



NATIONAL EMERGENCY

## COVID-19 PANDEMIC

# GRIC Rolls Out First Large Scale Vaccination Event

*“What we are doing today, is going to be saving lives...” said Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis*

**Christopher Lomahquahu**  
Gila River Indian News

A combined task force of members from the Gila River Indian Community, Gila River Health Care and other agencies, worked together to get vaccinations to Gila River Hotels & Casinos employees at a drive-thru event. The Gila River Indian Community began its large scale vaccination event at the Wild Horse Pass Motorsports Park on Feb. 13.

The vaccination event was made possible through a coordinated effort between the Gila River Office of Emergency Management, GRHC, Gila River EMS, Gila River Police Department, Gila River Fire Department, WHPMP and the Arizona National Guard. Representatives from each agency formed a small army to ensure 985 casino and Wild Horse Pass Development Authority employees received their vaccination.

The large GRIC vaccination event, is an unprecedented undertaking for an American

Indian community, such as GRIC, which has set out to provide hundreds of vaccinations in one day. This initiative, includes plans for another large vaccination event in the Community on Feb. 20.

Cultural Preservation Officer Barnaby Lewis provided a traditional blessing over everyone in attendance before the start of the vaccination event. Lewis' blessing was followed with remarks by Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and representatives from the Community who helped organize the vaccination event. “What we are doing today is going to be saving lives, it is historic,” said Gov. Lewis. He add, “You guys are the heroes during this pandemic, the first responders, of our military, our healthcare workers, all of you front-line workers.” He said before the COVID-19 vaccine was available, there was a sense of playing “defense,” but now with the availability of the vaccine, it is time to be on the “offense,” of combating the pandemic.

Saturday's vaccination event, was a prelude to a planned Feb. 20



A task force of Gila River Healthcare, Community and Arizona National Guard members receive a briefing, before the start of the large vaccination event on Feb. 13. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

event to immunize GRIC members and families, who reside on and off of the Community, over the age of 18. For the upcoming vaccination drive-thru event, Community members will need to have their tribal identification ready in order to check-in. They, will be directed

to go through four stations, which consist of filling out a consent form, a registration form, and then administration of the vaccination. Before they can leave the area, they will need to wait at an observation station for any symptoms that develop from the vaccine.

“We have done nearly 5,800 vaccines in the Community, today we have nearly 100 of our staff out here, doing the registration and the vaccinations and we will have more staff out here next week as

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# Community Members Learn about Local Wildlife through Virtual Event

**Kyle Knox**  
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On Feb 13, the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) held their 22nd Annual Winter Bird Count, but virtually for the first time due to COVID-19 safety protocols. Rather than postpone or cancel the event, Community members were treated to a prerecorded video and live presentation highlighting the ecological and cultural significance of the birds and wildlife throughout the Community.

In total, 35 people logged in for the bird count; 25 were members of the Community, because of the possibility of families or multiple people viewing on one device, it's sometimes hard to quantify how many were really in attendance.

The annual event typically draws numerous families for a day of bird watching at various locations to locate and identify multiple bird species. Tison Gill, DEQ Environmental Education & Outreach Specialist, said, “We had to come up with ways, that

we can still present the data to our Community. Willard Antone, DEQ Director, thought a video would be a great way to showcase our bird sight areas and still deliver the data we collected.” Their solution was to produce the video in addition to the cultural presentations.

Antone began the virtual bird count, by welcoming the participants. He acknowledged the DEQ staff along with GRIC council members and leadership in attendance. Jr. Miss Gila River Sineca Jackson, also provided the opening prayer, along with a few remarks about the event.

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis provided the opening remarks for this unique occasion. Gov. Lewis said, “Even or especially during a pandemic, we continue this good work documenting the bird count and sharing the data.” Gov. Lewis also acknowledged many past and present DEQ staff, for the development and maintenance of the Community's riparian locations where birds often frequent, such as the Pee-Posh wetlands and Managed Aquifer



Woodrow Crumbo, DEQ Wildlife Program Manager, talks about the importance of wildlife conservation and the animals native to the Community's waterways, during the virtual bird count on Feb. 13.

Recharge Site 5 Interpretive Trail. In attendance was Lt. Gov. Monica Antone. She reflected on her past bird count experiences and its cultural connections. Antone said, “Most importantly for me, is to be grateful for the land that [we] have, the beauty and how rich and blessed we are

to have this desert nature. The winter bird count has become a family tradition for us,” said Antone. She added, “We always knew it would come in December, and we would be outdoors with in person with groups of families, however this year for our safety, it was held virtually. We will

miss the gatherings as the bird count made me aware of how many different types of birds fly through the Community. In the past Mr. Robert Johnson would share the bird names in O'otham each species of bird. I enjoyed the virtual presentation.”

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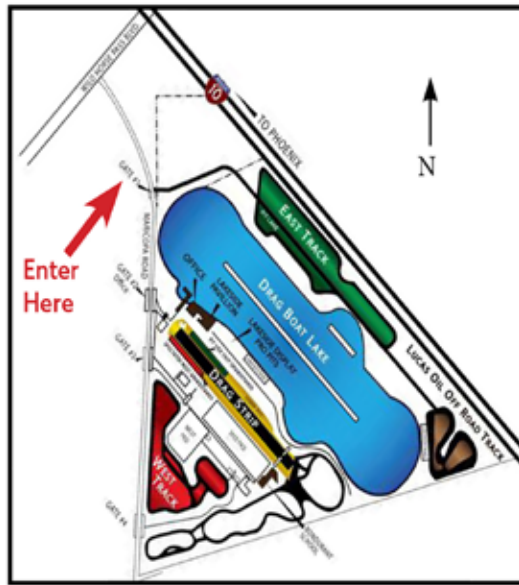
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# COMMUNITY VACCINE EVENT

**Saturday, February 20, 2021**  
**9:00 am – 3:00 pm**



## Wild Horse Pass Motorsports Park

20000 S Maricopa Rd  
Chandler, AZ 85226

**VACCINE WILL NOT BE ADMINISTERED IF YOU ARE SICK OR UNDER QUARANTINE**

### TWO OPTIONS TO RECEIVE A VACCINE

1. To reserve your vaccination, schedule your appointment using the [online registration site](#). If you require assistance with online registration, please call the COVID hotline at (520) 550-6079, Option 1.

Visit [GRHC.ORG/HUB](http://GRHC.ORG/HUB) or [MYGILARIVER.COM](http://MYGILARIVER.COM) for online registration.

