

Community Council members sworn in

By GRIN Staff
Gila River Indian News

Seven Community Council members took the oath of office at the first regular monthly meeting of the Community Council on June 4. Held in the Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, the ceremony was officiated by Chief Judge Anthony Hill as the winners of the 2014 Council election swore to "promote and protect the best interests of the Gila River Indian Community."

With strong backing from family and supporters, the newly elected and re-elected Council members begin a three year term to serve the Community.

Of the seven, two are incumbents. Jennifer Allison (D4) and Janice Stewart (D5) were re-elected in last month's vote.

Three of the inductees are returning members who have previously served on the Council. They are Rodney Jackson (D3), Christopher Mendoza (D4) and Brian E. Davis Sr. (D5).

Meanwhile, Joey Whitman (D1) and Sandra Nasewytewa (D6) are new to Council and serving their first terms.

Being nominated for the Council member position by her



Newly elected and re-elected Council members pose in the Council Chambers. From left: Joey Whitman (D1), Sandra Nasewytewa (D6), Christopher Mendoza (D4), Brian E. Davis Sr. (D5), Rodney Jackson (D3), Janice Stewart (D5), Jennifer Allison (D4).

district "was totally unexpected," said Nasewytewa, who credited her family and fellow Community members for her election.

Nasewytewa has a Bachelor's Degree in Business. She has experience working in public service

having served as the secretary for the District 6 Community Housing Board.

A large contingent of supporters filled the Council chambers for Whitman's swearing in. He said he is "eager and excited" to be on

Council.

Whitman is a young military veteran and an involved Community member who has volunteered his time with the Veterans Serving Veterans group and various other community organizations.

Everyone who attended the meeting had an opportunity to personally congratulate each representative. With attendance for the swearing in very high, the procession lasted several minutes.

Prior to the 15-minute reception, Gov. Mendoza acknowledged outgoing Council members Cynthia Antone (D1), Dale G. Enos (D3), Annette Stewart (D5), and Terrence B. Evans (D6).

"On behalf of the Gila River Indian Community, we would like to thank you for your service and we wish you the best in your future endeavors," said Gov. Mendoza.



Cancer awareness supporters release balloons to symbolize prayers for those affected by cancer.

Cancer Awareness Day focuses on health care and prevention

By Mikhail Sundust
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Few trials in life are as stressful and grueling as living with cancer. It places an enormous weight on the patient and their family emotionally, financially and spiritually. But the gift of fellowship lightens the burdens of the weary and the shield of knowledge gives everyone a fighting chance, which is exactly what Gila River Cancer Awareness Day celebrates.

"We planned it just to kind of raise the awareness of cancer because cancer is becoming a bigger issue here in Gila River, and to honor those that are affected by cancer," said Devin Pablo at the event last Saturday in District 5. Pablo is a member of the Westend Health Committee, the group that has organized the special event five years in a row.

For Amanda Barrera (Chemehuevi Tribe), a council member of the Colorado River Indian Tribes, May 31 is a day of remembrance. "I was married to a [Gila River] tribal member, actually from this district," she told the audience at

the Vah Ki Multi-Purpose Building. His name was Antonio Barrera and "today makes four years that I lost him and he lost the fight to cancer."

Barrera lauded the Gila River Indian Community health programs and Gila River Health Care, saying she believes it helped her husband's battle with cancer better than it might have been elsewhere. "You have an awesome system here. I commend you guys."

A lot of her family members and friends have struggled with cancer. "Cancer in my family has a long history," she said. "I lost my daughter, unfortunately, one year ago today to her fight with thyroid cancer."

It's been tough, she admits, but Barrera said, "It's made me stronger. It's made me very vocal in my community when it comes to our fight for our health."

Barrera's system for maintaining her health starts with preventative care. "What I do every year, as a birthday present to myself, is I start calling for appointments," she said and recommend-

ed for everyone else to do as well. One month before her birthday, she schedules examinations for blood work, a mammogram, vision and dental checkups. "Whatever [checkup] they can give me, I want it," she said. "Give yourself a birthday present."

Barrera encouraged people to get checkups as soon as possible for themselves and their children. Barrera herself had a bout with cancer at a young age. She had breast cancer at age 14 and needed surgery. "Fortunately for me, it was confined and I went into treatment," she said. But she reminded the audience to help their children learn about proper care early on. "Start now. Start with your babies," she said.

Cancer Awareness Day began early in the morning with a 10K run/walk and lasted until after noon. It included entertainment, a balloon release, live music and a free lunch.

As always, the Gila River Cancer Awareness Day was run entirely on donations. Contributors included the Gila River

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Letter to District 4

Dear District 4 Community Members,

Through this writing I send my appreciation to you for providing your support in the recent Council election and re-electing me as one of your Council Representatives.

I enjoy working for our Community. The work is fulfilling, especially when success prevails over the many injustices against the Community and/or our Community members.

Many concerns were brought to me by Community members, from District 4 and other districts requesting assistance, and I hope I've provided solutions to their concerns.

I could not have given the assistance were it not for the cooperation of many, such as my Council member colleagues, attorneys, treasurer, Council Secretary Office staff and the Executive Office. I think at times finding the answers to problems are all in the timing and prayers, but it's also the policies and funding that provides a way for clarity and solution.

I appreciated the working relationship with former Community Manager David White and also the current working relationship with Community Manager Tina Notah. In working together with these Community Managers.

It is my wish to see continued progress happen in all areas of our Community's businesses, departments and our centers that serve our members.

I am again, very thankful for your support.

Respectfully,
 Jennifer Allison, District 4 Council Representative

Congratulations



My Congratulations to my two beautiful daughters, Anaya Lynn and Alyssia Mae Preston.

Another school year conquered. You two handled education and social life well. Making good choices, understanding love and caring for others. Also, being strong in your stand to face the challenges in life and the world. You make me proud to have the both of you call me mom.

Keep loving and believing in yourselves. May God continue to bless your beauty inside and out. I love you both.

Mom

Letter to Gila River

Dear Community members,

It is with the heaviest of hearts that I begin this letter of farewell to the readers of the Gila River Indian News. During my nearly two years working as a community reporter for this spectacular newspaper, I was only beginning to scratch the surface of the beautiful aspects that define your culture and your tribes. I learned enough to last a lifetime, mostly in places I never expected. Thank you for being open to the flash of my camera and the buzz of my microphone. But, especially, thank you for allowing an outsider a welcoming window into your way of life.

I will miss driving along Casa Blanca Road into Sacaton every morning and feeling the power of a people rising. I will miss the constant sense of community and family that is the foundation of every gathering. I will miss driving home in awe of the expansive desert and the all-encompassing blue sky that has been home to your ancestors since time immemorial.

Mainly, though, I will miss you: the people of the Gila River Indian Community, many of whom I will regard as friends for the rest of my days.

Sincerely,
 Joshua Michael Jovanelly

Thank you



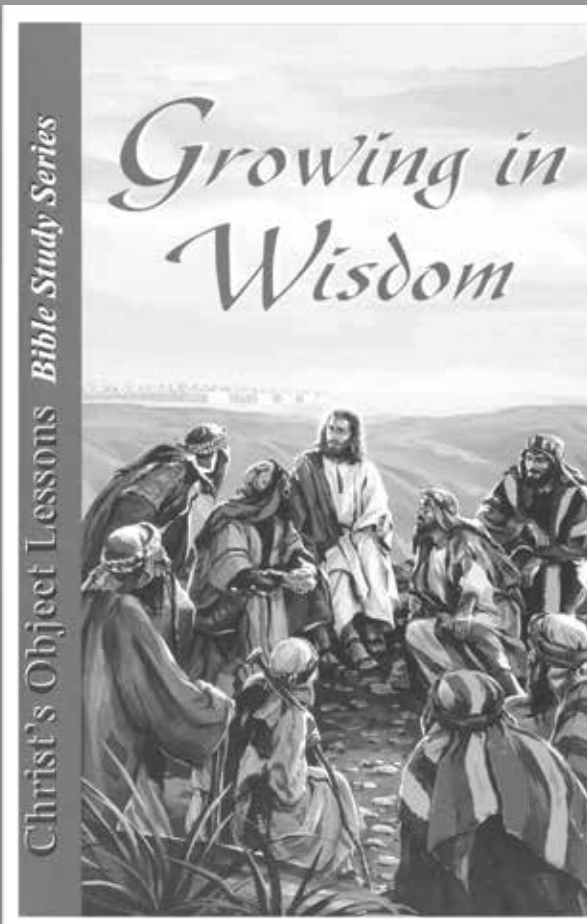
The staff at the Elderly Nutrition Program would like to recognize Elaine Patrick, Manager of Elderly Nutrition Program for her 23 years of service with the Community. We feel it is worth recognition for her dedication and hard work to her program and her staff. We are very proud to be a part of her journey.

