



Gila River Arts and Crafts Building Demolished for Future Community Development

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The Gila River Arts and Crafts Center building, a historic yet dilapidated structure in the Gila River Indian Community's District 5 off the I-10 and Casa Blanca Road, began demolition on Jan. 14 to make way for new developments on the 40-acre lot.

Constructed in 1970 using federal funds, the building was home to the nonprofit Gila River Arts and Crafts Corporation Inc. It was formed to operate the Gila River Arts and Crafts Center, which featured a restaurant offering fry bread and other traditional dishes; a gift shop featuring pottery, basketry and jewelry from local artists; and the Community's first museum, which shared the history of the Akimel O'otham and Pee-Posh.

In addition to employing Community members, the center had an outdoor patio and banquet rooms and became a gathering place for various events throughout the years.

The center closed in 2007 and the museum was transferred to the Huhugam Heritage Center. The

building had been vacant ever since and suffered structural damage and vandalism.

The new development will include a big box store, convention center, hotel, and retail spaces for Community members. It also will include historic monuments honoring U.S. Marine Ira Hayes, who served in World War II and was immortalized in the iconic photograph "Raising the Flag on Iwo Jima" by photographer Joe Rosenthal, and survivors of the Japanese Internment camp, located in District 5.

Nichole Roderick, Project Administrator for District 5, along with District 5 Councilmembers Brian Davis Sr. and Wahlean Riggs, witnessed the building's demolition. Roderick recalled growing up and attending events such as crown dancing at the center, which also featured traditional singing, dancing and craft demonstrations for visitors.

"We are excited and nostalgic about this building," Roderick said of the original structure, adding, "We are excited for the future of it as well."

Davis and Riggs recognized



Demolition of the Arts & Crafts building, located off the I-10 and Casa Blanca Road, is the beginning of future development for the 40 acre lot. Emma Hughes/GRIN.

fellow District 5 Councilmembers Marlin Dixon and James De La Rosa along with past and present Community leaders and elders for their support and efforts on the Project.

Riggs shared how former leaders in the Community began the work to develop the center in 1968. Two years later, the building was finished and open to the public.

"Since then, the Gila River Arts & Crafts has meant so much to the people here of District 5," said Riggs.

Davis spoke about his time over the years gathering with fellow Community members for events and meetings at the center. "It was a great place to meet, great food to eat and great people to meet as well," he said.

Davis also recalled that ancestors and survivors of the 1942-45 Japanese Internment Camp would visit the center and share stories with the Community.

As the old building was being torn down, many people driving by stopped to take photos.

"It's a sad occasion for the members, but we are planning to rebuild," said Riggs.

Arizona Tribes Meet at State Capitol for Annual Session with Lawmakers

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Multiple tribes gathered at the Arizona Capitol for the annual Indian Nations & Tribes Legislative Day on Jan. 12. This year, the event was held in person at the state House of Representatives building.

Kristine FireThunder, Director for the Governor's Office of Tribal Relations, provided a welcome address to open up the joint protocol session. "Today, we are honored to hear keynote addresses by three distinguished elected leaders," said FireThunder, referring to Gila River Indian Community Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez, and Amelia Flores, Chairwoman of the Colorado River Indian Tribes.

FireThunder described the joint protocol session as a forum created to bring tribal representatives to the Capitol to address critical issues faced by tribal communities within the state of Arizona. This year's event included a networking session and a youth program held at the

Arizona Science Center.

"I am grateful that you have come and it shows an expression in solidarity and hope as we look forward and march forward," said Rep. Rusty Bowers (R), Speaker of the House of Representatives. Bowers said it has been productive to work with the tribes of Arizona and to learn more about the cultural history tribes represent as Arizona's first people.

Bowers was followed by Senate President Karen Fann, also a Republican. "Arizona is a much richer state because of our 22 ... tribes," said Fann. "I have had the pleasure of learning from members of all these tribes as a legislator and a Senate president over the last 12 years."

A number of topics were covered during the joint protocol session, ranging from the COVID-19 pandemic to the ongoing drought and planning for the state's water future. Governor Doug Ducey's "State of the State" speech was referenced regarding his proposal to make a \$1 billion investment to help



Gov. Lewis addresses the Arizona State House of Representatives in a pre-recorded message aired at the Indian Nations & Tribes Legislative Day event on Jan. 12. CPAO Photo

secure the state's water supply.

"On behalf of the people of the Colorado River Indian Tribes, thank you Governor Ducey for this

invitation," said Amelia Flores, CRIT's chair. The tribe sits along the Colorado River, giving it a major stake in the state's drought

contingency plan and the need to replenish Lake Mead, which supplies water to major city centers

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From the front page

in Arizona, Nevada and California. Jonathan Nez, President of the Navajo Nation, talked about the need for economic development, the creation of jobs and the impact of the pandemic on the Navajo Nation.

"Little did we know that a modern day 'monster' known as COVID-19 was beginning to enter our communities and our homes and that it would lead to many hardships and challenges," said Nez.

He said throughout the pandemic, Navajo members have continued to step up and demonstrate the strength and resiliency of their forebears.

"Men and women continue to put their lives at risk in order to save lives," said Nez about the importance of healthcare workers during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis delivered a pre-recorded video message to the event's attendees.

"As you know, 2021 was a difficult (year) in many ways due to the challenges presented for tribes by the ongoing COVID pandemic," said Gov. Lewis. "Native peoples have been especially hard hit by this pandemic, and 2021 was a tough year for our Community."

Gov. Lewis said in the midst of the challenges presented by the pandemic, there were positive developments to share with the audience.

"Vaccines became much more widely available and have begun to have a real impact on health outcomes, though not on transmission," explained Gov. Lewis. "We were able to work cooperatively with the State to coordinate several large vaccination events on our Community, as were a number of other tribes, with the Arizona National Guard stepping up to help us administer thousands of doses of this life-saving

vaccination."

