



NATIONAL EMERGENCY

## COVID-19 PANDEMIC

# First analyzer arrives in the Gila River Indian Community

### *Gila River Health Care increases testing capabilities for COVID-19*



Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis announced the arrival of a ID Now Analyzer to identify COVID-19 on April 13. GRIC Photo

**Christopher Lomahquahu**  
Gila River Indian News

After working for some time with federal authorities, the Gila River Indian Community obtained Abbott "ID Now" Analyzers on April 13, to aid Gila River Health Care in the identification of COVID-19 in GRHC patients.

"This means we will be able to scale up our testing even further and have the results back immediately," said Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis of GRHC's enhanced testing capabilities.

"Our health care expended its efforts to get commercial testing available," said Lewis, who said it will reduce the time for test results substantially. He said it is essential to have the capability to test on reservation and get results in a timely manner as many commercial laboratories have been overwhelmed by testing of COVID-19 across the state.

"We continued our efforts and sought different commercial lab partners, who substantially reduced the time it takes to get those test results back," said Lewis. Going a step further the Community will take possession of additional testing equipment for COVID-19, to further hasten and hopefully expand the process.

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*-Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis*

reach and active engagement with the federal government, White House, Congress and Indian Health Service, we were given the Abbott ID Now analyzers."

Lewis added, the analyzers are able to produce test results in less than 15 minutes, "the next step is to get enough test kits for us to broadly expand testing. That is the key."

Additionally, prior to receiving the Abbott ID Now analyzers, the Community placed an order for BioFire® analyzers, which can cut down the result time to 45 minutes, if the test is carried out properly.

Those are on order and it is not clear when they will arrive, but the Abbott Analyzer is already delivered and ready to begin operation.

In other COVID-19-related developments Gila River Health Care is moving forward to consolidate at GRHC campuses during the COVID-19 outbreak to best address the potential influx of COVID-19 cases.

According to a GRHC press release, beginning April 13, the Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital in Sacaton and Komatke Health Center in Laveen, will be reduced to essential services. The Hau'pal (Red Tail Hawk) Health Center will be converted to a field hospital for inpatient care of patients diagnosed with COVID-19.

"We are purposely structured to adapt to the rapidly changing circumstance of the COVID-19 pandemic," said Dr. Anthony Santiago, Interim Chief Executive Officer of GRHC. Despite the recent changes, Santiago added, "We are utilizing telephonic and video platforms for routine health visits, while continuing to provide urgent visits across all of our medical and surgical departments."

At the two campuses, where essentials services will be offered, date and times will vary and will require an appointment to receive care, unless it is urgent, a number will be provided to contact a representative. For example, the Behavioral Health Services has a crisis-line at (520) 550-6008 and the Emergency Department will be open 24/7.

Despite the allocation of services, curb-side and drive-thru pick-up for prescriptions will continue with the option of delivery to patients.

## School meal program remains a priority during school closures

**Kyle Knox**  
Gila River Indian News

When the COVID-19 pandemic struck, forcing many businesses and schools to close, Gila Crossing Community School was on Spring Break. With little time to spare, administrators rushed to ensure they remain in service to students by providing school work and eventual meals to those who would need it. And while the pandemic continues, the Gila River Indian Community schools have persisted with a school meal program during the COVID-19 school closures.

Just like the other schools, Gila Crossing Community School (GCCS) is taking proactive measures to provide meals to its students and surrounding families.

"It took a few days after spring break, but by the following

Wednesday, we began our meal deliveries," GCCS Superintendent Jim Mosely said. While considering the instructional needs of the students they also factored in the meals that students relied on during a regular school week.

With that in mind, the school formed a distribution system to deliver both school instruction and the breakfast and lunch meals they would typically provide for students.

The school utilized their communication networks, parents/guardians, and families were informed that meals would be distributed along the regular bus routes used by the school.

Principal David Marks stated, "that first week was slow, and we were delivering 800 meals a day [400 breakfasts/400 lunches] to

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Gila Crossing Community School staff prepare meals for the school meal program. GCCS Photo

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## Community-wide Food Distribution

**Saturday, April 18, 2020  
at 10:00 a.m.**

**Items: 10lb bag of chicken tenderloins**  
**\*One per head of household and must have GRIC Tribal I.D.**

### Pick Up Locations and Point of Contacts:

- D1 – Ballfield, 16930 N. Toki Road, Coolidge (Alan Blackwater, 520-251-1447)
- D2 – Event Center, 9257 W. Sacaton Flats Rd, Sacaton (Ralph Grajiola, 520-610-9605)
- D3 – Service Center Parking Lot, Sacaton, AZ (Erma Antone, 520-610-3735)
- D4 – Service Center, 230 N. Homerun Road, Sacaton (Alicia Ochoa, 520-610-2193)
- D5 – Service Center, 2345 E. Casa Blanca Rd, Bapchule (Jose Gonzales, 520-610-1339)
- D6 – Service Center, 5230 West St. Johns Road, Laveen (Rebecca Carpio, 520-610-4110)
- D7 – Amphitheater, 8305 S. 83rd Ave, Laveen (Eva Hernandez, 520-610-2763)