2. Drive Up without An Appointment and complete registration on-site.

### THOSE ELIGIBLE

- GRIC Tribal Enrolled members 18+ years old (includes GRIC urban members) AND 18+ years old residing in the boundaries of GRIC
  - GRIC Tribal Enrolled members must bring their tribal identification to vaccination site.
  - 18+ years old residing in the boundaries of GRIC must provide proof of residency i.e. mail with name and address indicated.

**TRANSPORTATION:** Transportation for individuals residing within GRIC boundaries, call (520) 562-3321 ext. 1384 to schedule your transportation as soon as possible.

**If you have questions, please call the COVID-19 Hotline at (520) 550-6079**





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# Elders Receive COVID-19 Vaccination at D3 Boys & Girls Club

## Emma Hughes

Gila River Indian News

Nearly 100 elders received vaccines at a walk-in vaccination event held at the Boys & Girls Club in Sacaton on Feb. 6.

Prior to the COVID-19 vaccination events scheduled for Feb. 13 and Feb. 20, Gila River Healthcare hosted the event for all GRIC elders ages 55 and older, including GRIC urban members as well as all non-GRIC elders age 55 and older living within GRIC boundaries.

"We decided to have a no-schedule appointment event, so we can get more [elders] in quicker," said Steve Schoffstall, Director of Physical Therapy from Gila River Health Care.

Several departments were on hand to assist elders during their vaccination including registration, nursing, and members of the COVID-19 Taskforce including GRHC CEO Dr. Anthony Santiago.

"It's a huge team effort," said Schoffstall, who acknowledged others who have made this possible, from security to the Gila River Health Care Board of Directors.

He also shared how GRHC anticipated a vaccination rollout within the Community before the FDA authorized emergency use of COVID-19 vaccines, Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna, which are both used by GRHC.

Dr. Wesley Yamada, Interim Chief Medical Officer for Gila River Health Care, has been with the Community for 34 years and discussed possible concerns

someone might have about the vaccine, such as the effectiveness.

"They have both [Moderna & Pfizer] shown efficacy rates of around 95 percent," said Dr. Yamada.

"We want to get the vaccine in the arms of anybody and everybody in the Community who wants one. The sooner we can get both doses of the vaccine into everyone's arm, the sooner we can get back to a sense of normalcy," said Dr. Yamada.

Marc and Lois Corona showed up to the event, and expressed their gratitude to see the COVID-19 vaccine available to all elders residing in GRIC.

"I feel OK and I'm really grateful for this event, to be able to get vaccinated," said Mr. Corona.

"We're very grateful and blessed that we can both get it," said Mrs. Corona of her and her husband.

Melissa Lill, a nurse practitioner with Gila River Health Care, has led a team to assist in administering the vaccine to GRIC essential employees and elders.

"Everyone here is here on a voluntary basis. It's not mandatory for them to be vaccinated," said Lill when discussing the response of the patients who were expectedly excited and nervous.

"We're here to support them and answer any questions," she said.

The plan to distribute the vaccine to those within the Community has been done in phases. Healthcare workers and at-risk elders (Phase 1a) were the first to receive the vaccine when it



Marc and Lois Corona talk about the importance of receiving the COVID-19 vaccine, at the GRIC elders vaccination clinic on Feb. 6. CPAO Photo

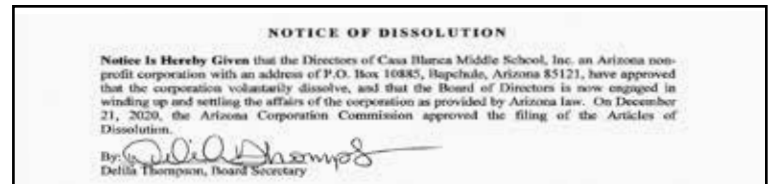


Community members can now visit the COVID-19 vaccination clinic at the Boys & Girls Club. CPAO Photo

arrived in the Community followed by essential employees (Phase 1b). After completing those two phases, GRIC members 55 and older (Phase 1c) regardless of prior health conditions, were welcome to schedule an appointment with

Gila River Health Care clinics to get vaccinated.

Currently the Boys & Girls Club in Sacaton is open through the week for vaccinations for essential employees and GRIC members 18 and up.