Gov. Lewis' remarks also touched on the newly amended tribal compacts, a five-year effort that modernized and expanded the gaming compacts to meet the needs of Arizona tribal communities and the state. Lewis also highlighted tribal-state cooperation in the creation of the "500-Plus Plan," a multistate and agency initiative to help shore up Lake Mead.

Lastly, Gov. Lewis lauded the Community's coordination with the state to widen Interstate 10 between Phoenix and Tucson.

"We have a great opportunity to work together again to do something we have all discussed for so long," said Gov. Lewis, "which is to widen I-10 along the boundaries of the Community's Reservation, enhancing transportation flows throughout this great state, and into the neighboring states."



Representatives from tribal communities attended the Indian Nations & Tribes Legislative Day on Jan. 12, including (at top) Barnaby Lewis, GRIC Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, (middle) CRIT Chairwomen Flores and a posting of the colors by the Pee Posh Veterans Association (above). Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Omicron Variant Creates A COVID-19 Surge For Community Members

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The Gila River Indian Community has seen a severe spike in positive COVID-19 cases due to the holiday season and the fast-spreading Omicron variant, which has become the dominant variant since its arrival in the U.S. in Nov. 2021.

As of Jan 17., the GRIC Tribal Health Department data showed 12, 476 positive cases total, including 5,353 cases among people who reside in the Community. 592 positive cases have been reported between Jan. 10-16.

Arizona reported 1,666,191 positive cases, with over 20,000 new cases being reported daily as of Jan. 19. According to the Arizona Department of Health Services.

Maricopa County continues to have the highest number of positive cases in the state, along with Pinal and Pima counties.

Dr. Anthony Santiago, CEO of Gila River Healthcare, provided an update on cases in the Community and information on vaccines and variants during a live stream by Gila River Broadcasting Corp. on Jan 13.

Dr. Santiago explained the effects of Omicron and discussed the state's healthcare status. Hospital beds in Arizona are filling up and hospital staffing has been stressed due to the continued rise in positive cases – which are expected to continue to increase.

GRHC has been overwhelmed with COVID tests and has made a notice that results will take up to 48-72 hours. Due to the increase, the Community will soon distribute self-testing kits that can be taken anywhere and whether or not you have symptoms.

Cases are up 400% and currently over 35% of tests are coming back positive. Gila River Health Care recently detected its most cases in a single day – 285 positive tests – since the pandemic began in March 2020, according to Dr. Santiago.

Vaccines remain highly effective against COVID and its strains, and 98% effective against being admitted to ICU. They remain highly effective in children, who have become extremely vulnerable to the fast-spreading Omicron variant.

Although Omicron is the fastest spreading variant, it is less severe in those who are vaccinated, but remains severe for

those who are not.

Among GRIC enrolled members over age 5, 36 percent have been fully vaccinated. An additional five percent have been partially vaccinated. Full vaccination includes the initial dose followed by a second dose.

A third booster dose is recommended for individuals 18 years and older, five months after your second Pfizer or Moderna vaccine and two months after your second shot of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

There is a \$500 incentive for eligible GRIC members 18 years and older who are fully vaccinated, payable two weeks after receiving their second dose of their initial COVID vaccine. Deadline for the COVID-19 vaccine incentive is approaching and applications must be postmarked or received by Jan. 31.

Vaccinated GRIC youth 5-17 years old, are also eligible for a \$500 incentive. Deadline for minors is April 29.

Both applications can be found online at mygilariver.com or at any District Service Center or at the Per Capita Office located in the Governance Center.

GRIC has transitioned back to "Phase I" and reduced the in-

person workforce by 75% until Jan. 29, based on the increase of COVID cases in and around the Community. Comprehensive Executive Order No. 13 regarding the coronavirus pandemic was released Jan 14.

Executive Order No. 13 states that face masks are still required within the boundaries of the Community. All employees must be tested, regardless of vaccination status.

Additionally, the order directs that all schools within the Community continue to provide education through virtual classes or remote learning. Schools may reopen in a "hybrid mode" on Feb. 22, subject to the approval of a reopening plan by the Education Standing Committee and Health and Social Standing Committee.

The reopening plan must provide that all staff and students attending are fully vaccinated and provide a negative test five days prior to the start of in-person learning. Surveillance testing must be conducted for all teachers and administrators. Virtual or remote-learning should be made available to non-vaccinated students or parents who choose such learning for their children.

Culture Corner

Auppa I'ivakithak Mashath, Sha:'i chu'ig jek'ked?

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The Huhugam Heritage
Center

Our Hekiu O'otham understood the weather and named the different elements. We must remember that they had spent their day's outdoors throughout the changing seasons. This is the time of year when we experience huge weather changes, as the cold weather systems passes through our community. The weather is something that we all have in common on a day to day basis. Many O'otham, such as linemen and archaeologists, work outdoors every day. They all dress for the cold weather and try to keep warm to ensure that they don't become susceptible to weather related ailments. The inclement weather may cause them to change work schedules.

Before heading outside, it is helpful to ask someone to observe what the weather is like before we leave home. One way to do this in O'otham is by asking the question "Sha: 'i chu'ig jek'ked?" which translates into English as (What is it like outside?) Knowing how much the weather changes this time of year, there is a whole list of possible responses including the following: "S-he:pith

'o jek'ked." (It's cold outside). "Ju:k 'o jek'ked." (It's raining outside). "Heved 'o jek'ked." (It's windy outside). "S-chev'gig 'o jek'ked." (It's cloudy outside).

This is also the time of year when we experience gevshp (to freeze/frost-ice) and s-ku:bsig (fog). The high humidity freezes and causes frost to form on surfaces. Most notably, on our vehicle windshields and rooftops. Ground fog forms after heavy rainfall when the atmosphere is somewhat stable. The moist air and ambient temperature equalizes and creates a mist. As the day progresses, the frost melts and the fog banks lift, or blown away by the surface winds.

