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## GRIC Declares Oct. 10 “Porter and Johnson Day” Recognizing Fight for Native Voter Rights as Voter Rallies Continue

**Emma Hughes**  
Gila River Indian News

The Gila River Indian Community held an Indigenous Peoples’ Day Voter Registration Rally Oct. 10 at the Governance Center in Sacaton that included Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis signing a proclamation declaring it “Porter and Johnson Day,” named after two GRIC members who fought for the right of Native Americans to vote.

“Our Community has always had such a strong sense of what the right to vote has meant to us,” said Gov. Lewis.

Pinal County’s Mobile Voter Outreach van was also on site to allow voters to register or update their existing registration.

“It’s heartening to see all of you here today who are registering to vote. I myself, I just checked to see if my registration was in order because you can never take that for granted as well.”

GRIC members Peter Porter and Rudolph Johnson are known for their persistence after being



**Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis signs the proclamation declaring Oct. 10 as “Porter and Johnson Day”, in recognition of GRIC members Peter Porter and Rudolph Johnson, who were denied the right to vote in 1928.** Emma Hughes/GRIN

denied the right to vote in Pinal County in 1928, a few years after Native Americans were granted

U.S. citizenship in 1924.

“It’s our sacred duty. It’s our sacred obligation to carry out that

fight today and tomorrow and beyond to make sure that our voices are heard at the ballot box,” Gov.

Lewis stated during the signing.

He added, “Porter and Johnson were determined to have their voices heard, and even though the state voting system was a foreign one, Porter and Johnson knew that participation in this system was critical in exercising our right to vote.”

After initially being denied, Porter and Johnson sued to enforce the rights of all Natives in Arizona to vote. Unfortunately, it took another 20 years and subsequent litigation before Arizona Natives could vote in local, state and federal elections.

In today’s political environment, Native voters still face obstacles that deter voting.

“As Arizona Native voters, we face an election where the very democratic principles of our country are at stake,” Gov. Lewis said.

Witnesses to the historic proclamation included District 1 Council Rep. Joey Whitman,

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## MMIP Study Committee Begin Public Hearings on Tribal Lands

**Emma Hughes**  
Gila River Indian News

The State’s Study Committee on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Peoples held their first in-person public hearing on Oct. 14 at the Himdag Ki: Cultural Center and Museum on the Tohono O’odham Nation.

Lt. Gov. Monica Antone, who serves on the study committee, said the legislative group wants to educate tribal communities on which issues the committee is working on and focus on providing compensation for tribal members.

“It’s been about two years after the COVID-19 pandemic and we’ve picked up on many issues,” said Lt. Gov. Antone, “We want people to understand that there is compensation funding to help families who have loved ones who are missing or murdered. There can also be funeral costs that are associated with that.”

The committee began in 2019 to conduct a comprehensive study to determine how the state can reduce and end violence against Indigenous women and girls. Now, the committee focuses on reducing violence against all Indigenous peoples.



**Members of the Arizona Study Committee on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Peoples (L-R) State Rep. Jennifer Jermaine, Lt. Gov. Monica Antone, and Co-Founder of Indivisible Tohono April Ignacio.** Emma Hughes/GRIN

The committee comprises various members from the Arizona House of Representatives and Senate and Tribal Nations, as well as appointees.

“The hearing today is monumental in many ways,” said April Ignacio, a member of the study committee. “Hearings of this nature are rarely afforded to tribal nations where the state takes their hearing and holds them on tribal lands.”

Ignacio, Tohono O’odham, is a co-founder of the grassroots, community-based organization Indivisible Tohono, which assisted in forming the study committee.

“My role in this is just to ensure that we are asking the right questions so that we can obtain as much information and know where the gaps in services are,” said Ignacio.

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## MGR Court Participates in NAC Parade



**The 2022-23 Miss Gila River Royalty Court (L-R) Miss Gila River Kelsey Martinez, Miss Gila River First Attendant Gabrielle Garcia, Jr. Miss Gila River Eliana Rhodes, and Jr. Miss Gila River First Attendant Caiden Lewis at the 39th Annual NAC Parade in Phoenix.** Photo courtesy of Miss Gila River Committee

**Emma Hughes**  
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As part of Native American Recognition Days from October through December, Native American Connections (NAC) held its 39th annual parade in Phoenix Oct. 8 featuring floats and parade entries from tribes and organizations statewide, including the 2022-23 Miss Gila River Royalty court in its first

public appearance together.

NAC, along with the Phoenix Indian Center, also cohosted several events throughout the weekend, including an open house at Phoenix Indian School Visitor Center, Indigenous market, social powwow and gourd dance. This year’s parade commemorated a milestone

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# Alluvion Now Delivering Broadband Service in Coolidge, AZ.

On September 15th, Alluvion Communications and the Coolidge Chamber hosted a mixer and ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the launch of broadband service in Coolidge. After months of planning, designing, and construction, we were thrilled to announce the availability of high-speed, fiber-based, broadband connectivity.

Alluvion's entry into the Coolidge market offers several benefits to the local business community, including faster internet speeds, reliable connectivity, future-proof broadband infrastructure, and affordable internet service. We look forward to continuing our relationship with the city and local business community by promoting economic growth and meeting the mission-critical needs of businesses and their customers.



Employees of Alluvion Communications and Gila River Telecommunications, Inc. introduce themselves to attendees of the Coolidge Chamber Mixer.



Pictured left-to-right: Coolidge Vice Mayor Steve Hudson, Sen. T.J. Shope R-Coolidge, state Rep. Teresa Martinez R-Casa Grande.



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# Miss Indian Arizona Scholarship Pageant Returns In-Person

**Emma Hughes**  
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At the Miss Indian Arizona Association's 61st annual Miss Indian Arizona Scholarship Program at the Chandler Center for the Arts on Oct. 8, Sistine Lewis from the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community received the highest scores for the pageant and won the title of Miss Indian Arizona 2022-23.

Lehua Lani Dosela from the Gila River Indian Community will serve as First Attendant and Emile Eich from the Navajo Nation will serve as Second Attendant.

"It was a lot of hard work, but we appreciate all the love and support from you all," Lewis said. Her platform is to promote culture among the youth.

Dosela, District 6, shared that her platform also promotes traditions, language and culture. Lt. Gov. Monica Antone attended the program, provided a blessing for the event and served as Dosela's escort throughout the pageant.

"The experience was great; I got to meet amazing girls and overall enjoyed being up on stage," said Dosela.

A student at Mesa Community College, Dosela is working toward an associate's degree in fire science and plans to attend Arizona State University to obtain a bachelor's degree in emergency management. He goal is to



**Miss Indian Arizona Court 2022-23: (L-R) First Attendant Lehua Lani Dosela, Miss Indian Arizona Sistine Lewis and Second Attendant Emile Eich.** Emma Hughes/GRIN

become a fire fighter and educate Community youth on fire safety.

The Miss Indian Arizona program serves to bring the rich history and culture of Arizona's tribes to the forefront and to enhance career opportunities and produce role models who exemplify positive Native American values, according to its website.

Eight young women from across the state competed for the title of Miss Indian Arizona under the theme "Celebrating Indigenous Resilience."

Participants included Cheyanne Ruth Begay, Navajo Nation; Kaitlyn Kaylee Dillion, San Carlos Apache Tribe; Lehua Lani Dosela, Gila River Indian Community; Emile Eich, Navajo Nation; Manderee Jose, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community; Sistine Lewis, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community; Maria Pablo, Tohono O'odham Nation; and Morgan Angel Smith, San Carlos Apache Tribe.

Paul Russell, vice president of the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation, served as master of ceremonies.

The pageant began with an introduction from Alyse Marrietta,

outgoing Miss Indian Arizona 2021-22, who also sang the national anthem.

"Representing the 22 tribes of Arizona has been my life's greatest honor," said Marrietta in her farewell address. "Thank you for allowing me to share my platform of self-care and to learn about the beautiful cultures of our Indigenous people."

GRIC member Ryan Miguel, District 1, performed two traditional songs for the entertainment portion of the program.

Contestants participate in six categories: interview, talent (contemporary or traditional), evening gown, traditional dress, oral presentation and personal interviews.

This year the association awarded over \$10,000 in scholarship funds to the winners in the following categories: People's Choice – Maria Pablo, Miss Congeniality – Kaitlyn Dillion, Essay Award – Lehua Dosela, Community Service Award – Cheyanne Begay, Evening Wear – Emile Eich, Talent Award – Lehua Dosela.