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	SUNDAY 2/21	MONDAY 2/22	TUESDAY 2/23	WEDNESDAY 2/24	THURSDAY 2/25	FRIDAY 2/26	SATURDAY 2/27	
12:00pm	Fit First	Making Regalia <i>Continuation of</i>	The New Creative India	Making Regalia <i>Bustle Backboard</i>	The New Creative India	Making Regalia <i>Decorative Carry Bag</i>	Fit First	
12:30pm	GRIC CONTENT	2020 MISS & JR MISS GILA RIVER PAGEANT @District 4 Multipurpose Building	GRIC CONTENT	GRIC CONTENT	GRIC CONTENT	GRIC CONTENT	GRIC CONTENT	
1:00pm	Native Planet <i>Chile</i>		Indian Country Today	Indian Country Today	Indian Country Today	Indian Country Today	2021 SWEARING CEREMONY	
1:30pm			Wild Archeology	Osiyo, Voices of the Cherokee People	Future History <i>Justice</i>	Dabiyiyuu <i>Bear Hunter</i>	2021 VIRTUAL INAUGURATION	
2:00pm	Hit The Ice <i>Cut Down Day</i>		Hit The Ice <i>First Test</i>	Hit The Ice <i>A Killer Instinct</i>	Hit The Ice <i>A Glorious Day</i>	Hit The Ice <i>No Sure Thing</i>		
2:30pm	2021 SWEARING CEREMONY	Underexposed <i>Boardercross</i>	Underexposed <i>Raven's Call!</i>	Underexposed <i>Meeting Up</i>	Underexposed <i>The Coastal Crew</i>			
3:00pm	2020 WATER RIGHTS DAY VIRTUAL CELEBRATION	Fit First	Working It Out Together <i>Pushed to the Limit</i>	Fit First	Working It Out <i>Diving In</i>	Fit First	2020 WATER RIGHTS DAY VIRTUAL CELEBRATION	
3:30pm		GRIC CONTENT	GRIC CONTENT	GRIC CONTENT	GRIC CONTENT	GRIC CONTENT		
4:00pm		Native Planet <i>Namibia</i>	2020 WATER RIGHTS DAY VIRTUAL CELEBRATION	2021 SWEARING CEREMONY	2020 MISS & JR MISS GILA RIVER PAGEANT @District 4 Multipurpose Building	2021 VIRTUAL INAUGURATION		Rez Rides
4:30pm		Pete & Cleo Two Navajo bros reconnect, pestering one another about the directions they've each chosen in life. Not one afternoon passes before the two are at odds over their differing values						Forging Bonds: Pow Wow Stories from Journey to Opportunity
5:00pm		Mohawk Girls	Washakie Last of the Eastern Shoshone			Indigenous Focus		
6:00pm	We're Still Here <i>Through their music and</i>							
6:30pm	GRIC CONTENT	GRIC CONTENT	CHALIHI	GRIC CONTENT	THE DOINGS	GRIC CONTENT	2020 MISS & JR MISS GILA RIVER PAGEANT @District 4 Multipurpose Building	
7:00pm	Red Earth Uncovered <i>Wild Rose Wild Man</i>	Democracy Now! <i>Is a national, daily, independent, award-winning news program.</i>	Democracy Now! <i>Is a national, daily, independent, award-winning news program.</i>	Democracy Now! <i>Is a national, daily, independent, award-winning news program.</i>	Democracy Now! <i>Is a national, daily, independent, award-winning news program.</i>	Democracy Now! <i>Is a national, daily, independent, award-winning news program.</i>		
7:30pm	The Medicine Line <i>The Peyote Line</i>	Indian Country Today	Indian Country Today	Indian Country Today	Indian Country Today	Indian Country Today		
8:00pm	Aboriginal Adventures <i>Seaweed Adventures</i>	Mixed Blessings <i>Missing Mojo</i>	Mixed Blessings <i>Dead Goose</i>	Mixed Blessings <i>Dances w/Wolfy</i>	Mixed Blessings <i>Fruit of Another</i>	Mixed Blessings <i>Happy Anniversary</i>		
8:30pm	Tao Hunter Gatherer <i>Tatapouri - Gisborne</i>	Red Earth Uncovered <i>Wild Rose Wild Man</i>	Cashing In <i>The Really Big Show</i>	Chaos & Courage	Native Shorts <i>Nuuca</i>	The Aux	Cashing In <i>The Really Big Show</i>	
9:00pm	Native Shorts <i>Mud / Mobilize</i>							
9:30pm	GRIC CONTENT	GRIC CONTENT	GRIC CONTENT	GRIC CONTENT	GRIC CONTENT	GRIC CONTENT	GRIC CONTENT	
10:00pm	The Aux	Etten Heide: Caribou Eaters The documentary is a celebration of their rich ancient culture, and a	Box 25 - Caja 25 The documentary is based on letters written in 1963 that are part of a historical legacy that today does not	Storm in the Andes <i>Her relatives played a key role in Peru's history - her aunt and uncle were the founders of the country's</i>	The Invisible Nation The Algonquin once lived in harmony with the vast territory they occupied. This balance was upset when the Europeans arrived in the 16th century.	First Nations Comedy Experience Gigi Modrich, Chad Tahcawickah, Tom Thakkar and Candice N.A. Now	More Than Frybread 22 Native frybread makers, representing all 22 federally recognized tribes in AZ, convene in Flagstaff to compete for the first ever, first annual, state of Arizona Frybread	
10:30pm	Akornatsinnit - Tarratta Nunaanni <i>Among Us-in the Land of Our Shadows</i>	Mad Cow Sacred Cow His journey reveals shocking connections between the Mad Cow crisis, Farm crisis and Global Food crisis.	One Day I Saw 10,000 Elephants This creative doc is both a magical tale of the power of myths and a raw account of the realities of life under colonialism.	Lost Village - <i>Happy to Be Home</i> <i>The end of traditional civilization is in sight. For the first time in human history villages across the world, once the</i>	The Sacred Sundance: The Transfer of a Ceremony	Blue Gap Boyz	Pete & Cleo	
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 well,” said Dr. Antony Santiago. CEO for GRHC. Santiago said GRHC has been administering the Pfizer and Moderna versions of the COVID-19 vaccine and that both are equally effective against the virus.

He said GRHC has been steadily rolling out vaccination sites throughout the Community at its facilities and others. “[We] are giving vaccines six days a week at the primary care departments at the Huhukam Memorial Hospital, Komatke

Health Center and District 3 and 6 Boys & Girls Club. We have a lot of teams, but we are redeploying them to be here,” said Santiago.  
 Lewis lauded GRHC staff and essential workers for their efforts, while on the “front-line” of responding to

the pandemic, those individuals who wear different hats or represent different organizations, who have unified for one purpose of an incredibly historic vaccination event in Indian Country.  
 “I want to thank you all personally as a community

member, I am just so thankful for all of you for coming together and being boots on the ground,” said Candalestrian Preston, Tribal Health Director. She added from a public health perspective, the vaccination event is a huge undertaking to admin-

ister the vaccine to hundred of individuals at one single event. Preston encouraged the Community’s elders to get vaccinated at the large GRIC members event or at their nearest vaccination location at a GRHC facility or D3 and D6 B&G Club.



Vaccination workers prepare at the registration station on Feb 13. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN



Cars lined-up at the COVID-19 vaccination event Feb. 13. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN



A GRHC nurse goes over registration forms with a casino employee on Feb. 13. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN



Gila River Hotels & Casinos CEO Kenneth Manuel shares a message after getting vaccinated. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN



Gov. Lewis shows his appreciation to casino employees, who came out to get vaccinated. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN



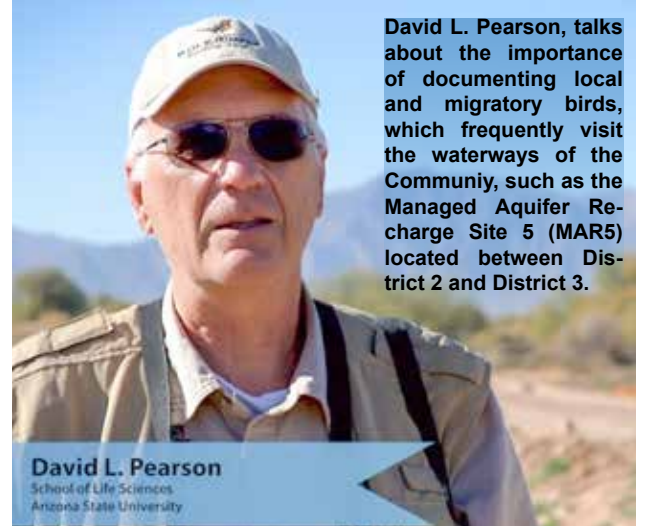
An Airman with the AZANG, administers a COVID-19 vaccination to a casino employee. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

**From the front page**  
 DEQ’s video highlighted data from their bird counts across GRIC’s land-base. The video showcased the data collection process, and all played vital roles in documenting the bird count and diversity throughout GRIC. The lead on the video survey was Woodrow Crumbo, DEQ Wildlife Program Manager, and David L. Pearson, ASU Professor, School of Life

Sciences. Gill provided data on the the number of species at the different sites in GRIC, the total birds counted at that site, and most frequently observed species found in a given area. For example, at the MAR 5 Interpretive Trail, DEQ identified 48 species, counted 82,899 birds, and identified the Red-Winged Blackbird and Yellow-Headed Blackbirds as the most abundant species at the site.