Thank you from Pahona, Perchero family



On behalf of the family of Kevin Brian Pahona, we would like to thank the Gila River Indian Community for assisting with donations, funeral services and arrangements.

Kevin Pahona, born Dec. 31, 1969, served as a Hopi police officer for 2 years and moved to the Gila River Community as a corrections officer for 12 years. He recently ended his career as a Gila River court bailiff.



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Governor Mendoza signs historic agreement to purchase land interests



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Gov. Mendoza (center) signing the agreement in Portland, Ore. Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs Kevin Washburn (left) and Deputy Secretary of the Department of Interior Michael Connor (right) look on.

By Executive Office
Gila River Indian Community

On May 29, 2014, Governor Gregory Mendoza and the Deputy Secretary for the U.S. Department of the Interior, Michael Connor, announced a Memorandum of Agreement between the Community and the Interior Department to facilitate the purchase of individual interests in fractionated trust lands located within the Reservation. The agreement was a part of the nationwide Land Buy-Back Program for Tribal Nations, the purpose of which is to

consolidate ownership of fractionated lands. Under the Program to date, the Interior Department has made nearly 20,000 purchase offers to owners of fractionated interests and has restored the equivalent of more than 177,000 acres of land to tribal governments.

"We are encouraged by the growing enthusiasm for the Buy-Back Program across Indian Country, and the increased engagement by tribal nations to participate in its implementation," said Deputy Secretary Connor, who joined Governor Gregory Mendoza and other

tribal leaders at a May 29 signing ceremony. "As part of President Obama's commitment to help strengthen Native American communities, we will continue to implement the Program as transparently and aggressively as possible, but we know that it will succeed only through Nation-to-Nation cooperation. Our partnerships with these Tribal Nations will be critical to ensuring that individuals are aware of this historic opportunity to strengthen tribal sovereignty by supporting the consolidation of tribal lands."

Land fractionation is a serious problem on the Community's Reservation and across Indian Country in general. As lands are passed down through generations, they gain more owners. Many tracts now have hundreds and even thousands of individual owners. Because it is difficult to gain landowner consensus, the lands often lie idle and cannot be used for any beneficial purpose.

"The Gila River Indian Community is looking forward to participating in the Land Buyback Program," said Governor Mendoza. "Our reservation is one of the most fractionated in the country, but is uniquely positioned to use the Program to advance tribal energy and economic development opportunities that will benefit our entire Community."

The Community will have access to \$60 million of Program funds to purchase fractionated interests. Under the Memorandum of Agreement the Community will dedicate a portion of this funding toward the purchase of allottee interests in lands affected by the Salt River Project's (SRP) proposed utility corridor in District 4. Program funds will also be used to purchase lands from Community members in other districts who have applied to sell their interest under the Community's land consolidation program.

"This federal money will help address the problem of fractionated lands on our Reservation but it is only a start and \$60 million is not enough to buy all these interests," said Governor Mendoza. "Council has decided to dedicate much of these federal funds to facilitate the Price Road utility corridor."

The proposed Price Road utility corridor includes the development of a 230kV transmission line that would benefit the Community, GRICUA and members in a number of ways. The following highlights some of the benefits the project could provide:

- The 230kV structures could be built to accommodate additional GRICUA lower voltage lines that could serve substations in District 4 and the Community.

- The ability to underbuild

GRICUA lines on the SRP towers could allow GRICUA to increase its reliability, reduce blackouts, and expand service on the Reservation.

- Partnering with SRP will allow GRICUA to provide the above benefits at a far less cost than if GRICUA were to build these electrical connections on its own.

- An expanded GRICUA system could also provide the power infrastructure to allow the Community and allottees to expand commercial development in the future along Route 101, Route 202 and at the Memorial Airfield Site.

- Allotted landowners would receive monetary compensation either from the Program (if they decided to sell their interests) or for the right of way across their land (if they decided to retain ownership of their interests).

Power demand is anticipated to triple in the Price Road corridor within the next 20 years due to economic growth.

"I will continue to work with Council to seek additional federal funding as well as find Community funds to add to our own land consolidation program," said Governor Mendoza. "Because one third of our Reservation is allotted, \$60 million is a great start but it does not come close to addressing all the fractionated lands in the Community."

New power poles going up on Sacaton Peak

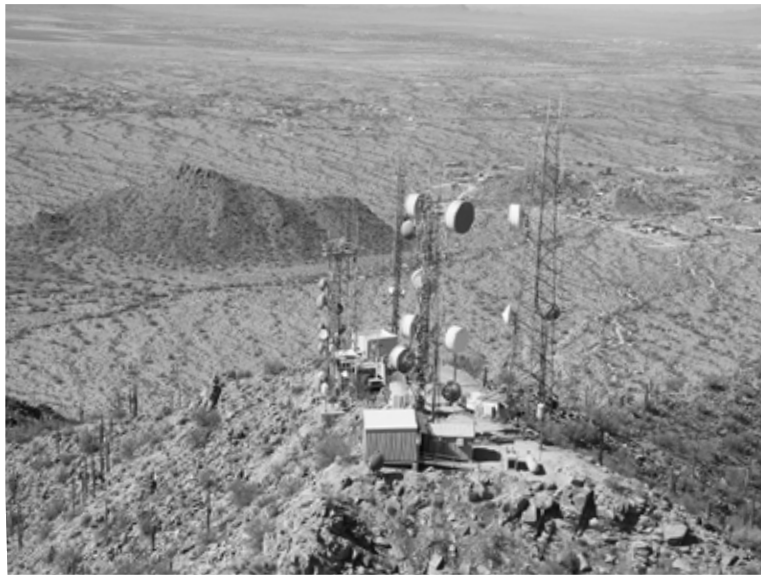


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Aerial view of the communication system on top of Sacaton Peak.

By Mikhail Sundust
Gila River Indian News

The communication station atop Sacaton Peak is getting a much-needed infrastructure upgrade to its 80-year-old power poles and power lines in an effort to bring improved stability and the latest in wireless technology to the Gila River Indian Community.

The Gila River Indian Community Utility Authority, Gila River Telecommunications, Inc. and Pima Leasing and Financing Corporation are partnering to bring the project to fruition.

"It's only about an acre and a half [site] but we have nine different communication buildings up there," said Elizabeth Antone of Pima Leasing.

The station provides communication services to a number of clients including Verizon Wire-

less, Telemundo and all of the public safety operations on this side of the Gila River reservation.

The renovation project is something that the Community had planned long ago but never got off the ground until now. A major motivating factor this year was a newly proposed Verizon tower.

Verizon will be installing a new 4G LTE tower on Sacaton Mountain later this year to replace the 3G network tower currently in use. It will need the improved power lines, as well as a new fiber optic cable to maintain the high-speed network. "This will be able to give 4G to the Community," said Antone. She added in an email, "This is the only partnership Verizon has with a Native American community in the United States."