Let's say, that we wanted to answer the question, by responding the weather is really strong in some aspect ("really cold, or really raining). We can say this in O'otham by using the word i:vo within the statement. The word 'i:vo' or 'hi:vo' works like the words "very" or "really" in English in that it gives importance to the action verb. I:vo ('o) s-he:pith jek'ked. (It's really cold outside). I:vo ('o) ju:k jek'ked. (It's really raining outside). I:vo ('o) heved jek'ked. (It's really

windy outside). I:vo ('o) chev'gig jek'ked. ('o is the shortened version of i:vo/hi:vo).

In O'otham we can combine different weather elements into one response or observation. "Hevel 'o s-he:pith jek'ked!" (The wind is really cold outside!). "Ju:k 'o ge:sh jek'ked!" (The rain is really falling outside!). "S-ku:bsig 'o jek'ked!" (It's really foggy outside!). "Jevd 'o gevshp jek'ked!" (The ground is really frosty outside!). A few statements often spoken by Elders is "Vath'o s-he:pij." (It's going to get real cold) and "Kut 'g m hu s-hevhogim s'ap 'o chickpanath!" (In cool weather we'll work well!).

We encourage you to speak O'otham in your everyday lives and observe the weather around us. You can test how much you remember by completing this month's word match. Responses and observations may be slightly different between the villages. Speak with an Elder or Speaker and ask what other weather observations are possible.

A special Thank You to Community Elders for sharing their knowledge of weather that made this article possible. Additional source related from Agri-



Sha: 'i chu'ig jek'ked? Match the Weather Statement with its Picture!

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Kut 'g m hu s-hevhogim s'ap 'o chickpanath!

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Lt. Governor Antone's MLK Day Message Finds Common Themes

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During a video message to the Gila River Indian Community members on Jan. 17, Lt. Gov. Monica Antone discussed the history of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, recognizing him for his life's work in pursuing equality for all Americans and how his legacy relates to indigenous Communities.

"The concept of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day as a holiday was promoted by labor unions," said Lt. Gov. Antone. "After King's death, U.S. Representative John Conyers and U.S. Senator Edward Brooke introduced a bill in Congress to make King's birthday a national holiday."

She added the vote to establish a holiday faced several hurdles in the U.S. House of Representatives, where opponents questioned the legitimacy of creating a holiday in King's name. Some objected to the proposed holiday because King was a private citizen and never held a public office.

During the push to get the holiday passed, Lt. Gov.

Antone said, "Six million signatures were collected for a petition for Congress to pass the law and (it) is considered the largest petition in favor of an issue in U.S. history. President Reagan originally opposed the holiday, citing cost concerns. But on Nov. 2, 1983, Reagan signed a bill, proposed by Representative Katie Hall, to create a federal holiday honoring King. The bill had passed the Senate by a count of 78 to 22 and the House of Representatives by 338 to 90."

It was not until Jan. 20, 1986, that MLK Day, as it became known, was established. It is observed on the third Monday of January, which is not King's actual birthday. The day is chosen based on the guidelines of the Uniform Monday Holiday Act, a bill passed to hold all federal holidays on Mondays. "Mr. King led numerous marches for African American people to include the right to vote, desegregation, and labor rights," said Lt. Gov. Antone, also noting that King, a Baptist minister, urged equality for all based on his Christian beliefs.



Lt. Governor Monica Antone shares her thoughts and quotes from one of her favorite books "I Have A Dream" by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Photo Courtesy of CPAO

One of King's most powerful moments was the famous "I Have a Dream" speech on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial on Aug. 23, 1963, during the historic March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom. King

also received the 1964 Nobel Peace Prize for his work promoting civil rights.

Lt. Gov. Antone highlighted common themes between the struggles of African Americans and Indigenous people across the

North America and the efforts to gain rights to freedoms enjoyed by others.

"I believe today is a day to remember all races," said Lt. Gov. Antone. "Our ancestors also sacrificed, but truly believe that our leaders

made headway to work with non-natives to fight for land we had right to. (The) Five Tribes Peace Treaty is one example. As we are closed today in our state in honor of MLK, let's continue to pray for peace."

Around the Community and Indigenous Country

Newly Rebranded Gila River Resorts & Casinos Celebrates Completion of Wild Horse Pass \$180 Million Expansion Jan. 21-22

Submitted by
Gila River Resorts &
Casinos

CHANDLER, Ariz. (Jan. 13, 2022) – Gila River Hotels & Casinos is celebrating its new prestigious resorts designation as Gila River Resorts & Casinos in a grand way. After 27 years, the enterprise is unveiling its new look and amenities with a big bash Friday and Saturday, January 21-22 at Wild Horse Pass to celebrate the completion of its \$180 million expansion and opening of the new Sunrise tower.

Kenneth Manuel, CEO of Gila River Resorts & Casinos, said guests can expect an elevated experience with the new brand at all Gila River properties; Wild Horse Pass and Lone Butte in Chandler, Vee Quiva in the West Valley, and Santan Mountain, in the Southeast Valley, which is slated to open in 2023.

“We are truly excited to introduce ourselves as Gila River Resorts & Casinos. Throughout the past several years, we have been creating a destination packed with thrilling entertainment and new ways to play so that guests can come as they are and own their moment,” Manuel said. “From our new Las Vegas-style live table games, exciting nightlife, and the addition of our BetMGM Sportsbooks to new fine dining options, spacious rooms, and a variety of serene and secluded pools, Gila River Resorts & Casinos provides guests with a casino resort experience like no other.”

Wild Horse Pass Resort: A Premier Destination

Partnering with Sundt Construction, Inc., TynanGroup and Friedmutter Group, Gila River broke ground on the \$180 million resort property expansion in August 2020. It was the first expansion project since the property opened in 2009.

The new 11-story Sunrise tower, connected to the Sunset tower, rises 150 feet over the desert landscape. The Sunrise tower features 205 new guest rooms and suites for a total of 447 rooms at the resort.

