



Over 400 Community Members Receive COVID Vaccinations As Eligibility Expands

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Gila River Indian News

Hundreds of Gila River Indian Community members attended a Nov. 20 “family friendly vaccination event” organized by Gila River Health Care. The event, which emphasized the need to get families vaccinated against COVID-19, was held at the District 3 Boys & Girls Club in Sacaton.

More than 400 individuals received a COVID-19 vaccination at the daylong event, including 130 children between the ages of 5 and 11 years old.

The availability of COVID-19 vaccinations for younger ages comes after the Centers for Disease Control recommended the Pfizer vaccine as safe for children between 5 and 11 years old. It also comes on the heels of the CDC’s recent recommendation that all individuals should get a booster shot if it has been six months since their second COVID-19 vaccination.

A number of Community departments collaborated with

GRHC on the event, passing out information at booths and being on hand to answer Community members’ questions.

“We are doing this in a very safe way with COVID-19 vaccines, booster shots and flu shots today,” said Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, who called the event a key driver in the Community’s effort to fight COVID infections. “It’s important that we get to the facts. There is a lot of false information out there. That is why we are out here today, so you can make a very informed decision.”

Lt. Gov. Monica Antone came to the event with her grandson, who showed her the spot where he got vaccinated. “I’m happy this event is taking place for family immunity for vaccinations,” she said. “It means a lot as a grandmother and mother, seeing all the families out here today. It means a lot to see the effort going on in order for families to stay strong together.

Dr. Anthony Santiago, GRHC CEO, also emphasized the importance of getting vaccinated to stop the rise of COVID cases



Community members line up to receive their COVID-19 vaccinations at the District 3 Boys & Girls Club on Nov. 20. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

in the Community. “Fortunately, we have a defense against it,” Dr. Santiago said of ongoing infections. “Vaccinations have been overwhelmingly safe and effective against COVID-19.”

At the time of the family vaccination event, Dr. Santiago

said GRHC has given out over 27,500 COVID-19 vaccinations with around 14,000 being fully vaccinated and another 2,000 individuals who have received their third booster.

“We have been able to give the third dose to those 18 years

and older, if you are six months out since you’ve received your Pfizer or Moderna vaccine,” said Dr. Santiago. “What we’ve seen is

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Women’s Prayer Run Draws Over 100 Participants As 8th Annual Event Again Goes Virtual For 2021

Emma Hughes
Gila River Indian News

The 2021 Women’s Prayer Run was held on Nov. 6 and 7 with more than 100 Community female members participating virtually for the second consecutive year due to the pandemic. Held relay-style, the 8th annual version of the event saw women run all across the Community’s seven districts.

The Women’s Prayer Run began at sunrise in District 7, near the PeePosh wetlands at the confluence of the Gila River and Salt River. The run concluded in District 1, Uhs Kek.

“The official and traditional run of the Women’s Prayer Run centers around the choikut we carry as we run and pray,” said Renee Jackson, District 5, who began the run along with Pamela Thompson, who has supported and coordinated the event over the years.

Jackson said the choikut is used as a traditional “helping stick” by “O’odham women (who) leaned on (it) to assist in lifting



District 4 Santan runners complete the first leg of the run on Nov. 7. Photo courtesy of Renee Jackson

their load when they stood and prepared to carry the weight of their burden basket.”

Over the years, the Women’s Prayer Run has brought together hundreds of indigenous women

to encourage women’s strength and wellbeing through unity and prayer.

“This is a place for women and about women supporting one another utilizing the spiritual

component of running and praying” said Thompson.

This year’s event continued that purpose, by focusing on collective grief and healing, to honor those who are grieving and

to assist in their healing journey.

Last year, the run went virtual for the first time, allowing two teams of 20 women in the

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Children Ages 5+ Now Eligible For COVID-19 Vaccine; All Adults Approved To Receive Booster Shots

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Gila River Indian News

The Community's fight against COVID-19 grew substantially in November when the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) expanded eligibility for all Americans. First, beginning Nov 2, the CDC authorized the use of the Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccination for children five years and older. On Nov 19, the CDC authorized booster shots for anyone 18 years and older.

"Given this approval, GRHC will be prepared to vaccinate children within this age range starting this Monday, Nov 8th," said Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis in a video address to the Community. "The expansion of our vaccination policy to this cohort is an important step in getting the Community through the pandemic and especially toward getting our students back in the classroom."

Gov. Lewis also encouraged Community schools to consider hosting Mobile Vaccination Unit-style events at their campuses in the future. This could allow for greater convenience for families and lead to in-person schooling sooner than later.