Following the data presentation was a cultural presentation from Robert Johnson, Huhugam Heritage Center Language Specialist. Johnson provided a cultural perspective on prominent birds in the Community. He also provided the O’otham name for each bird and its characteristics. To conclude the cultural portion, was a live presentation of O’otham songs performed by Antonio “Go:hk” Davis of Dis-

trict 5. After the event, Gill stated, “Reading over the surveys after the event, the video was the part of the event attendees liked the most.”  
 DEQ also has plans to host a Winter Bird Count presentation specifically for Community elders. Additionally, DEQ is also considering the possibility of hosting more Winter Bird Count presentations to each of the districts.



David L. Pearson, talks about the importance of documenting local and migratory birds, which frequently visit the waterways of the Community, such as the Managed Aquifer Recharge Site 5 (MAR5) located between District 2 and District 3.



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## COVID19 Vaccination Opportunities For GRIC Members

**HU HU KAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL**

**M - F**  
**8 AM - 4 PM**

*GRIC MEMBERS 18+ (BY APPOINTMENT ONLY)*

**WILD HORSE PASS MOTOR SPORTS PARK**

**SATURDAY : 2/20/21**  
**9 AM - 3 PM**

*GRIC MEMBERS 18+*

**D3 SACATON BOYS & GIRLS CLUB**

**M/T/W/F : 9 AM - 3 PM**  
**TH : 9 AM - 4 PM**

*GRIC ESSENTIAL EMPLOYEES & GRIC MEMBERS 18+*

**KOMATKE HEALTH CENTER**

**M-F : 8 AM - 4 PM**

*GRIC MEMBERS 18+ (BY APPOINTMENT ONLY)*

**D6 KOMATKE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB**

**2/17-2/18      2/24-2/25**  
**9 AM - 3 PM      9 AM - 3 PM**

*GRIC MEMBERS 18+*

- *To Schedule your COVID19 Vaccine appointment:* at HHKMH or KHC Locations, please call (602) 528-1482.
- *Wild Horse Pass:* To minimize your wait time to receive the vaccine, please pre-register online at [https://gricportal.formstack.com/forms/gricvax\\_220](https://gricportal.formstack.com/forms/gricvax_220) OR Drive-up without an appointment and complete the registration on-site.
- *Transportation:* is available for GRIC members who live within GRIC boundaries. Call 520-562-3321 ext. 1384 to schedule transportation.

## Verbs of Ñei & Ñeid

Every day, we are provided opportunities, to take into perspective the activities taking place around us. The O’otham language contains verbs, or action words that we use to describe actions of objects within our sight. The verb ñei means to (see) and can be used in many forms as we will read. The verb ñeid means to (see, saw, look, and watched an object). These two verbs form the basis of sentences that bring attention to what we see in the past, present and future.

Let’s take into consideration the first form of (saw) which, is more of a general statement, as we read. “Ñeid heg nahagio u:s vaso cheđ.” (I saw a mouse inside the wooden box.) In this statement, the observer relates to the listener, that he saw a mouse inside a wooden box. The statement is correct in its form and structure. The listener had processed the statement in his mind. In our O’otham mind-set, we visualize the statement at its value of information. This is the same process we use, when listening to stories on e-books, or when someone reads to us aloud.

In another form of ‘ñeid’ we read of a verb/ subject/action verb/ object. “Ñeid ag viappoi ‘e chesh’shach heg kwi.” (I watched a little boy as

he climbed the mesquite tree.) The sentence relates how the observer ‘watched’ (past-tense verb) a little boy (subject) as he climbed (past-tense action verb) the mesquite tree (object). The listener had pictured what the observer had seen some time ago. We can guess, that the observer had watched his grandchild, as he climbed the mesquite tree.

“Eñ thom ñei Cha:ñli ap sialim.” (I’ll see you in Chandler tomorrow morning.) In this example we read about the speaker providing instructions for a future meeting to the listener. “Eñ thom ñei” (I’ll see you), “Cha:ñli ap” (place) and “sialim” (time-in the morning). In this case, we can relate to actual events, as we had often visited the farm machinery business. Many times, we had picked up tractor parts and made repairs to our tractor and farm equipment.

“Ñap am ñeid heg gogs manth ‘o hu’hu heg ban?” (Did you watch the dog as it chased after the coyote?) In this real-time form of “ñeid” we read, as the speakers asks the listener, if he had just watched the event take place. Today, dogs still chase after coyotes, cars and other things.

In this last example of “ñeid” we will read about another real-time event. “Ko ñeid hegai kaviyo

manth ‘o ‘etham koli tham!” (Look at that horse, he is jumping over the fence!) In this example, we read that the speaker is speaking excitedly to the listener, as the event takes place. In this case, the two cowboys witness a stallion as it is jumping out of the corral just after a roundup.

We encourage you to speak these different forms of “ñeid” in your everyday lives. Talk with a Speaker or Elder, and ask what other forms of “ñeid” are possible. Sentences may be slightly different between the villages. This month’s word match will test your knowledge on the different forms of “ñei” and “ñeid.”

A special Thank You for the Vah-Ki District Elders for sharing their knowledge of O’otham Ñeo’ok which made this article possible.

**Answers to crossword puzzle can be found on page 7.**



### Ñei & Ñeid Match the Sentence with its Picture!

Ko ñeid hegai kaviyo manth ‘o ‘etham koli tham!



Ñeid ag viappoi ‘e chesh’shach heg kwi.



Ñap am ñeid ban manth ‘o si međ?