Resort guests arriving at Wild Horse Pass will notice a newly renovated lobby entrance, which features a stunning chandelier atop



Poolside view of new 11-story Sunrise tower rises 150 feet over the desert landscape. The Sunrise tower features 205 new guest rooms and suites for a total of 447 rooms at Gila River Resorts & Casinos — Wild Horse Pass. Photo courtesy of Point in Time Studios

the iconic bucking horse sculpture as a centerpiece as well as diverse art lining the walls from Gila River Indian Community artists. The resort has also enhanced its pool experience with two new pools, the Oasis Pool and the Serenity Adult Pool. In addition, the resort now features 18,000 square feet of indoor meeting space and 7,000 square feet of outdoor meeting space.

Dining and nightlife were key considerations when planning the newly

rebranded resort. A stunning glass elevator brings guests up to the rooftop, where Prime Shula’s Steak House serves up a fresh twist on classic steakhouse dishes crafted by celebrity chef Demetrio Zavala. Guests can indulge in a new fine dining experience at the East Valley’s new premier steak house destination that offers exceptional flavor combinations, modern decor, grand ambiance, stunning views of the Estrella Mountains, and

breathtaking Arizona sunsets. After dinner, the venue transitions to 11ven at Prime, a place where crafted cocktails and live DJs pair effortlessly with a fabulous perspective of the Valley.

Casino Resort Gaming is Comparable to Las Vegas. Guests can enjoy Las Vegas-style live table games at all three Gila River properties, including roulette, baccarat, craps, roulette, poker, and slots. As a result, players can

partake in a unique and elevated experience while paying lower and more approachable minimums to create fewer barriers for entry to play than Las Vegas. In addition, Gila River Resorts & Casinos offers one of the most robust loyalty programs in the market, allowing guests to play at all three properties while earning on the same card.

As “Arizona’s Official Sports Headquarters,” Gila River Resorts & Casinos

has also recently opened BetMGM Sportsbooks at all three properties, where resort guests can view and bet on games from all major U.S. leagues and international sporting events. During the 2021 NFL playoffs, Cardinals and all football fans can enjoy the thrill of the sportsbooks during the NFL Wild Card, Division, and Conference games.



Outdoor seating area at Prime, A Shula’s Steakhouse overlooking the pool at Gila River Resorts & Casinos — Wild Horse Pass. Photo courtesy of Point in Time Studios

Stanton, Joyce Introduce Bipartisan Bill to Improve Native American Health Outcomes

Continue Efforts of Late Senator John McCain to Elevate Indian Health Official's Status

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Reps. Greg Stanton, D-Ariz., and David Joyce, R-Ohio, today introduced the Stronger Engagement for Indian Health Needs Act, which would elevate the current role of the Indian Health Service Director to Assistant Secretary for Indian Health within the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) with the goal of improving Native American health outcomes.

Specifically, the bill makes the position Senate-confirmed—providing a higher level of authority within the federal government on Indian health issues, bringing greater attention to addressing the health care status and needs of American Indians and Alaska Natives.

The Assistant Secretary would work to enhance the government-to-government relationship between Indian tribes and the United States, increase access and collaboration among agencies within HHS as Indian health policy and budgets are developed, bring much needed parity to Indian health care needs, and ensure these issues are a priority in current and future administrations.

The late Sen. John McCain first championed the proposal, introducing legislation in the mid-1990s. It passed the Senate four times, but died in the House. The issue has not been revisited since 2010, when efforts were made to include it as part of the Affordable Care Act.

“The federal government

has an obligation to provide for the health care of Tribal members. Doing all we can to honor that obligation is vital, particularly as Tribal communities are once again seeing an explosion of COVID-19 cases,” Stanton said. “Our bill does what should’ve been done years ago—elevates native voices when it comes to making federal policy that affects American Indians and Alaska Natives.”

“I’m proud to join Congressman Stanton in introducing the Stronger Engagement for Indian Health Needs Act,” said Joyce. “We know that federal American Indian and Alaska Native health programs continue to be plagued by challenges, and that many who rely on these services continue to experience health disparities and face barriers accessing care. By elevating the Indian Health Service Director position to Assistant Secretary for Indian Health within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, this bipartisan bill represents an important step as we seek to fulfill the federal government’s sacred trust and treaty obligations to American Indians and Alaska Natives.”

Leading Native American advocacy groups—including the National Congress of American Indians, National Indian Health Board, and National Council of Urban Indian Health—already support the bipartisan effort.

“The health of our people has suffered due to the failure of the government to uphold the trust responsibility of providing health care to all American Indians and Alaska Natives. The pandemic, which continues to devastate Indian Country, has made it clear that it’s time for the Administration to recognize the importance of Indian health by elevating the position of the Director of the IHS to Assistant Secretary,” said Walter Murillo, president of the National Council of Urban Indian Health and chief executive officer of Native Health, which is based in Phoenix. Murillo is a member of the Choctaw Nation. “We applaud Representatives Greg Stanton and David Joyce for their longstanding leadership to improve health outcomes for Native people and hope this change will usher in a new era where Indian health is a priority and not an afterthought.”

“NCAI applauds this bipartisan effort to reaffirm tribal treaty rights and uphold the federal trust responsibility for Indian health care as a core mission of the Department of Health and Human Services. Elevating the Director of the Indian Health Service to an Assistant Secretary of HHS acknowledges this responsibility and ensures the health of Indian Country is continually advocated for at the highest levels of leadership at HHS,” said Dante Desiderio, the group’s chief executive officer. “We thank Representatives Stanton

and Joyce for working to ensure Indian health has the support necessary to provide better health outcomes across our communities.”

William Smith, the chairman of the National Indian Health Board, praised the bill’s introduction as “a clear statement prioritizing Indian health care.” Smith said that “elevating the Indian Health Service leadership and authority will amplify the voice and credibility needed to ensure Indian health care receives appropriate attention and support. It is a necessary step in fulfilling the United States trust responsibility and treaty obligations to Tribal nations for health care. The NIHIB stands ready to help support and advance this important legislation.” His words were echoed by Stacy Bohlen, chief executive officer of the NIHIB, who remarked that “the elevation of the IHS Director to an Assistant Secretary has been a long-standing priority for the NIHIB and Tribal nations.”