At the Health and Social Standing Committee meeting held Nov. 4, the committee approved the five years and older cohort for



Five-year-old Koby Jackson, District 3, shows where he received his first Pfizer vaccine shot at the Nov. 20 family vaccine event at the Sacaton Boys and Girls Club. Photo courtesy of Jaime Jackson

vaccines and authorized the use of the Moderna vaccine for third booster shots in the Community for anyone 18 years and older.

Moderna now joins Pfizer as an option for anyone in the Community seeking a booster shot. Booster shots are available for anyone 18 years and older, provided six months has passed since the person received their last shot.

Additionally, booster shots are also available for anyone who

has received the one-shot Johnson and Johnson Janssen vaccination. The booster administered will not be a second Janssen shot; instead, it will be either a Pfizer or Moderna shot. The CDC has approved mixing booster vaccines for those who received the J&J vaccine originally.

With the expanded cohorts for youth and booster shot eligibility, the hope of Community Immunity grows stronger with ev-

ery shot. And with every shot, the Community grows one step closer to returning to a stronger state of normalcy, especially as everyone heads into the holiday season.

Families and individuals interested in receiving a COVID-19 vaccination or booster should contact GRHC at (602) 528-1482 to schedule an appointment at any Primary Care Department.

From front page

Community to participate in the relay-run due to the pandemic. This year's version had five times as many runners led locally by the district/village women. Funding was limited however, contributions from Haskell-Osife Antone Post 51, which funded t-shirts for the participants, and local women from the Blackwater Community garnered donations, prepared and handed out meals for the runners in a drive-thru style. Social media allowed virtual participants and supporters near and far to come together and share their photos and stories of their individual run/walk.

"We remain grateful to all the women in our community," said Jackson and Thompson. "This run was born of a dream centered around prayer, responsibility and women's solidarity."



Members of the Blackwater community provided meals for runners in a drive-thru style. Photo courtesy of Pamela Thompson

from front page

getting vaccinated save lives and that all of us may need extra doses over time."

Santiago added: "Eventually we may have a vaccine that lasts longer, but that's not a reason to not get vaccinated."

With the holiday season coming, both Gov. Lewis and Lt. Gov. Antone encouraged families considering celebrations to get vaccinated first.

"When you think about wanting to be together for the holidays and spending family traditions together, I think it

means more to get vaccinated," said Lt. Gov. Antone.

Mobile Vaccination Unit events will be held in multiple Community districts throughout the month of December. More information can be found at <http://grhc.org/vaccine/>. Community members can make a vaccination appointment by calling 602-528-1482.

Right, Parents from across the Community came out to get their children vaccinated once the CDC eligibility was expanded to include those ages 5 to 11 years old. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN



Culture Corner

A' A G A

Something to be told or talked about

Submitted by Billy Allen

Many O'otham have been fortunate enough to visit Hawaii. Hawaii was a popular location for tribal monies; incentives, per cap celebrations, graduations. Pre-covid, tribal workshops, conferences were the only way to disseminate information to Indian Country. Attractions like Pearl Harbor, beaches, luaus were a must. (O'odham referred to Hawaiian hula dancers as "Vashai 'Ipuddam," or Grass Skirt Wearers, according to Dr. Harry J. Winters, Jr, author of O'odham Place Names and Maricopa Place Names.) How about attending a Native American rodeo in Hawaii? Native Hawaiians are another indigenous group with a storied history of working with cattle and horses. "Cultural appropriation" goes way back. Adapting would be another word, in our case "borrowing." The question if Hawaiians are Indians is an ongoing debate concerning

federal Indian law and policy.

In 1793, British Captain George Vancouver gifted King Kamehameha I some sheep, a bull, and 5 longhorns. The Hawaiian king placed a kapu on the cattle which meant no hunting of the cattle. But as the longhorns flourished, the cattle began overwhelming villages and damaging fields. John Palmer Parker had worked for the King, left for China during the War of 1812, and returned with a musket gun. Seeing the destruction the cattle caused, the King asked Parker to begin shooting some cattle. When King Kamehameha I died in 1819, the kapu was quickly removed; hunters were hired to pursue and shoot the cattle, including bum steers. It did not hurt that a growing beef trade was developing in Hawaii.