**Outgoing Miss Indian Arizona 2021-22 Alyse Marrietta, reflects on her reign.** Emma Hughes/GRIN



**Miss Indian Arizona First Attendant Lehua Lani Dosela with Lt. Gov. Monica Antone.** Emma Hughes/GRIN



**San Carlos Apache Tribe Baby Girl of the Year 2021-2022 greets the crowd.** Emma Hughes/GRIN



**Native American Connections host their 39th annual parade celebrating 50 years of service to the Native community on Oct. 8.** Emma Hughes/GRIN



**Miss Indian Arizona 2021-22 Alyse Marrietta at the PIC Powwow at Steele Indian School Park.** Emma Hughes/GRIN

## NAC Parade from page 1

anniversaries of 50 years of service to the Native community for NAC and 75 years for Phoenix Indian Center.

"The NAC parade was a great experience, being my first. And it

was great seeing Community members in the crowd and I look forward to next year's parade," said Jr. Miss Gila River 2022-23 Eliana Rhodes.

At the powwow following the parade, performers, singers, vendors and attendees filled the lawn at the Steele Indian School Park.

Miss Indian Arizona 2021-22 Alyse Marrietta joined the parade and welcomed visitors at the pow-

wow. Contestants vying for the Miss Indian Arizona 2022-23 title introduced themselves and shared a little about themselves with the spectators.

The Phoenix Indian Center (PIC) serves the Native community with language and cultural revitalization programs, youth services, education and workforce development.

Native American Connections owns and operates 22 sites throughout the Valley to assist individuals and families with affordable housing and health and community development services.

For more information on these organizations and events, visit nativeconnections.org and phxind-center.org.

# Arts & Entertainment

## Art, Music & More Showcased at Indigenous Peoples' Day Phoenix Fest

**Kyle Knox**  
Gila River Indian News

Several Gila River Indian Community members participated in a large block party to celebrate Indigenous Peoples' Day from 3-10 p.m. Oct. 10 in the Roosevelt Row Arts District in Downtown Phoenix.

Centered at First and Garfield streets, the Indigenous Peoples' Day Phoenix Fest included food and crafts vendors, community organizations, three stages of musical and spoken word performances, a skate competition, art demonstrations, film screenings, a fashion show and dance performances. Cahokia Socialtech + Artspace and its ambassadors, collaborators and sponsors created this first-ever large-scale observance and celebration of Indigenous Peoples' Day in Phoenix.

"Indigenous Peoples' Day Phoenix Fest is a reflection of our organizational values," said Melody Lewis, founding member of Cahokia PHX. "We knew we wanted to host an event that closed streets and leaned on our collaborators to share

what they'd like to showcase."

Throughout the block party, various artists painted live as the audience watched. Zachary Justin, District 6, served as the project manager of the live-painting and invited different artists to participate, including Eliana Rhodes, District 3.

"Live painting is fun," Justin said. "It's always good to get positive feedback from people while painting. It keeps me motivated to continue my art career."

He added, "It was good to have Natives of different tribes all in one event socializing and having a good time side by side."

This was Rhodes' first time live painting, and she found it inspiring. "This opportunity was significant to me," she said. "I felt empowered and felt I was being heard in a way. I express myself through art, and I'm glad I got to share that with amazing people at this event."

Works by Tiffany Enos, District 4, and Melissa Yazzie, District 5, were featured at Cahokia PHX during the festival. *See Restoring the Balance article*

for more.

Community skateboarding company Seven Layer Army (SLA) hosted the indoor skate competition where over 20 youth and young adults competed. SLA co-owner Reuben Ringlero said, "We have been hosting skate comps for many years now, but this one felt different, maybe because it was off the Gila River Indian Community and open to everyone. Also, it was for a huge Indigenous' Peoples Day Festival; [it] was a very humbling experience."

Many skaters were local, but plenty came from out of state. The event was the first time SLA hosted a competition outside of the Community on this scale. However, after years of hosting contests throughout GRIC, they felt ready.

Co-owner Paul Molina said, "I always knew that the SLA would do great things in the Community.... [We] always dreamed of going big and hosting competitions in different parts of the city, but on this scale, it was much bigger than we had expected."

Throughout the day,



Seven Layer Army holds a product toss offering incentives and skate gear for the participants of the Downtown Showdown Skate Competition for IPD Phoenix Fest. Photo courtesy of Seven Layer Army

musical acts performed on the RezFest Main Stage, curated by Native Guitars Tour, to provide emerging artists an opportunity to showcase their talents. Two Community acts performed that day as well, including Jay Mercado, District 7, who performs as IIWAA, and Community band One Way Sky.

Adrian D Thomas, District 5, of One Way Sky, said,

"These organizations have always been supportive of not only us, but so many Indigenous musicians, artists and organizations out there." The band also stated this was the best show they've performed, as it was the most memorable and fun and they were able to share the stage with other Indigenous artists.

Mercado performing as IIWAA opened the show, and he said he was thrilled to be part of a "historic" celebration of Indigenous music "in the company of the most brilliant, talented wave of Indigenous artists we've maybe ever seen."

"We'll collectively look back at IPD Phoenix Fest '22 as an iconic cultural moment, and it was important for me to know I was there," said Mercado. "It's certainly just the beginning, and I was honored to represent my Community doing what I love."

One Way Sky and IIWAA acknowledge how important it was to perform at an event that honors their ancestors and the Indigenous community while supporting Indigenous peoples in the

Valley and providing spaces for Indigenous artists to share their talents.

Cahokia PHX and its collaborators set a bar for what's to come for future Indigenous Peoples' Day events by delivering a fantastic experience.

"I am humbled by the support and grateful to have worked alongside every person that made the event possible," Lewis said. "We couldn't have done it without them."



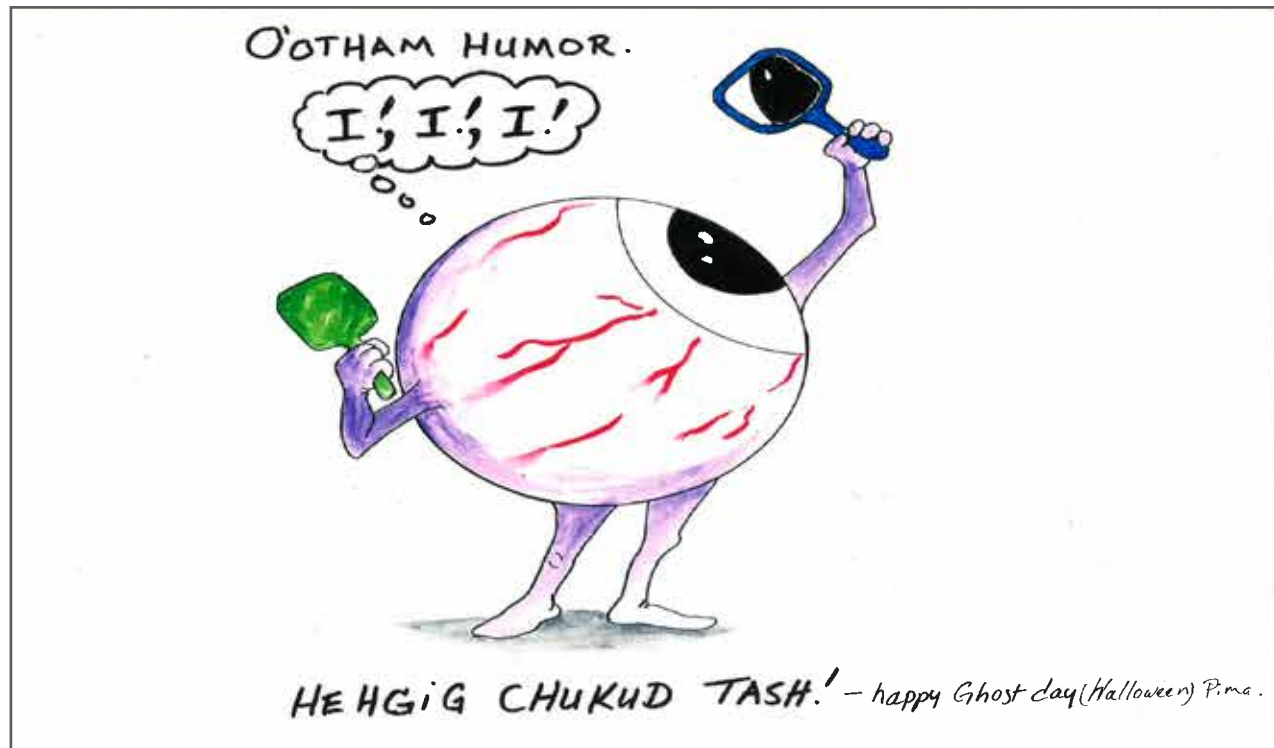
Eliana Rhodes starts her acrylic on canvas painting that depicts her O'otham and Cheyenne ancestry. Kyle Knox/GRIN



Zachary Justin live paints a desert landscape using spray paint on canvas among the vendors. Kyle Knox/GRIN



Jay "IIWAA" Mercado is the first to perform on the RezFest Mainstage Oct. 10. Kyle Knox/GRIN



One Way Sky rounding out the evening performances on the Rezfest Mainstage. Photo courtesy of Will Mosley

# “Restoring the Balance” Exhibits GRIC Artists’ Work

**Kyle Knox**  
Gila River Indian News

A collective of eight women artists, including two from the Gila River Indian Community, worked together to create an exhibition at GateWay Community College in Phoenix titled “Restoring the Balance: Rematriating Indigenous Lands.” The opening reception Oct. 7 featured music, spoken word poetry and dance performances.