American Indians and Alaska Natives (AI/ANs) have 1.6 times the infant mortality rate of non-Hispanic whites and the life expectancy is 5.5 years less than the national average. AI/ANs continue to die at higher rates than other Americans from chronic liver disease and cirrhosis, diabetes mellitus, unintentional injuries, assault/homicide, intentional self-harm/suicide, and chronic lower respiratory diseases. The COVID-19 pandemic, which disproportionately

impacts tribal communities, only further highlights these disparities.

In 2018, the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights released its report, Broken Promises: Continuing Federal Funding Shortfall for Native Americans, chronicling the continued failure of the federal government to honor its sacred commitments. Among its findings, the Commission noted that the programs

supporting the social and economic wellbeing of AI/ANs “remain chronically underfunded and sometimes inefficiently structured, which leaves many basic needs in the Native American community unmet and contributes to the inequities....” In 2019, Indian Health Service (IHS) health care expenditures per person were \$4,078 compared to \$9,726 for health care spending nationwide.

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PROPOSED LEGISLATION

The Gila River Indian Community Council will be considering amendments to Title 3, Enrollment, Membership. Amendments are being proposed to sections 3.101 through 3.110.

TITLE 3 MEMBERSHIP

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3.112.	Protest.
3.113.	Confidentiality of Records; Penalty.
3.114.	Name Changes.
3.115.	Severability.
3.116.	Rules, Regulations and Procedures.
3.117.	Effective Date.

A copy of the proposed amendments in their entirety is available for review at all District Service Centers and the Community Council Secretary's Office. Public Notice is also being posted in the GRIN and the Community's social media. This amendment will be considered by Legislative Standing Committee on or after March 8, 2022.

Community members may comment on the proposed revisions to Title 3 by contacting their Council representative and/or Councilman Arzie Hogg, Chairperson of the Legislative Standing Committee. Written comments may be sent to Office of General Counsel by email to Bartley Harris Bartley.Harris.OGC@gric.usn.us or by mail to Office of General Counsel, Post Office Box 97, Sacaton, Arizona 85147, Attn: Bartley Harris.



GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT

Notice to those with Court hearings in January.
Due to the rise in COVID cases and spread of the Omicron Variant, the Court is holding certain hearings by telephone or virtually.

The Court issued Administrative Order No. 2022-01, switching in-person hearings to telephone or virtual hearings. This Order applies to certain criminal, civil and juvenile hearings. Please contact your attorney/advocate for further information.

There are specific hearings where you must still appear in-person including criminal and civil hearings. If you are summoned for jury duty, you must still appear unless you are excused or your jury group is cancelled.

You may still appear in-person for your hearing if you wish. Please be aware that other parties may appear by telephone or virtually.

This Order applies to hearings in January. The Court will provide further information if this Order is extended. Thank you for your understanding.

If you have any questions, please contact us at:

- Sacaton Court: (520) 562-9860
- Westend Court: (520) 562-9862
- Email or text to: court.questions@gric.usn.us

COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS

Courtesy of the Community Council Secretary's Office • January 5, 2022

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, January 5, 2022, by WebEx Platform was called to order by Governor Stephen R. Lewis at 9:01 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- Joey Whitman, Arzie Hogg; D2-Carol Schurz; D3-Avery White (9:28), Rodney Jackson; D4-Jennifer Allison, Delmar Jones, Regina Antone, Christopher Mendoza; D5-James De La Rosa, Marlin Dixon, Brian Davis, Sr., Wahlean Riggs; D6- Anthony Villareal, Sr., Charles Goldtooth, Terrance Evans; D7-Devin Redbird (9:33)

Council Members Absent:

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND WITH REGARD TO THE CONSENT AGENDA, ACCEPT REPORTS #1 THROUGH #15, #17 THROUGH #22; ACCEPT AND APPROVE RESOLUTIONS #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 AND #8; ACCEPT AND APPROVE NEW BUSINESS #1 ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DISPENSE RESOLUTION #7 AND #9; AND APPROVE THE REGULAR AGENDA AS AMENDED

PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

1. Introduction – Department of Community Housing Director, Derwin Cooper

Presenters: Suzanne Jones, Derwin Cooper

MS. SUZANNE JONES INTRODUCED MR. DERWIN COOPER AS THE DIRECTOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HOUSING. MR. COOPER HAS BEEN EMPLOYED WITH THE DEPARTMENT FROM 2005 TO 2022 AND SERVED IN THE CAPACITY OF THE HOUSING SERVICES COUNSELOR, DRUG ELIMINATION COORDINATOR, AND HOUSING SPECIALIST. VARIOUS COUNCIL CONGRATULATED MR. COOPER AND LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH HIM

2. Introduction of Gustine McCandless – Benefits Manager

Presenters: Treasurer Robert Keller, Gustina McCandless

TREASURER GARY MIX INTRODUCED MS. GUSTINA MCCANDLESS AS THE BENEFITS MANAGER FOR THE INSURANCE DEPARTMENT. MS. MCCANDLESS STATED SHE HAS WORKED WITH THE COMMUNITY IN VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS AND IS EXCITED TO BEGIN IN THIS POSITION. VARIOUS COUNCIL WELCOMED MS. MCCANDLESS AND LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH HER

REPORTS

*1. Facility Maintenance Department FY2021 Annual Report (October 1, 2020 – September 30, 2021)

Presenter: Jay Kobayashi

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*2. Department of Transportation FY2021 Annual Report (October 1, 2020 – September 30, 2021)

Presenter: Sreedevi Manthra

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*3. Tribal Health Department FY 2021 Annual Report (October 1, 2020 – September 30, 2021)

Presenter: Candalerian Preston

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*4. GRHC FY21 Tobacco Tax Grant Annual Report – October 1, 2020 – September 30, 2021 Presenters: Board of Directors, Deborah Tinsley, Dr. Anthony Santiago, Dr. Viji Murugavel, Carolyn Thompson, Susan Kelley, Judith Roth, Priscilla Foote, Max Haake