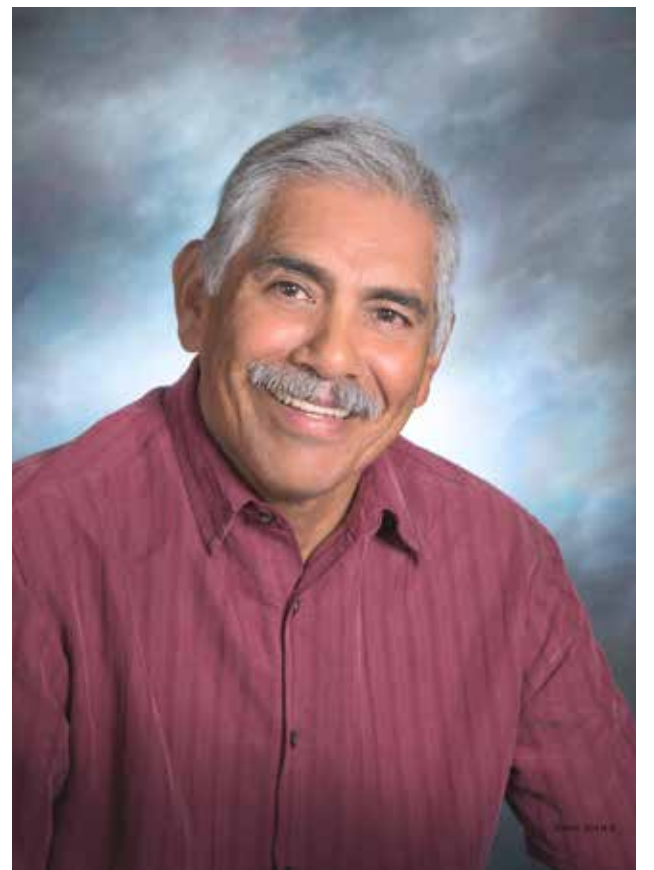
1832, King Kamehameha III sent an emissary to California to bring Mexican, Indian and Spanish vaqueros to teach Hawaiians how to control the wild beasts. The first

recorded vaqueros were Kossuth, Louzeida, and Ramon. The first Hawaiian cowboys became known as "paniols." (The origin of paniolo is generally considered to derive from Spanish "vaquero." Paniolo is also Spanish for handkerchief.) Nonetheless, a paniolo adopted/borrowed Mexican bandanas, brightly-colored ponchos, long spurs, braided lariats, and wide-brimmed hats. Hawaiian journalist Constance Hale wrote, "The paniolo knows his flower species as well as his cattle breeds. The paniolo weaves blossoms into leis he then wraps around his hat. He teaches his horses to swim in the ocean and to pick their way through sharp fields of lava." Hawaiian style was added. John Parker married a granddaughter of the King and with land given to him, Parker Ranch was established in 1847. It is one of the oldest ranches in the US, with about 130,000 acres. Since 1962, the ranch celebrates the legacy of ranching of Waimea with a 4th of July with a rodeo.

Paniolos learned quickly becoming excellent cowboys. The Cheyenne Frontier Days Rodeo began in 1897. In 1908, paniolos went to Cheyenne to test their skills against top competition. With a colorful lei on his hat, Parker Ranch hand, Ikua Purdy won the steer roping event. Fellow paniolos Eben Low and Archie Ka'au'a placed second and sixth. Ikua Purdy was elected to the National Rodeo Cowboy Hall of Fame in 1999.

In the early 1950s, competitive rodeo began to appear in Hawaii. For the past 64 years, the Oskie ohana or family at their Kaonoulua Ranch have hosted the Makawao rodeo. Pre-pandemic, over 350 cowboys world wide would come to compete.

The Pana'ewa Rodeo Stampede has been staged for almost twenty-five years. Regular rodeo events are held but unique Hawaiian competitions are featured; wahine mugging (girls round up a calf by both hind legs), double mugging (pairs of



cowboys round up a calf by both hind legs), and po'o wai u, in which a paniolo ropes a steer by the horns and ties it to replica of a tree with a no choke knot.

Hopefully our kapu on gatherings and events will soon be lifted. Many of our athletes; runners, toka, basketball, vaila dancers, wood choppers, vapkial or cowboys, etc. are eager to get out there and show us what they got. We have the means to put covid in a choke hold, lets' use it.

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Arts & Entertainment

New Table in Labriola Center Recalls Canals Built by Huhugam

Salt River Artist, ASU Indigenous Design Collaborative, Partner on Symbolic Artwork Now on Display in Hayden Library

Mary Beth Faller
Reporter, ASU News

A new table made by Indigenous people for an Indigenous space at Arizona State University evokes the ancient canal system built by the Hohokam tribe that first sustained people in the Valley.

The 25-foot table, a collaboration between a local artist and the Indigenous Design Collaborative in the Design School at ASU, was unveiled Monday night during an event at the Labriola National American Indian Data Center at Hayden Library on the Tempe campus.

Selina Martinez, a designer for the collaborative who earned her bachelor's and master's degrees at ASU, designed the table based on sketches by Jeffrey Fulwilder, a member of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community.