Tiffany Enos from District 4 and Melissa Yazzie from District 5 contributed to the exhibit. Local Matriarch, an Indigenous women-led platform for

storytelling and community building, curated the show and selected all the contributing artists.

“These pieces gave me an opportunity to get more in touch with my culture and explore my personal past,” Enos said. “Working with other female artists was very empowering because we got to meet every weekend and share our experiences as artists and mothers.”

This was Enos’ first art exhibition. The collective nature inspired the pieces she saw when working with the other artists who were often juggling multiple responsibilities of work, fam-

ily and art.

Yazzie contributed four works that depict the changing seasons of the year with motifs that connect to her home in District 5.

“It’s been an honor to be a part of this gallery with other female artists,” said Yazzie. “My art shows the various changes we [women] often go through, so it was great to show by incorporating the leaves and feathers that I often find on my walks at home.”

The Restoring the Balance exhibit ran in conjunction with a secondary show at Cahokia Socialtech + Artspace in downtown Phoenix during the Indige-

nous Peoples’ Day Phoenix Fest Oct. 10.

Claudia López, a co-founder of Local Matriarch, said, “Our mission is to empower Indigenous women, so we gathered our relatives that we collaborate with from Cahokia and recognize the need for space so emerging artists can grow, so we decided to create that space here.”

Local Matriarch hosted the artists three months before the opening to plan and create the works on display. Throughout that time, the group bonded in unforeseen ways, celebrating birthdays and sympathizing with losses while supporting one another.

“I’m overcome with emotions tonight after what we’ve been building with these artists,” said Local Matriarch co-founder Tashena López, Navajo Nation. “You can feel it in the room, and we couldn’t be happier with the work that everyone did; it’s been a wonderful experience.”

A Local Matriarch press release states that the exhibition pieces “explore the ways in which Indigenous peoples are nurturing the sacred and reciprocal relationships between peoples and land.” The gallery brought the artists together to create one-of-a-kind pic-



Tiffany Enos stands by two of her art pieces titled “She’s Our World, Our Protector” (left) and “Energy” (right). Kyle Knox/GRIN



Melissa Yazzie stands by four of her contributions titled “Changing Leaf’s,” “Dreaming,” “Blessings,” and “Look & See.” Kyle Knox/GRIN



“Restoring the Balance” artists gather with members of Local Matriarch and Cahokia Socialtech + Artspace at Gateway Community College. Kyle Knox/GRIN

es that speak to the themes of rematriation, indigeneity, migrations and the importance of land.

Other contributing artists include Richelle Key, Gloria Martinez-Granados, Cora Quiroz, Selina Scott,

J Stanley, and Laurie Steelink.

The exhibit will remain on view at GateWay Community College until the end of January 2023 inside the Center for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.

# Growing Readers and Building Families

**Kyle Knox**  
Gila River Indian News

Utilizing early childhood literacy fundamentals, the Growing Readers, Developing Leaders (GRDL) program has found a way to bring families together to improve reading literacy, brain development, and interactive learning for households throughout the Community.

The GRDL program centers on the correlation between children’s access to books and their reading habits; preparing preschool students for kindergarten; raising academic achievement by focusing on book scarcity and the daily habit

of reading. The program hopes to be a transformative change engine for families and Community.

The program began in 2016 as a four-year grant project funded by the Native Youth Community Project through the Tribal Education Department dedicated to promoting literacy, culture, and communication throughout GRIC. Tribal Education’s Gila River Head Start and Child Care Partnership program oversaw the GRDL program after the four-year grant ended. Today, it continues to offer families literacy workshops. GRDL is also unique because it’s owned and copy-written by GRIC,

retaining the development within the Community.

“The importance of Growing Readers is families learn why reading to their child in the early stages of development is vital to their children growing up to be successful readers, encouraging strong daily habits of reading, and building that bond between the child and their family as they become school ready readers,” said Charlotte Forte, Literacy Coordinator for GRDL and Gila River Head Start Program and Partnership. “The Growing Readers goal is to build a community of successful adults who are life-long readers.”

This program was impactful during the pandemic when children were secluded from their peers and affected by virtual learning at home. The program also provides culturally relevant books as a resource for GRIC families since the Community is considered a “book desert.” The term “book desert” refers to the notion that access to libraries and reading materials isn’t as available as in neighboring towns and cities.

“Some lessons, we’ll be rolling on the ground or jumping around and some parents hesitate to partici-



Growing Readers & Developing Leaders staff with the books and props regularly used during lessons with families. Kyle Knox/GRIN

pate but we assure them that it’s ok to have fun,” said Alma Valencia, Family Services Coordinator for Gila River Head Start program and GRDL co-host. “Then sometimes we notice the men aren’t ready to go there but we remind them, ‘yea you’re a man but you’re also a father,’ and so it’s awesome to see them participate and model that for their children.”

One of the biggest benefits of GRDL is that it provides families with the eight highlighted workshop books and sixteen books per participating child. They found that some families can’t af-

ford to purchase books, so the added benefit of keeping them after the program is a great incentive and helps build their home libraries.

GRDL is an eight-week program with a curriculum that provides fun and engaging workshops for families to work alongside their children. The one-hour weekly workshops feature games, crafts, singing, and role-playing. The level of interaction is critical for the success of the children’s participation and learning, tasking parents and guardians’ involvement in ways virtual learning didn’t provide.

The program’s ini-

tial goal was to serve over 400 families, and due to its growing popularity GRDL exceeded that within four years of the initial grant. Exceeding the goal was remarkable, considering that some programming was virtual due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

“We saw grandparents, new mothers and parents participate and they all loved working with their kids and learning together,” said Kristen Dosela, GRDL trainer. “And as a new mother, myself, I found myself learning about how I can use the lessons and work with my newborn.”



Sample of books read with families and the crafts they create at home. Kyle Knox/GRIN



# HEADLINES

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## DNC Chair Visits GRIC to Discuss Elections with Leaders

**Emma Hughes**  
Gila River Indian News

Tribal and state leaders convened with Democratic National Committee (DNC) Chair Jaime Harrison during his visit to the Gila River Indian Community Oct. 5 to discuss the mid-term elections and voter registration, tribal representation and the many issues at stake for tribes. A delegation of women from GRIC invited Harrison for further discussion when they attended the Democratic National Committee Women's Leadership Forum in Washington, D.C. Sept. 30.

GRIC members who

met with Harrison in the Community included Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, Lt. Gov. Monica Antone, District 1 Council Rep. Arzie Hogg, District 4 Council Reps. Jennifer Allison and Nada Celaya, and District 5 Council Rep. Wahlean J. Riggs.

Arizona Democratic Party Chairwoman Raquel Teran also attended, along with Ak-Chin Indian Community Chairman Robert Miguel, Arizona State Rep. Jennifer Jermaine, and activist Debbie Nez-Manuel, among others.

"Arizona is ground zero for so many different issues,

and our [Native] vote is going to matter more than ever before," said Gov. Lewis, who expressed the urgency of voting and shared some of the history of the continued fight to protect the Native vote.

"We have candidates running that stand against the very principles of democracy," he added.

The DNC has partnered with AZ Democrats to invest resources for tribal outreach staff, including a regional director and two organizers. DNC also works with state voter protection teams to create robust programs to protect the Native vote.

"I thank the Biden administration for helping us get our people out to vote," Miguel said.

Lt. Gov. Antone shared her experience with the difficulties of providing an acceptable physical mailing address when updating her voting registration. This challenge illustrates the continued barriers Native voters face.