The communication station is

an important source of revenue for the Community so the upgrade was urgent.

"The poles were just deteriorating," said Antone.

Back in the late 1930s, it took a lot of men, a lot of mules and a

lot of time to install the 20 poles that run up the short, steep mountain on the south side of State Route 387, said GRICUA Operations Director Kathy Galloway. The poles were so worn down they could be lifted by hand. But today it's all being re-built with just a handful of workers and a small helicopter and it should be completed in less than six weeks. The new poles are treated and grounded.

Using the helicopter makes the construction process very efficient. "It's still really steep and really impractical to get the equipment up there," using trucks, said Galloway. Using the

helicopter "lessens the environmental impact on this mountain," because they don't have to destroy any of the natural habitat to make way for large vehicles.

San Carlos Irrigation Project

and contractors RP Construction Company and Wilson Construction Company also contributed to the project.

Tribal Law and Order

On May 15, 2013, the Community Council enacted the revised Criminal Code effective January 1, 2014, which includes enhanced sentencing under the Tribal Law and Order effective May 1, 2014. There are a total of 103 criminal offenses in the revised Criminal Code: 56 are misdemeanors, 8 felonies and 39 that can be charged as a misdemeanor or a felony.

On May 7, 2014, the Community Council approved Resolution GR-71-14 delaying the effective date of felony offenses, procedure related to felony offenses and mental competency in the Criminal Code from May 1, 2014 until July 1, 2014.

The revised Criminal Code is now available at www.mygilariver.com and www.gilariver.org.

Felony offenses delayed until July 1, 2014

COMMUNITY UPDATES BY GRIN STAFF

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

District 3 water infrastructure update

The Department of Public Works has undertaken a project to install a 16" waterline along the east side of Casa Grande Highway, south of Sacaton. The contract has been awarded to Redpoint Contracting.

The project will increase flow volumes and pressures in District 3 to provide enhanced fire protection and service to the existing Community facilities in the area, including the Domestic Violence Shelter and the recently constructed Youth Home.

The water line is being constructed parallel to the road up to the

Sacaton Buttes where it will feed a new 600,000 gallon water tank to be constructed several hundred feet to the east.

This new tank will provide additional storage to meet future needs in District 3, and also provide a redundant storage facility in the event that the old existing tank would have to be taken off line for repairs or rehabilitation. The target date for completion of the waterline is the summer of 2014. The new water tank shall follow and is anticipated by the winter of 2014.



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Right: View of the Department of Public Works project on Casa Grande Highway south of Sacaton.

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Cancer Awareness Day

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Cancer Support Group, District 5 Recreation Department, The Southern Scratch Band, Siloam Baptist Church, Diana Johnson Catering, all the special guests and the Southwest Prostate Cancer Foundation.

Major contributors included Gila River Telecommunications, Inc., Gila River Casinos, Rawhide Western Town and Steakhouse, Gila River Sand & Gravel, the Sheraton Wild Horse Pass and Gila River Health Care Corp.

"Gila River Health Care felt it was important to play a role in the event and really demonstrate our care for the Community and our commitment to the Community and health," said Daryl Lynn Jay of the GRHC public relations department.

GRHC had booths lining the west wall of the gym offering Community members a plethora of services ranging from cancer treatment centers to personalized case management to public health nursing and more.

"We try to build the health-care system so that there's no barriers," to prevent people from getting help, said Jay.

One major free health service is GRHC's mammogram bus, which it acquired through a partnership with Allied Health. The bus is typically available twice per month, once in Sacaton and again in Komatke. "They do mammograms. They're completely free... That's a huge service because mammograms can cost anywhere between \$400-\$800," Jay said.

"The health of our people is everything and ensuring a healthy community is very close to my heart," said Gov. Gregory Mendoza. "I want to encourage all our Community members to be active participants in their health care by making healthy, informed choices about diet, exercise and preventative care."

Gov. Gregory Mendoza is another tribal leader who can speak of cancer from personal experience.

He was diagnosed in August of 2009, when doctors found a cancerous tumor in his chest. Before long, the tumor was removed but Mendoza, always a strong independent person, someone who chose to move out and take care of himself immediately after graduating high school, was humbled by the recovery process.

"There were times when I believed I wasn't going to live," he said. "But thanks to my family, my church, my community and prayer, I am here today."

After hearing the diagnosis, he said, his parents made him return home. "Can you imagine that? My mom and dad would tell their 45-year-old son, 'You're coming home to live with us.' [So they could] take care of me.

"The ironic thing about all of that was that when my parents were taking care of me during my recovery, I ended up taking care of my mom, and I think that was a wonderful blessing... to be there, with my mom, especially during those last days." Sadly, Mendoza's mother lost her fight with cancer.

Mendoza stressed the importance of spirituality, prayer and family. "We draw our strength from prayer," he said. "My uncle was [there] with me. My uncle is Phillip Mendoza... he is also a cancer survivor."

Phillip, 80, is a 25-year survivor of stomach cancer. He was at the Cancer Awareness Day as a representative from the Gila River Cancer Support Group. "We all got together, we went to visit him while he was in the hospital," he said regarding his nephew.

The group, which was started in 2001, meets every third Tuesday of every month at the elderly complex in District 4. June 17 is the next meeting.

Sometimes they share stories, sometimes they meet to pray, said the elder Mendoza. "We invite [people] over or we go to their homes and pray for them... It's more just about coming together."

Gila River Police Department
Citizen's Police Academy
July 1, 2014- August 14, 2014

Please join the Gila River Police Department for our upcoming Citizen's Police Academy starting July 1, 2014. This Academy is a 42-hour program which includes both classroom and "hands-on" instruction presented by members of the Gila River Police Department.

Classes will meet on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:00 pm-9:00 pm at the Gila River Police Department in Sacaton.

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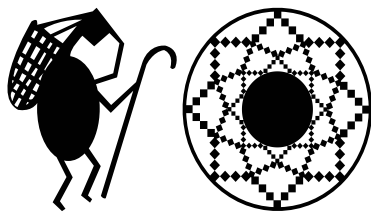
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SOMETHING TO BE TOLD OR TALKED ABOUT

The more things change, the more they stay the same. I'm turning into one of those old GRICsters who cast scornful glances at young ones with wires connected to their ears from their latest greatest iPads/smart-phones, watching their thumbs fly across the screen. But I have to confess that as a child, if I had a way to saddle up on a horse and tote our TV around with me, I surely would have done it. Television was a strong influence during my youth and continues to be to this day. Couple it with air conditioning, it has really spoiled me.

During the weekends and especially during the summer, as soon as breakfast was over, the TV went on. I remember the black and white movies that set the scene for our outside play. Big trees became jungles as we tied ropes together and swung around just like Tarzan, or they became a scary mansion for Frankenstein, Wolfman or Dracula. The internment camp was less than three miles south of our place, so we would saddle the horses and go play army. Sometimes we would take a lunch and off we would go, three on a horse.

In my retirement, I now have the luxury of watching the old movies of my youth again. Once, I was watching a movie on mute. Someone asked how I knew what was going on. I replied I had seen the movie so many times that I knew the plot, music, and dialogue. Some movies have a connection to us. "Arizona" was a western released in 1940, and the Old Tucson western movie set was built for this movie. As the movie begins, a wagon train pulls into Tucson. One man asks the scout if the people he sees are Apache Indians. The scout says no, they are Pima and they hate the enemy more than anyone. In all probability they were To-

hono O'odham since many of them worked as extras in the movies filmed there. "The Sands of Iwo Jima" was released in 1949. Ira Hayes, Rene Gagnon and John Bradley take orders from John Wayne to raise the flag on Iwo Jima. They were the surviving members of the original six flag raisers. To this day it is still an emotional scene. "Hell-gate" was released in 1952 with the setting being a prison carved in a mountain in the desert. When the warden is laying down the law, he says if the desert heat doesn't kill them, then the Pima will kill them for the bounty. A couple of mean looking Indians are up on the hill. I don't know for sure, but I can guess which district those mean looking Indians were from. "The Outsider," also known as the Ira Hayes story, was released in 1961. The scenery is what I enjoy: Nelson Road as a dirt road- no freeway overpass-and Ira's home. I remember the house and the va:to. The scenes outside of Bapchule Traders are bittersweet; I recognize many of the O'odham sitting on the bench. That was what the old men did after checking the mail: sit, watch, talk. My first summer job was being the carry out/gas attendant/interpreter at the store. The scenes in and out of the tribal building in Sacaton are also poignant. I recognize many of the tribal members who served as extras and chuckle when voting instructions are given in O'odham. I understand most of the instructions. The big wooden structure was demolished to build the District 3 community center.