"We wanted to incorporate a connection to the land and to water and why people are here in Arizona and the ancestors of this place," said Martinez, a member of the Pascua Yaqui tribe who is working toward becoming a licensed architect. She also was the project manager for the table, which was fabricated in Phoenix. Claudio Vekstein, design director of the collaborative and a professor of architecture, worked closely with Martinez on the detailing of the table.

The table is made of blue fiberglass resin, a durable material used to make boats, and is coated with copper paint atop a steel base. Lit from below, the translucent surface glows like a river down the length of the table, which has 12 matching blue and copper fiberglass chairs.

Installation was tricky. The heavy table could not be brought up the stairs to the Labriola Center, which is on the second floor. So the glass façade of the building was removed and a crane eased the table through the opening.

The yearlong collaboration by Fulwilder and Martinez was during the pandemic, so all communication had to be on the phone. Fulwilder said that during one conference call, he sketched as they spoke.

"Water kept crossing my mind. That's important to us, but how can we put this on the table?" he said.

"The idea of it was when you're looking at the



Wanda Dalla Costa, Institute Professor and creator of the ASU Indigenous Design Collaborative, said it's important to work with local artists, who bring the perspective of their communities. She also has a cross-appointment with the School of Sustainable Engineering and the Built Environment, in the Ira A. Fulton Schools of Engineering. Photo by Charlie Leight/ASU News

river and the current from underneath pushes up the water, it forms all these designs. That's what it is."

The design also incorporates other symbols important to the tribe, like baskets and squash blossoms.

Fulwilder said that in his work, he wants to catch the viewer's attention.

"I want them to want to know more about us so that maybe they can be more respectful to the land and respectful to our ways," he said.

Wanda Dalla Costa, Institute Professor in the Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts, created the Indigenous Design Collaborative a few years ago, and one of the first projects was to gather students to brainstorm ways to make the campus more welcoming. The result of their project was a book released in 2018, "Indigenous Placekeeping: Campus Design + Planning."

"Within this book we researched the 22 tribes in Arizona, and we came up with 16 proposals," said Dalla Costa, who is an architect and taught the studio course that produced the book. One of the proposals now completed is the welcome wall of tribal languages on the lower level of Hayden, made of wood and resin with the help of local artists.

"We work a lot with artists because we feel they bring the perspective and the worldview from the local communities," Dalla Costa said, referring to artists as "co-pilots."

She said of the table:



A longview perspective of the table designed by Selina Martinez, a designer who graduated from ASU and member of the Pascua Yaqui Tribe and Xicana. Kyle Knox/GRIN.

"It's not something generic, it's not something off the shelf. It's a response to a place-based narrative and the people of this place.

"With the (Indigenous Design Collaborative), our vision is about preparing the next generation of designers, of which Selina is one, to act as field transformation ambassadors, transforming the field of architecture and design."

Martinez said that having cultural representation is important on campus. She had never met an Indigenous architect before she met Dalla Costa.

"It can be difficult if you don't see yourself reflected not only in the environment but literally in the curriculum, and you don't see those histories uplifted

and sometimes they're even invalidated," she said.

"Hopefully we're moving away from that. Even seeing physical objects like a table, or anything that references anything Native American, is impactful."

Martinez has worked with several tribal communities in a variety of design capacities.

"For me, it's been about, 'How can our environment help practice our culture? How can we incorporate culture back into these spaces that have been suppressing that culture?'"

Martinez believes that Indigenous-inspired architecture would respond more appropriately to the climate.

"We are constantly in a heat crisis in the summer, and it seems extreme to put a glass box in the desert,"

she said.

"Incorporating more materials like adobe would bring a sense of the context we're in."

Several tribal leaders attended the celebration. Stephen Roe Lewis, governor of the Gila River Indian Community, said: "This is about making a statement. It's like we're taking back our narrative here."

"This is a step, but there's so much more we can do."

Jacob Moore, associate vice president for tribal relations at ASU, earned his undergraduate and graduate degrees at ASU. He noted that years ago, before the recent renovation at Hayden, the Labriola space was less than inviting and he would study elsewhere.

"This is really a re-

claiming of space of our ancestral people and our homelands," said Moore, a member of the Tohono O'odham Nation.

"This is a gathering space, a space to share among our Indigenous. Having a space where you can be around friends that is inviting is important to students and their success."

Rosetta Walker, who is Lakota, attended the event and said that she is a member of the Pueblo Grande Museum in Phoenix.

"Every time I go to the museum, I think of the people who inhabited these lands a thousand years ago," she said.

"If we can pay tribute to them somehow, I think that brings our power back."

