DEQ addresses area in District 5 with clean up and trash removal

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

In one secluded area of the Gila River Indian Community, a location was causing concerns for the nearby residents in District 5. Large tamarisk trees had created a natural boundary to conceal the activities of individuals engaging in illegal activities.

In response to the concerns voiced by local residents, the Department of Environmental Quality responded to concerns of illegal dumping at a site in District 5. This service is offered by the Community Services Department, which includes the district service centers, provides many services that assist people who are living in the Community, such as paying certain bills.

This service is offered by two programs: Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP), tribally funded, and the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), which is federally funded. These programs provide direct financial assistance for part or all of electricity, gas and in some cases water utility. In the tribal HEAP policy, there is a clause that has not yet been utilized in the Community, which would ask the recipients to take a class to earn the benefit, much like the LIHEAP policy.

The Community Services Department will be establishing a “give back” program in this new year as part of the services they offer. Community Services Department, which includes the district service centers, provides many services that assist people who are living in the Community, such as paying certain bills.

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The Community Services Department is developing classes for Community members who receive assistance. Emma Hughes/GRIN

After looking at the long history of assistance needed, Joanne Miles-Long, Director of Community Services Department, has expressed that it could be a great opportunity for Community members to empower themselves through these classes. “The more you know, the more you can become as an individual” says Miles-Long.

The CSD has already developed roughly six classes and activities and they are looking to partner with four programs, such as Education, Youth Council, Tribal Health, and Employment & Training to offer some of their classes that will be beneficial to the whole family. Examples of why these classes may be needed and required is lack of general preventative home maintenance. The buildup of cooking grease could potentially lead to a fire, and the need for a new stove and increased home repair. Failure to change out and replace air filters for an A/C unit in the home may damage the air compressor and require a costly repair.

The CSD plans to begin the new classes in February or later. They hope to help the Community better maintain their homes and reduce the need for assistance. For more information on the

Community Services Department and the services they provide, you can contact Joanne Miles-Long, Director at (520) 562-9694
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ASU creates Indigenous Design Collaborative

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Around the Arizona State University Tempe campus, there is little sign acknowledging the Akimel O’otham and Pee Posh, who lived on the land, before being developed into a sprawling desert metropolis. Recently, ASU released a publication that explores how the culture of Native people can be represented on campus, which was unveiled at one presentation on Nov. 13.

“The reason why [we] created this publication in the first place, was that I wanted generate dialog about how we can create an inclusive place through approaches in design on campus,” said Wanda Dalla Costa, ASU Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts and the School of Construction professor.

Costa and a handful of Native design students worked together to create the publication, that explores how physical spaces on campus can reflect the people who inhabited the land. “When I came here I looked around and thought, ‘where are the physical markers of the people of this place?’” said Costa.

Costa said, high population of Native students, who attend ASU, creates a significant presence, which leads to more opportunities for increased visibility on campus.

“We’ve done a number of research initiatives, which has led to the creation of a team of students to create a website, called Indigenous Design Collaborative.”

According the Indigenous Design Collaborative site, it is a, “Community-driven design and construction program, which brings together tribal community members, industry and a multi-disciplinary team of ASU students and faculty to co-design and co-develop solutions for tribal communities in Arizona.”

Costa said the collaborative creates a sense of place, and brings Indigenous people together to talk about diversity, which includes other underrepresented students.

Costa said the book and the webpage is recognizes the indigenous people together to talk about how we can create an inclusive place through approaches in design.

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Questions?
Contact SRPMIC Finance Leasing Payment Office (480) 362-7730.
*Agricultural lease payments will be made based upon farmer payments received and cleared through banking institutions by January 4, 2019.
Incident Log

December 16 – 22, 2018

Calls for services this week: 719

Arrest made: 30

District One (Blackwater):

Robbery – Officers were dispatched to the area in reference to a fight in progress. Witness reported a female being punched by a male subject. Upon the officer’s arrival multiple subjects were standing around a male sitting on the sidewalk. The female victim stated that while in a vehicle an argument ensued when the male suspect ordered the female out of the vehicle. The suspect then demanded money from the victim. The suspect directed a second suspect to get the victim. The second subject approached the victim and began to punch her while the other suspect assisted and took her purse. The suspects then fled the scene though the vehicle was located a short time later.