I bemoan the youth for their connection to electronic devices, but I realize I am not much different. I just can't carry mine around.



Power Outage Safety



ON THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY

MONSOON STORM SAFETY

During monsoon storms severe winds have the potential to cause power outages throughout the Community. Power and communications outages can be widespread and last for some time. Strong winds may topple utility poles and snap tree limbs causing them to fall on power lines and disrupt electrical service.

Outage Safety:

1. Be extra cautious when you go outside to inspect for damage after a storm. Downed or hanging wires can be hidden by trees or debris, and could be energized.
2. Never attempt to touch or move downed lines and keep children and pets away from them.
3. Always assume that a downed line is a live line.
4. Do not touch anything power lines are touching.

What to do during an outage:

- Always check your fuse and/or breaker box first.
- Check with a neighbor to see if their power is out.
- Turn off lights, stove and unplug major appliances and electronics to prevent overload when the power is restored. Leave one light on so you will know when the power is restored.
- Keep your refrigerator and freezer doors closed to keep your food as fresh as possible. Frozen food will stay frozen for two days and refrigerated food will stay fresh for up to 24 hours when doors are left closed.
- During storms and other emergencies always check on friends, family, elders and persons with disabilities.
- Never use charcoal briquettes to cook or heat food indoors. This can produce carbon monoxide and can be deadly.
- If you have a medical condition that is impacted by a power outage call 911.
- Call GRICUA at (520) 796-0600 to report downed power lines or other outage related problems. Be sure to check their power outage webpage for updates (www.gricua.net).



Huhugam Heritage Center Strategic Planning Meetings

The Huhugam Heritage Center is going to develop a Strategic Plan that will help us meet the needs of the Community. We would like to hear from you, please share your input with us by filling out a **Community survey** by July 18th, 2014 at 5 pm at the following link.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/HHC2014CommunitySurvey>

For your convenience, paper copies of the survey will be available at all the district centers until July 18th and at the meetings listed below.

We invite all Community members to learn about the Plan and provide input at one of the following meetings. Your participation will help us to enrich our programs to better serve our Community.

July 12, 2014	August 4, 2014	August 5, 2014
District 3 Boys & Girls Club 9am - 12pm	District 1 Multipurpose Bldg. 8:30 am - 11:30 pm	District 5 Multipurpose Bldg. 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm
	District 3 Boys & Girls Club 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm	District 6 Learning Center 5:30 pm - 8pm

For more information please call us at (520) 796-3500




FATHERS SOUND THE WAR CRY
KEEP FAMILIES TOGETHER

National Native American Responsible Fatherhood Day
Saturday, June 14th, 2014

Fathers play an important part in keeping their family healthy!

IRA HAYES PARK
10:00 A.M. TO 12:30 P.M.

Lunch will be provided to first 75 people registered

- Water Games
- Music
- Raffle Prizes
- Giveaways
- Entertainment
- Family Resource Info.

Life Center (520) 562-7940



Gila River Indian Community Utility Authority

SUMMER STUDENT INTERN PROGRAM 2014

The Gila River Indian Community Utility Authority (GRICUA) has an opportunity for Summer Student Interns to learn a little about how an electric utility operates. Three interns will be selected for individual three (3) week internships.

The students will rotate through various departments at GRICUA, learning about the tasks and responsibilities of the people who provide electric service to the Community.

OPPORTUNITY:

- Students will work 40 hours per week, Monday through Friday for a three-week period.
- Pay will be \$7.90 per hour (Arizona Minimum Wage)
- Students will learn from experienced draftsmen, warehouse supervisor, meter technician, line workers, accountants, customer service representatives and others directly involved with the work in the utility

REQUIREMENTS:

- Students must be at least 16 years of age
- Students should have some basic computer skills, such as word processing and spreadsheets
- Students **must** complete the GRICUA Application for Employment which can be found at <http://www.gricua.net/employment.html>
- Deadline for filing applications is May 28 at 4:00 p.m.
- Applications will be evaluated upon receipt and interviews may be scheduled before closing date.
- Return applications via e-mail to GRICUAHR@GRICUA.NET; by fax to 480-452-1429 or mail to GRICUA Human Resources Dept. at 6640 W. Sundust Road, Box 5091, Chandler, AZ 85226

Crisis Response Team comes to Gila River

By Joshua Jovanelly
Gila River Indian News

In the midst of a tragedy, Cheryl Walker found herself wondering where the blankets had come from.

At 1 a.m. on a frigid morning a few years ago, Walker rushed out to find that her nephew, a young man in his 20s, had been killed. She had dressed quickly, haphazardly grabbing clothes as she sped out the door.

When Walker arrived, fellow family members were there covered by blankets that seemed to have materialized out of nowhere. Then Walker noticed that the Phoenix Fire Department had responded to the scene and that a tall young woman from the Phoenix Fire Crisis Response Team was sharing information with the family. The woman had passed out blankets to Walker's family, bringing what little warmth cloth can provide against the numbing emptiness that comes when a loved one unexpectedly departs.

"I don't really remember much else about that tragic morning but I do know that the Phoenix Fire Crisis Response Team were where the blankets came from," Walker, 45, wrote in an email. Despite her pain, she found comfort in the gesture. "You don't think about that when you wake up in the morning, you just throw whatever on," she added in a phone interview. "It's cold out in our desert, you know."

Now that Walker, who lives in District 7, knows where the blankets came from, she is preparing to pay it forward. She will be part of the Gila River Crisis Response Team, the first of its kind in Indian Country, which is ex-



Joshua Jovanelly/GRIN

The Crisis Response Team in Gila River is a group of volunteers who provide assistance to Community members during traumatic events.

pected to begin operations within the next few months. The group of about 20 initial volunteers will provide resources and assistance to families affected by emergency situations.

Crisis Response Teams are groups of volunteers who provide what are called connector services for families following Traumatic events and emergencies. Fire, police and medical personnel must handle the most urgent activities in any given emergency quickly so they can get back into service as soon as possible. The Crisis Response Team is there to fill in the gaps after the first responders leave.

Gila River's team is being organized by firefighter Jamison

Ashton, who has worked with CR teams in other fire departments. Ashton has put each volunteer, almost all of whom are Community members, through a rigorous training regimen that amounts to an entire public safety hiring process, including drug testing, background checks and panel interviews. Gila River's CR team members have been sent to regional trainings and attended an all-day Sunday training session in May.

Ashton and his volunteers have dedicated a lot of time to setting up this resource for the Community.

"The Crisis Response Team is basically Community volunteers assisting their own commu-

nity," Ashton said.

The team will operate a van based out of Fire Station No. 423 in Sacaton and be in radio communication and under the command structure of Gila River emergency services. The program gained a boost in development through the Community's Alcohol Tax, allowing the fire department to purchase the necessary equipment and outfit 2 special-purpose Crisis Response Vans.

The two-person teams will work in 6 to 24 hour shifts, and Ashton hopes to one day offer Community-wide coverage 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

What services the Crisis Response Team ends up providing will vary from situation to situa-

tion, but its main goal is to serve as a go-to for Community families in need.