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*5. Defense Services Office FY2021 Annual Report (October 1, 2020-September 30, 2021)

Presenters: Claude Jackson, Tracy Peacock

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>6. FY21 Annual Report, Tribal Social Services

Presenters: Kelley Vickrey, Faron Humeyumptewa, Ann Marie Salt, Christina Lopez, Curtis Slatina

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>7. Community Services Department – Elderly Nutrition Program FY'2021 Annual Report (October 1, 2020 – September 30, 2021)

Presenters: Laurie Thomas, Mary Dixon

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>8. Community Services Department – Nutrition Assistance Program FY'2021 Annual Report (October 1, 2020 – September 30, 2021)

Presenters: Laurie Thomas, Mary Dixon

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>9. Community Services Department – Tribal Recreation and Wellness Program FY'2021 Annual Report (October 1, 2020 – September 30, 2021)

Presenters: Laurie Thomas, Joanne Brewer

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>10. Community Services Department – Elderly Services Program FY'2021 Annual Report (October 1, 2020 – September 30, 2021)

Presenters: Laurie Thomas, Lindsay Antone

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>11. Community Services Department – District Seven Service Center FY'2021 Annual Report (October 1, 2020 – September 30, 2021)

Presenters: Laurie Thomas, Pamela Valdez

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>12. FY 2021 Annual Report – Per Capita Office

Presenter: Neomi Martinez

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>13. FY 2021 Annual Report – Benefits Office

Presenter: Gustina McCandless

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>14. FY 2021 Annual Report – Procurement Department

Presenter: Lawrence Makil

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>15. FY 2021 Annual Report – Finance Department

Presenter: Elizabeth Bohnee

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

16. COVID-19 Update

Presenters: COVID-19 Task Force

REPORT HEARD

{GOVERNOR LEWIS CALLED FOR A 15 MINUTE BREAK; THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 11:49 A.M.}

>17. Office of Emergency Management FY2021 Annual Report (October 1, 2020-September 30, 2021)

Presenter: Bruce Harvey

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>18. Tribal Elections Program FY2021 Annual Report (October 1, 2020-September 30, 2021)

Presenter: Nadine Shelde

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>19. Fire Department FY21 Annual Report (October 1, 2020-September 30, 2021)

Presenter: Kathy Garcia

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>20. Enrollment/Census Department-FY2021 Annual Report (October 1, 2020-September 30, 2021)

Presenter: Sheila Valenzuela

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>21. Tribal Education Department, Accessing Choices in Education (Ace) Program-FY21 Annual Report (October 1, 2020- September 30, 2021)

Presenter: Isaac Salcido

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>22. Head Start Monthly Report – November 2021

Presenter: Carolina B. Kelley

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

23. Gila River Gaming Commission Department Report to the Community Council November 2021 (Executive Session)

Presenters: Gaming Commission Board, M. Scott Sanderson, Lydia Acosta

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT

REPORTS #23, #24, AND #25

24. Gila River Gaming Enterprises, Inc. Monthly Report November 2021 (Executive Session) Presenters: Kenneth Manuel, Tony DeMark, Richard Strafella, Dominic Orozco,

Interim Oversight & Planning Committee

ACCEPTED AT REPORT 23

25. FY22 Monthly Financial Activity Report ending November 30, 2021 (Executive Session)

Presenters: Treasurer Robert Keller, Gary T. Mix

ACCEPTED AT REPORT 23

RESOLUTIONS

1. A Resolution Approving Membership Of The Gila River Indian Community In The National Indian Gaming Association For Calendar Year 2022 And Authorizing Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) For The Community's Annual Dues (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation of the delegates are Governor Lewis and any members or 3 members from the Interim Oversight & Planning Committee unless there are any interested Council members and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Shannon White

APPROVED

>2. A Resolution Extending The Gila River Indian Community Vaccine Incentive Program For Community Members To Minor Community Members Who Are Eligible To Receive A COVID-19 Vaccine As A General Welfare Program Of The Gila River Indian Community (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval with corrected material and to include extending the date to April 29, 2021 and placement on the consent agenda; H&SSC concurs)

Presenters: Suzanne Jones, Governor Stephen R. Lewis, Treasurer Robert Keller, Thomas Murphy

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>3. A Resolution Approving A One-Time Payout Of Excess Annual Leave Accumulated During Calendar Year 2021 (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval with the amendment of striking 50% and changing it to 100% with corrected material and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenters: Suzanne Jones, Governor Stephen R. Lewis, Treasurer Robert Keller

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>4. A Resolution Authorizing Tribal Officials To Initiate Financial Transactions With The United States Department Of Interior Bureau Of Trust Funds Administration (Formerly The Office Of The Special Trustee For American Indians) (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Thomas Murphy

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>5. A Resolution Authorizing The Purchase Of Allotted Trust Land Within The Exterior Boundaries Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (Allotment 1338-A) (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda, NRSC concurs)

Presenters: Eugene Blackwater, Kimberly Antone, Javier Ramos

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>6. A Resolution Approving An Intergovernmental Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Arizona Department Of Transportation For The Implementation Of The Tribal Fuel Tax Exemption Program (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda, LSC concurs)

Presenters: Treasurer Robert Keller, Gary T. Mix, Zachary Picciotti

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>7. A Resolution Approving The Super Bowl LVII Sponsorship Agreement Between The Arizona Super Bowl Host Committee Inc. And The Gila River Indian Community (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenters: Bartley Harris, Kenneth Manuel, Dominic Orozco

DISPENSED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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>8. A Resolution Extending The Blackwater Community School Tribal Grant Period And Authorizing Reprogramming Of Grant Funds Within The Grant (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda with concurrence from ESC)

Presenters: Anne Garcia, Jagdish Sharma, Javier Ramos

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

9. A Resolution Approving A Sublease Agreement Between Gila River Telecommunications, Inc. And Gila River Cellular General Partnership D/B/A Verizon Wireless For Access, Improvements And Equipment On And Near The 600 W. Seed Farm Rd Tower Site Pursuant To The Gila River Indian Community Leasing Regulations (EDSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Board of Directors; Jim Meyers