Community Launches ‘Stronger Together’ Campaign



Jada Young, AOPPYC, provides a glimpse of the virtual programming created by the youth council for younger Community members. CPAO Photo

Kyle Knox
Gila River Indian News

As the Community continues to administer COVID-19 vaccines, a new media campaign aims to highlight the strength of the Gila River people throughout the pandemic. “Stronger Together” is a video series highlighting the efforts of various Community organizations and that shares positive messaging promoting vaccinations. The campaign seeks to drive home the message that vaccinations can lead to the lifting of COVID-19 restrictions and a return to normalcy, including in-person events.

“It doesn’t take the action of one person to make a change, but together we can make a change,” said Miss Indian Arizona Alyse Marrietta. “If I get my vaccine and I’m able to influence those around me to get the vaccine, we become stronger as a family.”

Marrietta hopes more families will get vaccinated, leading to a ripple effect throughout GRIC and increased vaccination rates. She hopes that will lead to lower rates of infection and the return of canceled notable events from the last two years, like Mul-Chu-Tha.

Akimel O’odham/Pee-Posh Youth Council member

Jada Young shared a video spotlighting all the virtual events the AOPPYC has hosted through the pandemic.

“We have specifically hosted events bringing awareness and to strengthen all of our mental health because, as you know, it’s been a tough year,” said Young, who encouraged everyone to continue practicing COVID safety protocols and to get vaccinated. “I’m looking forward to a future when everything is safe, and we can all spend together and socialize face to face.”

“What stronger together means to me is that, as a Community, we’re not only looking out for ourselves but for others around us, even other communities that aren’t Gila River,” said Jr. Miss Gila River Sineca Jackson. “Once we reach Community Immunity, I hope to get to meet everyone at all the events we host, as well as encouraging young ladies to run for GRIC royalty.”

Videos highlighting new voices from the Community, organizations, and departments will continue to be released on the Gila River Indian Community Facebook page, which can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/gilariver>.



Miss Indian Arizona Alyse Marrietta believes encouraging Community members to get vaccinated will lead to a return to normalcy. Emma Hughes/GRIN



Jr. Miss Gila River Sineca Jackson expresses what she looks forward to most when Community Immunity is reached. CPAO Photo. Below, Marrietta and Jackson interact with Community members at the family vaccination event on Nov. 20. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN





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DECEMBER 2021 SCHEDULE

	12/6 - 12/7	District 4 Service Center	9 am - 3 pm
	12/6 - 12/8	Sacaton Boys & Girls Club	9 am - 3 pm
	12/9	Sacaton Boys & Girls Club	11 am - 6:30 pm
	12/11	Sacaton Boys & Girls Club	11 am - 4 pm
	12/13 - 12/16	Sacaton Boys & Girls Club	9 am - 3 pm
	12/13 - 12/14	District 2 Service Center	9 am - 3 pm
	12/15 - 12/16	District 7 Service Center	10 am - 3 pm
	12/20 12/23	Sacaton Boys & Girls Club	9 am - 3 pm
	12/20 - 12/21	District 5 Service Center	9 am - 3 pm
	12/22	District 5 Service Center	11 am - 6 pm

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ACTION SHEET

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CALL TO ORDER

The Second Regular Monthly Meeting of the Community Council held Wednesday, November 17, 2021, by WebEx Platform was called to order by Governor Stephen R. Lewis at 9:02 a.m.

INVOCATION

Provided by Lt. Governor Monica Antone

ROLL CALL

Council Secretary Shannon White called the roll

Executive Officers Present:

Governor Stephen R. Lewis

Lt. Governor Monica Antone

Council Members Present:

D1- Arzie Hogg; D2-Carol Schurz; D3-Avery White, Rodney Jackson; D4-Jennifer Allison, Delmar Jones, Regina Antone, Christopher Mendoza; D5-James De La Rosa, Marlin Dixon, Wahlean Riggs; D6- Anthony Villareal, Sr., Charles Goldtooth, Terrance Evans; D7- Devin Redbird

Council Members Absent:

D1- Joey Whitman

D5- Brian Davis, Sr.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO TABLE REPORT #1, NEW BUSINESS #1, #2 AND #3 FOR NON-SUBMITTAL OF MATERIAL

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT REPORT #3; ACCEPT AND APPROVE RESOLUTIONS #1 AND #2 ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE THE REGULAR AGENDA AS AMENDED

PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

1. Introduction – Department of Public Works Director, Jesus Haro

Presenters: Suzanne Jones, Jesus Haro

MS. SUZANNE JONES INTRODUCED MR. JESUS HARO AS THE NEW DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. MR. HARO POSSESSES A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING AND A MASTERS DEGREE IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION. MR. HARO WAS EMPLOYED WITH THE CITY OF BISBEE AND IS EXCITED TO BE WORKING WITH THE COMMUNITY. VARIOUS COUNCIL, LT. GOVERNOR ANTONE AND GOVERNOR LEWIS EXPRESSED WORDS OF WELCOME AND ENCOURAGEMENT