Harrison noted that U.S. President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris have made a historic



**State and Tribal delegation attendees after meeting with DNC Chair Jaime Harrison (center) at the Sheraton Grand at Wild Horse Pass Oct. 5.** Emma Hughes/GRIN

commitment to uplift Native American communities across the country.

"From passing the American Rescue Plan—which made the largest federal investment in Native communities in our history with \$32 billion devoted specifically to Tribal communities and Native people—to the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, which is investing over \$13 billion to improve infrastructure in Tribal communities, Democrats are committed to delivering [to] Indigenous Americans," Harrison stated. He added, "It was a pleasure

meeting with Gov. Stephen Lewis, Lt. Gov. Monica Antone and Tribal leadership of the Gila River Indian Com-

munity and discussing our shared values and what's at stake in the election."



**Gov. Lewis, with DNC Chair Harrison, welcome the State and Tribal delegation at the opening of the meeting.** Emma Hughes/GRIN



**Lt. Gov. Monica Antone addresses the tribal leadership during the meeting on Oct. 5.** Emma Hughes/GRIN

## Community Announces it is Moving Forward with Agreements to Fund Solar Covered Canal Pilot Project on the Gila River Indian Community

**Communications & Public Affairs Office**  
Press Release

SACATON, AZ.- Tuesday Oct. 10, Governor Stephen Roe Lewis announced that the Army Corps of Engineers informed the Gila River Indian Community that the Agency is looking to enter into agreements with the Community to fund a pilot project that will bring solar covered canals to the Reservation.

During a tour with Congressman Tom O'Halleran at the site of the proposed project, Governor Lewis described the project as an innovative approach to water conservation that will reduce evaporation losses in Community canals while generating solar energy.

Governor Lewis commented, "this canal project is in keeping with the Gila River Indian Community's continued stewardship over our natural resources and our water." Governor Lewis continued, "this project will provide an example of new



**Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, Sr. Assistant General Counsel Sunshine Manuel, and Congressman Tom O'Halleran learn more about the solar project.** Emma Hughes/GRIN

technology that can help the Southwest address the worst drought in over 1,200 years."

During a tour of the

proposed site of the solar-covered canal project, Congressman O'Halleran commended the Gila River Indian Community for

seeking ways to modernize and rehabilitate existing irrigation infrastructure to increase efficiency for users along the Colorado River.

Congressman O'Halleran stated, "this is the type of infrastructure project that I am happy to support. That is why I sent a letter to the

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in August encouraging them to look at ways to make this project work. I am happy to see progress being made and think this project will serve as an example of how the federal government and tribal governments can work together to address the drought crisis."

Michael Connor, Assistant Secretary for Civil Works at the Army Corps of Engineers, stated "Army Civil Works and USACE are excited to work with the Gila River Indian Community on its innovative irrigation water conservation and solar energy project. Using the Tribal Partnership Program to benefit the Community's efforts to advance drought resilience and clean energy is at the heart of preserving its cultural and natural resources."

The Community has already completed design on the project. When construction is funded, this project will be the first solar covered canal constructed in the United States.

**MMIP  
Front Page**

During the public hearing, the study committee heard reports from the Tohono O’odham Nation’s following departments: Tohono O’odham Police Department, Office of Attorney General, Prosecutors Office, Behavioral Health Program, Crime Victim Services, Domestic Violence Program, and the Child Welfare Program.

Each department outlined adversities they face and how that affects services to tribal members, such as the lack of funding, resources and staffing. All of these are universal issues—not just in the Tohono O’odham Nation, but across tribal communities.

The Tohono O’odham Nation is the second largest tribal nation in the state, with a land base of 2.8 mil-

lion acres and 4,460 square miles—approximately the size of the state of Connecticut. It includes over 28,000 enrolled tribal members.

“We are charged with looking at these systems and structures and where they are failing our families so that we can fill those gaps and try to create a better system,” said State Rep. Jennifer Jermaine, chair of the study committee.

She added, “We are looking to make sure that we can overlay some of our state services as far as victim compensation fund and counseling services to supplement what the tribe offers and really look to assist the tribe in hiring and training their own professionals to be able to fill those services in the long term.”

Families of those missing or murdered also provided their testimonies to the

committee.

Roland Ramon, a member of the Tohono O’odham Nation, shared the trauma he continues to endure several years after finding his mother face down in a pool of blood when he was 14-years-old. Her boyfriend murdered her.

Elayne Gregg, the mother of Rhia Alamedia, said her daughter was sexually assaulted and brutally murdered in Ajo, Ariz., when she was only seven years old.

Rhia’s murderer was caught and sentenced to life imprisonment without parole four years after her death.

Gregg, a Tohono O’odham Nation member, said that more resources were available because they lived off of the reservation at the time. As a result, the killer was convicted and their family was able to gain some closure, which isn’t always the case for victims in tribal communities.

“It was heartbreaking to hear, but the point for these meetings is to have them come and talk about it, not to be holding it in, and to have those resources available to them,” Lt. Gov. Antone said.

In November 2020, the committee partnered with Arizona State University to provide facts, figures and findings for a statewide study published under the name, “Reducing Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women



**The first public hearing for the Arizona Study Committee was held at the Tohono O’odham Himdag Ki: Cultural Center & Museum. Emma Hughes/GRIN**

and Girls.”

It found that murders of Indigenous women and girls have been steadily increasing over the past 40 years, with 160 such murders recorded in the state from 1976 to 2018.

More-populated counties, such as Maricopa and Pima, have higher homicide totals of Indigenous females compared to less-populated counties.

Municipal police handle 74 percent of the homicides of Indigenous women and girls, while sheriff’s offices or tribal police handle far fewer cases.

Nearly 90 percent of murderers/offenders of Indigenous peoples are male.

Also, over a quarter of Indigenous females were killed by their intimate partner, followed by acquaintances, strangers, parents, friends, children, siblings or other family members.

The committee has continued work with ASU since it released the study to gather additional statistics.

“This is a rooted, systemic problem that all tribal communities face,” said Ignacio. “So, today’s hearing was very, very powerful in seeing tribal members come and give their testimony, and it provided an opportunity for those who are unable to travel to Phoenix to provide those testimonies for regular

hearings.”

The Missing and Murdered Indigenous Peoples Study Committee will hold its next public hearing at the Albert Garcia Auditorium at the Pascua Yaqui Judicial Complex in Tucson at 11 a.m. Friday, Oct. 28.

“If there’s any word I leave, it’s for you to help pray, and pray for these families,” said Lt. Gov. Antone. “Pray for them in whichever way you know how, and give them healing blessings. Because that’s what this is all about, is helping families recover from such a trauma that we wish would never be plagued upon our people.”



**Lt. Gov. Monica Antone and the family of Rhia Alameda. Emma Hughes/GRIN**

**Porter & Johnson  
From  
Front Page**

GRIC youth and first-time voter Tizoc Ayala - District 1, Akimel O’odham/Pee-Posh Youth Council Rep. Thalia Ayala - District 1, GRIC elder Bonnie Lyons - District 5, and U.S. Rep. Tom O’Halleran.

“You know, we need our youth, and I’m glad our District 1 youth are here to learn about the issue,” said Whitman, who is a veteran.

He continued, “Imagine [Porter and Johnson], coming home after serving the country—our country—and being denied. Think of what they went

through and what it means now that we’re able to [vote]—our young people, our elders, now able to vote for decisions not only for our Community, but for our country.”

O’Halleran said, “I think it’s extremely important to understand the foundations of our country; that is, to allow its citizens to have a voice in their government, and that voice is critical to be able to have a government that comes together and works for the common good of the American people, no matter who they are.”

He added, “If they’re citizens of this country, they’re entitled to be able

to vote. They should not have barriers put in their way.”

Bonita Lyons has been a longtime advocate for the right to vote. She proudly shared that an elder in District 5 registered to vote for the first time during her outreach.

Leading up to the Nov. 8 election, the Community has continued proactive efforts to register voters. The final push included the last voter rally in District 6 on Oct. 11. The GRIC Tribal Elections program and Maricopa County Elections Office were also present.

Now that the Oct. 11 voter registration deadline has passed, GRIC will fo-

cus on ensuring that every registered voter has information on candidates and ballot measures and access to their polling site on Nov. 8.

“It’s a high priority for us to get our Community all the information they need leading up to the elections,” Gov. Lewis said. “This is a very critical time, and it’s important that you don’t sit on your right to vote and exercise that right.”