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# Community Council Election, Special Chief Judge Election, May 5

**Roberto A. Jackson**  
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The Gila River Indian Community Council certified 23 candidates for the 2020 Community Council Election during the First Regular Monthly Meeting of the Community Council on April 1. The candidates are running for Districts 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6. The election will be held May 5 with polling sites open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

In District 1, current Community Council Representative Joey Whitman is running as is Lorenzo Manuel. Community Council Representative Rodney

Jackson, Kenyen Thompson, Darren Pedro-Martinez, Joseph Manuel Jr., and Carolyn Williams are running in District 3.

Eight candidates will be on the ballot for two seats in District 4, which includes current representatives Pamela F. Johnson and Jennifer Allison along with Ramsey Moffett, Regina Antone-Smith, Nada Celaya, John Antone, Merold Porter and Norman Wellington.

Five candidates are running for two seats in District 5 including Community Council Representative Marlin Dixon is running as well as Laurie A. Thomas, Merry Kris Kyyitan, James De La

Rosa and Brian E. Davis Sr.

Community Council Representative Terrance B. Evans, Jason Jones and Albert Pablo are running in District 6.

The May 5 election will also have a ballot for the Special Chief Judge Election. Anthony Hill and Joseph Manuel Sr. are running for chief judge.

Tribal Elections Program will be upholding safety precautions for social distancing and limiting interaction between voters and those assisting at the polling sites. If you are sick, have a fever cough and not feeling well, stay home and consult your provider.

Tribal Elections says to not bring children to the polling sites. Once an individual has voted, an election official will sanitize the voting booth for the next voter.

Absentee voting opened April 14 and will close at 5 p.m. on May 4. Polling site locations:

- District 1 Multipurpose Building
- District 2 Event Center
- District 3 Service Center
- District 4 Main Hall (Former Service Center)
- District 5 Veteran's Building
- District 6 Learning Center
- District 7 Multipurpose Facility

# Executive Office announces per capita amounts, no check pickups

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

An April 13 letter from the Executive Office of the Governor & Lieutenant Governor of the Gila River Indian Community announced the per capita dis-

tribution amounts for the quarter ending March 31. The letter stated that the April 30 payout will be \$387.97 (Adult Per Capita) and \$378.71 (Minor Trust).

The amount is calculated based on 11 percent of net gaming revenues and after administrative

costs and adjustments are determined, which are then divided by eligible members.

The letter also highlighted that, "Due to COVID-19, Executive Order #6 and the guidance from the CDC, there will be no check pickups for the Per Capita

Distribution on April 30, 2020. All checks will be mailed, please ensure your address is up-to-date."

For questions, contact the Per Capita Office at (520) 562-5222.





# Gila River Police Department Incident Logs

## GILA RIVER



## POLICE

Gila River Police Department Incident Log  
 April 05 - 11, 2020  
 Calls for services this week: 766

Arrest made: 30  
 • Certain reports may not be available or are currently under investigation which GRPD holds the right to restrict public release.

District One- (Black-

water)

ARSON – 200410-01726 Officers were dispatched to the residence in reference to a fire in progress. Investigation revealed the suspect and the victim were involved in a verbal altercation and later the suspect was in the house where a fire was started in the residence. Officers arrived and extinguished

the fire; GRFD arrived and the fire reignited they put the fire out and the suspect was gone prior to officer arrival. There was minimal damage to the structure; the cause of fire was still under investigation.

Status: Closed  
 District Two – (Sacaton Flats)  
 NO INCIDENTS INVOLVING PART 1 CRIME

District Three- (Sacaton)  
 AGGRAVATED ASSAULT – 200408-01691 Officers were dispatched to a subject with a weapon. Investigation revealed the suspect was intoxicated and under the influence of alcohol when speaking with the reporting party. The suspect was upset that they could not take their children with them and pulled a weapon out of their vehicle pointing the weapon at the victim; suspect was gone prior to officer arrival. The suspect was later located at a different residence when the reporting party reported a subject with a weapon in

their yard. The suspect was in possession of a crystalline substance that was field tested showing positive for methamphetamine and two bulbous pipes in their possession. The suspect was booked into DRS on multiple charges.

Status: Suspect arrested and booked into jail  
 District Four- Stotonic Area – AGGRAVATED ASSAULT – 200409-01707 Officers were dispatched to the residence in reference to an unknown trouble call. Contact was made with the reporting party, the suspect was acting strangely and would not speak to officers. While waiting for GREMS for evaluation, the suspect had a knife and began to yell and scream while attempting to stab the adult victim. A child victim suffered a superficial stab wound to the face; no life threatening injuries. The suspect had to be sedated and transported to an area hospital for further mental health evaluation. Charges have been forwarded to law office for review.

