hopefully, most Natives know the story of Hopi runner Lewis Tewanima. In 1909, he placed 9th in the Olympic marathon. At the 1912 Olympics he finished the marathon in 16th place, after earlier winning a silver medal in the 10,000 meter or six mile run. To help individuals qualify for the 1912 Olympics, the Los Angeles Athletic Club staged a 12-mile race. A Hopi runner, Philip Zeyouma, who was a student at Sherman Institute in California, won and made the Olympic team. However, his father would not allow him to make the trip to Sweden.

The Los Angeles Athletic Club hosted another race in February of 1913. Akimel O'otham Albert Ray, also a Sherman student, won the race then went on to win the Mt. Wilson Climb Run in Colorado. A Los Angeles Athletic Club member called Ray "the greatest marathoner of his time." Speculation was he could have won the 1916 Olympics, but World War I

cancelled the Olympics. Ray was killed in action in France in 1917.

Alexander Cannon, who was our 3rd elected tribal governor, attended and ran track for Escuela Training School in Tucson. Mr. Cannon was a strong advocate for the Community's water rights, being a farmer from Casa Blanca. Another fast runner living in Casa Blanca was Sgt. Harvier Adams. He was originally from Salt River and is well-known for his military career. When Arizona territory feared Pancho Villa might "invade," Sgt. Adams along with fellow tribesmen stood guard on our southern border. When the United States entered World War I, O'otham and Piipash were told to go back home or school because Native Americans were not viewed as citizens and could not be drafted. However, this group volunteered to join the Armed Forces.

One of GRIC's own was inducted into the American Indian Hall of Fame in 1977. Philip Osif attended Haskell, now known as Haskell Indian Nations University. In 1927, as captain of the cross-country and track team, he clocked a 9:28 two mile time, which was a Missouri Valley Amateur Athletic Union record. He was the National American Athletic Union Junior and Senior 6 Mile Champion. At the Texas Relays of 1927, Mr. Osif was a top attraction along with the Tarahumara runners from Mexico. The Tarahumara would run 82 miles from San Antonio to Austin in less than 15 hours! Mr. Osife raced against top college runners in April at the Greenway Field Day in

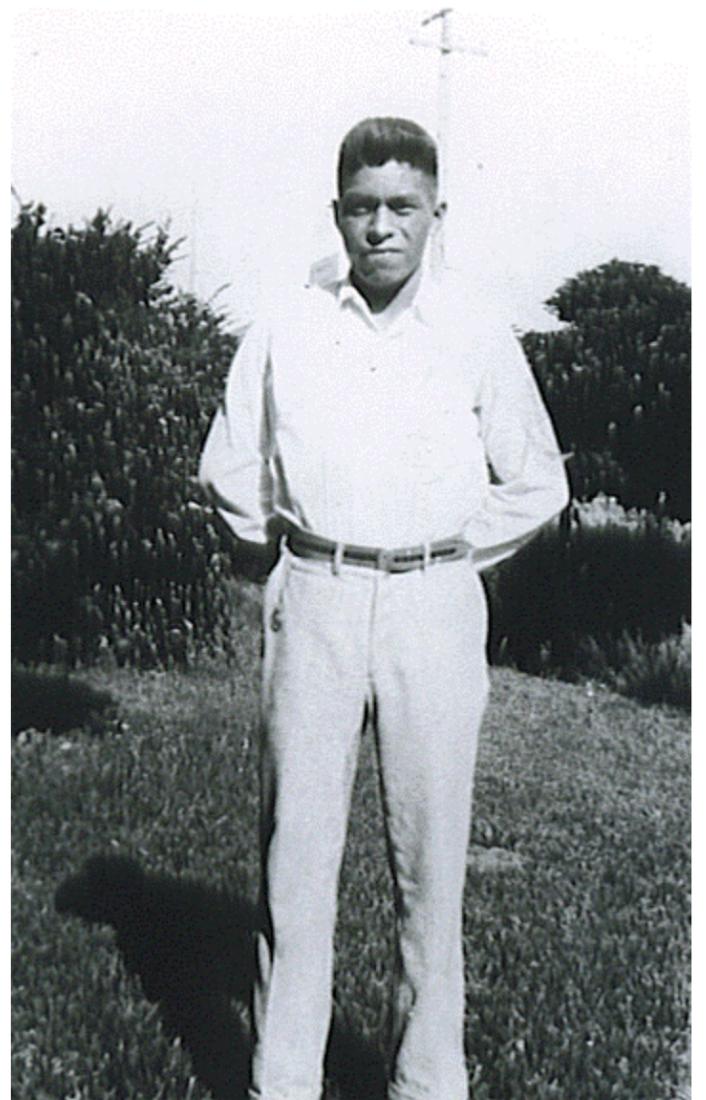


Photo of Phillip Osif from the American Indian Athletic Hall of Fame website.