DISPENSED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA ORDINANCES

1. The Gila River Indian Community Council Hereby Rescinds Ordinance GR-04-11, Sex Offender Registration And Notification Ordinance And Enacts The Amended Title 8, Chapter 8, Sex Offender Registration And Notification Ordinance Of The Gila River Indian Community Code (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval and to waive the notification process)

Presenters: Jesse Crabtree, Rebecca Hall

APPROVED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

>1. Equipment Purchase Process Policy (G&MSC

forwards to Council under New Business with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Javier Ramos

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2. Gila River Gaming Commission Declaration of One (1) Vacancy (G&MSC forwards to Council to declare the vacancy and advertise for 60 days subject to the Code of Conduct, LSC concurs)

Presenter: Shannon White

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DECLARE THE VACANCY AND ADVERTISE FOR 60 DAYS SUBJECT TO THE CODE OF CONDUCT

3. Rawhide/WHPDA/Liability Matter/Mediation (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council in Executive Session for approval of the recommendations as noted in the letter dated December 17, 2021 from the Office of the General Counsel, LSC concurs)

Presenters: Thomas Murphy, Casaundra Wallace

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

4. 2022 National Indian Gaming Association Tradeshow & Conference April 19-22, 2022 - Anaheim, CA (G&MSC forwards to Council for any interested Council member to attend utilizing the Dues & Delegations line item and placement on the consent agenda G&MSC motioned that in the event that the individual is subject to COVID-19 Tribal Health Department guidelines, the Council representative will not be liable for any reimbursement as a result of the mandate)

Presenters: Government & Management Standing Committee

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

5. Right of First Refusal-Billboards GRIC Code 20.409 (Executive Session) (NRSC forwards to Council and recommends that the Community Council consider a moratorium on enforcement of the Right of First Refusal in section 20.409 until such time as the GRIC code can be amended to clarify the scope of the Right of First Refusal as well as specify procedures for exercising the right; LSC & EDSC concur)

Presenters:

Linus Everling, Thomas Murphy, Casaundra Wallace

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE TO AMEND THE CODE

6. Transition of the Ira H. Hayes Memorial Library From Community Services Department to the Tribal Education Department (ESC forwards to Council under New Business as FYI)

Presenters: Isaac Salcido;

Joanne Brewer

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT AS INFORMATION MINUTES

1. December 2, 2021 (Special)

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

2. December 15, 2021 (Regular)

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

-SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING THURSDAY, JANUARY 6, 2022 AT 1:00 P.M.

-EBT WORK SESSION THURSDAY, JANUARY 6, 2022 AT 9:00 A.M.

-CEOT MEETING THURSDAY, JANUARY 6, 2022 AT 4:00 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 12:12 P.M.

* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)

Gila River Bike Tour
February 19-21, 2022
3 Day Community Bicycle Ride from District 1 to District 7.
Tribal Health Department has limited this ride to 15 Riders per day, please register to secure your spot.
Scan QR code to register for 1 day, 2 days or all 3.
Day 1: Saturday, February 19, 2022 10:00am
14 miles from Blackwater Community School to Upper Santan
Day 2: Sunday, February 20, 2022 9:00am
25 miles From Upper Santan to Wild Horse Pass
Day 3: Monday, February 21, 2022 9:00am
20 miles from Wild Horse Pass to District 7
Please follow all CDC guidelines. A helmet and mask are required for this event.
Questions call or text Elisha Bishop at (520) 858-2774

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Photos Courtesy Robert Johnson

Department of Community Housing
PUBLIC NOTICE
Due to the rise in COVID-19 cases and in support of the GRIC Executive Office mandate, the following mitigation measures have been implemented to minimize possible exposure to tenants and staff:
Administrative office will be working with minimal staff.
Housing Services Specialist will be on rotating office coverage; please contact your Housing Services Specialist at:
Ramsey.Moffett.DCH@gric.nsn.us 520-610-1205
Jaina.brown.DCH@gric.nsn.us 520-610-1349
Marlo.Schurz@gric.nsn.us 520-483-5284
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marie.Torres.DCH@gric.nsn.us 520-610-1354
Valerie.Rivera.DCH@gric.nsn.us 520-610-2053
Maintenance Program will prioritize Emergency work orders.
Maintenance office 520-796-4550
Maintenance On-call (after 3:30) 520-610-1300
Effective 1/11/2022 Until Further Notice
Administrative office will be working with minimal staff.
Sacaton Office: Monday - Friday 8am - 5pm (520) 562-3904.

Public/Court Notices
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 OGC.HelpDesk@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 on Saturday, February 5, 2022. Please contact your District Service Center to provide an email address where a "save the date" notice can be sent to you. 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 OGC.HelpDesk@gric.nsn.us or by mail to the Office of the General Counsel, P.O. Box 97, Sacaton, AZ 85147, Attn: Casaundra Wallace.
IN THE COURT OF THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY IN THE STATE OF ARIZONA
COURT DATE NOTICE
In Re Case: Susan Lizabeth Valenzuela-Jones vs. Erlinda Rene Valenzuela
Docket Number: CV-2022-0004-RO
This case has been scheduled and YOU ARE ORDERED TO APPEAR on the date, time and place designated below. IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR your hearing may be held in held in absentia and a warrant may be issued for your arrest, forfeiture of your bond, judgment in favor of the other party, or jail time may be ordered.
Restraining Order Hearing
Westend Judicial Center, 4751 West Pecos Road, Laveen, AZ 85339
28th day of February, 2022 at 1:30 PM
in Courtroom VII before the Honorable Lucinda Nez



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Position Information:

- Both Part-Time and Full-Time positions available.
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Internal and External Applicant Requirements:

- Must be an enrolled GRIC member and/or a current team member with Gila River Hotels & Casinos.
- Must not have previous poker dealing experience.
- Must be able to meet the following gaming licensing requirements:
- No theft or shoplifting convictions
- No convicted sex offenders
- No convicted felons
- No outstanding warrants or tickets except minor traffic tickets.

