

## Gila River Teams Make Basketball Fun at NABI



Gila River player Lyman Morago drives to the rim during a NABI game at Mesa Community College.

By Annie Gutierrez  
Gila River Indian News

During the Fourth of July week, young Native American basketball hopefuls showcased their impressive basketball talents in the 12th Annual Native American Basketball Invitational.

Over 120 teams from the U.S., Canada and New Zealand traveled to nine gyms throughout the Phoenix metro area to compete

in the NABI tournament from July 1-5, for the opportunity to play in the semi-final and finals at the US Airways Center.

The five-day event wasn't all basketball. The NABI Foundation also hosted seminars, a "meet and greet pool party" and a college and career fair for participants to explore the various options after high school.

Among the participating groups, four teams from Gila River

er competed. Although the teams didn't advance to the finals, they all played with determination and represented Gila River with heart and fearlessness against their opponents.

"As long as they have the attitude, they can do it," said GR Beeliners coach Ronald Paul, D4, about his team.

The family-based girls basketball team participated in their second year of NABI returning

with a few new players on the roster. The GR Beeliners had a rough start in the pool play losing to teams NM Fearless and Rockhawks. On July 3, the GR Beeliners squared off against NM Lady Flight winning 50-31. They advanced to the next round of the silver bracket where they gave their all against the Meskwaki team, Hoop Queens, in a 49-23 defeat.

Gila River/Navajo girls team, the War Eagles, coached by Casey Sanderson, gave a tough performance in the NABI pool play facing teams Lapwai, NM Lady Flight, and Gila River with a record total of seventy four points placing them in the Silver Division. The War Eagles were knocked out of the first round, 41-8, by the NN Lady Magic.

Back for another year, girl's team Gila River, coached by District 3 Recreation Aide April Crawford, started the pool play with a win against NM Lady Flight 59-38, July 2. "Really it's about strategy. The girls listen and follow direction. They have good ideas and are knowledgeable because they've been playing ball for years, so they know what they're doing. I know it's going to be a tough one but we are up for the challenge," said Crawford.

With one loss against Lapwai, the Gila River girls went on to play against fellow Gila River team, the War Eagles, in a continuous back and forth game at

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Arizona Christian College Gymnasium. Both teams played good defense but in the end, Gila River came out victorious with a nine point lead over the War Eagles, 31-22. The victory advanced the Gila River girls to the Gold Division but their journey was cut short by Inter-tribal team Rockhawks, 66-7. "It's pretty competitive," said point guard Precious Jose, 15. "I like going to NABI. This is my second year and it's always something to look forward to and to see what the other teams have to bring every year."

Returning for another shot at a title, boy's team Gila River had a rough start losing to teams Cheyenne Arapaho, Northern Thunder and Northern Reign in the pool play. On the evening of July 3, the

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## Youth Council Hosts 26th Annual Youth Conference

By Christopher Lomahquahu  
Communications & Public Affairs Office

Every summer young people from around the Community come together for an annual tradition hosted by the Akimel O'odham/Pee-Posh Youth Council for more than 25 years.

The 26th annual Gila River Youth Conference, a two-day event, was held at the Hilton Phoenix/Mesa July 11-12. This year's theme, "Si sap 'e nu:kuth" (Take Real Good Care of Yourself), was the topic of several speakers and workshops. Youths from the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, Tohono O'odham Nation, and Ak-Chin Indian Community attended this year's conference, as did representatives from the Snoqualmie Tribe of Washington, and others.

The atmosphere at the youth conference was ecstatic. Raven Patrick of District 5 said, "I am having a really great experience. I learned a lot about the different

subjects and a lot about our Community." She also said "it was nice getting to meet new people at the conference." Other youths from different communities gave their feedback about the uniqueness of the conference, because it gives them ideas of what they can bring back to their tribal community.

Miss Indian Arizona Alyssa Garcia, a member of the Ak-Chin Youth Council, talked about how her tribe hopes to host a youth conference for their community. "I think it's cool they (Gila River) are on their 26th year," she said. "Our youth council is only going to be 10 years old next year...this conference gives us hope to host our own conference."

There was much fanfare among the visiting royalty from Salt River. "All the workshops are a good match towards the theme of the conference. This year they stuck with their theme, everything revolves around it," said Miss Salt

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Nathaniel Talamantez (left) and Darius Jackson (right) lead a procession during the Youth Conference followed by Ivan Castillo (rear, left) and Alexander Pablo (rear, right).

## Glendale now supports casino, Washburn approves land into trust

By Mikhail Sundust  
Gila River Indian News

Recent developments in the debate over a proposed tribal casino in Glendale favor the Tohono O'odham Nation, but as opponents are quick to point out, the project is still far from becoming a reality.

The Department of Interior on July 3 deemed a parcel of land that the Tohono O'odham Nation owns near Glendale eligible to be designated as a new part of the tribe's reservation.

Two weeks later, on July 15, the Glendale City Council voted to rescind the city's previous official stance in opposition to the casino, a position it held for nearly five years.

"The flip-flop of a single City

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**Amblyopia – A Preventable Vision Condition**  
A Note to Parents and Caregivers

**What is Amblyopia?**

Amblyopia occurs when the vision in one or both eyes is reduced and can remain blurry even when the person's sight is corrected with eyeglasses. It is one of the most common causes of vision loss in children and young-to-middle-aged adults.