2. Dr. Santiago Service on the Arizona Hospital and Healthcare Association Board of Directors

Presenters: GRHC Board of Directors, Dr. Anthony Santiago

MR. ROBERT PABLO, GILA RIVER HEALTH CARE BOARD ANNOUNCED THAT DR. ANTHONY SANTIAGO HAS BEEN SELECTED TO SERVE

ON THE ARIZONA HOSPITAL AND HEALTHCARE ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR A TERM OF THREE YEARS; HE PARTICIPATES IN A NUMBER OF ITS INITIATIVES AND WORK GROUPS. AHHA HAS NOT PREVIOUSLY HAD PARTICIPATION FROM A TRIBAL HEALTH CARE SYSTEM ON THEIR BOARD. DR. SANTIAGO IS HONORED TO HAVE THIS OPPORTUNITY.

3. Introduction of Wild Horse Pass Development Authority Interim General Manager

Presenters: Casaundra Wallace, James De La Rosa, Elizabeth Antone

COUNCILMAN JAMES DE LAROSA INTRODUCED MS. ELIZABETH ANTONE AS THE INTERIM GENERAL MANAGER FOR THE WILD HORSE PASS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY. MS. ANTONE RECEIVED HER BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA IN 2004. MS. ANTONE HAS DEALT WITH TRUST LAND REAL ESTATE FOR THE PAST 15 YEARS. MS. ANTONE IS LOOKING FORWARD TO SERVING IN THIS INTERIM POSITION.

REPORTS

1. GRAM Great Call Rapid Response System Report

Presenters: Miane Men, Jim Myers, Board

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2. COVID-19 Update

Presenters: COVID-19 Task Force

REPORT HEARD

3. GRICUA FY21 3rd Quarter (April 1, 2021-June 30, 2021)

Presenters: Pamela Thomas, Leonard Gold, GRICUA Board, Erica Dawahoya

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

RESOLUTIONS

>1. A Resolution Approving The Petition For Membership For Korneluis Michael John Into The Gila River Indian Community (LSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenters: Sheila Valenzuela, Korneluis John

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>2. A Resolution Approving The Petition For Membership For Nicole Kristin Monica Hope Paderez Villegas Into The Gila River Indian Community (LSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenters: Sheila Valenzuela, Gloria Sharp

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ORDINANCES

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Ira Hayes Update (ESC forwards to Council under Unfinished Business as FYI and to include a cover memo from the Tribal Education Department and the Office of Community Manager)

Presenter: Isaac Salcido

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT AS INFORMATION

NEW BUSINESS

*1. A Cover Letter With Motion Language Approving A Five Year Extension Of The Gila River Indian Irrigation And Drainage District And The P-MIP Engaging In Pit Reclamation Along The Southside Canal And Within The Canal Right-Of-Way Within The Gila River Indian Reservation (NRSC forwards for to Council with a recommendation for approval)

Presenters: David DeJong, Ron Allison, Ryan Eberle

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*2. Casa Blanca Community School Tribal Allocation Written Plan FY2022 (ESC forwards to Council under New Business with a recommendation for approval with amendments) Presenters Lillian Kim Franklin, Jeffery Thornburg

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*3. Gila River Gaming Enterprises, Inc. New Property Name for Fourth Gaming Facility (CRSC forwards to Council as information)

Presenter: Kenneth Manuel

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4. Certification of The Gila River Indian Community 2021 Special Chief Judge Election In Districts 1-7 (LSC forwards to Community Council with a recommendation to certify Anthony J. Hill)

Presenter: Nadine Shelde

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY ANTHONY J. HILL AS CHIEF JUDGE

MINUTES

1. October 14, 2021 (Special)

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

2. October 20, 2021 (Regular)

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

3. November 3, 2021 (Regular)

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

~PUBLIC SAFETY OWNERS TEAM MEETING THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2021 AT 9 P.M.

~JOINT EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE AND HEALTH & SOCIAL STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2021 AT 2:00 P.M.

~POLICE DEPARTMENT CONSTRUCTION OWNERS TEAM MEETING THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2021 AT 1:30 P.M.

~CASA BLANCA SCHOOL OWNERS TEAM MEETING THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2021 AT 11:00 A.M.