The team could transport family members who need a ride to the hospital to be with their loved ones, arrange shelter for families and their pets after a house fire, offer important phone numbers to connect families with much-needed resources or simply be an empathetic presence in the middle of hardship.

Harry Williams, 66, another volunteer from District 6, is a retired nurse. He believes the creation of the team to be a landmark for the Community. "With the amount of training we're receiving, the Community will receive us very well," he said. "I'm excited for the challenge. I can't wait to get started." All of these services will be optional to Community members' families.

The team understands that emergency situations can be quite personal and difficult for families to process. Its intention is simply to offer support and help to families who decide they want it.

Walker, who holds two jobs and volunteers in other capacities, said this is a big step for Native American communities. "It's taking off running and it's really exciting to think that this is going to be the first team of its kind in Indian Country on a reservation," she said. "It will just be our people taking care of our people."

If you are interested in joining the Gila River Fire Department's Crisis Response Team please contact the fire department at (520) 610-1780 or by email at gilarivercrisisresponse@gric.nsn.us.

Gila River Health Care Family Planning Mobile Medical Clinic
(Title X Funded)
JUNE 2014
520-371-0132 cell
520-562-5146 office

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 D6 RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT CENTER BY APPOINTMENT ONLY	3 VHM HIGH SCHOOL TEEN CLINIC BY APPOINTMENT ONLY 8:30-2:00 PM	4 D5 (BAPCHULE) HEADSTART 8:30-2:30 PM	5 IRA HAYES HIGH SCHOOL TEEN CLINIC BY APPOINTMENT ONLY 8:30-2:00 PM	6 NO CLINIC
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30 NO CLINIC				CALL AND SCHEDULE YOUR FAMILY PLANNING APPOINTMENT TODAY!

Gila River Health Care Family Planning Mobile Medical Clinic
(Title X Funded)
JULY 2014
520-371-0132 cell
520-562-5146 office

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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Gila River Women's Wellness Camp

Are you looking for ways to kick start your physical activity, make healthier food choices & reduce your stress?

Here is a sneak peek:

- ◆ Create balanced meals
- ◆ Reduce hunger cravings
- ◆ Safe and effective workouts
- ◆ Health goals & journaling
- ◆ Support groups



Camp Days and Locations:

All camps are held on Saturdays from 9:00am—3:00pm

- ◆ June 14 - District 5 : Casa Blanca Rd, Bapchule
- ◆ June 21 - District 1: 15747 N. Shegoi Rd. Blackwater
- ◆ June 28 - District 3: Sacaton
- ◆ July 12 - District 4: Indn Route 68, Sacaton
- ◆ July 19 - District 7: 8201 W Baseline Rd, Laveen Village
- ◆ July 26 - District 2: Sacaton Flats Rd, Mishki
- ◆ August 2 - District 6: 5230 W St Johns Rd, Laveen 85339

Call 480-461-3888 or Register at FitnessFest.org/GRIC

Enrollees must have a waist size of 36" or more and be larger than size 14. If you do not meet these requirements, you CAN still register as a Women's Wellness Mentor.

Funding provided by the Gila River Indian Community Tobacco Tax Grant, administered through the Office of Special Funding and Community Services Department. We will also offer follow-up workouts, support groups and help to keep you on track! This is absolutely all FREE for you, so call or register to learn more!



TRIBAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

“MASHCHAMA HA JENIKTHA”



Gila Crossing promotes eighth grade class

By Roberto A. Jackson
Gila River Indian News

Eighth grade students, draped in gold graduation gowns, shared one last special moment before they were promoted from Gila Crossing Community School. District 6 gave the eighth grade class a fitting send off with cheers, balloons and flowers to celebrate the achievement.

The promotion ceremony, held at the Boys & Girls Club – Komatke Branch on May 28, brought out a large crowd of supporters to watch the students mark an important milestone in their education.

Principal Ruben Gonzalez said this particular class had great energy and personality. “We’re giving the students a stepping stone to move forward,” he said. This was Gonzalez’s first year as principal.

Keynote speaker Jacob Moore, whose grandfather was

from Gila Crossing, stressed to the students that promotion from eighth grade will lead to more accomplishments if they work hard. “Enjoy this moment of accomplishing something that took hard work because you’re going to need to keep that inside you because you have future successes waiting for you,” said Moore.

Members of the Gila Crossing Community School Board of Trustees also spoke, including Charles Goldtooth, Priscilla Antone and Robin Fohrenkam.

Salutatorian Kiona Allison said that she would always



Valedictorian Lehua Dosela walks to the podium during the Gila Crossing Community School eighth grade promotion.

hold on to her memories as a Gila Crossing Eagle. “I will never forget about my time here at Gila Crossing Community School,” she said.

Valedictorian Lehua Dosela was a leader in the classroom and in her speech, she thanked her teachers and her family. She also acknowledged her schoolmates for the good times they shared. “I would like to thank my friends for being there and making this year fun,” she said.

Grads leave St. Peter for ninth grade



St. Peter's graduates pose during the special promotion mass on May 23.

By Mikhail Sundust
Gila River Indian News

Wearing colorful ribbon shirts, sea shell necklaces and yellow rose boutonnieres, the 16 young men and women of the St. Peter Indian Mission School graduating class of 2014 marched into the church to a choir of “Go Make a Difference.”

“Each student here [is] enormously blessed,” said Father Greg Rice to a congregation of student family members at the special promotion mass May 23. The crowd was so large it spilled out of the church and into the tree-shaded area of the campus.

Father Greg Rice said the students were blessed to have had a Catholic education that went beyond standard academics and taught them the “treasure” of biblical “truth and goodness.”

“As you go out today, you are carrying a treasure,” he told the youths. “You have the opportunity to take this wonderful treasure and spread it to all of the places that you go... Every life that you touch will reflect the kind of person that you have become.”

The list of St. Peter graduates includes: Francisco Cruz Chacon, Marla Danea Dixon, William Oneal Griffin, Amarissa Victoria Garcia, Erika Rose Garcia, Gabrielle Ayanna Garcia, Savannah Jordana Howard, Aleksah Terrese Jackson, Cheyenne Morning Star Johns, Terrence Jerrick Miles, Joshua Charles Munguia, Kyle James Nish, Belicia Gabrielle Ramirez, Janine Bayle Stone, John Lee Stone and Isaiah Phillip Yucupicio.

The following is a list of high school graduates:

Alhambra High School
Alexis Cordova

Trevor Browne High School
Antonio Chavez

Bostrom Alternative High School
Joseph Armenta

Carl Hayden Community High School
Mia Hernandez
Vanessa Mendoza
Coral Garcia

Casa Grande Union High School
Brandy Eschief
Isaac Lyons
Brooklyn Marrietta
Travis Pablo
Desiray Pancott
Danica Williams

Desert Winds
Kimberly Allison
Kimberly Mix
Kara Redbird

Vista Grande High School
Angelica Flores
Marquis Thomas

Betty Fairfax High School
Kevin Bahe
Isaac Delowe
Dawn Dosela
Angel Escobar
Sierra Nahee
Suzannah Sabori
Angel Vera

Coolidge High School
Joshua Gonzales
Skyler Hammond
Noah Hogg
Anthony Jackson
Learall Jackson
Ponce Jackson
Morgan Jaecks
Amy Rae Jones
Darvin Mix
Keenan Morgan
Ladania Reed
Aimee Taufa
Kayla Williams
Ashley Yazzie

Basha High School
Ivan Castillo
Adrienne Dixon
Zoe Felder

Chandler High School
Alyssa Francisco
Brianna Lopez
Thorpe Smith

Hamilton High School
Bianca Corona
Jalen Joaquin
Deanna Lopez
Bria Ramon

Cesar Chavez High School
Raheem Avery
Alexandria Casarez
Maria Diego
Elizabeth Francisco
Benjamin Johnson
Amber Moristo
Dion Peters