**What causes Amblyopia?**

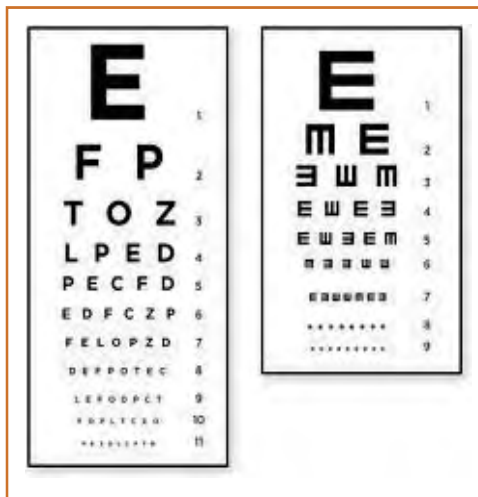
Amblyopia is often caused by an eye turn, commonly referred to as a "lazy eye." When the lazy eye is turned in, out, up or down it is not being used; this can cause amblyopia if it happens often enough at a young age. Within the Native American community, however, astigmatism is very common and is the primary cause of amblyopia. Astigmatism, is when the cornea, the clear window on the front of the eye, has an oblong shape like a football rather than a perfectly round shape like a basketball. Astigmatism is extremely common and results in blurry vision at distance and near. Although the shape of the cornea does not change significantly, the blurry vision from astigmatism can be easily corrected by use of eyeglasses at an early age; however, if it is not caught early enough during visual development (birth up to age 7 or 8), the blurry vision may not be correctible to 20/20 vision into adulthood even with the use of the correct eyeglass prescription. This is why regular use of eyeglasses by young patients with astigmatism is so very important!

the critical period for vision development. Eyeglasses will help the eyes to develop 20/20 vision during these sensitive developmental years. After the age of 8, a child's vision has fully developed, and amblyopia at this point may not be fully reversible. However, vision may still be improved with the daily use of eyeglasses at any age. Remember, eye exams at a young age are an important part of your child's health care.

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**How is Amblyopia Treated?**



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## California or Bust

On behalf of the Senior Citizens of District 3 who will be taking a cultural trip to Los Angeles, CA in September, we would like to thank all who supported our raffle on Saturday, July 5. Twenty Elders will be making the trip and are hard at work raising funds to make the trip more enjoyable. We will be meeting with the Urban Indians residing in the LA area and will be sharing some of our culture with them.

The winning tickets were drawn by the D. Faktion Nyne band and are as follows:

1) Harkins Gift Pack- Bobbie Jackson, 2) Walmart \$50 Gift Card - Ruth Cox who donated it to the person who sold the most raffle tickets, 3) Frys \$50 Gift Card - Lynette Yaramata, 4) Laundry Basket full of laundry & cleaning items - Gwendolyn Morago, 5) Handmade Pima Doll - Diane Thompson, 6) Laundry Basket full of laundry & cleaning items - Marlin Jay Sr, 7) Handmade Baby Blanket - Robert Pequeno, and 8) Handmade Pima Basket Dancers Bowl - Eva Rodriquez A special thanks to those who donated items to make our raffle successful.

Look for posted flyers of upcoming fund raising events. We have a monthly menudo sale which many of you support already and we appreciate you.

The Senior Citizens  
Organization of District 3



Dear Friends,  
We would like to express our sincere gratitude to everyone who helped make Randi Renee's Wishes come true. Thank you for your generous donations, kind words and thoughtfulness.

Randi Renee traveled to San Diego and visited the San Diego Zoo, Sea World and spent time playing at the ocean. She also attended the circus. We are grateful beyond words for the memories our family created together.

Randi Renee is currently home enjoying time with her family. Each Day we share with her is a Blessing.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts,

Randi Renee Antone and Family



## Fulton Homes Names Gila River EMT, Marine Veteran as Latest Hometown Hero

Holsinger a role model for family, friends and community

Submitted by  
**Glenn Swain**

PHOENIX—Imitation is the most sincere form of flattery. For Marine veteran and former firefighter Chris



Holsinger, seeing his two daughters become an EMT and a nurse is evidence of the role model he has been for his family and others. Holsinger, who served in the Marine Corps for 1985-1989 and is a former Arizona corrections officer, is currently an EMT for the Gila River Indian Community.

Holsinger is now being recognized for his service to his country and his community. Holsinger has been named the latest Fulton Homes Hometown Hero. Holsinger's wife, Joy, nominated him for the honor.

Fulton Homes has partnered with KMLE 107.9 to sponsor the "Hometown Heroes" pro-

gram, where KMLE listeners can nominate a local individual who is a member of the police force, a firefighter or a local serving in the U.S. military. Beginning Feb. 1 and continuing through the first three weeks of each month in 2014, KMLE listeners are encouraged to log on to www.KMLE1079.com to nominate a local "Hometown Hero" who is serving the community and is seen as a positive role model for others.

At the end of the three-week period listeners will have a week

to vote for one winning Hometown Hero for that month. On Dec. 1, after a total of ten monthly Hometown Heroes have been chosen, one will be named the Fulton Homes "Hometown Hero of the Year". The winner receives a \$1,000 cash gift card and recognition on the KMLE "Hometown Hero" gallery web page.

"We have been together for 20 years and in that time he has supported me through my cancer and has helped keep this family together," Joy Holsinger said. "I'm very proud of my husband."

"We created this program to bring more recognition to all first responders and our military personnel," said Doug Fulton, Fulton Homes CEO. "This is Fulton Homes' way of saying thank you for being our everyday heroes."

Hometown Heroes is just one of many programs Fulton Homes sponsors throughout the year to give back to the community. Other philanthropic programs include Fence Patrol, Character Counts, Teacher of the Week and Noon Salute.

## Cartoon by Wayne Narcia, Sr.



### CORRECTIONS

The byline for "O'odham New Year Gathering" (page 3, July 3, 2014) should have been credited to Annie Gutierrez. Also in the same article, the Health Initiative funded the event. To report an error call (520)562-9719 or email GRIN@gric.nsn.us

# Career Pathways Students Introduced During 'Meet and Greet'

By Mikhail Sundust  
Gila River Indian News

Opening your own business can be an expensive, difficult and daunting experience, but a new program in Gila River is helping 12 people get the tools they need to become successful entrepreneurs on the reservation.

"The Career Pathways program...connects individuals with job training, education and employment," said Gov. Gregory Mendoza to the participants and family members at the Business Sector kickoff event. "To be a business owner is very significant... We were very excited when we got the news of this opportunity for our Community members."

Career Pathways is a grant-based system that inspires and supports educational opportunities for adults combined with on-the-job training to get participants into the workforce. In 2012, the Employment & Training Department was awarded a \$3.1 million federal grant to run Career Pathways. Career Pathways operates five vocational sectors including medical, construction, business, hospitality and government.

This month, the 12 students in the business sector begin their program, which is anchored by a new partnership between the tribe and Chandler-Gilbert Community College.