Ñeid heg nahagio u:s vaso cheđ



Ñap am ñeid heg gogs manth ‘o hu’hu heg mithol?



Eñ thom ñei Cha:ñli ap si’alim



# Gila River Indian Community DISTRICTS 1, 4, 5, & 6

## Declaration of CANDIDACY for Office of Community Council

### Declaration Period:

**February 8 thru February 22, 5 p.m.**

**A member of the Gila River Indian Community residing in one of these Districts may declare their candidacy for a Community Council seat per qualifications.**

CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS OF THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY

**ARTICLE VI - Qualifications of Officers**

Section 1. No person shall be elected or hold office as Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Chief Judge, Associate Judge or Councilmen unless he:

1. Is a member of the Community;
2. Has reached the age of twenty-five (25) years;
3. Has been living in the particular district he is to represent for at least sixty (60) days immediately preceding the election;
4. Has been living on the Reservation for at least one year immediately preceding the election. Additional qualifications may be prescribed by ordinance.

Section 2. No person who, within the year preceding the election, has been convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude shall be eligible to hold office in the Community.

Due to limitations of personal contact during this pandemic. Declaration Of Candidacy forms can be requested through e-mail.

Send your request to: [TEP@gric.nsn.us](mailto:TEP@gric.nsn.us)

OR forms can be picked up at the Tribal Elections Program Office.

Please call prior to arrival for availability.

315 W. Casa Blanca Rd., Building 9, Sacaton, Arizona

TEP office @ 520-562-9735

## Gila River Indian Community

2021 Community Council Election - Districts 1, 4, 5 & 6

### ELECTION SCHEDULE

DATE	EVENT
February 8, 2021	Declaration of Candidacy (DOC) opens for GRIC community members seeking to declare for Office of Community Council in Districts 1, 4, 5 & 6. Send your request to <a href="mailto:TEP@gric.nsn.us">TEP@gric.nsn.us</a> for the DOC form or are available at the Tribal Elections office, call for availability prior to arrival.
February 22, 2021	Declaration of Candidacy closes at 5:00 p.m. All forms must be received in the Tribal Elections Office by closing date and time.
February 23, 2021	DOC forms are routed to the Departments of Enrollment, Office of General Counsel and Human Resources office to ascertain qualifications of applicants.
March 2, 2021	DOC forms are returned to the Tribal Elections Office
March 3, 2021	Community Election Board to review residency requirements of each applicant seeking office for a District Community Council seat.
March 17, 2021	Community Council to certify applicants who declared for candidacy for office of Community Council at their second meeting in March.
March 24, 2021	<b>Voter Registration closes</b> for the Community Council election scheduled May 4, 2021.
April 1, 2021	<b>Absentee Voting Opens</b> - any registered voter who is unable to vote in person at the polling site may request to vote by absentee.
May 4, 2021	Absentee ballots can be dropped off at any polling site, before the polling site closes @ 6:00 p.m.
<b>May 4, 2021</b>	<b>GRIC Community Council Election Day in Districts 1, 4, 5 &amp; 6</b>
May 7, 2021	Protest Period Ends 5:00 p.m. any Registered Voter can file a protest in writing to the Community Election Board Chairperson.
June 2, 2021	Newly elected/re-elected Council Candidates are sworn into office at the first Community Council meeting in June.

Any questions regarding this schedule, call the Tribal Elections office @ (520) 562-9735



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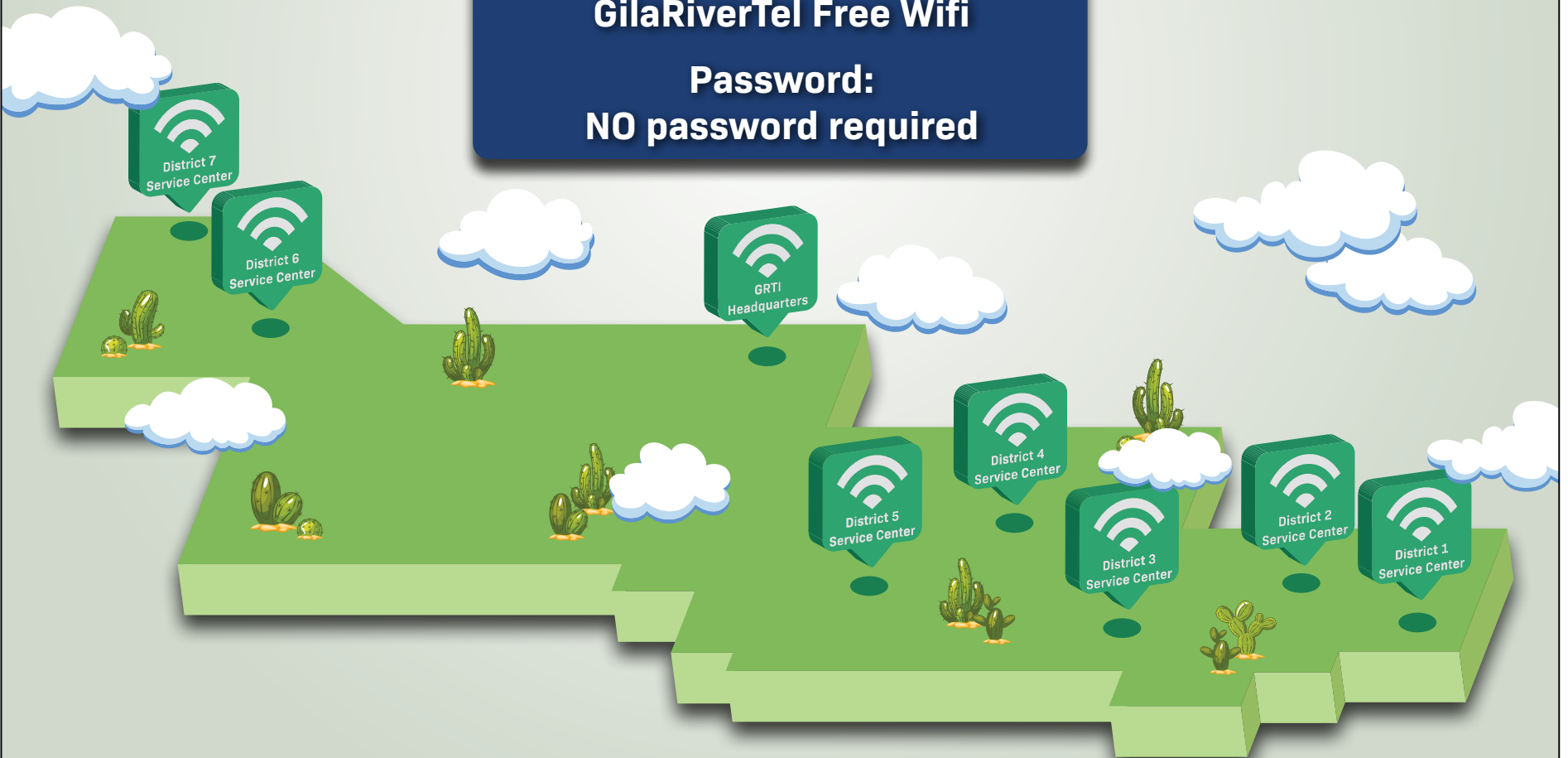
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# Community Wi-Fi Hotspots