Status: Charges Forwarded to Law Office

THEFT – 200406-01659 Officers were dispatched to the residence in reference to a theft. Upon officer arrival contact was made with the reporting party/victim. A purple bicycle was taken from the residence at an unknown date and time. The victim stated they noticed the bike missing and called police. There is no suspect at this time.

Status: Closed Pending Suspect Identification  
 Lone Butte Area  
 THEFT – 200408-01683 Officers were dispatched to the area in reference to a stolen battery. The reporting party stated that a vehicle was parked by the golf cart and as the reporting party went to see if assistance was needed; a thump was heard and the two suspects entered the vehicle and left the area. The battery to the golf cart and battery cables were taken/damaged. Video surveillance was reviewed and will assist in identifying the suspects.

Status: Closed Pending Suspect Identification

District Five- (Casa Blanca)  
 NO INCIDENTS INVOLVING PART 1 CRIME

District Six – (Komatke)  
 ROBBERY – 200410-01712 Officers were called to the area in reference to a subject with a weapon. Investigation revealed the suspect went to the victim's residence and demanded money, when the victim advised the suspect that they were already paid the suspect became upset and pulled out a switchblade pointing it towards the victim demanding money. The victim shut the door and called police. The suspect was not located after searching known residence that the suspect may have went.

Status: No Charge Being Filed at this Time  
 District Seven – (Maricopa)  
 NO INCIDENTS INVOLVING PART 1 CRIME

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	Sunday 4/19	Monday 4/20	Tuesday 4/21	Wednesday 4/22	Thursday 4/23	Friday 4/24	Saturday 4/25	
12:00pm	Native Planet - Rapa Nui <i>Travel to the remote south pacific island, Easter Island.</i>	<b>MONDAY MEMORIES LOCAL CONTENT FROM 2015</b>	<b>TUESDAY LINEUP LOCAL CONTENT FROM 2016</b>	<b>WESTCOAST WEDNESDAY LOCAL CONTENT FROM 2017</b>	<b>THROWBACK THURSDAY LOCAL CONTENT FROM 2018</b>	<b>FLASHBACK FRIDAY LOCAL CONTENT FROM 2019</b>	<b>IT'S A MARATHON! DOWNTIME W/ROB &amp; CLAUDE JACKSON</b>	
12:30pm								
1:00pm	Storytellers In Motion <i>Imaginative</i>							
1:30pm	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS							
2:00pm	One More River Part 1 <i>The decision process of Quebec crees to allow another megahydro project to be built</i>							
2:30pm								
3:00pm	One More River Part 2 <i>The decision process of Quebec crees to allow another megahydro project to be built</i>							
3:30pm								
4:00pm	Sheltered <i>Peru: The Journey Begins</i>							
4:30pm	Sheltered <i>Work Work - Don't Be Lazy</i>							
5:00pm	Sheltered <i>Benin: Hot Enough for Ya?</i>							
5:30pm	Sheltered <i>Namibia: Women's Work</i>							
6:00pm	Red Earth Uncovered <i>N'ha-A-Itk in the Deep: Part 2</i>							
6:30pm	The Medicine Line <i>Resistance</i>							
7:00pm	Aboriginal Adventures <i>Grey Whales</i>							
7:30pm	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS							
8:00pm	Native Shorts <i>Nuuca</i>							
8:30pm	The Aux <i>Compilation of music videos featuring diverse talents of Native &amp; World Indigenous cultures.</i>							
9:00pm								
9:30pm	N.A. Now <i>Adrian Brow, Irene Bedard</i>							
10:00pm	Defenders of Life <i>According to custom, she must soon marry off her only granddaughter, and 70 yr-old shaman Don Claudio lays his claim to the girl, who is only 12 and already pregnant.</i>							
10:30pm								
11:00pm								
11:30pm	My Boy							
							GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	
							Cashing In <i>The Eddie Situation</i>	
							Mixed Blessings <i>There's No Place Home</i>	
							Wapos Bay: Long Goodbyes <i>Talon and Raven learn that their dad, Alphonse, has taken a job in the big city and their family will have to move away from Wapos Bay.</i>	
							More Than Frybread <i>22 Native frybread makers, representing all 22 tribes in AZ, convene in Flagstaff to compete for the first ever, first annual, state of Arizona Frybread Championship!</i>	



# Commands and Requests in O’otham

I va:k! G ‘i hi:m! Thai-wañ! Vapkoñ heg e no:nov! What do all these phrases have in common? Aside from being some of the first phrases in O’otham that you learn either as a child or as an adult learner, they all belong to a group of phrases that are called commands. Commands are the types of phrases that we use when we want to request or order someone (or a group of people) to do something. We use commands all the time, regardless of what language we speak, because it serves a basic human need of ours to communicate to one another in a direct way. Commands are found in all languages and every language has developed its own unique way to form command phrases that signal to listeners that they are being asked to do something. If we pause for a moment and consider how we talk in English, we can see that a simple command in English consists of nothing more than a verb (action word) that is said directly to the person you’re talking to. What can we learn about commands in O’otham and how do they work?