The program uses the real, accredited curriculum of Chan-



Mikhail Sundust/GRIN

**Participants in the Career Pathways Business Sector stand in unity, prepared to take their first steps toward a brighter future. Through the program, students will become nationally certified as small business owners and receive first-hand mentorship from current Gila River business owners. Left to right: Daniel Wilson, Kevin Smith, Hadessa Johns, David Johnson, Rodney Johns, Lilia Lumus, Richard Lyons and Jeri Thomas.**

andler-Gilbert's business school so the students finish with a nationally recognized small business certification, but the coursework is presented in a context that is tailored to fit the needs and sensibilities of business-owners and entrepreneurs on the Gila River Indian Reservation.

"Chandler-Gilbert is a place where we work on community development and economic development," said Maria Reyes, the Dean of Career & Technical Edu-

cation. "Developing a workforce and giving people the opportunity to change their lives as well as the lives of the community and the community members is really what our focus is about."

Because the program is unique to Gila River, Reyes collaborated with Lynette Clark, the Career Pathways business sector specialist, to get current Community member business owners the qualifications they needed to become CGCC adjunct staff so they can teach the coursework to their fellow GRIC members.

One of those instructors will be Michael Preston, Chair of the Gila River Business Owners Association and owner of Kowee Coffee. Students will spend the next several months taking classes and doing internships while developing business plans of their own.

"This is a grant program and Career Pathways pays for everything," said Lynette Clark. "We

pay for their tuition, we pay for mileage, we pay for trainings, they even get an internship and we pay for them to do the internship to apply what they're learning in class."

At the kickoff event, a number of the participants introduced themselves and their small business proposals. Ideas included a transportation service, a graphic arts/design studio, a screen-printing company, a landscaping company, a firewood seller and a green housing construction contractor.

Jeri Thomas, currently a Gaming Inspector for the Gila River Gaming Commission is a member of the business cohort. In an email, she said she wants to build "adobe brick homes that are equipped with solar power" to provide energy efficient homes to Community members using traditional, local earthen materials. "Green and sustainability is definitely the route to take these

days," she said, plus "we would be the revitalizing an age-old custom, with enhancements."

Other students in the cohort include: Alvin Cooper, Hadessa Johns, Rodney Johns, David Johnson, Toya Jones, Lilia Lumus, Richard Lyons, Anna Mix, Kevin Smith, Julian Soza and Daniel Wilson.

Lumus from District 5 said she'd like to start a transportation business in Gila River to help out her fellow Community members. "I'm not trying to get rich, you know. I just wanted my life to have a purpose. I want to impact somebody else's life."

Community and family support are key aspects of the business program. Showing that support was the purpose of the kickoff event.

"I appreciate the families for coming out here tonight and being here," said Candelarian Preston, wife to Michael, at the kickoff.

She talked to the family members about how scary it can be in the beginning when a close loved one opens a business and about the added stress it can put on a family. But, she said, if you stick by them and be their support, it is well worth the reward.

"Be available...that's what's important is being there for them," she said. "[And] you have to talk, especially if it's going to be a husband-wife or boyfriend-girlfriend thing... Help them when they're falling... help them when they think that they can't do it."

The Community has an interest in supporting its small business owners as well. As Mendoza called the cohort of business students "an asset to our Community" and said, "small businesses are the backbone of our economy... This is something we've always dreamed of as a Community, to be able to train and provide opportunities for tribal members... to develop [their] own business."

## Youth Conference

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Photo Courtesy of Chandra Narcia

**Youth conference facilitators with Gov. Gregory Mendoza.**

River Pretty Flower Galindo.

Junior Miss Salt River First Attendant Teya Johnson said, "Every year, everyone from Salt River is excited, you learn about being happy with yourself, and at the end of the day; it's about being you."

In addition to the workshops and speakers at the conference, part of the appeal is the opportunity to interact with other teens from the Community.

Miss Gila River 2nd Attendant Anissa Garcia, a youth council representative from District 3, said joining the youth council enabled her to "learn more about the youth council and more about my culture, because I wanted to get back in touch with my culture." She said over all, "It has helped me interact with other tribes and make lifetime friends."

Garcia co-chaired the Youth Conference with AOPPYC representative Richard Stone (D5). At the conference, Stone talked about his time as a representative. "The

experience I have had over the past two years has been incredible, being able to meet other people and other tribes," he said.

Stone said how much his experience on the youth council has helped him mature. "Youth council has helped me be more open with myself and be more outgoing, and learning how to have a structure to living a positive life, and just be involved in the Community and talking to youth to get them involved."

The 2014 youths of the year were Yasmine Quiroz (D1) and Augustus Pablo (D2). Elder of the year was Michael Tashquith (D6). Leader of the year was Aaron Lewis (D2) and the citizen of the year was Pete Sanchez.

Inspirational speakers at the conference included Bobby Wilson of the 1491s, Alexandria Schulte, Waylon Pahona, Victoria Allison and UNITY Executive Director Mary Kim Titla.

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September 15 (Monday)	October 31 (Friday)

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#### 2014 Trust Schedule

Deadline	Payment
September 30 (Tuesday)	October 15 (Wednesday)

# COMMUNITY UPDATES BY GRIN STAFF

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

## Glendale City Council, DOI Decision

From Page 1

Council member and today's 4-3 vote on the casino issue does not change the facts surrounding the Nation's proposed mega-gaming complex," said Gila River Indian Community leadership in a press release.

Since 2009, the two sister tribes have been at odds over the Nation's proposal to open a casino on the 135-acre parcel of land, which is surrounded on three sides by the city of Glendale and sits nearly 80 miles from the rest of the Tohono O'odham reservation.

"The Gila River Indian Community, along with tens of thousands of Glendale residents, Governor Jan Brewer, virtually the entire Arizona Congressional delegation and a coalition of Indian tribes across Arizona and the United States, remains opposed to the Tohono O'odham Nation's proposed casino in the middle of a Glendale neighborhood," read the statement.

The announcement stated that although the casino opponents are disappointed by the city council's decision, "the fact remains that two legal challenges stand

in opposition to this project, as does H.R. 1410, [which] passed the House in a landslide vote and awaits action in the Senate. Additionally, the Nation has yet to receive permission to game on this land from the U.S. Department of Interior."