Phoenix. These were just a few of his accomplishments listed at the hall of fame website.

These runners were not too far removed from the days of tribal warfare and probably heard stories of how running fast was part of a

warrior's arsenal. Today "GRICsters" run for enjoyment, medals, health benefits, and to expand our wardrobe of t-shirts. I wonder if Bruce Springsteen had us in mind when he recorded "Born to Run"?

# RAWHIDE

★ WESTERN TOWN AND STEAKHOUSE ★

## HOP ON OVER

Sunday, April 20, 2014  
for Rawhide's

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🌸 Kids Games!

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# Community Council Action Sheets

## Wednesday, March 19, 2014

### ACTION SHEET

Community Council; PO Box 2138; Sacaton, Arizona 85147; Phone (520) 562-9720; Fax (520) 562-9729

### CALL TO ORDER

The Second Regular Monthly Meeting of the Community Council held Wednesday March 19, 2014, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by presiding Chairman Governor Gregory Mendoza at 9:14 a.m.

### INVOCATION

Provided by Councilman Norman Wellington, Sr.

### ROLL CALL

Sign-In Sheet Circulated

Executive Officers Present:

Governor Gregory Mendoza

Executive Officers Absent:

Lt. Governor Stephen R. Lewis

Council Members Present:

D1-Cynthia Antone, Arzie Hogg; D2-Carol Schurz; D3- Carolyn Williams, Dale G. Enos; D4-Monica Antone, Jennifer Allison, Norman Wellington; D5- Annette J. Stewart, Janice F. Stewart, Robert Stone; D6- Anthony Villareal, Sr. (9:26); D7- Devin Redbird

Council Members Absent:

D4-Barney Enos, Jr.; D5- Franklin Pablo, Sr.; D6-

Albert Pablo, Terrance B. Evans

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVED AS AMENDED

### INTRODUCTIONS/PRESENTATIONS

1. GRIC Chief of Police, Kathleen Kirkham

Presenter: Division Manager Nada Celaya

DIVISION MANAGER NADA CELAYA INTRODUCED MS. KATHLEEN KIRKHAM. MS. KIRKHAM PROVIDED A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF HER BACKGROUND AND HER PLANS FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

### REPORTS

1. American Legion/Unit 51 Budget FY 13 Fourth Quarter - FY 14 First Quarter

Presenter: David Anderson

REPORT HEARD

2. Gila River Farms Independent Auditors Reports on Financial Statements For The Years Ended March 31, 2013 And 2012; And Report On Internal Controls For Fiscal Year Ended 2013

Presenters: Tiffany Turner and Anthony Gerlach-REDW

REPORT HEARD

3. Defense Services' Response to the Indian Law and Order Commission Report

Presenter: Cecilia Vaca

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. Prosecutors' Response to the Indian Law and Order Commission Report

Presenter: Chuck Allen

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO TABLE

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

5. Monthly Financial Activity Report Ending February (Executive Session)

Presenters: Treasurer Robert G. Keller

REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT

EXECUTIVE SESSION

[GOVERNOR MENDOZA CALLED FOR A 15-MINUTE BREAK

RECONVENED AT 11:04PM]

### RESOLUTIONS

\*1. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease On Allotment 2984-A On Allotted Trust Land In District One Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Dean Howard

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

\*2. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease On Allotment 2338 Located On Allotted Trust Land In District One Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Dean Howard

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

\*3. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-transferable Fifty Year Residential/ Homesite Lease On Allotment 2338 Located On Allotted Trust Land In District One Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Dean Howard

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. A Resolution Rescinding GR-149-02 (The Housing Loan Program) And Approving The 2014 Gila River Indian Community Home Benefits Program (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation of approval; LSC concurs)