Commands in O’otham are similar in that they usually consist of an action word, but they differ from English in that they usually have some sort of extra marking either at the beginning or end that lets the listener know that they are being asked to do something. For example, when you are at the door you can often hear people letting you know to come in by saying “I va:k!” Speakers will recognize that va:k simply means to “come in” or “enter.” The simple one-word phrase commands the listener to start the action of entering into the house or room to where he is being called. With the second example “G ‘i hi:m!” we see the action verb hi:m with a meaning somewhat equivalent to “walk” or “move” This phrase also has a marker “g” that comes at the beginning. This initial “g” is called a command marker and also works to let the listener know that he is being requested to do something, which in this case is to walk toward where the speaker is calling him. With the final example “Thai-wañ!” a simple verb that communicates

to the listener the request to sit down or take a seat. One of the most important commands you can use with your kids nowadays is “Vapkoñ heg e no:nov!” ‘Wash your hands!’ With some commands you will hear some of the differences in the dialects in our language, as some dialects will use one command, while others will use a slightly different form. Basic commands in O’otham are easy to say and memorize, we encourage you to use them in your everyday lives. This month’s word match will teach you a few useful phrases to use around the home with your families.

anyone under the age of 18 can receive the meal distribution. So, for families with high school youth, the free service is invaluable. The meal distribution will continue until the end of the regular school year. Pending the continued school closure, they will also continue throughout the normal summer school season.

with solutions to continue services. Although challenging, the COVID-19 pandemic has reaffirmed their commitment to the families and students.

Many times, cars park at the bus stops where the staff delivers the meals to families. And the reception has been great with families expressing gratitude for the meals. What’s unique is that the meals aren’t exclusive for GCCS students, where

families, but as of April 15 we’re now delivering 1,320 meals a day [660 breakfasts and 660 lunches].” School has continued the program since March 18, not including Good Friday. Going on a month of service, the staff and faculty feel happy to remain in service to the Community. Mosely and Marks noted that they are in “new territory” as are many institutions that must come up

Meals are labeled for each bus that delivers to students and families. GCCS Photo



### Match the O’otham command with its picture!

**Kekiwañ**



**Sap haichu ‘i thoa:iñ**



**Vapkoñ heg huasa:’a**



**Thaiwañ**



**Upam chek**



**Vapkoñ heg e no:nov**



## FROM THE FRONT PAGE

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### \*\*NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT\*\* COMMUNICATION SITE LEASE AT SEED FARM AND BLUEBIRD ROADS

The Natural Resource Standing Committee (“NRSC”) will be considering the Environmental Assessment Form from the Gila River Telecommunications, Inc. regarding a communication site lease on approximately 1.33 acres of land near Seed Farm and Bluebird Roads at their regular meeting on May 12, 2020 at 9:00 a.m., located in Conference Room C of the Community Council Secretary’s Office. A copy of the Environmental Assessment Form its entirety is available for review at all District Service Centers and the Community Council Secretary’s Office. If you are interested in providing comments to the Environmental Assessment Form, please attend the scheduled NRSC meeting. You may also contact your Council representative or the NRSC Chairperson at (520) 562-9720. Written comments may be emailed to Casandra Wallace at casaundra.wallace@gric.nsn.us or mailed to Office of the General Counsel, P.O. Box 97, Sacaton, AZ 85147, Attn: Casandra Wallace.



# Pandemic continues as tribes put measures in place to slow the spread

**Emma Hughes**  
Gila River Indian News

As the United States and Arizona continue to struggle with the devastating effects of the COVID-19 pandemic our tribal nations are quickly becoming hotspots for the pandemic spread. Many have reported positive cases and with new testing technology, those numbers will likely increase. Tracking the movement is a key to containment.

The Gila River Indian Community and other tribal nations have issued stay-at-home orders that remains in effect to prevent the spread of COVID-19. This past holiday weekend was no exception. "You must all continue to do your part by sheltering in place, avoiding unnecessary travel outside your home, washing your hands frequently, and social distancing," said Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis in his April 13 video update.

Tribal Nations vary in the current impact of COVID-19 among members. Tohono O'odham Nation Chairman, Ned Norris Jr. has stated that their nation is weeks away from needing federal help. The Tohono O'odham Nation has reported 8 positive cases and have received hundreds of tests as of last week, however these numbers are changing every day.

As of April 15, in a press release from the Navajo Nation, it was stated that there has been a total number of 921 positive cases for COVID-19 and 38 confirmed deaths related to the virus.

Each tribe is reporting numbers as they become available and hope resources will allow greater testing for a more accurate number of those affected with the virus.

Tribal gaming has been greatly impacted as casinos have been closed. Gaming operations continue to provide salaries and benefits but that may not last long if the closures remain. Many tribes depend on gaming revenue to sustain their tribal operations and important member services. The long-term effects of the economic losses are still to be determined.