H.R.1410 – "Keep the Promise Act" is a bill that would effectively block the Nation's proposed casino by strictly prohibiting gaming "on land within the Phoenix metropolitan area."

After the DOI decision to take the land into trust Gov. Gregory Mendoza said, "While our Com-

munity is disappointed by today's decision, we are not surprised. As Assistant Secretary Washburn noted, he was faced with interpreting an ambiguous provision of a law passed by Congress decades ago."

In his decision to take the land into trust, Assistant Secretary on Indian Affairs Kevin Washburn wrote, "we have concluded that the Gila Bend Indian Reservation Lands Replacement Act (of 1986) requires the Department of Interior to take the Tohono O'odham Nation's land designated property into trust."

While the land-into-trust in-

corporation opens up the potential to have the land approved for tribal gaming operations, Gov. Mendoza said, "It's also critically important to note that this decision does not give the Tohono O'odham Nation permission to game on this land. The Department of Interior has yet to decide that point and the majority of tribes in Arizona - including non-gaming tribes - remain opposed to the Nation's casino because it poses a direct threat to the balance of tribal gaming in our state."

## Council Presentations



Christopher Lomahquahu/CPAO



Christopher Lomahquahu/CPAO



Christopher Lomahquahu/CPAO

Left: Shannon White shakes hands with Chief Judge Anthony Hill after she was sworn in as the new Community Council Secretary. Center: Robert Keller is sworn in as the returning Tribal Treasurer by Chief Judge Anthony Hill. Right: Former Phoenix Suns forward A.C. Green poses with Lt. Gov. Stephen Lewis, Council Representative Carolyn Williams, NIGA Chairman Ernest L. Stevens Jr., Gov. Gregory Mendoza and former District 6 Council Representative Terrance B. Evans, who was recognized for his contributions in bringing the Boys and Girls Club to Gila River.

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# HUHUGAM HERITAGE CENTER



## Jukbig Mashath

The name for this month translates to "the rainy month" and refers to the arrival of the summer rains. The summer rains, which we welcome as a break from the heat of this season, were in the past important for our Hekiu O'otham who used the extra flow from the Keli Akimel (Gila River) to irrigate their crops.

Our ancestors would pay attention and watch as the chevag (rain clouds) would develop and make their way northward from the south. Sometimes ju:k (rain) would fall far off in the distant tho'othoa'ag (mountains) but our ancestors knew the rain would eventually make its way to our lands. This is because they knew how ju:k (rain) would collect at the a'ak shoshon, the drainages along the ridges of a thoa'ag (mountain) and would start trickling down towards the ak (wash).

If you look towards any of the tho'othoa'ag on our Community you can see the drainages where the ak begins. As the water travels down the thoa'ag it reaches the tho'othonk, or the foothills, where the ak properly begins to form.

Many smaller a'ak (washes) often feed into one larger ak (wash), which eventually run towards an akimel (river) like our Keli Akimel.

Our ancestors were well aware that even if shu:thag (water) fell far in the distance, that its path would eventually lead its way towards our lands on its travel to the ka:chk (ocean). Today when we look at our Keli Akimel we normally see a dry riverbed. What we don't see is the underground flow beneath our feet. Today a small section of Keli Akimel rises to the surface in the western districts and joins with Onk Akimel (Salt River) before draining further west.

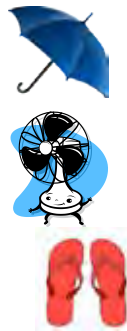
Where the water emerges from its underground flow is called its shon (beginning) and one of our historic villages was called Shu:thag Shon (written Sutaquison by Father Kino).

We can be sure that this place is where the Keli Akimel emerged from its underground flow. So the next time we are blessed with significant amounts of rainfall we encourage you take a moment to reflect how our watershed works and how it still feeds our Keli Akimel today.

### Summer Word Match



- e:kthakud
- hevogith'thakud
- kapshim shushk
- s-chuchkom vu:poi
- sio'ov vadag gev
- vachvikud



Smart Parents. Smart Babies.

### Water Safety at Home: Keep Your Children Safe In and Around Water at All Times!

- Never leave your child unattended around water. Babies can drown in as little as one inch of water.
- Put your cell phone down, forget about all of the other things you have to do, and give your child 100% of your attention.
- When using portable pools, empty them after each use. Store them upside down and out of children's reach.
- While preparing for bath time, never start to run the water and then leave the bathroom. Once bath time is over, immediately drain the tub.
- Keep toilet lids closed and use toilet seats locks to prevent drowning.
- Keep doors to bathrooms and laundry rooms closed.
- Parents have a million things to do, but learning CPR will give you peace of mind. CPR is offered here in your community. Classes are held at the service centers.



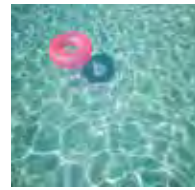
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Resource: SAFEKIDS WORLDWIDE  
Safekids.org

Drowning is the leading cause of injury-related deaths among children between the ages of 1 and 4 years old. It is the third leading cause of death among all children. Especially during these hot months of summer...know where your children are around water. Never leave them unattended even for a minute. Children love to get wet and water play is fun, interactive, and age appropriate for their development, but remember always to think SAFETY FIRST!

# Retirement Announcement



As a physician, Dr. Bahr has dedicated 20 years of service to the patients of Gila River Health Care. Prior, she worked as a Public Health Nurse for the Gila River Indian Community.

She is known as a compassionate and, dedicated physician who has strived to improve the health of her patients and our Community.

Please join us as we thank Dr. Bahr and extend our well wishes during a reception

**Thursday, July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014**  
**3 - 4 pm**

**Conference Room A and B**

**Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital - Administration Building**

*Dr. Adelaide Bahr*

Has served the Gila River Indian Community for 20 years will retire from Gila River Health Care on **July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014**



# NABI Tournament 2014

From Page 1

boys played an intense game of rez ball against Lawpai Flight. In a close game, Gila River won with a one point lead over the Lapwai team 52-51 advancing the boys to the silver bracket. On July 4, the boys gained an impressive win at Mesa Community College against Navajo team, Mustangs, with a 73-55 win. The boys then traveled to Bourgade Catholic High School to play against New Mexico team, NM Flight. Unfortunately, NM Flight won 55-47 in the second round of the division.