Chemawa Indian School
Christopher Burnette
Victor Mercado
Gabriel Ovante
Micheal Serawop

Flandreau Indian School
Derrick Morgan

Sherman Indian High School
Lucia Antone
Serena Brown
Hiram Enos

Riverside Indian School
Marcus Peters
Renee Setoyant

Vechij Himdag Alternative School
Alycia Honawa
Geneva Blackwater
Rance C Charles
Mariah R Meza
Alexandra Nelson
Alexander Pablo
Rochelle Tsosie
Courtney Eschief
Leticia Moreno

Ira H. Hayes High School
Deshaun Humeyumpewa
Alex C. Joe
Mariah S. Joe
Deleno T. Lewis
Gina Martinez
Calvin Miles

Desiderata Program
Korey Milda



The following is a list of graduating college and graduate students:

Emery Brown, Argosy University – Master’s in Business Administration
James De La Rosa, Western International University – Master’s in Information Systems Engineering
Tomas Joseph, RSI – Certificate in Electro-Mechanical Tech
Joycelyn Iniquez, Grand Canyon University – Master’s in Justice Studies
Cheyenne Pratt, Carrington College – Certificate in Diagnostic Medical Sonography
Jeremy Dunning, ITT Tech-California – Bachelor’s in Project Management & Administration
Irwin Lewis Jr., Academy of Art University – Bachelor’s in Photography
Merissa Cruye, Little Priest Tribal College – Associate’s in Teacher Education
Austin Lopez, George Fox University – Bachelor’s in Global Business
Barbara Espinoza, Ottawa University – Bachelor’s in Human Services
Monica Garcia, Ottawa University – Bachelor’s in Human Services
Kathy Garcia, Arizona State University – Bachelor’s in Emergency Management
Andrea Macias, Arizona State University – Master’s in Counseling
Lionel North, Arizona State University – Bachelor’s in Psychology
Natalia Miles, Arizona State University – Bachelor’s in Religious Studies
Althea Walker, Arizona State University – Bachelor’s in Engineering
Reylynne Williams, Arizona State University – Bachelor’s in Anthropology
DeWayne Newton III, Central Arizona College – Associate’s in Heavy Equipment Operator
Clarissa Cristofori, Northern Arizona University – Master’s in Educational Leadership
Gabriella Enos, Northern Arizona University – Bachelor’s in International Affairs
Clifford Sneed, Phoenix College – Associate’s in Business
Nina Allison, South Mountain Community College – Certificate in Early Education/Teacher Certification
Hudunig Antone, South Mountain Community College – Certificate in Early Education/Teacher Certification
Marcella Hoover, South Mountain Community College – Certificate in Early Education/Teacher Certification
Arlanna Jackson, South Mountain Community College – Certificate in Early Education/Teacher Certification
Karen Koory, South Mountain Community College – Certificate in Early Education/Teacher Certification
Donovan Kyyitan, South Mountain Community College – Certificate in Early Education/Teacher Certification
Shelly Lomahquahu, South Mountain Community College – Certificate in Early Education/Teacher Certification
Erin Rhodes, South Mountain Community College – Certificate in Early Education/Teacher Certification
Sharon Shelde, South Mountain Community College – Certificate in Early Education/Teacher Certification
Starleen Somegustava, South Mountain Community College – Certificate in Early Education/Teacher Certification
Edwardine Thomas, South Mountain Community College – Certificate in Early Education/Teacher Certification
Ashley Nourse, University of Texas-Arlington – Bachelor’s in Business Administration and Management
Adam Porter, Lewis-Clark State College – Bachelor’s in Graphic Design/Print Technology
Emmanuel Sandoval, Woodbury University – Bachelor’s in Architecture
Heather Arpke, University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse – Bachelor’s in Community Health
Nicole Osife, Cerritos College – Associate’s in Mathematics
Charlette Viney, Mills College – Bachelor’s in Political, Legal, Economic Analysis
James Jones IV, St. Mary’s College of California – Bachelor’s in Communication
Crystal Curley, Western International University – Master’s in Business Management

Community Council Action Sheets **Wednesday, May 21, 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 May 21, 2014, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by presiding Chairman Lieutenant Governor Stephen R. Lewis at 9:10 a.m.

INVOCATION

Provided by Councilman Norman Wellington, Sr.

ROLL CALL

Sign-In Sheet Circulated

Executive Officers Present:

Lt. Governor Stephen R. Lewis

Executive Officers Absent:

Governor Gregory Mendoza

Council Members Present:

D1-Cynthia Antone, Arzie Hogg; D3- Carolyn

Williams, Dale G. Enos; D4-Monica Antone,

Jennifer Allison, Norman Wellington; D5- Annette

J. Stewart, Janice F. Stewart, Robert Stone,

Franklin Pablo, Sr.; D6-Anthony Villareal, Sr.,

Albert Pablo, Terrance B. Evans; D7- Devin

Redbird

Council Members Absent:

D2- Carol Schurz; D4-Barney Enos, Jr.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVED AS AMENDED

PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

1. 2014 Gila River Royalty

Presenters: Zuzette Kisto and Kelly Whitman

MISS GILA RIVER LUCIA ANTONE AND MISS GILA RIVER 1ST ATTENDANT ANNIE GUTIERREZ INTRODUCED THEMSELVES AND GAVE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THEIR EDUCATION AND GOALS.

[LT. GOVERNOR LEWIS CALLED FOR A 15-MINUTE BREAK RECONVENED AT 9:54AM]

REPORTS

1. Children in Crisis Work Group Update Presenters: Cathy Brown and Judge Pedro

REPORT HEARD

2. Sacaton Middle School Tribal Allocation 2nd Quarterly Progress Report

Presenter: Philip Bonds

REPORT HEARD

3. Sacaton Elementary School Tribal Allocation 2nd Quarterly Progress Report

Presenter: Leslie Rychel

REPORT HEARD

4. Casa Blanca Community School Tribal Allocation 2nd Quarterly Progress Report

Presenter: Jacque Bradley

REPORT HEARD

5. Blackwater Community School Tribal Allocation 2nd Quarterly Progress Report

Presenter: Jacquelyn Powers

REPORT TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

6. Ira H. Hayes High School Tribal Allocation 1st Quarterly Progress Report

Presenter: Crispin Zamudio

REPORT HEARD

7. Ira H. Hayes High School Tribal Allocation 2nd Quarterly Progress Report

Presenter: Crispin Zamudio

REPORT HEARD

8. Gila Crossing Community School Tribal Allocation 2nd Quarterly Progress Report

Presenter: Jeff Williamson

REPORT HEARD

9. Travel Report – 2nd Quarter 2014

Presenter: Treasurer Robert G. Keller

REPORT HEARD

10. Gila River Sand & Gravel Corporation Presenters: Michael Morago, Bob Gazis and Brian Hemmelle

REPORT HEARD

11. BIA Forest Management Planning in Cooperation with the Community

Presenter: Chris English

REPORT HEARD

12. Injury Prevention Program Semi-Annual Report

Presenters: Verena Jackson and Janice Anderson

REPORT HEARD

13. Four Rivers Indian Legal Services Semi-Annual Status Report

Presenter: Fred Pinsky

REPORT HEARD

14. Status of Update on the ASU Dahlberg Dental Cast Collection and Transfer

Presenter: Tana Fitzpatrick

REPORT HEARD

15. Super Bowl Sponsorship Benefit Update (Executive Session) Presenters: Zuzette Kisto and Alia Maisonet TABLED AT THE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

16. Gaming Internal Audit – 2nd Quarter FY 2014 Report (Executive Session)

Presenter: Treasurer Robert G. Keller

TABLED AT THE APPROVAL OF AGENDA

17. Monthly Financial Activity Report Ended April (Executive Session)

Presenter: Treasurer Robert G. Keller

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT

THIS REPORT

[LT. GOVERNOR LEWIS CALLED FOR A 90-MINUTE LUNCH BREAK

RECONVENED AT 1:57PM]