Presenter: Office Of General Counsel

APPROVED

5. A Resolution Approving An Amendment To

The Lease Agreement Dated June 28, 2013

Between The Gila River Indian Community And

The Gila River Gaming Enterprises For The Vee

Quiva Casino (G&MSC forwards to Council with

recommendation of approval; EDSC & NRSC

concur)

Presenters: Ronald Rosier and Steve Heeley

APPROVED

6. A Resolution Approving An Agreement To

Terminate And Cancel The Lease Agreement

Dated February 18, 1998 Between The Gila

River Indian Community And The Gila River

Gaming Enterprise For The Old Vee Quiva

Casino (G&MSC forwards to Council with

recommendation of approval; EDSC & NRSC

concur)

Presenters: Ronald Rosier and Steve Heeley

APPROVED

7. A Resolution Delegating To the Natural Resources Standing

Committee Authority To Approve Service Line Agreements And Land

Permits (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation of ap-

proval; EDSC & NRSC concur)

Presenters: Dale Gutenson and Steve Heeley

APPROVED

8. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing Amendment No. 2 To The

April 1, 2012 Consultant Agreement Between The Gila River Indian

Community And R.V. Kuhns & Associates, Inc. For Fiscal Year 2014

(G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation of approval)

Presenter: Sharon Havier-Lewis

APPROVED

9. A Resolution Approving The Land Buy-Back Program Memorandum

Of Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And

The Department Of The Interior (G&MSC forwards to Council for

discussion and possible action; NRSC concurs)

Presenters: Linus Everling and Jason Hauter

APPROVED

10. A Resolution Of Consent To Grant A One-Time Event Liquor

License To The Boys & Girls Club Of The East Valley For The Use At

The Wild Horse Pass Hotel & Casino In Conjunction With The Phoenix

Bike Fest Event To Be Held On April 4, 2014 Through April 6, 2014

(G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation of approval)

Presenter: Rebecca Martinez

APPROVED

11. A Resolution Authorizing And Approving The

Gila River Huhugam Heritage Center To Submit

A Competitive Grant Application To The U.S.

Department Of Health & Human Services,

Administration For Children And Families,

Administration For Native Americans On Behalf

Of The Gila River Indian Community (G&MSC

forwards to Council with recommendation of

approval; CRSC concurs)

Presenters: Linda Morgan and Monica King

APPROVED

12. A Resolution Approving And Designating

4.8805 Acres, Plus Or Minus, Of Tribal

Reservation Land Within District Five Of The Gila

River Indian Community For The Purpose Of

Constructing, Maintaining And Operating The

New Casa Blanca Headstart Center As Shown In

Drawing No. 40513-0614-TP (NRSC forwards to

the Council with recommendation for approval,

with changes)

Presenter: Dante Nash

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

13. A Resolution Approving The Petition For The

Enrollment Of Cheryl Ann Cook Into The Gila

River Indian Community (LSC forwards to

Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Francisco Osife, Enrollment

Department

APPROVED

14. A Resolution Approving The Enrollment Of Mary Helen (Sabori)

Kendall Into The Gila River Indian Community (LSC forwards to

Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Francisco Osife and Enrollment Department

APPROVED

15. A Resolution Approving The Petition For The

Enrollment Of Marie Lewis Into The Gila River

Indian Community Enrollment Department (LSC

forwards to Council with recommendation for

approval)

Presenters: Francisco Osife and Enrollment

Department

APPROVED

16. A Resolution Approving The Petition For The

Enrollment Of Linda Sue Hernandez Into The

Gila River Indian Community (LSC forwards to

Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Francisco Osife and Enrollment

Department

APPROVED

17. A Resolution Certifying The Membership

Count Of The Gila River Indian Community (LSC

forwards to Council with recommendation for

approval)

Presenter: Jane Johnson - Woody

TABLED AT THE APPROVAL OF AGENDA

[GOVERNOR MENDOZA CALLED FOR A 90-MINUTE LUNCH

BREAK

RECONVENED AT 1:52PM]

### ORDINANCES

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Gila River Gaming Commission Appointments (2)

Presenter: Community Council

SERENA JOAQUIN AND DENISE ALLISON

APPOINTED

2. Sun Valley Marina Board of Directors Appointment (1)

Presenter: Community Council

SHARON NEWKIRK APPOINTED

3. Update on the USFWS Consultation with the Gila River Indian

Community Regarding the Western Yellow-Billed Cuckoo Proposed

Designation of Critical Habitat Designation Under the Endangered

Species Act; Request for Direction (NRSC forwards to Council with

priority listing as 2, 1, 3 & 4)