We know that Internet access is important. GRTI and the Gila River Indian Community have worked together to provide free Wi-Fi hotspots at the GRTI headquarters and all the Community Service Center parking areas. If you are visiting the area or just need to get connected, you can visit any of the locations and get online 24/7.

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# Students at Sacaton Elementary School Recognized for Academic Achievements

**Kyle Knox**  
Gila River Indian News

At a school board meeting students were recognized for their academic achievements. Eleven students from the Sacaton Elementary School District #18 (SESD) were awarded for the month of January, during the school's monthly board meeting. Dr. Cheryl Paul, SESD Superintendent, presided over the student awards recognition and praised their continued efforts in exemplifying SESD's core values of compassion, respect, vision, community, and empowerment.

The list of students

awarded for January are Tianna Estrella (preschool), Aziah Morris (kindergarten), Joe Carpio (first grade), Dre Jose Millard (second grade), Kally Jackson (third grade), Monique Percy (fourth grade), Mariah Pratt (fifth grade), Dereon Pancott (sixth grade), Abriana Santos (seventh grade), Annalaeya Hoover (eighth grade), and Jacob Miller (eighth grade).

Dr. Paul was very excited for all the students stating, "I am honored to work with our talented Sacaton students, as they are our future leaders." Regardless of the current circumstances, Dr. Paul remains

cheerful and encouraging of all SESD students, further stating, "I believe in their [students] capabilities, drive to overcome obstacles, resiliency, and hope for the future."

For the monthly awards, every student will receive a letter from the superintendent, award certificate, and invitation to attend the board meeting where they are officially named. Elementary school students will also receive a single long stem rose and bumper sticker presented by Wanda Burton, Sacaton Elementary School Principal and the middle school students will receive necklaces



Students at Sacaton Elementary were recognized for their exemplary performance by school administration. Photo courtesy Sacaton Middle School

and "achievement coupons" to use at a local store from Mrs. Hall, Sacaton Elementary School District's Cultural Teacher.

Despite the COVID-19

precautions, the awards will provide a sense of normalcy and give them something to work towards. As the school year continues, one student per grade will con-

tinue to receive a prize each month. For award consideration, they must demonstrate SESD's core values, as stated above and address SESD's monthly themes.



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- Monday-Thursday, 7:30am to 2:30pm (schedules vary)

**Home based Services**







- Prenatal thru 3yrs., Developmental Lessons/School Readiness
- Weekly Virtual Visits and Monthly "FAMILY CIRCLES".
- Positive Parenting, Education, Employment, Other Goals



**Contact Information**  
Phone- 520-315-3489, 3455 W. Casa Blanca Rd.  
Kim Franklin, Principal/Coordinator  
Pearlene Wilson, Adult Education  
Harrietta Boy- Early Childhood Teacher (TBD), Early Childhood Co-Teacher  
Elizabeth Young, Pamela Ahmsaty, Parent Educators

**Answers for crossword puzzle on page 5**

**Ñei & Ñeid Match the Sentence with its Picture! SOLUTION!**

<p>Ko ñeid hegai kaviyo manth 'o 'etham koli tham!</p> <p>Ñeid ag viappoi 'e chesh'shach heg kwi.</p> <p>Ñap am ñeid ban manth 'o si meḍ?</p> <p>Ñeid heg nahagio u:s vaso cheḍ.</p> <p>Ñap am ñeid heg gogs manth 'o hu'hu heg mithol?</p> <p>Eñ thom ñei Cha:ñli ap sialim.</p>	     
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## CURRENT JOB OPENINGS

### PATHWAYS COMMUNITY PROMGRAM

We are now accepting online applications for the following apprenticeship/internship position:

<b>POSITION</b>	<b>CLOSING DATE</b>
Assistant Restaurant Manager	03/31/2021

Must be a Gila River Indian Community Member to apply.

Please visit [playatgila.com](http://playatgila.com) and submit your online application by the closing date.

Contact Norma Perez, Recruitment Manager at 1-800-946-4452 ext. 8369 if you have any questions.



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**TO SIGN UP OR FOR MORE INFO, CONTACT:**  
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# COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS

Courtesy of the Community Council Secretary's Office • February 3, 2021

## 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, February 3, 2021, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by Governor Stephen R. Lewis at 9:05 a.m.

## INVOCATION

Provided by Councilwoman Regina Antone-Smith

## ROLL CALL

Council Secretary Shannon White called the roll

## Executive Officers Present:

Governor Stephen R. Lewis

Lt. Governor Monica Antone

## Council Members Present:

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

## Council Members Absent:

D4-Vacant

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO TABLE REPORT #11 AND REMOVE ORDINANCE #1 FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT REPORT #1 THROUGH #4, #7, ACCEPT AND APPROVE RESOLUTIONS #1 THROUGH #5, AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS #1

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ADD AND ACCEPT MATERIAL FOR NEW BUSINESS #5 AND APPROVE THE REGULAR AGENDA AS AMENDED

## PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

1. Introduction of Stephen Fox, K-12 Education Manager

Presenters: Jeffery Thornburgh, Stephen Fox

MR. FOX INTRODUCED HIMSELF AND PROVIDED AN OVERVIEW OF HIS WORK HISTORY

## REPORTS

>1. FY2020 Annual Report GRIC Urban Members Association Inc.