RESOLUTIONS

*1. A Resolution Establishing A Moratorium On The Processing Of Enrollment Petitions Under Section 3.108 Of The GRIC Code, Which Shall Remain In Effect Until December 31, 2014, Or By Action Of Community Council To Remove The Moratorium, Whichever Occurs Sooner (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Jane Johnson-Woody

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DISPENSE

2. A Resolution Approving The Second Amendment And Restatement Of The Retirement Plan For The Employees Of The Gila River Indian Community, Effective January 1, 2014 (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation of approval)

Presenters: Treasurer Robert G. Keller, Catherine Langford and Sharon Harvier-Lewis

APPROVED

3. A Resolution Authorizing The Restructuring Of The Retirement Plan For The Employees Of The Gila River Indian Community And The Adoption

Of The Gila River Indian Community Governmental 401(K) Plan, Effective January 1,

2015 (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation of approval)

Presenters: Treasurer Robert G. Keller, Catherine Langford and Sharon Harvier-Lewis

APPROVED

4. A Resolution Authorizing The Early Education/Child Care Center To Entering Into A Registration Agreement (Contract) With The

Department Of Economic Security Child Care Administration (G&MSC forwards to Council with

recommendation of approval; ESC concurs)

Presenters: Melissa Madrid and Linda Sauer

APPROVED

5. A Resolution Authorizing And Approving An Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Dr. Michael Christensen

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

Presenter: Tana Fitzpatrick

APPROVED

6. A Resolution Authorizing And Approving An Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Dr. David Young (G&MSC

forwards to Council with recommendation of approval; LSC concurs)

Presenter: Tana Fitzpatrick

APPROVED

7. A Resolution Approving The Gila River Indian Community's Head Start And Early Head Start Program To Submit An Application On Behalf Of

The Gila River Indian Community To The U.S. Department Of Health And Human Services

Administration For Children And Families, Office Of Head Start, American Indian And Alaska

Native Program, For Funds Initially Withheld From The 2013-2014 Head Start Grant

#90C10171 Refunding Application Because Of Sequestration (G&MSC forwards to Council with

recommendation of approval; ESC concurs)

Presenter: Patricia Valenzuela

APPROVED

8. A Resolution Authorizing The Wild Horse Pass Development Authority To Plan and Implement

For Profit Special Events And Superseding Resolution GR-13-14 (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation of approval)

Presenters: Zuzette Kisto, Alia Maisonet and Ronald Rosier

TABLED AT THE APPROVAL OF AGENDA

9. A Resolution Approving The 2011 Revision Of The Pima Agency Wild Land Fire Management Plan And Addition Of The Fuels Management Plan (NRSC forwards to Council with

recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Alan Sinclair

TABLED AT THE APPROVAL OF AGENDA

10. A Resolution Approving An Amendment To The Gila River Trail Rider's Bylaw (NRSC

forwards to Council with recommendation for

approval; H&SSC & CRSC concur)

Presenters: Clifton "Chuck" Pablo and Danelle Spring

APPROVED

11. A Resolution Authorizing And Approving The Bureau Of Land Management To Survey The Boundary Line Located In District 1 Of The Gila

River Indian Reservation (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval;

CRSC concurs)

Presenter: Office of the General Counsel

APPROVED

12. 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

APPROVED

13. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease On Allotment 2569 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

14. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease On Allotment 2984-A 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

APPROVED

15. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease On Allotment 2569 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

ORDINANCES

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Gila River Telecommunications Board of Directors Appointments (2)

Presenter: Community Council

BELINDA NELSON AND LEE MIGUEL, JR.

CERTIFIED

2. Rosemont Copper Project; Request by the Tohono O'odham Nation (CRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval for the Governor to sign the letter to support the Tohono

O'odham Nation in their efforts in opposing the Rosemont Copper Project)

Presenter: Tana Fitzpatrick

MOTION MADE AND SECOND FOR

APPROVAL FOR THE GOVERNOR TO SIGN

THE LETTER OF SUPPORT

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER

EXECUTIVE SESSION

3. Sun Valley Marina Corporation – Audit Follow-Up Report (Executive Session) (G&MSC

forwards to Council for discussion and possible action)

Presenter: Treasurer Robert G. Keller

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO REMOVE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SUN VALLEY MARINA CORPORATION DUE TO THE LACK OF MANAGEMENT OVERSIGHT

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT THE BOARD MEMBERS OF THE WILD HORSE

PASS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AS THE INTERIM BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE SUN VALLEY MARINA DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AND AUTHORIZE THE

UTILIZATION OF WHPDA STAFF AND RESOURCES; AND TO:

1) DIRECT THE COMMUNITY TREASURER'S OFFICE TO REVIEW THE CORPORATION'S FINANCIAL RECORDS AND THE EXISTING CONTRACTS; AND REPORT BACK THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL REGARDING THE FINANCIAL STATUS; AND

2) DIRECT THE OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL TO PREPARE THE TRANSACTION DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO ASSIGN THE CORPORATION'S MASTER LEASE, LEASE NO. B-GR-71, TO THE WILD HORSE PASS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY; AND

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Gila River Indian Community Department of Public Works 2013 Annual Water Quality Reports



Is my water safe?

This report is a snapshot of your water quality. Included are details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to standards set by regulatory agencies.

Do I need to take special precautions?

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immune-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Water Drinking Hotline (800-426-4791).

Why are there contaminants in my drinking water?

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk.

be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity including:

Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, that may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife; inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial, or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming; pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses; organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems; and radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations

that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

Water Quality Table

The tables below lists all of the drinking water contaminants detected during the calendar year of this report. The presence of contaminants in the water does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in this table is from testing done in the calendar year of the report. The EPA or the State requires monitoring for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently.

Health Effects Language:

Total Coliform

Coliforms are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other potentially harmful, bacteria may be present. Coliforms were found in more samples than allowed and this was a warning of potential problems.

Arsenic

Some people who drink water containing arsenic in excess of the MCL over many years may experience skin damage or circulatory system problems, may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

Special Education Statements:

Additional Information for Arsenic

While your drinking water meets the

EPA standard for arsenic, it does contain low levels of arsenic. The EPA standard balances the current understanding of arsenic's possible health effects against the costs of removing arsenic from drinking water. The EPA continues to research the health effects of low levels of arsenic which is a mineral known to cause cancer in humans at high concentrations and is linked to other health effects such as skin damage and circulatory problems.

Additional Information for Nitrate

Nitrate in drinking water at levels above 10 ppm is a health risk for infants of less than six months of age. High nitrate levels in drinking water can cause blue baby syndrome. Nitrate levels may rise quickly for short periods of time because of rainfall or agricultural activity. If you are caring for an infant, you should ask for advice from your health care provider.

Additional Information for Lead

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. PWS system is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791 or at http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead/leadfactsheet.html

Unit Description:

Table with 2 columns: Term and Definition. Lists various units like ppm, ppb, MCL, etc.

How can I get involved?

Please feel free to contact the number provided below for more information. Your input is important to us! For more information please contact: Department of Public Works, Chris Huang, Acting Water/Wastewater Plant O & M Supervisor, P. O. Box G, Sacaton, Arizona 85147. Phone: (520) 796-4532 Fax: (520) 796-4539.

Public Water System #: 090400047 Sacaton - 2013 Water Quality Table. Your water comes from 4 ground water sources and the Community district they serve are District 1, 2 and 3.

Public Water System #: 090400092 Casa Blanca/Bapchule - 2013 Water Quality Table. Your water comes from 2 ground water sources and the Community district they serve is District 5.

Public Water System #: 090400096 Stotonic - 2013 Water Quality Table. Your water comes from 1 ground water source and the Community district it serves is District 4.