Many tribal communities have received some assistance, from PPE supplies and food donations. Some tribal communities have distributed food, household items, and even provided financial assistance to their members during these hardships.

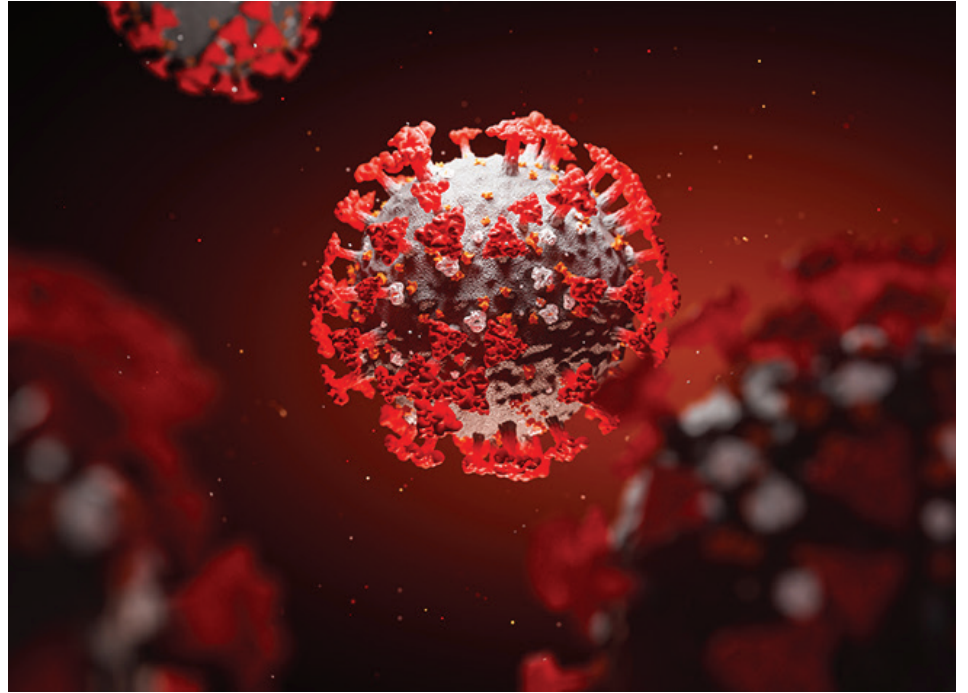
Although many studies are underway, there is currently still no vaccine

for COVID-19. Practicing important safety measures is key to protection. Maintain social distance (at least 6-feet), cover your coughs and sneezes, continue washing your hands for at least 20 seconds, and avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands. Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily.

The Center for Disease Control now recommends that everyone should wear a cloth face mask to cover your nose and mouth when around others in public. Surgical masks or N-95 respirators are critical supplies reserved for healthcare

workers and other first responders. Cloth masks are a simple and inexpensive way to protect yourself and others. These masks should be cleaned routinely; a simple washing machine will suffice.

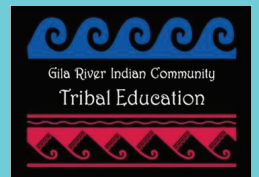
Limit your time in public facilities and only go out for important errands. Face masks are not a substitute for social distancing. Remember people could spread COVID-19 even if they do not look or feel sick. Protecting yourself, family, and community should be your greatest priority.



Ultrastructural morphology exhibited by coronaviruses. Getty Images



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Greetings, my name is Rodney Jackson your District Three Representative. It has been an honor and privilege to serve as your Representative for the past three years. I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to the District Three Elders and Community Members that have supported me and have had the faith and trust in me as I fulfilled my duties as your representative. There have been many challenges and there has also been many accomplishments for the betterment of the Gila River Indian Community (GRIC) as a whole. As I mentioned in my previous campaign – change is not easy and decisions are sometimes unpopular but have to be made.

When I was elected

to my current position one of my main goals, among many, was to get the District Three Multi-Purpose Building, Elderly Center and new grocery store

back on the table for discussion and planning. It has been well worth the hard work and determination to get these projects pushed through. With that said, I am happy to share with you these projects are currently proposed to begin construction this summer (2020). Respectfully, all this could not have been possible without the assistance and support of my (former & current) fellow Council Representatives, Governor Lewis, Lt. Governor Stone and District Three's support.

The Community as a whole faces many challenges such as Health Care, Public Safety, Economic Development, Gaming, Water Rights and Housing to mention a few. These concerns will always affect

the community in many different ways as economic growth expands throughout the GRIC.

At this time, we (GRIC) face one of our greatest dangers to the people, not only the community but globally – the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. As you are all aware many measures have been set in place for by Governor, Lt. Governor and Council for you the people. Also assistance has been provided through the Districts to assist with the unexpected and immediate needs for the families. I would like to Thank all the volunteers and organizers that made it possible to get the supplies and food safely to any one in need especially the elders and homebound residents. We will get through this!