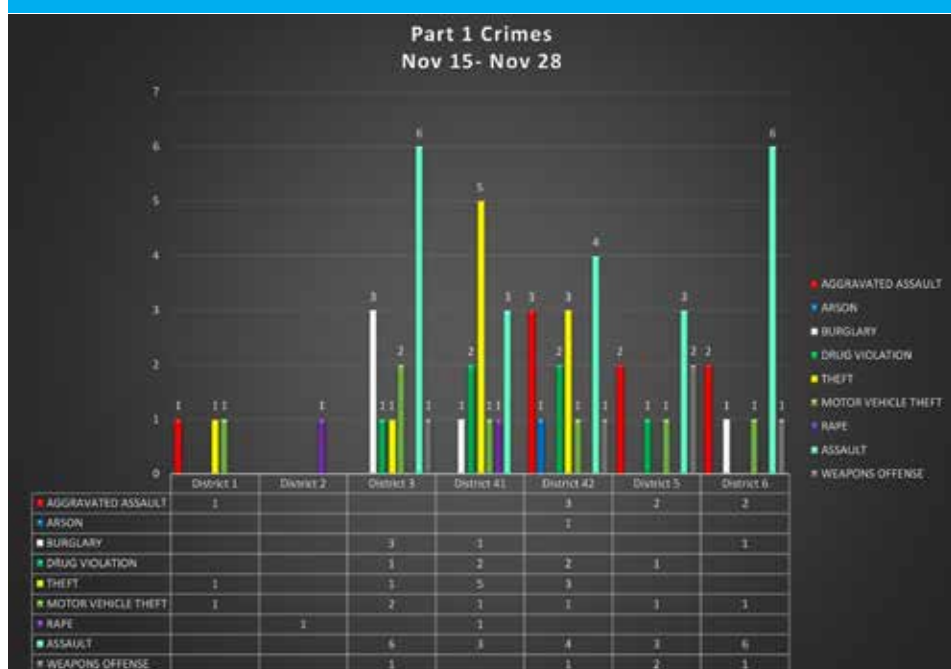
ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:58 A.M.

* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)

> Denotes a CONSENT AGENDA ITEM

Gila River Police Department Incident Logs



Submissions & Notices

2021 HOLIDAY GATHERINGS COVID-19 SAFETY & PREVENTION TIPS

It is the priority of the Gila River Indian Community to avoid transmission of COVID-19 and save as many lives as possible during the pandemic. For the health and safety of our Community, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Holiday Pandemic Guidelines are based on the recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, GRIC Tribal Health Department, Gila River Health Care and members of the Governor's COVID-19 Taskforce Incident Management Team.

- Do's:**
- Wear a well fitted facemask that covers your nose and mouth, physically distance, and wash your hands frequently.
 - If you are having a meal with others that do not live with you while abiding by the gathering size, the meal should be outside with physical distancing of at least 6 feet.
 - Participate in drive-thru distributions or virtual events as much as possible during the holidays to limit contact with others.
 - Strongly recommend hosting a virtual Thanksgiving party to celebrate with extended family and friends.
 - Employee luncheons should abide by the gathering size, the meal should be outside with physical distancing of at least 6 feet and meals to be provided by a licensed kitchen. In-person gatherings should be limited. Strongly recommend hosting a virtual activity.
 - Shopping for gifts online if you are not fully vaccinated or have a weakened immune system.
 - Even if you are fully vaccinated, limit shopping in poorly ventilated spaces/areas or where you are not able to physically distance from others.
 - Create new ways to celebrate - with family and friends that live outside of your home - such as virtually playing games or sharing recipes with family and friends.
 - Getting vaccinated, if you're eligible, is the best way to minimize COVID-19 risk and keep your family and friends safe.
 - Get tested if you have symptoms of COVID-19 or have a close contact with someone who has COVID-19.
 - If you are sick or have symptoms of COVID-19, follow all guidance from your healthcare provider.
- Avoid:**
- Person-to-person contact with others that do not live with you.
 - Avoid crowded and poorly ventilated spaces/areas.
 - Attending any in-person celebration if you or someone in your household is sick.
 - Exchanging food dishes with other households.
- ALL ACTIVITY MUST ABIDE BY AMENDED EXECUTIVE ORDER #12. GATHERINGS OF 15 INDIVIDUALS OR LESS ALLOWED.**
- By working together, we can enjoy safer holidays and protect our own health as well as the health of our family and friends.

COVID-19 GENERAL INFORMATION | GRHC COVID-19 HOTLINE (520) 550-6079 | GRHC.ORG/HUB

NOTICE OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION REVISIONS TO TITLE 5, CRIMINAL CODE, TO DECRIMINALIZE MARIJUANA AND TO ALLOW MEDICAL MARIJUANA ON THE GILA RIVER INDIAN RESERVATION

Press Release
Office of General Council

The Legislative Standing Committee ("LSC") is considering proposed revisions to Title 5 of the GRIC Code to decriminalize marijuana and allow medical marijuana on the Reservation. A copy of the proposed revisions to Title 5 of the GRIC Code in their entirety is available for review at each District Service Center, the Community Council Secretary's Office, or by contacting the Office of General

Counsel at Casaundra.Wallace@gric.nsn.us.