Status: Under Investigation

District Two (Sacaton Flats):

No incident involving

Part I Crime

District Three (Sacaton):

Aggravated Assault – Officers responded to a residence to investigate a stolen vehicle. When they arrived, the suspect was sitting in the stolen truck with the engine running. The truck was parked in a designated parking spot facing south in front of the residence. Both officers approached the driver side of the truck and observed the reverse light activate. Officers yelled STOP but the truck accelerated in reverse turning the wheel toward the officers and their units. During the course of backing up, the suspect collided with the front driver side of a patrol car. The truck then crashed at a high rate of speed in reverse towards Cactus St. Officers responded to the area in attempt to look for the vehicle.

Status: Under Investigation

Aggravated Assault – Officers were dispatched to the area in reference to a male subject who was in the victim’s yard with a firearm. The reporting party stated the male had placed the firearm in his jacket and walked toward Sacaton Rd. Officers located the male suspect who ran from

then when they attempted to make contact. A short foot pursuit ensued ending with the officers taking the suspect into custody. During the course of the fight the suspect refused to comply and actively fought with officers assaulting the other officers in the area where the suspect had first been contacted and located an AR 15 style barrel. The item was impounded. There was no evidence and the suspect was booked into DRS.

Status: Suspect was booked into jail

District Four (Stotonic Area):

Auto Theft – Officers responded to a residence in reference to a theft of a wallet. The victim stated they had got money from the wallet in the victim’s purse. The suspect while in their presence complained to the manager that another patron had claimed the wallet. The suspect was gone prior to the manager finding the wallet. The shift manager did not think to ask for identification and just gave them the patron the wallet. Vid- eo surveillance will be reviewed to assist in identifying the suspect.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft (Shoplifting) – Officers were dispatched to a store in the Phoenix Premium Outlets reference to a shoplifting. Contact was made with the manager who stated a female stole items away from a display and left the store. Video surveillance is being reviewed in efforts to identify the suspect, as she left the premises.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft (Shoplifting) – Officers were dispatched to a store in the Phoenix Premium Outlets reference to a shoplifting. The floor supervisor stated two females entered the store which one of them was pushing a baby stroller. The female with the stroller grabbed a knife and began to stab the victim on the handle of the stroller. The female pushed the stroller behind the clothing rack grabbing the item and rolling the item up and stuffing it into another bag. The females then exited the store without paying for the merchandise.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft – Officers were dispatched to the Lone Butte McDonald’s in reference to a disturbance. Contact was made with the victim, who was a securi- ty guard for the Industrial Park. The victim stated he had dropped his wallet in the parking lot of the Mc- Donald’s. The suspect had alerted the manager that another patron claimed the wallet. The suspect was seen near a residence to investigate a theft of a wallet. When they arrived the suspect was gone prior to the manager finding the wallet. The shift manager did not think to ask for identification and just gave them the patron the wallet. Video surveillance will be reviewed to assist in identifying the suspect.

Status: Under Investigation

District Five (Casa Blanca):

Aggravated Assault – Officers were dispatched to a residence in reference to a theft of a wallet. The officer’s arrival they were able to locate a female who they identified as the victim. The victim stated that the suspect had grabbed her and slammed her against the door frame. The two subjects began to physically fight and fell to the ground. The suspect got on top of the victim and began strangling the victim using both hands. They then began to scratch the suspect’s chest as the suspect began to bang the victims head on the floor. The suspect had grabbed a knife and began to stab the victim on the handle of the stroller.

Status: Under Investigation

District Six (Komatke):

Aggravated Assault – Officers were dispatched to a residence in reference to a theft of a wallet. Contact was made with the victim who stated he was stabbed by the suspect who was a known scene. Officers made contact with the sus-pect as they were attempting to leave the scene. The victim stated they had gotten into a verbal altercation which turned physical. The suspect had grabbed a knife and began to stab them on the victim in a threatening
By Billy Allen

Within the last 500 years, Natives in the Ameri- canos have altered some ideas to make sense of a changing world. O’otham and Pia- paash have dropped some old practices and adopted new ones. Among them may be the idea of New Year’s resolutions; resolu- tions to improve ourselves physically, mentally, and emotionally. Now, whether resolutions work is up to us. We have the power to alter our lives depending upon how dedicated to the task we are. A Psychology Today article listed some resolutions most Ameri- canos—and we are Ameri- canos—normally choose: staying fit and healthy, losing weight, spending less/ saving more, and spending more time with family and friends.