**Voters update their registration with the Pinal County Mobile Voter Outreach van. Emma Hughes/GRIN**



**Congressman Tom O’Halleran stops by the Community for a visit during the Voter Registration Rally on Oct. 10. Emma Hughes/GRIN**

AMENDED COMPREHENSIVE EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 16  
**MASK MANDATE HAS  
BEEN REMOVED**



The mandate that stated all persons including Community members, employees and visitors over two (2) years of age who are present within the boundaries of the Reservation shall wear a protective face mask while inside common areas of any tribal government building or while inside any school located within the Reservation, regardless of vaccination status HAS BEEN REMOVED.

The Fifteenth section also states: students, teachers and school employees shall not be required to wear masks.

# O'odham Veterans Celebration Returns

**Emma Hughes**  
Gila River Indian News

The annual O'odham Veterans Celebration (OVC) was held at the Sacaton Fairgrounds Oct. 15, providing supplies including dry foods and canned goods, toiletries, sanitation supplies, boots and backpacks to veterans.

The event started in 2010 and is typically held in September at one of the District's Service Centers in the Community.

"Since we had this pandemic for the last three years, we were running out of time," said Douglas Juan, chairman of the OVC, "so we already missed our usual date and so we had to push it back about a month."

Last year due to COVID-19, OVC held a drive-thru at the Boys and Girls Club, Gila River-Sacaton Branch.

However, Tribal Recreation approved a full in-person event this year at the fairgrounds because it provided more open space for attendees.

Veterans and Family Services, Gila River Health Care's Behavioral Health Services and the Arizona Department of Veterans' Services were on site, as well as a DJ.

Juan said if any items were left after the event, they'd hang onto them in case someone needed anything later. He also shared that OVC is working with GRIC leadership to secure a place for a possible food pantry for veterans and families in need.

In the past, OVC has assisted with other stand-down events for White Mountain Apache Tribe, San Carlos Apache Tribe, Pascua Yaqui Tribe, Tohono O'odham Nation, and Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community.

Juan says they are trying to provide for veterans that need that little extra help.

"It's not much, but we give what we can," he said. "And the information we give them, hopefully it will help them and what they're



The Gila River Veterans and Family Services distributed incentives and program information at the O'odham Veterans Celebration Oct. 15. Emma Hughes/GRIN

looking for."

OVC thanked GRIC leadership and all the departments that assisted them and helped make the event possible.

Next year, they hope to host the celebration at the District 4 Multipurpose Building.



Boots and backpacks were some of the supplies available to veterans during this year's O'odham Veterans Celebration. Emma Hughes/GRIN



## COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT ELDER FENCING PROGRAM

THE PURPOSE OF FENCING PROGRAM IS FOR SECURITY

- Applicant must be 55 years or older
- Must be legal Homesite Owner
- Must provide the following documents:  
Tribal Homesite lease, Plat map, Tribal ID

### Frequently Asked Questions:

1. Can I reapply for more fencing when we complete this one?  
No, Elder fencing is a one-time benefit that is awarded to the elder that applies.
2. Can I apply for an elder that lives in my household?  
No, the elder who is the legal homeowner is the only one who can apply.
3. Where can I go to apply?  
Contact Elderly Services Program (520) 562-5232
4. How do I find out what type of land source that I live on?  
You can contact The Department of Land Use Planning & Zoning at 520-562-6003.
5. Where can I get documents to request my BIA Lease?  
Contact Elderly Services Program (520) 562-5232 or your district service center.
6. What is the length of the fence I can receive?  
400 linear square feet with drive way gate & one walk through gate.

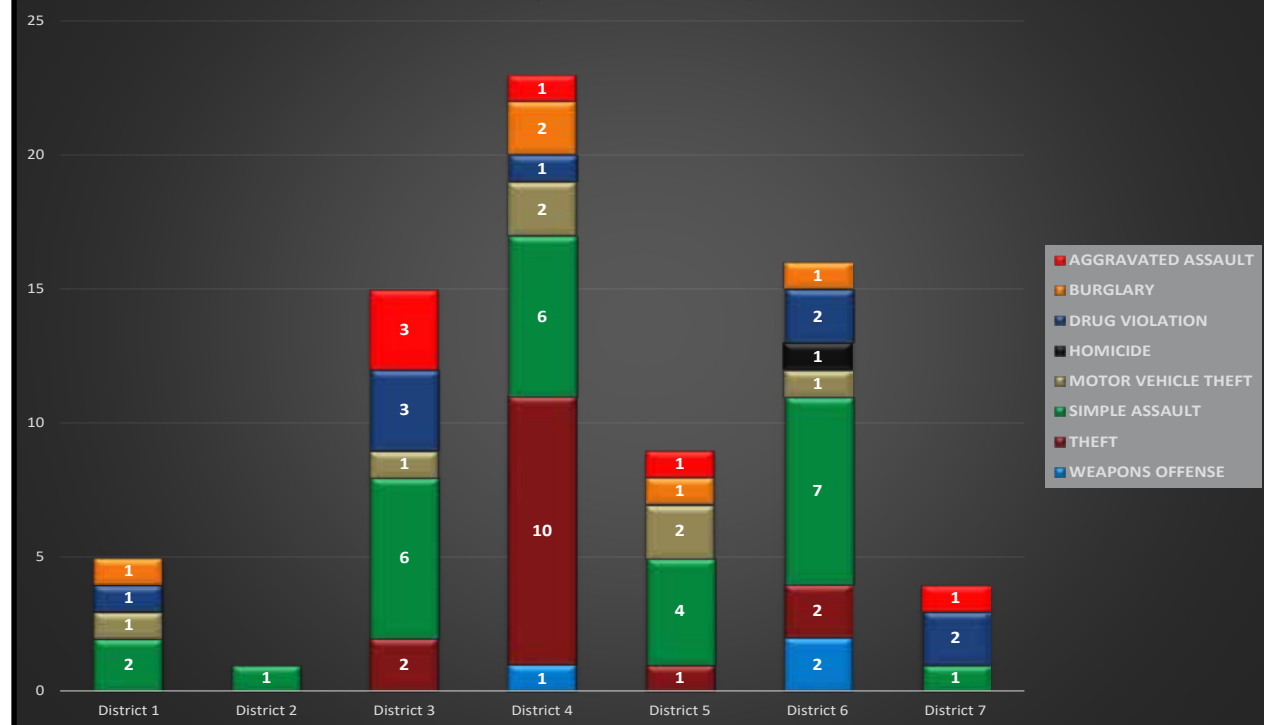
Elderly Services Program (520) 562-5232

**\*\*Applications will be accepted by Appointment ONLY\*\***  
Deadline: February 28, 2023



## Gila River Police Department Incident Logs

Part 1 Crimes  
(October 1 - 16)



# WE ARE HIRING

## Gila Crossing Community School





### HIRING POSITIONS

- Intermediate Teachers
- Pre-K Teacher
- Instructional Assistants
- Bus Drivers
- Bus Monitors
- Truancy Clerk
- I.T. Assitant
- Math Interventionist
- Special Education

BE A KEY TO OUR SUCCESS!

Send your application to  
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520-550-4834 ext. 246





## S-he:pijig Mashath, A Change in the Weather

Submitted by  
Huhugam Heritage Center

S-he:pijig Mashath translates to the “cold month” and notes the arrival of cooler weather and windy days. This month the ko:ko’i (rattle-snakes) retreat to their dens for their winter sleep. This is the time of year when they are very dangerous, and may strike without “sounding” their rattles. We must be extra cautious when around our homes at sunrise and sunset, as rattle-snakes will spend the night on any warm surface.

Later this month, we will experience cooler weather, as we transition from warm weather apparel, to cold weather jackets. During former school days, our parents

reminded us children to put on our jackets, before we left home for the day. Mom often reminded us, “S-he:pith ‘o ch ‘ep heved jek’ked, va:pkiñ heg e’ va:p’thalik!” (It’s cold and windy outside, put on your jackets!) As we dressed for school, she stated, “Pi gamo shai va:pkiñ heg e’ ka’akvoqk shashliv, hegi mo che’echev kak’kiyo shashliv am tha-bo va:p!” (Don’t wear your shorts, wear your long pants instead!) After breakfast, we all headed out the door to the bus stop and she reminded us, “Piamo’o vash’shol heg e’ va:pthalik, vamtho shoshmai!” (Keep your jackets on, or you will catch a cold!) Hot chocolate at breakfast, was always a treat for us to start the cold day.