Presenter: Kristin Nelson

ITEM ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>2. BGCGRIC 2021 Quarterly Report

Presenters: Jason Jones, Mark Clavell, Jocelyn Young, Nancy House, Kelly Concho-Hayes, Jeff Jackson

ITEM ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>3. BGCGRIC 2021 Program Quarterly Report

Presenters: Jason Jones, Mark Clavell, Soyot Antone, Emiliano Morondos

ITEM ACCEPTED AT THE APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>4. St. Anthony's Church FY 2020 Final Report

Presenter: Donald Antone, Sr.

ITEM ACCEPTED AT THE APPROVAL OF

## AGENDA

5. GRHC Health Information Exchange  
Presenters: Veronica Vaughn, Scott McCrimmon, Dr. Anthony Santiago, Board of Directors, Anthony Brundige

## ITEM HEARD

6. COVID-19 Taskforce Update

Presenters: Bruce Harvey, Candalerian Preston, Laurie Thomas, Roberto Jackson, Chief Timothy Chavez, Dr. Anthony Santiago

## ITEM HEARD

[GOVERNOR LEWIS CALLED FOR A 10 MINUTE BREAK; THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 12:35 P.M.]

>7. Office of the Prosecutor's FY2021 First Quarterly Report (October 1, 2020-December 31, 2020)

Presenters: Michael Voyles, Carleton Giff, David Williams

ITEM ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

8. FY2021 1ST Quarter Treasurer's Report (Executive Session)

Presenter: Treasurer Robert Keller

## REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

9. Gila River Gaming Commission Department Report to the Community Council December 2020 (Executive Session)

Presenters: Gaming Commission Board, Melvin S. Sanderson

## ITEM HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

10. Gila River Gaming Enterprises, Inc. Monthly Report for December 2020 (Executive Session)

Presenters: Kenneth Manuel, Interim Oversight & Planning Committee

## ITEM HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

11. Housing Owner's Team Report (Executive Session)

Presenters: Housing Owner's Team, Arzie Hogg

## ITEM TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA RESOLUTIONS

>1. A Resolution Approving A Memorandum Of Understanding Between The City Of Chandler Police Department And The Gila River Indian Community Police Department For Access And Use Of The National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and for placement on the consent agenda; LSC concurs)

Presenter: William Morago

## APPROVED

>2. A Resolution Establishing A Community Infrastructure Fund To Assist In Financing The Design And Construction Of Community Infrastructure Projects Necessary For Future Economic Development Within The Gila River Indian Reservation (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval with additional information and for placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Treasurer Robert Keller

## APPROVED

>3. A Resolution Certifying The Membership Count Of The Gila River Indian Community As Of December 31, 2020 (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval with added information and for placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Sheila Valenzuela

## APPROVED

>4. A Resolution Approving The Petition For Membership For Gavin Charles Molina Into The

Gila River Indian Community (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval and for placement on the consent agenda) APPROVED

Presenter: Sheila Valenzuela

>5. A Resolution Approving The Petition For Membership For Aaliyah Desirae Moore Into The Gila River Indian Community (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval and for placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Sheila Valenzuela

## APPROVED

6. A Resolution Approving The Memorandum Of Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community Tribal Education Department And Chandler Unified School District (ESC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Isaac Salcido; Rebecca Hall

## APPROVED

## ORDINANCES

1. The Gila River Indian Community Council Hereby Enacts The Following Amendments To Title 2, Chapter 1, Sections 2.104 Voter Registration; 2.105 District Community Meetings; 2.111 Absentee Voting; And 2.116 Community Council Elections Of The Gila River Indian Community Code (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval and for placement on the consent agenda; notification to be disseminated as soon as possible)

Presenter: Nadine Shelde

## APPROVED

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

>1. Request by the Casino Expansion Owner's Team and Gila River Gaming Enterprises, Inc. Regarding Expansion and Renovation of the Lone Butte Distribution Facility (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval of the motion and for placement on the consent agenda)

Presenters: Dale Gutenson, Barney Enos, Jr., Ronald N. Rosier

ITEM ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

## NEW BUSINESS

1. Tahoe Purchase (G&MSC forwards to Council for review and discussion and action)

Presenter: Robert Stone

## ITEM TABLED

2. Gila River Indian Community Utility Authority Board of Directors Declaration of Two (2) Vacancies (EDSC forwards to Council to declare the 2 vacancies and advertise for 60 days subject to the Code of Conduct)

Presenter: Shannon White

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DECLARE THE VACANCIES

3. Revenue Internal Audit 1st Quarter Report FY2021 (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council in Executive Session with a recommendation to accept)

Presenters: Dena Thomas, Treasurer Robert Keller

4. Gaming Internal Audit 1st Quarter Report FY2021 (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council in Executive Session with a recommendation to accept)

Presenters: Dena Thomas, Treasurer Robert Keller

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT NEW BUSINESS #3 AND #4

[ADDENDUM TO THE AGENDA]

5. Resignation of Councilman Rodney Jack-



**Action Sheets Cont...**

son from the Natural Resources Standing Committee and Gila River Farms Board of Directors  
 Presenter: Community Council  
**MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT RESIGNATION**  
**MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DECLARE NRSC VACANCY**

**Ordinance GR-10-09 requires Gila River Gaming Enterprises, Inc (GRGE) to publish notice in the Gila River Indian Newspaper and on the official web site for the Gila River Indian Community before disposing of unclaimed money, payroll check(s), or other check(s). Therefore, we are requesting your assistance in publishing the following message in the Gila River Indian Newspaper and on the Gila River Indian Community's official web site for a period not to exceed thirty days from the date of publication. Please contact me at 520-796-7228 or email me at Gordon.cheung@gila.casino if you have questions.**

The following list contains of names of individuals and other entities with outstanding checks issued by Gila River Gaming Enterprises, Inc. (GRGE) and recorded as of September 30, 2020. In accordance with Escheat Ordinance GR-10-09, public notice of unclaimed checks will be published in the Gila River Indian Newspaper and GRIC's official web site. If the last known owner is known to be a Community member, the department, program, or entity shall also post notice at all District Service Centers. In order to claim the check, the owner must claim it in person within 30 days of publication or posting. In addition, to make claim, the person must provide the department, program, or entity with positive identification, including photo identification showing the person claiming the check is the last known owner. If the check is unclaimed for 60 days after publication, it shall escheat and title thereof shall vest in the Community. If you are the recipient of the Gila River Gaming Enterprises, Inc. (GRGE) un-