Presenters: Tana Fitzpatrick, Ondrea Barber and Barnaby V. Lewis

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

AND TO GO WITH THE PRIORITY LISTING AS

2, 1, 3 & 4

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER

EXECUTIVE SESSION

4. Off-Reservation Gaming Update (Executive

Session) (G&MSC motioned to forward to

Council in Executive Session)

Presenters: Scot Butler and Eric Dahlstrom

ITEM HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

[GOVERNOR MENDOZA CALLED FOR A 5-MINUTE BREAK

RECONVENED AT 3:35PM]

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT

EXECUTIVE SESSION

NEW BUSINESS

1. District Seven Motion Sheet For Housing Advisory Committee

(G&MSC forwards to Council)

Presenter: Lori Francisco

MOTION MADE AND SECOND FOR

APPROVAL OF MR. WAYNE NELSON, JR.

2. Gila River Farms Fiscal Year 2015 Budget (G&MSC forwards to

Council with recommendation of approval)

Presenters: Gila River Interim Farms Board and Jerry Gamer, Gen-

eral Manager

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

3. Amendments to the GRIC Constitution (LSC

forwards to Council with a recommendation to

schedule a Council work Session on either April

3rd or 4th, 2014)

Presenter: Legislative Standing Committee

MOTION MADE AND SECOND FOR A WORK

SESSION WITH COUNCIL MEMBERS

REGARDING THE CONSTITUTION REFORM

ON APRIL 3, 2014 AT 9:00AM AT CCSO

4. District 5 RHIP – Mary Joaquin (G&MSC forwards to Council)

Presenter: Government & Management Standing Committee

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

THE SUBSTITUTION OF LINDA JOAQUIN TO

MARY JOAQUIN, FURTHER DIRECTING THE

TREASURER TO PREPARE A CAPITOL

MODIFICATION

[Addendum to Agenda]

5. Arizona Intergovernmental Boxing Agreement

Presenters: Government & Management Standing Committee

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER

EXECUTIVE SESSION

6. Council Concerns – Community Secretary Presenters: Commu-

nity Council

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DIRECT

THE TREASURER TO UNFREEZE THE

OFFICE MANAGER POSITION WITHIN

COUNCIL SECRETARY'S OFFICE AND

PREPARE THE NECESSARY CHANGE

THROUGH AN ORGANIZATIONAL

MODIFICATION; FURTHER SUBMIT TO

GOVERNMENT & MANAGEMENT STANDING

COMMITTEE BY APRIL 2014

### MINUTES

1. August 07, 2013 (Regular Meeting)

APPROVED AS AMENDED

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

>NEWLY HIRED INTERGOVERNMENTAL LIAISON MANUEL

JOHNSON, COMMUNITY MEMBER FROM DISTRICT 4, TO

BEGIN MARCH 31, 2014

### ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:06pm

\* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)



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# 151st Annual FIVE TRIBES TREATY OF PEACE CELEBRATION



## FRIDAY - SUNDAY

April 11, 2014

April 13, 2014

**A REMEMBRANCE OF THE HISTORIC TREATY THAT FIVE TRIBES MADE TO ENSURE  
PEACE THROUGHOUT THE NEW MEXICO TERRITORY.**

**\*Everyone Welcome, Family friendly free event.**

**\*Traditional Entertainment, Bird Dance Competition, Social Pow-wow,  
Tournaments, Vendors, Chicken Scratch, more information to come!**

**\*No Alcohol, Drugs, Weapons**

**THIS IS A FREE ADMISSION, FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT WITH SOMETHING TO DO FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY.  
MAKE SURE TO SIGN UP FOR THE TOURNAMENTS, THEY FILL UP FAST!**

General information please call District 7 Recreation at (520) 430-4780

Gila River Indian Community's District 7 Park  
8035 S. 83rd Avenue, Laveen AZ 85339 (83rd Avenue, South of Baseline)

Gila River Indian Community, District Seven, Gila River Commissioners, and Event Committee & Volunteers shall not be held responsible for bodily injury, or theft, or damages incurred during the Five Tribes Treaty of Peace Celebration.