In the fun of Chu:ch-

kuḍ Ha Thash (Ghosts Their Day, or Halloween) we have a spooky word match to get you ready for those trick-or-treaters coming to your door. We encourage you to learn these phrases and use them in your everyday lives. Now, that our children will attend school in-person during the long winter ahead. Speak with an Elder or Speaker and learn to say the phrases. Phrases may be slightly different between the villages.

A Special Thank You to Community Elders whose knowledge about school morning phrases that made this article possible.

**Word Match  
Solution on Page 10**


**10. Chu:chkuḍ Ha Thash Word Match 2022**

<i>ge'e soa:m ha:l</i>	
<i>thok'thoḍ ki:</i>	
<i>chu:chkuḍ ha-ki:</i>	
<i>nanak'mel</i>	
<i>ho'ok hiñhodakuḍ</i>	
<i>s-chuk mithol</i>	
<i>us'kuanakuḍ</i>	
<i>chukuḍ</i>	

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| 1. AHMSATY, TIFFANY C.           | 34. COLEMAN, TRISTAN L.           | 66. JOHNSON, BYRON                 |
| 2. ALLISON, ANTHONY              | 35. COMPTON, BARNEY P.            | 67. JOHNSON, JR., DAVID A.         |
| 3. ALLISON, BRADLEY              | 36. COMPTON, GEORGE N.            | 68. JOHNSON, SR., GARY             |
| 4. ANDREAS, SHAINA R.            | 37. COMPTON, LONEARROW L.         | 69. JOHNSON, ROBERT P.             |
| 5. ANTONE, LAKOTA                | 38. DARRELL, STANLEY              | 70. JOHNSON, TRAVIS W.             |
| 6. ANTONE, MARTINA T.            | 39. DELOWE, GERALDINE D.          | 71. JUAN, SR., FRANKIE             |
| 7. ANTONE, NATHAN R.             | 40. DELOWE, KEVIN A.              | 72. KATON, CARLA J.                |
| 8. ANTONE, SR., NICHOLAS         | 41. DELOWE, LORNA J.              | 73. KING, JR., LOREN S.            |
| 9. ANTONE, RAMONA                | 42. EASTON, DENISE S.             | 74. KISTO (BLACKWATER), LAVERNE F. |
| 10. ANTONE, SYLVIA J.            | 43. EASTON, LORRAINE R.           | 75. KNOX, REGINA                   |
| 11. AVERY, CANDACE R.            | 44. ENAS, BRIAN C.                | 76. LEWIS, CHARITY L.              |
| 12. AVERYS, CARMEN               | 45. ENOS, GLORIA M.               | 77. LEWIS, ERIC B.                 |
| 13. BALDERRAMA, JR., JUSTINO S.  | 46. ENOS, JANICE A.               | 78. LEWIS, JAMES F.                |
| 14. BALDERRAMA, NICOLE L.        | 47. FLORES, JR., TONY             | 79. LEWIS, LANCELOT D.             |
| 15. BAPTISTO, AARON J.           | 48. FRED, EDNA J.                 | 80. LEWIS, JR., LEROY J.           |
| 16. BAPTISTO, JASON L.           | 49. FULWILDER, JUSTINA C.         | 81. LEWIS (JACKSON), MARLO R.      |
| 17. BAPTISTO, JOSPHINE B.        | 50. GOODWIN, ANSEL R.             | 82. LEWIS, MELISSA J.              |
| 18. BAPTISTO, PHILBERT           | 51. GOODWIN, SANDRA               | 83. LEWIS, PAMELA D.               |
| 19. BAPTISTO, VERLENE G.         | 52. GILCHRIST, DOUGLAS W.         | 84. LEWIS, SR., REGGIE             |
| 20. BENAÏS (EASTON), CHARLENE J. | 53. HALL, MASUMI J.               | 85. LEWIS, RYAN D.                 |
| 21. BRECKENRIDGE, TONY P.        | 54. HOLQUIN, GUADALUPE R.         | 86. LEWIS (WHITE), SHARON K.       |
| 22. CARLOS, FELIPA J.            | 55. HOWARD, RODERICK              | 87. LOSEY, APRIL                   |
| 23. CANNER, SHARON               | 56. HOWARD-THOMAS, GERALDINE      | 88. LYONS, MARCELINE               |
| 24. CARMEN, ALICIA               | 57. HUNTER, HELEN M.              | 89. LYONS, MERVIN                  |
| 25. CARMEN, CARLOS E.            | 58. IBARRAGUTIERREZ, JR., RICARDO | 90. MACHADO, CRUZ G.               |
| 26. CARMEN, DELORES M.           | 59. JACKSON, ANTHONY D.           | 91. MAKIL, CHRISTOPHER J.          |
| 27. CARMEN, ERIC E.              | 60. JACKSON, SR., ANTHONY E.      | 92. MAKIL, KESTON G.               |
| 28. CARMEN, GERALDINE            | 61. JACKSON, CAROLA               | 93. MAKIL, KOURTNEY R.             |
| 29. CARMEN, ORLANDO L.           | 62. JACKSON, JR., JOSEPH          | 94. MANUEL, ADRIENNE               |
| 30. CHIAGO, NORA                 | 63. JACKSON, NADINE M.            | 95. MANUEL, LISA V.                |
| 31. CLASHIN, MAYNARD R.          | 64. JIM, EUGENE P.                | 96. MANUEL, MARTIN R.              |
| 32. CLASHIN, III, MORRIS         | 65. JIM, RAHSAAN C.               |                                    |
| 33. COLEMAN, RENEISHA S.         |                                   |                                    |
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Gila River Community  
**Bike Ride Series**  
2022-2023

<b>Gila River Fall Bike Ride in District 3</b> Saturday, November 5, 2022 10:00am 5 mile Route & 10 mile Route	<b>Water Rights Day Bike Ride at MAR 5</b> Saturday, December 10, 2022 10:00am 5 mile Route & 10 mile Route
<b>Gila River Winter Bike Ride in District 6</b> Saturday, January 7, 2023 10:00am 5 mile Route & 10 mile Route	<b>Gila River Bike Tour Day 1</b> from District 6 to Wild Horse Pass Saturday, February 18, 2023 10:00am 12 mile Route
<b>Gila River Bike Tour Day 2 from</b> Wild Horse Pass to Casa Blanca Market Sunday, February 19, 2023 10:00am 17 mile Route	<b>Gila River Bike Tour Day 3 from</b> Casa Blanca Market to Blackwater Monday, February 20, 2023 10:00am 21 mile Route
<b>Gila River Spring Bike Ride in District 4</b> Saturday, March 25, 2023 10:00am 5 mile Route & 10 mile Route	<b>Register Here</b> 



9TH ANNUAL  
**Women's Prayer Run**  
NOVEMBER 5-6, 2022  
GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY  
*A Prayer Journey of Gratitude*

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2022  
8:00 P.M. - 5:00 A.M.  
CAMPING AT DISTRICT 7 SERVICE CENTER  
8035 S 83RD AVE, LAVERN VILLAGE, AZ 85339

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2022  
5:00 A.M. RUNNERS MEET AT DISTRICT 7 SERVICE CENTER  
6:00 P.M. - 5:00 A.M. CAMPING AT SACATI VILLAGE  
PRAIRIE AND NELSON ROAD, DISTRICT 5

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2022  
5:00 A.M. RUNNERS MEET IN SACATI VILLAGE  
PRAYER RUN WILL END AT DISTRICT 7 SERVICE CENTER WITH A MEAL  
15747 N SHEGOI RD. COOLIDGE, AZ 85128

**ALL INDIGENOUS WOMEN & FEMME WELCOME**  
WALKERS - RUNNERS - ALL AGES & ABILITIES

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# GRHC Hosts Vaccine Event & Health Fair

**Kyle Knox**  
Gila River Indian News

The Gila River Health Care (GRHC) hosted its second Vaccine Event and Health Fair Saturday, Oct. 7, at the Red Tail Hawk facility.

With mask mandates being lifted, recently, and the Community allowing for more in-person events, GRHC hosted the event to ensure Community members were up-to-date on

COVID-19 vaccinations by administering vaccines and the third or fourth COVID-19 booster. Health care providers also offered this year's flu vaccine.

The event took place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and drew about 150 patients, that received at least one of the two vaccines available at the event.

“We are encouraging everyone to stay safe and get a COVID vaccine as well as a flu shot because this flu

season is predicted to be severe,” said Robin Henry, GRHC Nurse Practitioner, during a Facebook Live segment.

While the Community removed the mask mandate from Amended Comprehensive Executive Order No. 16, Henry reminded everyone that masks are still required in and at all GRHC facilities and events.