Public Water System #: 090400691 Aerodyne - 2013 Water Quality Table. Your water comes from 1 ground water source and the Community district it serves is the Aerodyne Subdivision. One ground water source is purchased from Public Water System #: 090400345.

Public Water System #: 090400345 Lone Butte Industrial - 2013 Water Quality Table. Your water comes from 2 ground water sources.

Public Water System #: 090400692 Wild Horse Pass - 2013 Water Quality Table. Your water comes from 3 ground water sources and the Community district they serve are Wild Horse Pass, District 6 and 7.

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3) DIRECT THE OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL AND THE COMMUNITY TREASURER'S OFFICE TO DISSOLVE THE CORPORATION; AND

4) DIRECT THE OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL TO SEND A LETTER TO THE AFFECTED ALLOTTEES, THE CORPORATION'S CONTRACTED PARTIES, AND THE BOB BONDURANT SCHOOL OF HIGH PERFORMANCE DRIVING INFORMING THEM OF THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL; AND

5) THE WILD HORSE PASS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD WILL COME BACK AND REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL WITH A PLAN

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO REMOVE COMMITTEE-AT-LARGE MEMBER PAMELA PRATT FROM THE GOVERNMENT AND MANAGEMENT STANDING COMMITTEE

4. Independent Contractor Update (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council to concur and authorize the a memorandum dated May 8, 2014 at the conclusion going forward with the increase)

Presenter: Ronald Rosier

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CONCUR

AND AUTHORIZE A MEMORANDUM DATED

MAY 8, 2014 AND TO THE CONCLUSION

GOING FORWARD WITH THE INCREASE

[Addendum to Agenda]

5. Gila River Gaming Enterprises, Inc Board of Directors Appointment (1)

Presenter: Community Council

REBECCA CARPIO CERTIFIED

NEW BUSINESS

1. FY2013 Community's Financial Statement Changes of OMB A-133 (G&MSC forwards to Council and concurs with recommendations of the Treasurer's Office)

Presenters: Treasurer Robert G. Keller and REDW

DISPENSED AT THE APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2. Protest to the 2014 Community Council Election (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation to reject the protest and to certify the election results for District 6)

Presenters: Gailyn Ethelbah and Nadine Shelde

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO REJECT

THE PROTEST AND TO CERTIFY THE

ELECTION RESULTS FOR DISTRICT 6

3. Certification of the 2014 Community Council

Election Results-Districts 1, 3, 4 & 5 (LSC

forwards to Council to certify the election results

for:)

Presenters: Gailyn Ethelbah and Nadine Shelde

District 1 – Joey Whitman

District 3 – Rodney Jackson

District 4 – Jennifer Allison and Christopher Mendoza

District 5 – Brian E. Davis Sr. and Janice Stewart

District 6 – Sandra Nasewytewa

JOEY WHITMAN CERTIFIED

RODNEY JACKSON CERTIFIED

JENNIFER ALLISON AND CHRISTOPHER

MENDOZA CERTIFIED

BRIAN E. DAVIS, SR. AND JANICE STEWART

CERTIFIED

SANDRA NASEWYTEWA CERTIFIED

4. Revenue Internal Audit Department – 2nd

Quarter Report Fiscal Year 2014 (Executive

Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council)

Presenter: Treasurer Robert G. Keller

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT

5. Intertribal Technical Assistance – Assistance Working Group

Special Domestic Violence VAWA

Presenter: Councilwoman Monica Antone

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO AUTHORIZE

TRAVEL UNDER DUES AND DELEGATIONS

COUNCILMAN DALE G. ENOS EXPLAINED AND EXPRESSED HIS APOLOGIES TO EXCUSE HIMSELF FROM THE REMAINDER OF THE MEETING. COUNCIL MEMBERS EXPRESSED WORDS OF GRATITUDE AND WISHES OF LUCK TO COUNCILMAN ENOS.

[Addendum to Agenda]

COUNCIL CONCERNS

1. MIS Issues

Presenter: Councilman Devin Redbird

ITEM DISCUSSED

2. Housing Owner's Team Executive Director Benefits

Presenter: Councilman Franklin Pablo, Sr.

ITEM DISCUSSED

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO SUSPEND

THE RULES AND ADDED UNDER COUNCIL

CONCERNS #3 LITIGATION TEAM UPDATE,

PRESENTER MR. LINUS EVERLING AND #4

ELDERLY FOLLOW UP, PRESENTER

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY VILLAREAL, SR

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER

EXECUTIVE SESSION

3. Litigation Team Update (Executive Session) Presenter: Linus

Everling

ITEM DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

4. Elderly Follow Up

Presenter: Councilman Anthony Villareal, Sr.

ITEM DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DIRECT

THE ENROLLMENT COMMITTEE TO REVIEW

THE PETITION FOR REENROLLMENT; AND

PROVIDE THEIR DECISION TO THE

LEGISLATIVE STANDING COMMITTEE FOR

FINAL ACTION FOR APPROVAL OR

DISAPPROVAL AND ON TO THE COMMUNITY

COUNCIL IF ACTION IS WARRANTED

MINUTES

1. March 19, 2014 (Regular)

APPROVED WITH CORRECTIONS

2. May 8, 2014 (Special)

APPROVED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

>VARIOUS COUNCIL MEMBERS EXPRESSED WORDS OF

GRATITUDE AND WELL WISHES TO COUNCILMAN TER-

RANCE B. EVANS, COUNCILWOMAN CYNTHIA ANTONE,

COUNCILMAN DALE G. ENOS, AND COUNCILWOMAN AN-

NETTE J. STEWART

>COUNCILWOMAN CYNTHIA ANTONE, COUNCILWOMAN

ANNETTE J. STEWART, AND COUNCILMAN TERRANCE B.

EVANS EXPRESSED WORDS OF GRATITUDE

>NEWLY ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBERS ORIENTATION FRI-

DAY, MAY 23, 2014, 9:00AM

>LITIGATION TEAM MEETING THURSDAY, MAY 22, 2014,

8:00AM

>LEGISLATIVE STANDING COMMITTEE RHP WORK SES-

SION FRIDAY, MAY 30, 2014, 9:00AM DISTRICT 1 MULTIPUR-

POSE CENTER

>DENISE PANCOTT FUNERAL SERVICES WEDNESDAY, MAY

21, 2014 DISTRICT 2 & THURSDAY, MAY 22, 2014

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO SUSPEND

THE RULES AND IN BY THE AND AUTHORIZE

CCSO TO COORDINATE A DINNER IN

RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING COUNCIL

ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:44pm

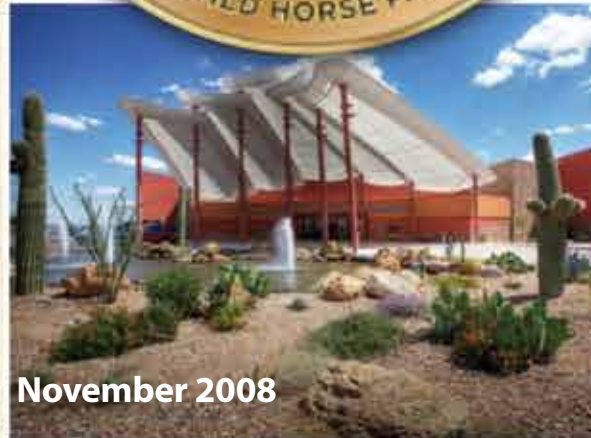
* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)

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CASINOS

Commemorates its 20th anniversary in 2014!



Gila River Casinos invites Gila River Indian Community Members to join us in commemorating 20 years of gaming. A ceremony will be held with a program featuring Community leaders and Gila River Indian Community Members.

We look forward to having you as our guest and hope that you can join us for this special commemorative occasion.

Gila River Casinos 20th Anniversary Ceremony for Gila River Indian Community Members
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Continental breakfast
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