The Community is projected to fund 750 new homes over the next six years and is working closely with GRIC's Department of Housing Development to pursue other avenues that may give additional opportunities to community members to benefit from the new homes being built. Governor, Lt. Governor and

Council continue to work diligently to seek all Economic Development opportunities for jobs and potential growth within the GRIC Boundaries. Although these opportunities are positive, there also comes the safety concerns and wellbeing of the entire community, both with population, increased traffic and protection of the Land. With these increasing factors. There is a need to increase the presence of GRIC Law Enforcement, which I am honored to say an additional thirty Police Officers are in the process of being hired to protect the communities' growth, citizens and assets. Governor, Lt Governor and Community Council are also currently working collectively with the twenty-one tribes of Arizona to renew the gaming compact.

Additionally, I would like to mention I have been advocating to increase District Three's representation. The district is one of the largest in the community and based on the population by district there is a need to have additional representation for the people

With the assistance of my fellow Represent-

tative – Avery White. We are currently working on planning and development of a new fellowship building for Sacaton Presbyterian Church. Sadly, the church was severely damaged by arson and could not be saved through renovation which left the congregation with no choice but to demolish the church.

Current job duties – Appointed as Chairman to the following committees:

- Natural Resources Standing Committee (NRSC)
  - Memorial Airfield
  - Joint Control
  - Gila River Indian Irrigation and Drainage District (GRIIDD)
  - Negotiation Committee
  - Vice-Chairman of the Litigation Committee
- I am also an appointed member of the following committees:
- Casa Blanca Community School Construction Owners Team
  - Crime Task Force
  - Reviewing Committee
  - Interviewing Committee
  - Executive Committee
  - Gila River Farms Task Force

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- Arizona Public Negotiation Team
- Police Station Construction Owners Team
- Gila Crossing School Construction Owners Team

Former appointed member of the following completed projects:

- Salt River Project
- El Paso Natural Gas Negotiation Team
- Technical Transportation
- Kinder Morgan Negotiation Team
- New Mexico Negotiation Team

With the knowledge and experience, I have gained through the past years as your representative, it is a privilege to be given another opportunity to be nominated to represent the Gila River Indian Community (GRIC) and would also like to take this opportunity to seek your support for another term, I believe I am the person who will proudly continue to represent District Three and GRIC. I humbly Thank you for your time and hope you will all exercise your Right to Vote. Good Luck to all the Candidates.

Respectfully,  
Rodney Jackson

# HEALTH ALERT

## NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

### How Long Do Coronaviruses\* Live On Surfaces?

SURFACE	EXAMPLES	DAYS OR HOURS
Metal	Doorknobs, Jewelry, Silverware	5 DAYS
Glass	Drinking glasses, Mirrors, Windows	UP TO 5 DAYS
Ceramics	Dishes, Pottery, Mugs	5 DAYS
Paper	Newspaper, Magazines	UP TO 5 DAYS
Wood	Furniture, Decking	4 DAYS
Plastics	Milk bottles, Bus seats, Elevator buttons	2-3 DAYS
Stainless Steel	Refrigerators, Pots/pans, Sinks, Water bottles	2-3 DAYS
Cardboard	Shipping boxes	1 DAY
Aluminum	Soda cans, Tinfoil, Water bottles	2-8 HOURS
Copper	Pennies, Teakettles, Cookware	4 HOURS
Food/Water	Doesn't seem to spread through food and has not been found in water.	

**WHAT YOU CAN DO:** Disinfect all surfaces and objects in your home daily with a household cleaning spray or wipe. Wash hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and warm water, especially after visiting the supermarket or bringing in packages.

\*Coronaviruses are a family of viruses that includes the SARS-CoV2, the virus that causes COVID-19. This information is for your reference only and is changing constantly. Sources: CDC.FDA. Medical Review: Brunilda Nazario, MD. 03/24/2020.



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**What's New at GRICUA?**GRICUA Lobby Closure

In light of current events concerning the COVID-19 pandemic, GRICUA has implemented a closed-door policy for the safety of our staff and customers. We appreciate your patience and effort to help stop the spread of COVID-19. GRICUA is still available by phone to help you, call anytime at (520)796-0600.

New Payment Option – Payment Drop-box

GRICUA has installed a payment drop box by our front door. You can now drop your payment off and we will mail you a receipt. Be sure to include your Name, Address, Account number and Phone Number. Please do not include any cash.

Bill Payment Options for GRICUA Residential Customers:

- GRICUA Drop Payment Box
- Online (VISA and Mastercard Credit/Debit Cards and E-check)
- GRICUA Mobile App
- By phone (520-796-0600, 24 hours a day)
- By mail (6636 W. Sundust Rd., Box 5091, Chandler, AZ 85226)

Reminders

GRICUA District Days 2020 – CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

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GRICUA is a member of Arizona Blue Stake. Please call 1-800-782-5348 to request an underground line locate of both GRICUA and SCIP on reservation facilities.