“The boys did excellent,” said coach Rudy Flores, D5, about his team in tournament. “They are all good ball players and they understand each other. We don’t play by plays, we play by talent. Talent is how we do it and they have a bunch of it. I just hope they go somewhere with it.”

In the championship finals, girls team NN Lady Magic and boy’s team Mahpiya Luta won the 2014 NABI tournament.

The NABI Foundation tournament was presented by the Ak-Chin Indian Community.



Annie Gutierrez/GRIN



Annie Gutierrez/GRIN

Three of the four Gila River NABI teams: Clockwise from left: War Eagles , Gila River girls team and Gila River boys team.



Annie Gutierrez/GRIN

## Community Comes Together for Mental Health First Aid Training



By Gila River Prevention Team

Gila River Health Care: BHS Prevention Program sponsors a training called Mental Health First Aid. This training is designed for community members, family members, teachers, non-mental health professionals and anyone else who wants to learn more about identifying individuals who maybe displaying early signs of a mental health challenge or concerns and getting them connected to a caring adult and/or appropriate professional provider. Mental Health First Aid provides individuals with the knowledge to allow them to administer basic first aid skills during a mental health crisis.

When a community increases their knowledge about mental illnesses and disorders through education/trainings, people learn how to assist others who maybe experiencing a mental health crisis. Educating a community helps reduce negative stigmas and/or attitudes about mental illnesses and disorders. With the reduction of negative stigmas, attitudes are reduced, thus creating a more accepting environment for people to want to seek out behavioral health services.

On Tuesday, August 17, 2014, a Mental Health First Aid training was scheduled at the District 6 Dialysis Center and due to low attendance the training almost had to be cancelled. The community members in attendance were notified of the possible cancellation and at the last minute they recruited friends and coworkers to attend the training. This training was a success and with the collaboration of the community it was able to continue as scheduled. The feedback from the attendees included comments like, “this is eye opening and very educating, the Community needs more education on this.” Other participants said, “very informative” and “could easily be a 2 day course (with all the information).”

The Prevention team also sponsors the Youth Mental Health First Aid, which focuses on adults serving the youth population. These trainings are scheduled at least once per month in various locations within the community and everyone is encouraged to attend. The Gila River Health Care BHS-Prevention Program desires to see more community involvement and will provide opportunities for the community to attend workshops and trainings to further promote mental health, substance and suicide awareness. For more information, please contact the Prevention Program at 520-562-3321 x7157.

## Congratulations! Native Acceleration brings home 57 Gold Medals



Photo Courtesy of Native Acceleration

The Native Acceleration track and field team from Gila River took 25 participants to the Lori Piestewa Native American Games in Salt River Indian Community July 12. Athletes on the team represent GRIC, Tohono O’odham Nation, Navajo, Hopi, Pascua Yaqui and Sioux Nations. Medal count: 57-gold, 21-silver, 8-bronze.

### DISTRICTS 1-4

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- Shredded Paper**: Place in clear plastic bag and tie up

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Amer. Indian Student Support Services  
Amer. Indian Studies  
250 E. Lemon St.  
Tempe, AZ 85281

**Mesa Community College**  
American Indian Center  
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Mesa, AZ 85256



OPTION 2: Donations Payable to :

**Wells Fargo Donation Account:**  
Routing# 12210 5278 Acct# 1006090292

**BACKPACK COLLECTION DATES**  
START: Thurs. July 3, 2014 | END: Sun. July 27, 2014

QUESTIONS? [morningstarleaders@gmail.com](mailto:morningstarleaders@gmail.com)  
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## Gila River Indian Community Utility Authority

What's New at GRICUA?

### Washington Youth Tour Send-off Blessing Ceremony



Back Row: Board Chairman John Lewis. Middle Row (L to R): Councilwoman Monica Antone, Board Member Pamela Thomas, Jaina Allen, Kandie Anton. Front Row (L to R): Councilwoman Jennifer Allison, Bria Ramon, Haley Joaquin, Councilwoman Sandra Nasewytewa.

On June 12, 2014 our Washington Youth Tour students: Kandie Anton, Haley Joaquin and Bria Ramon departed to Washington, D.C. They joined hundreds of students from across the country for a weeklong trip to visit historic monuments and museums. They met with United States Representatives and Senators and participated in workshops with other students. GRICUA held a send-off blessing ceremony at 6 a.m. that morning. Councilwoman Antone, Councilwoman Allison and Councilwoman Nasewytewa were in attendance. Barnaby Lewis provided the blessing for the students. Also in attendance were the Tohono O'odham Utility Authority's students: Jessica Andrews, Dakota Encinas and Keyna Garcia. GRICUA Customer Service Representative Jaina Allen served as their chaperone.

### GRICUA is now on Facebook

Look for us - Gila River Indian Community Utility Authority - on Facebook. GRICUA will post MAJOR power outage notifications and updates/news from GRICUA.

### Summer College Intern: Emmanuel Whempner



GRICUA would like to congratulate Emmanuel Whempner from District 7 for being selected for the 8-week college intern position. Emmanuel will be a sophomore at Arizona State University this upcoming year. He is majoring in Civil Engineering. Emmanuel graduated from Betty H. Fairfax High School in Laveen, AZ. His parents are Jeffery Whempner and Rhonda Sanderson. Emmanuel will be working with GRICUA's Line Crew.

### GRICUA's New Board Member : Pamela Thomas

GRICUA would like to introduce Pamela Thomas as their newest Board Member. Ms. Thomas is from District 7 and also serves on the Gila River Telecommunications Inc. Board. GRICUA now has 5 Board of Directors. Ms. Thomas said she is excited to serve and help the Community.



### Monsoon Safety Tips

1. If you see a sign that says "Do Not Cross When Flooded," take it seriously. If you are caught in a wash, try to climb out on the roof of your vehicle and wait for help. Use your cell phone, if available, to call 911.
2. If you're driving when it's raining, slow down. Remember that the beginning of rain storms in the area is the most dangerous times since that's when oils and other automotive fluids are being washed off the roads causing unusually slick conditions.
3. If your visibility is impeded by heavy rain or blowing dust, most people will reduce their speed, but keep driving straight. Don't change lanes unless absolutely necessary. Area drivers will often use their emergency blinkers (hazard lights) during the storm because blinking lights are easier to see. If you don't want to drive in the storm, slowly pull off to the side of the road as far to the right as possible, turn off your car, turn off your lights, and keep your foot off the brake pedal. Otherwise, drivers may come up quickly behind you assuming that you're still in motion.
4. To avoid being struck by lightning stay away from open fields, high land, trees,

poles, other tall objects, standing bodies of water including swimming pools, and metal objects including golf clubs and lawn chairs.