Resolutions about staying fit and healthy shouldn’t be that drastic a change for us, more like an old idea in a new wrapper. Our ancestors existed on a diet heavy on plant foods with meat as an occasional dish. Our farmer ancestors worked their fields, select- ing and saving the best seeds so future crops would be more plentiful, making a better life. Their way of life changes with one movement of either in gathering, hunting, or pre- paring food. But any new idea brings out the skeptic in us, not too much ener- gy should be wasted. Not “wasting” energy was on the minds of our ancestors due to their reliance upon nature and the uncertain- ty of food and water. (Our ancestors would not hunt for deer up north; it would require too much effort to bring the meat down, not to mention spoilage.) In our modern world, we do a lot of sitting, watching, driving around and don’t burn up a lot of energy. Today we are lost in a consumer world of processed carbohydrates, sugar, and fats. This could be why losing weight and getting healthier is difficult for some. Maybe dreaming up ways to “waste” ener- gy makes sense nowadays. We all know motion is good for health, but what ways? Look around, fami- lies, in the house and the commu- nity can help.

The Gila River Indi- an Community has always been at the forefront for change and early on our health and medical care was addressed. For our com- munity, Western medicine has made life better. The ancient Greek physician, Hippocrates is often called “the father of modern med- icine.” He is commonly quoted as saying, “Let food be thy medicine and medi- cine be thy food.” And so it was with our farmer ances- tors, eating to live but not living to eat. Keli Antonio Azul lived into his eighties. If you are not aware, our community and neigh- boring Native communities offer year around activities to help us fulfill resolu- tions. Throughout the year, various departments offer walks, runs and other out- door activities geared to get us moving. The hard part might be getting the fam- ily in the vehicle and the kids, or friends and hit the road. Most of the walks and runs are offered free of charge and give out freebies, such as t-shirts and snacks. (Those don’t need another colorful t-shirt, a “free” one at that, and did I mention it will be free?) Being healthy can save money! Show- ing up to participate, scor- ing some freebies, seeing relatives, and making new friends—how much more Native can that be?

Gila River has tagged Community members to demonstrate old foods in new ways, traditional foods which strengthened our hard-working ances- tors. The Gila River Nu- trition Program, through the Community Health Nu- trition Program, present- ed how to quickly prepare home cooked meals. Who knows, if we eat less carbs, we might get thinner, our waistline might get thicker.

If we vow to become more fit, try to be healthy, lose some weight, spend less, save more and spend more time with family and friends, we take a step to- wards an old way of living. Owl Ear (Chukut Na:k), who lived for 98 years and Tuti Kashaquni (Sun Counter), who lived to be 115 years young would nod in agreement. Ha’a.

Information was tak- en from Psychology Today Magazine, S.E. Burkman, “Resolutions for the New Year.” December 30, 2008, indianz.com/News/.

AZ Facts of Life, non-profit organization, provides life skills learning

Emma Hughes
Gila River Indian News

The AZ Facts of Life is a non-profit organiza- tion founded in 2004 based in Sacaton, Ariz. Their goal is to provide developmen- tal opportunities to youth that will contribute to their success as adults. They began working with the Gila River Indian Community by providing youth devel- opment classes through Vechej Himdag Mashacha- makul Alternative School in Sacaton in 2012.

They initially start- ed offering classes for the youth on leadership, per- forming arts, prevention and parenting. The programs were designed to keep the youth busy and find their “niche” in life. Since then, they have moved to provid- ing more “life skills” types of workshops and GED preparation classes to Sky- line and the district centers. They meet at least once a month but also hold other activities including weekend workshops and college tours throughout the country to expose the youth to different cultures and communities.

Yolanda Robinson, Founder and Executive Di- rector of AZ Facts of Life, has expressed her gratitude for working with the Gila River Indian Community be, not only providing these workshops to the youth but to community members as well. The program has had a high success rate with GED prep. These work- shops help Community members achieve their per- sonal and academic goals. AZ Facts of Life will continue to offer their services through the dis- tricts, tentative dates:

District 1 & 2, January 8th and Thursday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Life Skills, 2 p.m. - 6 p.m. GED at the District 2 Service Center.