The Office of General Counsel will present the proposed revisions and answer questions on the proposed revisions to Title 5 of the GRIC Code in a virtual Community meeting to be held in January 2022. The date of the meeting is to be determined. If you would like to attend the meeting, please contact your District Service Center to provide an email address where a "save the date" notice can be sent to you when the meeting is

scheduled. You will then receive the link for the virtual meeting at the email address you provided about two days before the meeting.

If you would like to provide written comments on the proposed revisions to Title 5 of the GRIC Code, please provide them by email to the Office of General Counsel at Casaundra.Wallace@gric.nsn.us or by mail to the Office of the General Counsel, P.O. Box 97, Sacaton, AZ 85147, Attn: Casaundra Wallace.

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Schedule of Deadlines
Please send all GRIN submissions to grin@gric.nsn.us

Month	Submission Deadline Dates	GRIN Deliveries
Example: To get your ad in the first issue in June, the deadline is June 1. Your ad will run in the GRIN on June 5	Submissions (ads, articles, flyers) must be given to the GRIN by MONDAY before the first and third Friday of each month. See dates below: <i>*Indicates schedule change due to holiday/schedule conflict</i>	The GRIN will be delivered twice a month on the first and third FRIDAY of each month
January	January 3 <i>*January 14</i>	January 7 January 21
February	January 31 February 14	February 4 February 18
March	February 28 March 14	March 4 March 18
April	March 28 April 11	<i>*April 1</i> April 18
May	May 2 May 16	May 6 May 20
June	<i>*May 27</i> June 13	June 3 June 17
July	June 27 July 11	July 1 July 15
August	August 1 August 15	August 5 August 19
September	August 29 September 12	September 2 <i>*September 16</i>
October	October 3 October 17	October 7 October 21
November	October 31 November 14	November 4 November 18
December	November 28 December 12	December 2 December 16

Items received after the submission deadline will not be placed in that week's edition unless previous arrangements have been made with the editor. Late submissions may be pushed to the next edition. All ads and submittals subject to print at the editor's discretion. For more information, contact the Communications & Public Affairs office at (520) 562-9715 or via email at grin@gric.nsn.us

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NOTICE
2022 Agricultural Lease Payment

In compliance with SRPMIC Emergency Declaration Directives for COVID-19, the 2022 Agricultural Lease payment to landowners will be made by mail, direct deposit, or SRPMIC Pay Card only. There will be no in person payout.

On Friday, January 21, 2022, Agricultural Lease Payment checks will be mailed to your address on file or, if you have elected to use direct deposit, disbursement will occur to the financial institution on file with the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community ("SRPMIC") Finance Department. Incorrect information will cause a delay in receiving your payment. To update your address or direct deposit information, or to sign up for direct deposit, please contact:

SRPMIC Vendor Maintenance, ph: (480) 362-7729
(staff is available Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Arizona time)
The last day for Agricultural Lease Payment updates is December 17, 2021.
Please call as soon as possible.

Pay Card disbursement will be placed onto your SRPMIC Pay Card on Friday, January 21, 2022. To sign up for a SRPMIC Pay Card for your lease payment or to add your lease payment to an already issued SRPMIC Pay Card, please contact the SRPMIC Finance Department at (480) 362-7620. The last day for Agricultural Lease Payment updates is December 17, 2021.

Payments less than \$15.00. All direct deposit and Pay Card payments will be disbursed regardless of the amount. For checks less than \$15.00, landowners will need to contact the SRPMIC Finance Department and request that a check be mailed. Such checks will be processed 7-10 business days following the request after January 21, 2022.

Questions? Contact the SRPMIC Finance Leasing Payment Office (480) 362-7730.
**Agricultural lease payments will be made based upon farmer payments received by January 3, 2022.*

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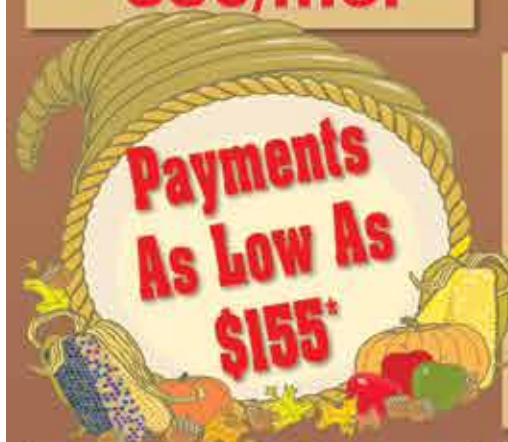


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