If you're home during the Arizona monsoon storms, there are still some things you can do to stay safe and enjoy the natural light and sound show:

1. Turn off all unnecessary electrical equipment during storms to decrease the draw on power companies. This is a prime time for power outages in the area.
2. Because of the risk of power failure, keep batteries, a working battery-powered radio or television, flashlights, and candles handy. If the power goes out, remember to keep lit candles out of direct drafts. Stay off the phone. Even cordless phones can cause a shock in cases of nearby lightning strikes. Use cellular phones for emergencies only.
3. Stay away from plumbing fixtures including showers, baths, and sinks. Lightning can travel through metal pipes.
4. Keep your distance from windows as high winds can blow heavy debris.

GRICUA and SCIP on reservation facilities.

GRICUA welcomes your comments. You can email comments to gricuacomment@gricua.net. You can also go to our website at www.gricua.net.

GRICUA's Hours of Operation  
Monday – Friday 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM  
Payments are accepted on-line and by phone both during our normal operating hours as well as afterhours. If you have any questions regarding your statement or payment options please call during normal business hours.

## Casa Blanca Community School Notices

Enrollment – Packets are available from the CBCS office Mon-Thurs 8am-5pm.  
Meet the Teacher Event – Thursday, July 31st @5PM-7PM

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL – August 4th  
Classes begin at 7:45am  
NO SCHOOL – August 8th  
OPEN HOUSE – August 21st @ 5pm-7pm  
Every Wednesday is EARLY RELEASE

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Food Service Coordinator  
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Instructional Assistants  
ESS Coordinator  
Teacher  
Please call 520-315-3489 for more information. Applications available on CBCS Website.

Summer Word Match

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 hevhogit'thakud  
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 s-chuchkom vu:poi  
 sio'ov vadag gev  
 vachvikud

## Gila River Indian Community

Department of Community Services

Elderly Services Program

P.O. Box 1018, Sacaton, A Z 85147

Phone: (520) 562-5232 Fax: (520) 562-5095



### A FRIENDLY REMINDER TO ELDERLY COMMUNITY

MEMBERS RECEIVING *Per Capita* payments

## Reporting Wages When You Receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI)



Supplemental Security Income (SSI) is a needs-based program for people who are disabled, blind or aged. The amount you can receive is based, in part, on the income available to you. To make sure you get timely and accurate payments, participate in monthly wage reporting.

### What is monthly wage reporting?

When you mail or take your pay stubs to Social Security at the beginning of each month, we call it monthly wage reporting. The law requires you to report your wages when you receive SSI. These wages may or may not affect your SSI payment. We need to see the pay stubs to tell. We also will consider certain expenses you pay that make it possible for you to work.

Generally, the more income available to you, the less the SSI payment will be. Reporting wages each month helps us pay the correct amount of SSI and may prevent you from owing us money, or allow us to pay a higher amount.

### Do I need to provide other pay stubs?

Sometimes you must report someone else's earnings to us. Here are a few examples:

- Your spouse, if he or she lives with you;
- Your parent(s), if you live with them and are younger than age 18; and
- Your sponsors, if you are not a U.S. citizen, even if the sponsors do not live with you.

You also must report to us if you, your spouse, parents or sponsors start or stop working.

**NOTE: If you are the spouse, parent or sponsor of a person receiving SSI, you need to report your wages monthly to receive accurate and timely payments.**

### Who reports monthly wages?

You must report your own wages and those of the people mentioned previously. Some people who receive SSI have a representative payee to help them with their payments. Payees can help us make timely and accurate payments by participating in monthly wage reporting.

www.socialsecurity.gov  
Printed on recycled paper

**NOTE: If you are a representative payee, it is your responsibility to report the wages.**

### How do I report monthly wages?

Each month, take or mail all pay stubs to your local Social Security office. Be sure to include pay stubs for overtime, vacation pay and bonuses. If you have receipts for disability-related items or services necessary for work, turn those in as well.

Most people with telephone access can report wages using our automated phone system. Reporting monthly wages by phone saves you paper, postage and time by eliminating the need to copy, fax or mail wage evidence to the local office. Contact Social Security to learn more.

### When do I send the pay stubs?

Send or bring us the pay stubs as soon as you receive the last pay stub each month, but no later than the 10th day of the next month. For example, we must receive all of the pay stubs for January no later than February 10. Any change in the amount of wages also must be reported no later than the 10th day of the next month.

### Contacting Social Security

For more information and to find copies of our publications, visit our website at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov) or call toll-free, 1-800-772-1213 (for the deaf or hard of hearing, call our TTY number, 1-800-325-0778). We treat all calls confidentially. We can answer specific questions from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday. Generally, you'll have a shorter wait time if you call during the week after Tuesday. We can provide information by automated phone service 24 hours a day.

We also want to make sure you receive accurate and courteous service. That is why we have a second Social Security representative monitor some telephone calls.



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# Community Council Action Sheets **Wednesday, July 2, 2014**

## ACTION SHEET

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

## CALL TO ORDER

The First Regular Monthly Meeting of the Community Council held Wednesday July 2, 2014, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by presiding Chairman Governor Gregory Mendoza at 9:04 a.m.

## INVOCATION

Provided by Councilman Robert Stone

## ROLL CALL

Sign-in Sheet Circulated

Executive Officers Present:

Governor Gregory Mendoza

Lt. Governor Stephen R. Lewis

Council Members Present:

D1- Joey Whitman, Arzie Hogg; D2-Carol Schurz; D3- Carolyn Williams (9:08), Rodney Jackson; D4- Monica Antone, Norman Wellington, Christopher Mendoza; D5-Janice F. Stewart, Robert Stone, Franklin Pablo, Sr.; D6-Anthony Villareal, Sr., Albert Pablo, Sandra Nasewytewa; D7- Devin Redbird (1:49)

Council Members Absent:

D4- Jennifer Allison; D5- Brian Davis, Sr.