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

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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.

**CIVIL SUMMONS**

IN THE GILA RIVER INDIAN  
COMMUNITY COURT  
STATE OF ARIZONA  
DOUGLAS RONALD JACKSON  
Petitioner/Plaintiff

vs.

ASHLEY MELINDA THOMAS  
Respondent/Defendant  
TO: ASHLEY MELINDA THOMAS  
CASE Number: FM-2020-0014-DV  
CIVIL SUMMONS  
RESCHEDULED

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED, that a civil action has been filed against you in the Gila River Indian Community Court. YOU shall respond at an ANSWER/RESPONSE HEARING regarding this matter on:



## Gila River Indian Community Utility Authority

### GRICUA 2020 Youth Summer Programs Cancelled

GRICUA has been actively monitoring the evolving situation related to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

In the interest of safety, GRICUA is cancelling all 2020 Youth Summer Programs:

- STEAAAM Summer Program
- Washington Youth Tour
- High School and College Internship Programs

We apologize for any disappointment and inconvenience this may cause. However, the safety and health of our employees and Community are our top priority.

GRICUA plans to continue with our Youth Programs next summer.

Monday, June 1, 2020 at 2:30 PM  
in Courtroom I, AKIMEL O'OTHAM  
LODITHA KUD KI,  
721 West Seed Farm Road, Sacaton,  
AZ.

YOU may respond in writing. However, even if you do so, your presence at the Answer/Response Hearing is still required. If a written answer or response is made, it shall be filed and served before the date of the hearing, unless the time is extended by order of the Court. If you fail to appear and defend, judgment by default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.

GIVEN under my hand and seal of the Gila River Indian Community in the State of Arizona.

## Notice re: COVID-19

Due to the emergency health issue in the Community our office will accept on-line and phone intakes if you need legal assistance.

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# COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS

Courtesy of the Community Council Secretary's Office • April, 2020

## ACTION SHEET

Community Council; P.O. 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, April 1, 2020, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by Governor Stephen R. Lewis at 9:14 a.m.

## INVOCATION

Provided by Lt. Governor Robert Stone

## ROLL CALL

Sign-in Sheet Circulated

Executive Officers Present:

Governor Stephen R. Lewis

Lt. Governor Robert Stone

Council Members Present:

D1-Arzie Hogg; D2-Carol Schurz; D3-Avery White, Rodney Jackson; D4-Monica Antone, Delmar Jones; D5-Franklin Pablo, Sr., Thomas White; D6- Anthony Villareal, Sr., Charles Goldtooth, Terrance Evans

Council Members Absent:

D1-Joey Whitman; D4-Jennifer Allison, Pamela Johnson; D5-Janice Stewart, Marlin Dixon; D7-Devin Redbird

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO TABLE NEW BUSINESS #3

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT REPORTS #1 THROUGH #6; RESOLUTIONS #4 AND #5 AND NEW BUSINESS #4 AND #6 ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ADD NEW BUSINESS #8 AND APPROVE THE REGULAR AGENDA AS AMENDED

## PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

1. Introduction of the Southwest Interdisciplinary Research Center Team

Presenters: Isaac Salcido, Wendy Wolfersteig  
MR. ISAAC SALCIDO INTRODUCED DR. WENDY WOLFERSTEIG. DR. WOLFERSTEIG PROVIDED A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF HER BACKGROUND AND THE PROGRAM. EACH OF THE TEAM MEMBERS BRIEFLY INTRODUCED THEMSELVES: DR. MAKALA MERCADO, GRANT YODER, AND KATHERINE HAM. VARIOUS COUNCIL MEMBERS, GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS, AND LT. GOVERNOR ROBERT STONE EXPRESSED WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS.  
REPORTS

>1. GRICUA Report – FY 20 1st Quarter (October 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019)

Presenters: John Lewis, Leonard Gold  
ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>2. Maricopa Village Christian School-Quarter 1 Tribal Allocation Report SY19-20

Presenter: Al Chatman  
ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>3. Saint Peters Indian Mission Tribal Allocation Report Quarter 1 SY2019-2020

Presenter: Sister Martha Carpenter  
ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. Gila River Gaming Enterprises, Inc. Monthly Report for February 2020 (Executive Session)

Presenters: Kenneth Manuel, Interim Oversight & Planning Committee  
ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

5. Gaming Commission General Report to the Community Council for February 2020 (Executive Sess)

Presenter: Duane Johns  
ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

6. FY 20 Monthly Activity Report ending February 29, 2020 (Executive Session)

Presenter: Treasurer Robert Keller  
ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

## RESOLUTIONS

1. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing The Transit Services Intergovernmental Agreement No. 128-75-2021-00 Between The Gila River Indian Community And The Regional Public Transportation Authority Providing For Fixed-Route Transit Services (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)  
Presenter: Gregory McDowell  
APPROVED

2. A Resolution Approving And Ratifying The Attached

Construction Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Interserv, LP For Construction Of The Sheraton Room Removal (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval; EDSC concurs)