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- TRAVEL STORE, INC
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- VIAJES DIAZ LEAL S.A.DE C.V.
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- Adams, Darryl R
- Allen, Drew
- Altamirano, Karina F
- Alvarez, Frances M
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- Angulo, Roman
- Aniceto, Jose Carlos
- Apkaw, Alexandra
- Armstrong, Brandon M
- Arnold, Corey M
- Atkins, David Lawrence
- Aubin, Nathaneal B
- Avery, Rayanna A
- Barriere Jr, Mario Salvador
- Bautista-Machuca, Jesus

**MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT BRIAN DAVIS, SR. TO FARM BOARD MINUTES**  
 1. November 18, 2020 (Regular)  
**MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE**  
 2. January 20, 2021 (Regular)  
**MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO AP-**

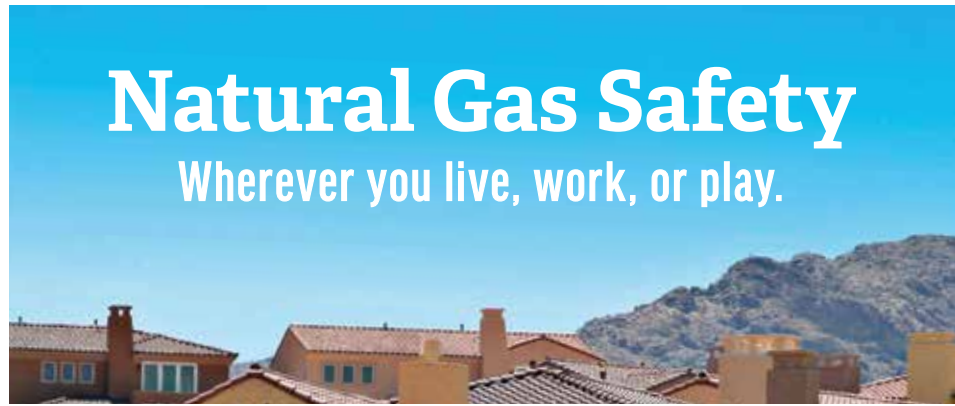
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- Blackwater, Christopher I
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- Carleton, Sheila
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- Charles, Tiffany M
- Chavez, Angel A
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- Clayton, Domanique B
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- Contreras, Ana G
- Contreras, Omar D
- Contreras, Manuel T
- Covolo, Guy M
- Curiel, Andrew Ryan
- Curley, Roderick
- Davis, Danella M
- Dey, Diana M
- Dick, Anthony James
- Divis, Dale A
- Dominguez, Roderick D
- Dorste, William S
- Dubbs, Michael Jason
- Enos, Derrick S
- ESTAFF SECURITY, INC.
- Evans, Jose Jayroe
- FACILITY SOLUTIONS GROUP
- Faust, Charla Lynette
- Flake, Amanda R
- Francisco, Yolanda J
- Gacutan, Mary Zhenn Pagalunan
- Gagnon, Jon P
- Galaviz, Susan Elizabeth
- Garcia, Gabriel J
- Glen, Christopher S
- Gonzales, Jasmine N
- Gonzales, Darringer Dean
- GRIC TRIBAL COURT-FAMILY DRUG

- COURT
- Guan, Bao Yu Deng
- Guevara, Christina
- Habros, Thomas J
- Habros, Thomas Jems
- Henry, Marissa Lorraine
- Hernandez, Christina C
- Hogan Jr, Michael Oliver
- Holloran, Kevin Vincent
- Howard, Toya D
- Huff, Joseph W
- Humeyumptewa, Justin L
- Infante, Rolando M
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- Jakovljevic, Isidor
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- Juan, Norbert A
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- Juan, Colin Lee
- Jun, Josephine Shantel
- Kawahara, Trevor W
- Kaye, Ethan D
- Kelley, Kimberly Renee
- Manuel, Kenneth E.
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- Lang, Giang H
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- Lara, Shurron J
- Le Rose, Benjamin J
- Lewis, Gabrael Anthony
- Lewis, Morning Star Tera
- Lewis, Shawna Rae
- Luna, Nina
- Mack Jr, Asayanda Ako
- Mack, Stephanie K
- Mares, Adam Gabriel
- Martin, Jeffery Jon
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- Matus, Daniel E
- Matus, Marisha E
- Matus, Daniel E

**PROVE ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
 ~ Special Council Meeting February 4, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.  
**ADJOURNMENT**  
**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 3:22 P.M.**  
 \* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)  
 > Denotes a CONSENT AGENDA ITEM

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- McMorrow, Steven G
- MEETINGS & SOURCE LLC
- Mendez, Cindy R
- Messina, Theresa M
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- Miller, Tialer Shaquille
- Miranda, Christina
- Moreno, Vance E
- Morgan, Daniel
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- Nez, Wendy Grace
- Nute, Leslie L
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- Osife, Nathaniel George
- Parsons, Juan Micah
- Percy, Marie
- Perry, Carola Dehajar
- Perteet, Latoya Samantha
- Pfefferman, Christine A
- Pham, Van Thi-Thu
- PILGRIM BAKERY DISTRIBUTORS
- Pino, Nicholas A
- Quiyo Jr., John
- Rabago, David E
- Ramirez, Selena D
- Randall, Cedar M
- Reed, Stephen E
- Resendiz, Guadalupe G
- Revels, Crystal Lynette
- Rivera, Jesse M
- Smith, Robert
- Rodriguez, Christine M
- Rodriguez, Guadalupe K
- Rogers, Melody Linn
- Salt, Louise A
- Sanchez, Belen Theresa
- SAVING PAR ATHLETIC CLUB INC.
- Sciamanna, Carl
- Scoffer, Amanda B
- Shakir, Sami

- Shepherd, Ayril T
- SHI INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION
- Siaki, Maifea
- Sibbio, Gregory T
- Silas, Gabriel
- Simington, Elvira T
- Smith, Jennifer Rose
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- Sunn, Tasheena J
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- Thomas, Jason Jay
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- Valenzuela, Karyna H
- VALLEY INTERIORS, INC
- Varelas, Maya A
- Vazquez, Robin Tara
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- Watts, Kendra I
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- Whempner, Steven J
- Whiting, Daniel L
- Whittaker, Andrew M
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THURSDAY  
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GRIC ESSENTIAL EMPLOYEES  
AND  
GRIC MEMBERS 18+

## D6 KOMATKE - BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

2/17/21  
9 AM – 3 PM  
GRIC MEMBERS 18+

2/18/21  
9 AM – 3 PM  
GRIC MEMBERS 18+

2/24/21  
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