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVED AS AMENDED

## SWEARING-IN CEREMONY

1. Shannon White, Council Secretary

2. Robert Keller, Tribal Treasurer

CHIEF JUDGE ANTHONY HILL PROVIDED THE OATH OF OFFICE TO MS. SHANNON WHITE AND MR. ROBERT KELLER [ADDENDUM TO AGENDA]

## PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

3. NCAI Chairman's Outstanding Leadership Award

Presenter: Ernie Stevens, Jr.

MR. ERNIE STEVENS, JR. PROVIDED A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THE AWARD. MR. A.C. GREEN EXPRESSED WORDS OF ACHIEVEMENT AND PRESENTED THE AWARD TO MR. TERRANCE B. EVANS. MR. EVANS EXPRESSED WORDS OF GRATITUDE

[GOVERNOR GREGORY MENDOZA CALLED FOR A 15-MINUTE BREAK

RECONVENED AT 9:56AM]

## REPORTS

1. Pima Leasing & Financing Corporation – 2014 Annual Report

Presenters: Kristie Webster, Elizabeth Antone

REPORT HEARD

2. The Caring House Bi-Annual Report

Presenters: Fernanda Reams, Mark Klein

REPORT HEARD

3. Gila River Health Care FY'13 Annual Report

Presenters: Myron G. Schurz, GRHC Representatives

REPORT HEARD

[MOTION MADE AND SECOND FOR A 90-

MINUTE LUNCH BREAK

RECONVENED AT 1:49PM]

4. Residential Program for Youth Policy & Procedures Manual

Presenter: Kimberly Herman

REPORT HEARD

5. Gila River Gaming Enterprises, Inc. – Monthly Report May 2014 (Executive Session)

Presenters: Janice Ponziani, Board Of Directors

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

6. Gila River Gaming Commission – Monthly Report May 2014 (Executive Session)

Presenters: Serena Joaquin, Courtney Moyah

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

## RESOLUTIONS

1. A Resolution Approving The Capital Projects Budget For The Gila River Telecommunications, Inc. For The Period October 1, 2014 Through September 30, 2015 (G&MSC forwards to Council with the explanation of item #2121 referencing covered parking)

Presenter: Treasurer Robert G. Keller

APPROVED

2. A Resolution Authorizing The Tribal Social Services To Submit A Grant Application To The United States Department Of Health And Human Services Administration For Children And Families, Title IV-B Child And Family Services Plan (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Sara Bissen

DISPENSED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease On Allotment 736 Located On Allotted Trust Land In District Four Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Dean Howard

APPROVED

4. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease On Allotment 870 Located On Allotted Trust Land In District Five Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Dean Howard

APPROVED

5. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease On Allotment 1494 Located On Allotted Trust Land In District Five Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Dean Howard

APPROVED

6. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease On Allotment 1922 Located On Allotted Trust Land In District Two Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Dean Howard

APPROVED

7. A Resolution Amending The Bylaws Of The Council Of Elders (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Sharon Lewis

APPROVED

8. A Resolution Concurring With The Programmatic Agreement Between The Department Of The Air Force, Air Education And Training Command, 56th Fighter Wing, Luke Air Force Base, And The Arizona State Historic Preservation Officer Regarding Construction, Maintenance, And Use Of A Moving Target On The North Tactical Range Barry M. Goldwater Range East, Arizona (CRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Tana Fitzpatrick

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

9. A Resolution Approving The Attached Letter Of Intent And Term Sheet With Chevron Products Company For The Retail Branding Of The Toka Sticks Service Station And For Other Purposes (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval; EDSC concurs)

Presenters: Ronald Rosier, Steven Heeley

APPROVED

## ORDINANCES

1. The Gila River Indian Community Council Hereby Amends The 2009 Gila River Indian Community Code By Repealing Current Title 18, Chapter 2 And Enacting An Amendment To Title 18, Chapter 2 Of The Gila River Community Code (Waste Management Ordinance) (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval; LSC & EDSC concur)

Presenters: Ondrea Barber, Rudy Mix

APPROVED

2. The Gila River Indian Community Council Hereby Amends The 2009 Gila River Indian Community Code By Repealing Current Title 18, Chapter 3 And Enacting An Amendment To Title 18, Chapter 3 Of The Gila River Community Code (Pesticides Ordinance) (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval; LSC & EDSC concur)

Presenters: Ondrea Barber, Daniel Hoyt

APPROVED

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Documents Relating To The Proposed Initiative Regarding The 202 South Mountain Freeway (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval of the Response Letter)

Presenters: Office of General Counsel

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

THE RESPONSE LETTER

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

2. Legislative Update (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Scot Butler, Public Policy Partners

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE THE 4 OUTLINED RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE MEMORANDUM DATED JUNE 23, 2014

## NEW BUSINESS

\*1. Super Bowl Sponsorship Benefit Update (Executive Session)

a. Super Bowl XLIX Game Day Tickets Distribution Options & Marketing Plan Owens Harkey Gila River Media Update (G&MSC forwards to Council for discussion and possible action)

Presenters: Zuzette Kisto, Alia Maisonet, Shannon Redbird

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO HAVE THE COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE GO WITH OPTION 3; WITH THE STIPULATION THAT CPAO GET WITH CSD AND DEVELOP STIPULATIONS, REGULATIONS AND A ONE-TIME POLICY & PROCEDURE TO BRING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

2. Education Standing Committee Resignation One Council Seat (ESC accepts and forwards to Council for appointment declaration of vacancy)

Presenters: Committee

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DECLARATION OF VACANCY AND THAT POSITION TO BE FILLED AT THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING

[MOTION MADE AND SECOND FOR A 10-MINUTE BREAK

RECONVENED AT 3:59PM]

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

3. Sun Valley Marina Corporation – Financial Condition (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council as report possible action under New Business)

Presenter: Treasurer Robert G. Keller

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL APPROVES OPTIONS A AND OPTIONS B IN PART; A SEPARATION IN AN AMOUNT TO THE PAY-OFF BILLS; FURTHER, THE TREASURER WILL PROCEED WITH A RESOLUTION OUTLINING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF PAY OFF; AND, OPTION C, COMMUNITY COUNCIL WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR AND EXAMINE FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL DIRECTS AND