The intake process was streamlined for families as medical records were easi-

ly accessible by the GRHC staff. These steps allowed for the Community to receive the correct shot and booster dose. The process allowed easy access from patient registration to receiving a shot, all within 20 minutes of the visit.

“The importance of getting a vaccination is you, because we need wellness,” said GRHC board member Victoria Allison. “We’ve been talking about illness for the last three years and

it’s time that we put the ‘we’ back in there and talk about the wellness we need for our Community.” Whether it was a COVID or flu vaccine, Allison strongly encouraged everyone to care for themselves and their families by protecting the Community against all forms of illness.

Part of the event included a health fair. GRHC departments and Community programs were present to share information about their services and monthly

programming. Patients also walked away with dozens of incentives and received a box lunch.

GRHC’s first Vaccine Event and Health Fair occurred in 2021 at the Boys & Girls Club, Gila River-Sacaton Branch, where dozens of GRHC departments, GRIC and Community programs were present. The fair helped reacquaint the Community with departments and share the activities each one hosts throughout the year.



GRHC staff administers a COVID-19 booster shot on Saturday Oct. 8. Photo courtesy of Gila River Health Care



Community members at the Red Tail Hawk health care facility register for their COVID-19 vaccination and/or flu shot. Photo courtesy of Gila River Health Care

### COURT NOTICE

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF PINAL TO: CRAIG WESLEY JUSTIN IN THE MATTER OF YVONNE TURNER Plaintiff vs. CRAIG WESLEY JUSTIN, et al. Defendant(s). CASE Number: S1 I00CV202102474 CIVIL NOTICE OF SUMMONS WARNING: THIS AN OFFICIAL DOCUMENT FROM THE COURT THAT AFFECTS YOUR RIGHTS. READ THIS SUMMONS CAREFULLY. IF YOU DO NOT UNDERSTAND IT, CONTACT AN ATTORNEY FOR LEGAL ADVICE.

1. A lawsuit has been filed against you. A copy of the lawsuit and other court papers were served on you with this Summons.  
2. If you do not want a judgment taken against you without your input, you must file an Answer in writing

with the Court, and you must pay the required filing fee. To file your Answer, take or send the papers to Clerk of the Superior Court, 971 Jason Lopez Circle Building A, Florence, Arizona 85132 or electronically file your Answer through one of Arizona’s approved electronic filing systems at <http://www.azcourts.gov/efilinginformation>. Mail a copy of the Answer to the other party, the Plaintiff, at the address listed on the top of this Summons.

Note: If you do not file electronically you will not have electronic access to the documents in this case.  
3. If this Summons and the other court papers were served on you within the State of Arizona, your Answer must be filed within TWENTY (20) CALENDAR DAYS from the date of service, not counting the day of service. If this Summons and the other court papers were served on you outside the State of Arizona, your Answer must be filed within THIRTY (30) CALENDAR DAYS from the date of service, not counting

the day of service. Requests for reasonable accommodation for persons with disabilities must be made to the court by parties at least 3 working days in advance of a scheduled court proceeding. GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Superior Court of the State of Arizona in and for the County of PINAL SIGNED AND SEALED this date December 21, 2021  
Rebecca Padilla  
Clerk of Superior Court  
By:MMASTERS  
Deputy Clerk



MARICOPA VILLAGE

# Family Fun Day

BE A PART OF THE FALL FESTIVITIES!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30TH,  
NOON - 5 P.M.

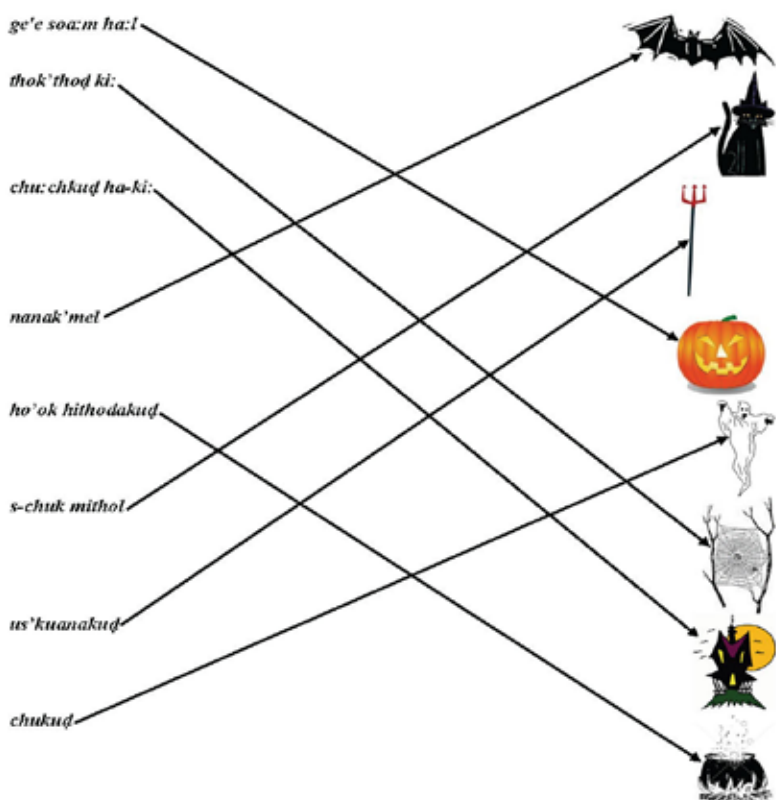
MARICOPA VILLAGE SDA CHURCH  
8001 WEST BASELINE ROAD, LAVEEN

FOOD, FUN, GAMES FOR ENTIRE FAMILY

BOUNCE HOUSE, PETTING ZOO, PONY RIDES,

**FREE**

### 10. Chu:chkuq Ha Thash Word Match 2022-SOLUTION!



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# COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS

Courtesy of the Community Council Secretary's Office • Oct. 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, October 5, 2022, by WebEx Platform was called to order by Lt. Governor Monica Antone at 9:06 a.m.

### INVOCATION

Provided by Councilwoman Wahlean Riggs

### ROLL CALL

Council Secretary Shannon White called the roll

Executive Officers Present:

Governor Stephen R. Lewis

Lt. Governor Monica Antone

Council Members Present:

D1- Arzie Hogg, Joey Whitman; D3- Rodney Jackson; D4-Jennifer Allison, Nada Celaya; D5-James De La Rosa, Marlin Dixon, Wahlean Riggs, Brian Davis, Sr.; D6- Anthony Villareal, Sr., Terrance Evans; D7- Devin Redbird

Council Members Attending via WebEx Platform:

D2-Ann Lucas

D3-Avery White

D4- Christopher Mendoza

D4-Regina Antone

Council Members Absent:

D6- Charles Goldtooth

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DISPENSE REPORT #1 AND TABLE REPORT #6, RESOLUTION #9 AND NEW BUSINESS #1 FOR NON-SUBMITTAL OF MATERIAL MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT REPORTS #2, #4 AND #5; ACCEPT AND APPROVE RESOLUTIONS #1 THROUGH #8 AND #10 THROUGH #25

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE THE REGULAR AGENDA AS AMENDED PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS REPORTS

\*1. Gila River Indian Irrigation and Drainage District – FY 2022 Third Quarter Report – April 1, 2022 – June 30, 2022

Presenter: Ronald Allison

DISPENSED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

\*2. FY2022 3rd Quarter Executive Travel Report as of 06/30/2022

Presenter: Treasurer Gary T. Mix

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3. COVID-19 Update

Presenters: COVID-19 Task Force

### REPORT HEARD

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO SUSPEND THE RULES AND ADD COVID-19 MASK MANDATE UNDER NEW BUSINESS

>4. July 2022 Head Start Monthly Report

Presenter: Carolina Kelley

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>5. August 2022 Head Start Monthly Report

Presenter: Carolina Kelley

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>6. CAF ICC Data Submission  
Presenter: Jenifer Burkhalter, Tom Judd, GRTI Board of Directors

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

7. Monkey Pox Update (Executive Session)

Presenters: Unified Command

ITEM HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT

EXECUTIVE SESSION

{GOVERNOR LEWIS CALLED FOR A 10

MINUTE BREAK; MEETING RECONVENED AT 11:05 a.m.}

GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS HAD A PREVIOUS MEETING SCHEDULED AND TURNED THE CHAIRMANSHIP OVER TO LT. GOVERNOR MONICA ANTONE

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR ITEMS #8, #9, AND #10

8. Gila River Gaming Commission Department

Report to the Community Council August 2022 (Executive Session)