Presenters: David White, Jason Croxton  
APPROVED

3. A Resolution Authorizing The Gila River Indian Community To Submit Project Applications To The Maricopa Association Of Governments In Response To The 2020 Maricopa Association Of Governments Regional Transportation Plan Call For Projects (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Timothy Oliver  
APPROVED

>4. A Resolution Approving A Fifty (50) Year Homesite Assignment Agreement For Priscilla Nahee Located In District Six Of The Gila River Indian Reservation And Designated As Drawing NO.40619-0283-01 (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Elisha Bishop  
ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>5. A Resolution Approving The Relinquishment Of Joni Chae Juan From The Gila River Indian Community Membership Roll (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval and for placement under the consent agenda)

Presenter: Sheila Valenzuela  
ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

## ORDINANCES UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Gila River Indian Irrigation Drainage District Board of Director Appointment One (1)

Presenter: Community Council  
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT ABRAHAM JACKSON, JR.

2. Gila River Gaming Commission Two (2) Commissioner Appointments

Presenter: Community Council  
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT DALE ENOS AND JULIA JONES

3. Special Chief Judge Election (LSC forwards to Council under Unfinished Business with recommendation for approval that the Special Chief Judge election be held in conjunction with the May 2020 Community Council election)

Presenter: Nadine Shelde  
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE THE SPECIAL CHIEF JUDGE ELECTION BE HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE MAY 2020 COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTION

4. March 14, 2020 Absentee Ballots (LSC forwards to Council under Unfinished Business with recommendation for approval that any absentee ballots received for the March 14, 2020 Special Chief Judge election be null and void)

Presenter: Nadine Shelde  
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE ANY ABSENTEE BALLOTS RECEIVED FOR THE MARCH 14, 2020 SPECIAL CHIEF JUDGE ELECTION BE NULL AND VOID

## NEW BUSINESS

\*1. WHPDA Quarterly Report (EDSC forwards to the Regular Council Meeting of March 18, 2020 with a recommendation for a Special Council Meeting with Wild Horse Pass Development)

Presenters: David White, Management Team WHPDA Board of Directors  
MOTION MADE AND SECOND FOR A SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING, THE DATE TO BE COORDINATED WITH WHPD AND COUNCIL SECRETARY

\*2. Council Work Session with Money Managers (G&MSC forwards to Council with the suggested date of June 18, 2020, and the location to be determined)

Presenter: Treasurer Robert Keller  
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE THE DATE OF JUNE 18, 2020, AND THE LOCATION TO BE DETERMINED

\*3. GRIC Suicide Analysis GAP Analysis Work Group Annual Report (H&SSC forwards to Council under New Business to set a date for a work session)

Presenters: Priscilla Foote, Jaime Arthur  
ITEM TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>4. GRICUA FY 19 Single Audit (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation to accept and for placement on the consent agenda)

Presenters: John Lewis, Leonard Gold, Adam Cavin  
ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

5. Certification Of Qualifications Of The 2020 Community Council Candidates (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval the Certification of 2020 Community Council Candidates for Districts 1, 3, 4, 5, and 6) (LSC forwards to Council a recommendation to not certify Darren Morago in the 2020 District Three Community Council Elections based on the information provided)

Presenter: Nadine Shelde  
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY CANDIDATES FOR DISTRICT 1: JOEY WHITMAN AND LORENZO MANUEL

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY CANDIDATES FOR DISTRICT 3: KENYEN THOMPSON, DARREN PEDRO-MARTINEZ, RODNEY JACKSON AND CAROLYN KAY WILLIAMS

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO NOT CERTIFY DARREN MORAGO IN THE 2020 DISTRICT THREE COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS BASED ON THE INFORMATION PROVIDED

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY CANDIDATES FOR DISTRICT 4: RAMSEY MOFFETT, PAMELA F. JOHNSON, REGINA ANTONE SMITH, JENNIFER ALLISON, NADA CELAYA, JOHN ANTONE, MEROLD PORTER AND NORMAN WELLINGTON

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY CANDIDATES FOR DISTRICT 5: LAURIE A. THOMAS, MARLIN DIXON, MERRY KRIS KYITAN, JAMES DE LA ROSA, AND BRIAN E. DAVIS, SR

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY CANDIDATES FOR DISTRICT 6: TERRANCE B. EVANS, JASON JONES AND ALBERT PABLO

>6. Tribal Education Department Response to COVID-19 (ESC forwards to Council under New Business as FYI and for placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Isaac Salcido  
ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

7. Proposed Letter Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community and Zenith Investments 12, LLC (EDSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Ronald Rosier, Sal DiCiccio  
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE [ADDENDUM TO AGENDA]

8. Protocols under Resolution under GR-045-20 (Remote Access)


ITEM DISCUSSED  
MINUTES


ANNOUNCEMENTS  
~ Updates on COVID-19 Fund


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\* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)  
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