AUTHORIZES GOVERNMENT & MANAGEMENT AND COMMUNITY TREASURER TO DEVELOP A BUDGET TO SUPPORT THE FINANCIAL MATTERS; THE WILD HORSE PASS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND THE ACTING BOARD WILL PROVIDE A FINANCIAL BREAKDOWN SUPPORTING THE JUSTIFICATION OF A BUDGET; COMMUNITY COUNCIL REQUESTS A TIME FRAME OF 30 DAYS TO COME BACK FOR CONSIDERATION

## MINUTES

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

>SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING THURSDAY, JULY 3, 2014, 9AM COUNCIL CHAMBERS

>LITIGATION TEAM MEETING THURSDAY, JULY 3, 2014, 1PM

>DISTRICT 4 4TH OF JULY EVENT THURSDAY, JULY 3, 2014

>DISTRICT 1 4TH OF JULY EVENT SATURDAY, JULY 5, 2014

## ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:59pm

\* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)

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## VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT THE GILA RIVER ROYALTY COMMITTEE

Number of Vacancies	Term of Service	Deadline
Four (4)	3 years	OPEN UNTIL FILLED

Community members interested in serving on the Gila River Royalty Committee (GRRC) must submit a Letter of Interest to the Communications & Public Affairs Office, (include your address and phone number). Provided below is the GRRC Purpose and Terms of Membership outlining the qualifications, duties & responsibilities of the positions.

The purpose of the Gila River Royalty Committee shall be to coordinate the annual Miss Gila River Royalty Pageant as well as oversee the travel itinerary and coordinating activities within the Gila River Indian Community, State of Arizona agencies, and organizations throughout the United States.

Membership to the Gila River Royalty Committee shall be open to any enrolled members of the Gila River Indian Committee, of which, two seats will be specifically filled by former Miss Gila River title holders

Members of the Gila River Royalty are expected to maintain a positive attitude and influence to the Gila River Royalty.

Letters of interest can be submitted:

In person to the Communications & Public Affairs Office located in the Governance Center, 525 W. Gu U Ki, Sacaton AZ 85147

By Mail to :  
Communications & Public Affairs Office  
Attn: Royalty Committee  
P.O. Box 459  
Sacaton, AZ 85147

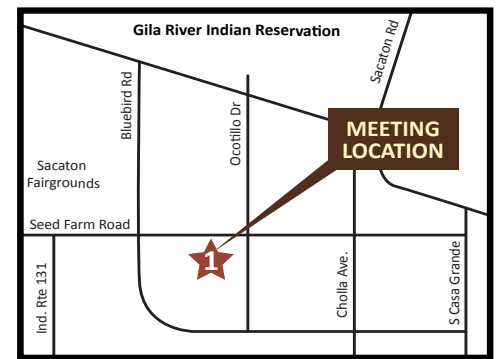
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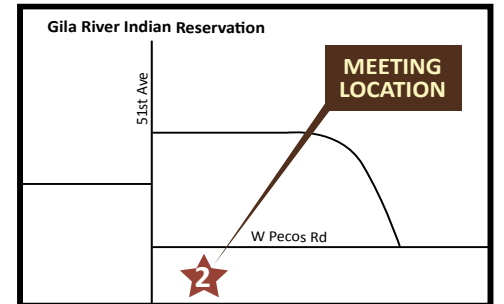


## Gila River Indian Community Multimodal Pedestrian Safety Study Open House

The Gila River Indian Community, in collaboration with the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) Multimodal Planning Division (MPD) is developing the Multimodal Pedestrian Safety Plan funded through MPD's Planning Assistance for Rural Areas (PARA) program. The plan will provide multimodal pedestrian-related improvement recommendations to be considered in the short, mid and long-term timeframes.



Your input and review on recommended pedestrian safety and transportation improvements to address these issues that you identified from the mobile and stakeholder outreach events is critical for the safety and mobility of pedestrians on the Gila River Indian Community.



Stop by at one of the two open house sites listed below on **Tuesday, August 5, 2014**, to learn more about the recommendations and to provide your feedback on the proposed improvements. Your input is valuable to finalizing the study.

**1. Governance Center**  
525 W. Gu U Ki  
Sacaton, AZ  
4 - 5 p.m.

**2. Boys & Girls Club—**  
Gila River Komatke  
5047 W. Pecos Rd., Laveen, AZ  
6 - 8 p.m.

If you require special assistance in order to participate in the public meeting, please contact [projects@azdot.gov](mailto:projects@azdot.gov) or 855.712.8530. Requests should be made as soon as possible to allow time to arrange the accommodation.



FOR MORE INFORMATION:  
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# HUHUGAM HERITAGE CENTER WELCOMES YOUR PARTICIPATION

The Huhugam Heritage Center is a place that tells the stories of the Akimel O'otham and Pee Posh of the Gila River Indian Community and honors the ancient Huhugam, through exhibits, classes, programs and collections our goal is to educate Community members, youth and visitors.

The Heritage Center is currently developing a strategic plan that will help us to maintain an active vision for the future. This is an opportunity to help us define and align the goals for our organization. This includes enhancing community outreach efforts and increasing educational programs. We would like to provide information and gather input from you about the plan as well as potential future exhibit ideas as we prepare for the development of our Main Gallery.

The development of the plan will help us to meet the needs of the Community by providing vital cultural and educational opportunities.

## How can you help?

You can attend one of the Strategic Planning Meetings on:

### August 4

District 1  
Multipurpose Building  
8:30 am – 11:30 am

District 3  
Boys & Girls Club  
1:00 pm – 4:30 pm

### August 5

District 5  
Multipurpose Building  
1:30 pm – 4:30 pm

District 6  
Learning Center  
5:30 pm – 8 pm

We are open to the general public Wednesday through Friday, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.  
Admission for Adults - \$6 / Students & Seniors - \$4 / Children 6-12 - \$2 / 5 and under are free.  
Free admission for all Native American Community Members.

Your input is very important to this project, for more information about the strategic planning meeting please contact the Huhugam Heritage Center  
(520) 796-3500

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