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

ITEM HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

9. Gila River Gaming Enterprises Inc. Monthly Report for August 2022 (Executive Session)

Presenters: Kenneth Manuel, Dominic Orozco, Richard Strafella, Tony DeMark, Interim Oversight & Planning Committee

ITEM HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

10. FY 2022 Schedule of Investments – August 31, 2022 (Executive Session)

Presenter: Treasurer Gary T. Mix

ITEM HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT

EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTIONS

>1. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing An Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Gabriel, Roeder, Smith & Company Benefits Consulting, LLC For Fiscal Year 2023 (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenters: Sharon Harvier; Catherine Langford

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>2. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing Amendment #3 To The March 29, 2019 Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And UBS Institutional Consulting Program, And Investment Advisory Services Of UBS Financial Services, Inc. (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Treasurer Gary T. Mix

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>3. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The Town Of Prescott Valley For Yavapai Big Brothers Big Sisters (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

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>4. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To Gila County For Hellsgate Fire District (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>5. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Coolidge For Arizona Community Theatre DBA ACT1 (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>6. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Coolidge For Coolidge Fire Department (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>7. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Tempe For Tempe Community Action Agency (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

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>8. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award

From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Tempe For Jobs For Arizona's Graduates (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

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>9. A Resolution Rescinding Executive Order No. 12-21-06 And Resolutions GR-92-07, GR-127-09, And GR-120-14 And Dissolving The Council Of Elders (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenters: Thomas Murphy; Zachary Picciotti

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>10. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing The Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And The Performance Institute For Fiscal Year 2023 (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Treasurer Gary T. Mix

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>11. A Resolution Approving The Capital Projects Budget For The Gila River Telecommunications, Inc., For The Period October 1, 2022 Through September 30, 2023 (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda; EDSC concurs)

Presenters: Treasurer Gary T. Mix, Jennifer Burkhalter, Tom Judd

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>12. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing The Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Dorsey & Whitney, LLP For Fiscal Year 2023 (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Thomas Murphy

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>13. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing The Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And DR Law, PLLC For Fiscal Year 2023 (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Thomas Murphy

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>14. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing The Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Jacobson, Magnuson, Anderson & Halloran, P.C. For Fiscal Year 2023 (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Thomas Murphy

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>15. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing The Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Lippes Mathias, LLP For Fiscal Year 2023 (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Thomas Murphy

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>16. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing The Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Osborn Maledon, P.A. For Fiscal Year 2023 (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Thomas Murphy

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>17. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing The Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Rothstein Law Firm For Fiscal Year 2023 (Executive Session) (G&MSC for-

wards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Thomas Murphy

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>18. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing The Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And DCI Group AZ, LLC For Fiscal Year 2023 (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Thomas Murphy

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>19. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing The Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Public Policy Partners For Fiscal Year 2023 (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Thomas Murphy

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>20. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing The Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Yoder & Langford, P.C. For Fiscal Year 2023 (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Thomas Murphy

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>21. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing The Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Keller-Bliesner Engineering, LLC For Fiscal Year 2023 (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda; NRSC concurs)

Presenter: Thomas Murphy

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>22. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing The Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Gookin Engineers, LTD For Fiscal Year 2023 (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda; NRSC concurs)

Presenter: Thomas Murphy

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>23. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing The Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Peter Mock Groundwater Consulting, Inc. For Fiscal Year 2023 (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda; NRSC concurs)

Presenter: Thomas Murphy

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>24. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing The Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And The Center For Applied Research, Inc. For Fiscal Year 2023 (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda; NRSC concurs)

Presenter: Thomas Murphy

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>25. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing The Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld, LLP For Fiscal Year 2023 (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda; NRSC concurs)

Presenter: Thomas Murphy

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# COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS Cont.'d

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26. A Resolution Approving The Articles Of Organization And Operating Agreement For Gila River Construction Company LLC, A Subsidiary Tribal Entity Of The Gila River Sand and Gravel Corporation (EDSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval) Presenters: Michael Morago, Donna Stowell, Robert Mendez, GRSG Board of Directors APPROVED ORDINANCES UNFINISHED BUSINESS NEW BUSINESS >1. 2021 Gila River Farms Audit (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council under New Business in Executive Session with a recommendation to accept and placement on the consent agenda) Presenters: Gila River Farm Board, Hector Garcia, Kimberly Fisher, Wesley Benally, Marquez Quintero, Sr. ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA 2. 2022 Intertribal Agriculture Council Annual Conference December 6-8, 2022 – Las Vegas, Nevada (G&MSC forwards to Council for any in-

terested Council member to attend utilizing Dues & Delegations) Presenter: Wahlean Riggs MOTION MADE AND SECOND FOR ANY INTERESTED COUNCIL MEMBER TO ATTEND UTILIZING DUES & DELEGATIONS LT. GOVERNOR MONICA AN-TONE TURNED THE CHAIRMANSHIP OVER TO GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION 3. Health & Social Committee Concerns (Executive Session) (H&SSC motions to forward to Council under New Business as Committee Concerns from Health & Social and to include supporting materials) Presenter: Health & Social Standing Committee ITEM HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT NEW BUSINESS #3 HEALTH & SOCIAL COMMITTEE CONCERNS 4. WHPDA Operations Report-

ing (EDSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval) Presenter: Elizabeth Antone MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE THE REPORTING PROCESS 5. Canton Indian Asylum Cemetery Annual Memorial Services (CRSC forwards to Council under New Business for any interested Council member to attend utilizing Dues & Delegation) Presenters: Reylynne Williams, Barnaby V. Lewis, Larry Benallie Jr. MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ALLOW ANY INTERESTED COUNCIL MEMBER TO ATTEND USING DUES AND DELEGATIONS [ADDENDUM TO AGENDA] 6. COVID-19 Mask Mandate Presenters: Community Council, Dr. Santiago, Dr. Muragavel, Candalerian Preston MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DIRECT GOVERNOR LEWIS TO REMOVE THE MASK MANDATE FROM THE EXECUTIVE ORDER EFFECTIVE TODAY MINUTES ANNOUNCEMENTS

• JAMIE HARRISON, WITH THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION WILL BE AT THE SHERATON TO MEET WITH TRIBAL LEADERS FROM ARIZONA TO DISCUSS PRESSING ISSUE ON THIS ELECTION AND VOTER OUTREACH • PUBLIC SAFETY MEETING FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2022 AT 2:00 P.M. • COUNCIL WORK SESSION THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2022 AT 9:00 A.M. • SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2022 AT 9:00 A.M. • POLICE DEPARTMENT GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY OCTOBER 28, 2022 AT 9:00 A.M. • ARLENE JOYCE HUGHES FUNERAL SERVICE FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2022 AT 9:00 A.M. ADJOURNMENT MEETING ADJOURNED AT 2:18 P.M. \* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s) > Denotes a CONSENT AGENDA ITEM

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# BREAST CANCER

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Today there is still no known singular cause of cancer but there are factors that can increase your risk. These risk factors fall into three categories: genetic, environmental and lifestyle choices. In some cases you can have a combination of risk factors such as lack of physical activity and family history; however, if you have one or more risk factors it does not guarantee you will get breast cancer during your lifetime. Remember to be cautious as there is also misinformation such as caffeine, deodorant, microwaves, cellphones, and contact with another person who has cancer can cause cancer which is *NOT* true. The best preventative measure is to be proactive about your health. Speak with your medical provider and see what factors you have that increase your risk. Make lifestyle changes that promote and increase your overall health (i.e., eating healthy, exercising, etc.). Also performing self-breast exams are another proactive way to catch any abnormal changes, which can help in detecting breast cancer in its earlier stages. Cancer is unpredictable, but by being proactive about your health you can limit your risk and possibly save your own life.

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**1 in 8** women will get breast cancer in their lifetime

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**What can I do?:** BREASTFEED (Breastfeeding reduces estrogen exposure that helps prevent breast cancer), REGULAR MAMMOGRAMS (Women 40+ should have the option to have a mammogram once a year), REGULAR BREAST EXAMS (Speak to your health care provider for options), WEIGHT CONTROL (Overweight or obese women are at a higher risk), EXERCISE (Exercising 3 days/week may lower your risk), LIMIT ALCOHOL USE (Alcohol can increase estrogen which can increase risk)

CONTACT YOUR HEALTH CARE PROVIDER IF YOU HAVE ONE OR MORE OF THESE RISKS

Breast cancer usually has no symptoms when the tumor is small and most treatable.

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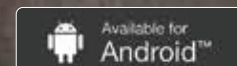
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