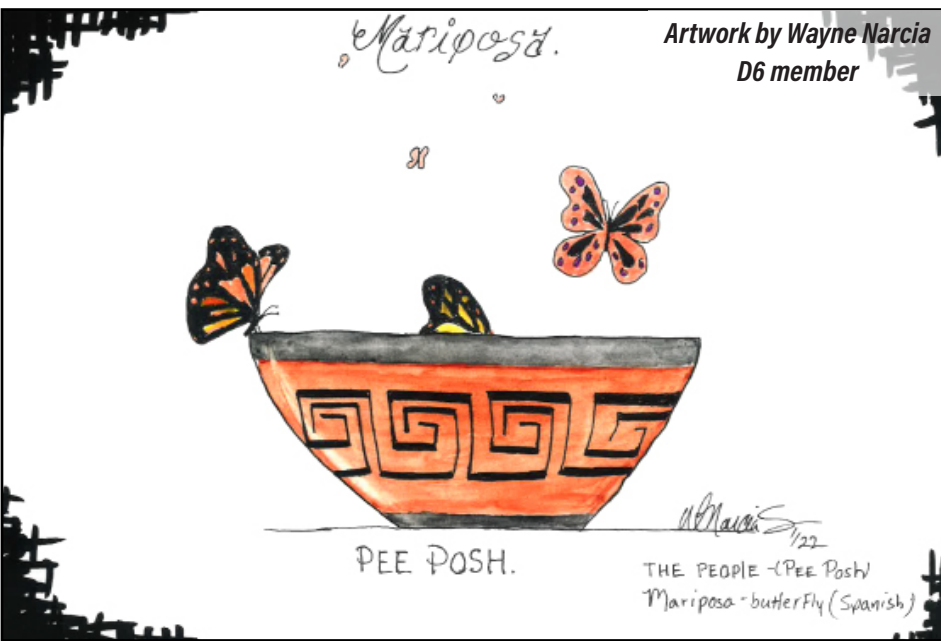
Internal Applicant Requirements:

- Must have 3 months of employment with Gila River Hotels & Casinos.
- No disciplinary actions for the past 3 months.
- No more than 4 attendance points.

Dealing School Requirements:

- Must be able to attend 8 weeks of unpaid training as scheduled.

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Requirements:

- High School diploma or GED.
- Valid Arizona driver's license, violation free for a minimum of five years.
- Prior medical environment work experience is preferred.

Food Service Worker
Assists in the preparation of a variety of food items in accordance with departmental work production standards and standardized recipes. Cleans and sanitizes work areas, equipment, utensils, dishes, and silverware in accordance with established sanitation standards and requirements. Assists in labeling and storage of food supplies, equipment, and utensils. Prepares and delivers patient trays to Inpatient unit. Performs cashier duties daily.

Requirements:

- High School Diploma or GED preferred.
- 1 year food service experience in a health care setting preferred.
- Current and valid Food Handler's card or ability to obtain one within 30 days of hire.

Housekeeper (EVS)
Keeps assigned premises in clean, safe and orderly condition by performing the following duties personally. Responsible for ensuring that all critical tasks are fulfilled on a timely basis.

Requirements:

- High School Diploma or GED preferred.
- Six months of housekeeping, cleaner or janitorial experience.
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Job creation, network expansion, and 24/7 local support are among the many benefits Alluvion provides to the Gila River Indian Community. As our network grows, so does our team! We work with community entities to recruit local talent and offer training and employment to GRIC members.

To learn more, visit www.alluvion.net/blog and follow us on social media.



Digital Connect Initiative - The Importance of History and Technology



Learn how technology and engineering were used by the Alimal O'Odham throughout history to sustain life in the desert and how DCI will use these tools to empower its people in the present and future.

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individuals and communities use digital communications technologies to connect with each other.

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GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY



COVID-19 VACCINE INCENTIVE PROGRAM

FOR MINORS (AGES 5-17)

Community Council approved a Vaccination Incentive program for Gila River Indian Community minors; ages five (5) through seventeen (17) who have become fully vaccinated against the COVID-19 virus.

The incentive will be for \$500 and is an effort to help protect children ages 5 years and older from getting COVID-19. The application deadline is April 29, 2022. The completed application must be postmarked or received by the GRIC Per Capita Office by this date.

Payments will be made once the application is received and verified by the Per Capita Office. For additional inquiries contact the GRIC Per Capita Office at (520) 562-5222, toll free at (866) 416-2618 or by email at gricminorvaccineincentives@gric.nsn.us

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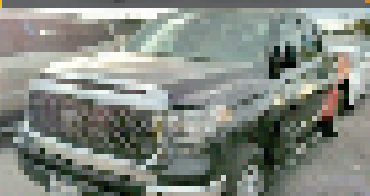
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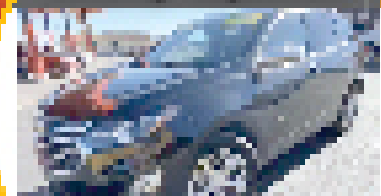
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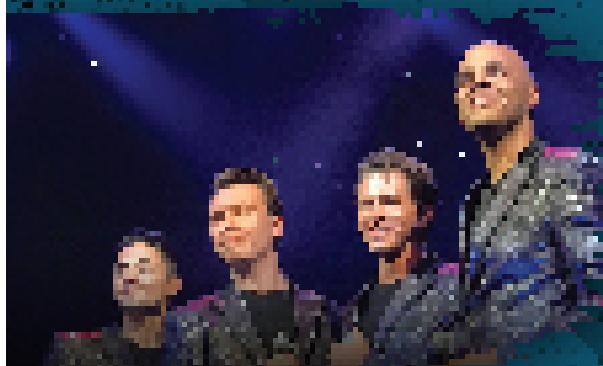
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