District 3 & 4, Jan. 7, Monday and Wednesday, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Life Skills, 2 p.m. - 6 p.m. GED at District 5 Service Center.

A stolen affidavit was com- piled and the vehicle was entered into the database as stolen. Status: Under Investi- gation

The Gila River Recy- cling Calendar 2019

September

October

November

December

GRIC RECYCLING CALENDAR 2019

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5. A Resolution Approving The Revision Of The Community Council Standing Committees Policies And Procedures (LSC motioined to forward to Council with recommendation for approval) Presenter: Mandy Cisneros APPROVED

6. A Resolution Amending GR-24-76 The Relinquishment Of Wendell Melbourne Schurz From The Gila River Indian Community (LSC motioined to forward to Council with recommendation for approval) Presenter: Sheila Riley-White APPROVED

ORDINANCES

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3. Enrollment Appeal Hearing Decision Upholding Denial Of Membership (LSC motioined to forward to Council with recommendation for approval) Presenter: Sheila Riley-White MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

4. District Six Letter Of Appointment To The Law Enforcement Citizens Advisory Board (LSC motioined to forward to Council with recommendation for approval) Presenter: Citizens Advisory Board Members TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

5. FY 2018 Lone Butte Development Audit/Audit Wrap Up Report (G&MSC & EDSC forward to Council) Presenter: Chris Bitakis ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

6. FY 2017 Community – Wide Financial Statements and Audit Wrap-Up & 401 K (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council under New Business in Executive Session) Presenter: Treasurer Robert Keller, Suzanne Johns ACCEPTED AT REPORT #18 [ADDENDUM TO AGENDA]

7. Travel Delegation Presenters: Community Council MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DISPENSE MINUTES 1. November 21, 2018 (Regular) MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE AS SUBMITTED ANNOUNCEMENTS > GOVERNMENT & MANAGEMENT STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING DECEMBER 20, 2018 > HEALTH & SOCIAL STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING DECEMBER 21, 2018 > ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING CANCELLED > LEGISLATIVE STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING CANCELLED > EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING CANCELLED ADJOURNMENT MEETING ADJOURNED AT 3:02 P.M. * Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)

GRIC Department of Environmental Quality is Moving

The Gila River Indian Community, Department of Environmental Quality staff currently located in District 3 at 7425 E. 1st Street in Sacaton is moving to the Wild Horse Pass Corporate Center located at: 5350 North 48th Street, Chandler, Arizona 85226; Suite 120

ESTIMATED MOVE DATE: JANUARY 7-10, 2019

DEQ Phone numbers will Remain the Same

DEQ Main Number at Wild Horse Pass: 520-562-2234

DEQ Air Quality Program at Lone Butte: 520-796-3781

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DEQ Thanks you for your Patience During our Move

December 21, 2018
Casa Blanca Community School Food Drive

The students of Casa Blanca Community School held their annual food drive. The collection of food was donated to the Commodity Food Distribution Program; the program plans to use the donated food in their emergency food boxes. The students donations were tracked on a chart in the cafeteria which depicted a little rocket ship climbing up the boxes! The TOTAL collected was 1,174 cans! THANK YOU CASA BLANCA COMMUNITY SCHOOL!
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• Periodontics (Gum Treatments)
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Danika Nahsonhoya
Patient Registration

Stacey Stockton
Nurse Practitioner at
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January 2019 - September 2019

Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital Dental Department

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• During construction, specialty dental services (Endodontics, Periodontics, and Oral Surgery) will move to Hau’pal (Red Tail Hawk) Health Center.
• Patients will be notified by mail whose appointments have moved to Hau’pal (Red Tail Hawk) Health Center.

Please excuse the dust and noise while we’re improving!

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8:30 - 3:30 pm
1/10/19
D5 Multipurpose Building
8:30 - 3:30 pm
1/16/19
D3 HHKMH
Inside Mobile Unit
9:00 - 4:00 pm
1/17/19
Sacaton (DRS)

1/9/19
D3 HHKMH
Inside Mobile Unit
7:30 - 11:00 am
1:00 - 4:00 pm
1/14/19
D6 RTC (Appt. Only)
1/15/19
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