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COVID-19 PANDEMIC

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Community-wide food distribution held in districts for GRIC members
HEALTH ALERT
NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

Upcoming District RE-TESTING Dates:
In an effort to contain the spread of COVID-19, GRHC is following the CDC’s recommendation for conducting COVID-19 testing on a recurring basis. All GRIC members, and those residing within the GRIC boundaries, who have previously tested negative and who have no symptoms – should get retested.

Note: If you have not been tested and have no symptoms, you should be tested at a district service center.

Dist. 4 ... July 7 - July 9 • Times: 9 am - 1 pm & 5 pm - 7 pm
Dist. 5 ... July 14 - July 16 • Times: 9 am - 1 pm & 5 pm - 7 pm

Districts 1, 2, 6 & 7 - Have not been scheduled, but follow us on Facebook for updated information.

CDC Recommends That You Stay Home As Much As Possible & Practice Physical Distancing

If you are Asymptomatic:
Meaning you are showing no signs of illness or if you believe you may have been exposed to someone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 but have no symptoms, visit one of the seven District Centers during testing week.

If you are Symptomatic:
Meaning you are showing symptoms of COVID-19. Symptoms may include (but is not limited to):
• Difficulty breathing
• Loss of sense of taste/smell
• Fever
• Cough

Contact your physician and schedule an appointment right away.

Stay Home If You Are Sick!
• Order online or use curbside pickup
• Protect yourself while shopping
• Stay 6 feet away from others
• Cover your mouth and nose with a cloth face covering in public
• Go during senior hours
• Do not touch your eyes, nose, or mouth
• Only use carts that have been disinfected
• Use touchless payment where possible (if you must touch money, a card, or use a keypad – use hand sanitizer right after paying)
• Use hand sanitizer after leaving the store
• When you get home, wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds

For general info about the Coronavirus, go to GRHC.org/Coronavirus
GRHC CORONAVIRUS HOTLINE (520) 550-6079
Water flows into the Gila River from recharge site

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

The Gila River Indian Community released water into the Gila River at a new recharge site.

Located on the far eastern side of the Community, a new Managed Aquifer Recharge Site came online on June 25.

For the first time, the MAR 1B site introduced water into the Gila River via a flood control valve. The designation “1B” stands for the site identification number, as well as a second site down the river called MARA.


“Today, we had 20 cfs (cubic-feet-per-second) of water delivered to the MAR 1B site. This will be the anticipated rate of delivery for the remainder of the year,” said DeLong.

The release of water would allow approximately 7,000-acre feet recharged this calendar year. The permit allows 10,000-acre feet annually for 5 years.

He said when the water was released into the river, it was a symbolic gesture to the heart of the Akimel O’otham (River People). “When the water was flowing through the large valve it was like a heart beating, because it means so much to the hearts of the people, despite what we are going through, during this COVID crisis,” said Gov. Lewis.

DeLong said the new site will function like the MAR 5 site releasing water back into the Gila River, which will eventually seep into the surface to replenish underground aquifers. In the permitted area, DeLong said the water could flow 10 and half miles downstream, but at time of release, it will flow about one to two miles upriver.

Gov. Lewis said being in control of the Community’s water rights means having water independence from the issues that others are facing elsewhere during drought conditions. “We should not underestimate the importance of sites like MAR 5 and now MAR 1B, which are a testament to our long-standing fight for our water rights.”

Lt. Gov. Stone said watching the release of the water back into the Gila River is akin to watching the river flow, like the Community’s ancestors witnessed.

“The overall scope of our Community with our water settlement, is a big part of our effort to bring that same feeling of who we are as Akimel O’otham back to the people,” said Lt. Gov. Stone.

Gov. Lewis said, “It’s another historic step that we are doing to bring back the river to protect our water settlement and water supplies during this really critical time.”

DeLong said there are plans for future MAR water delivery sites, but before any water is released, certain steps need to be cleared for that to happen. “These MAR sites would be very much like the MAR 1B site, meaning it would be simply delivering water to the Gila River.”
With the recent spikes in COVID-19 cases across the state of Arizona, the Gila River Indian Community put Executive Order No. 8 into effect, mandating facial coverings and protective face masks in public areas within GRIC on June 18.

The mask requirement applies to all Community members over two-years-of-age to wear masks or face coverings in public areas of GRIC, unless traveling through on a federal or state right-of-way. Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis said the spike in COVID cases is real and is deeply troubling, which prompted the Community to take protective measures, which includes wearing masks.

He said it comes down to three basic things to follow: Wear a mask, wash your hands and watch your distance.

“We want our Community members to take it upon themselves as their responsibility to mask-up, practice social distancing and wash your hands often,” said Gov. Lewis. Although some may find wearing a mask uncomfortable, Gov. Lewis said, “We have to get to this ‘new normal’ to wear masks, to protect our most vulnerable, and our youngest Community members.”

He said wearing a mask is especially important where there are multi-generations living in a household.

“With the masking requirement, I am calling on each of [you] to help us continue this fight. Our medical officials are advising us that it will help break the spike,” said Gov. Lewis. He said the Community has been closely monitoring the spike in cases of COVID-19 as they continue to rise across the state, which prompted the new executive order on masks.

The Community also provided mask fact sheets to explain the mandatory order, which included recommendations on wearing masks around individuals 65-years-old and older, those with underlying medical conditions, around others when traveling in a vehicle and tribal government buildings.

Community members can obtain a mask at district service centers. For those over two-years-of-age, it is recommended to wear a face mask, unless they have a medical condition where a face mask is not recommended by the child’s doctor.
Something to be told or talked about

By Billy Allen

A wise man, Denzel Washington, said: “You pray for rain, you gotta deal with the mud, too. That’s a part of it.” Hot winds are part of our monsoon recipe, too. As this is being written, those winds are fanning wildfires in Arizona. Flames are scorching ground where our ancestors patrolled to protect our jëvéed—some scorching “lands of the mountain people”/enemy/“O:ób.” The Bush Fire is chasing the Mazatzal Mountain Range, home of the Four Peaks. (Mazatzal may have come from O’ótham—“Musaad Shā’ilik”/Moon Pass.) O’ótham and O:ób were familiar with this area, as were Apaches. Pima encampments were killed, but enough was saved to sustain the Tohono O’ótham back to Jewak where more was picked, roasted, and stored. Many of these mountains served as a boundary between us and the mountain people. Great care had to be taken if one ventured into these mountains. The Pima Indians notes that Owl Ear’s calendar stick was etched to recall that in 1864 a wagon full of supplies was driven to the Superstitions to appease the enemy, but that gesture just confused them, and they attacked the wagon. A calendar stick from the Blackwater area relates that in 1867 when the Tohono O’ótham went after the enemy in the Superstitions, an enemy who tripped over his shield was killed while trying to escape.

The Bighorn fire, north of “S-cuk son”/Tucson in the Catalina Mountains, burned nearly 100,000 acres. The fire started just south of the Tohono O’ótham and then spread north by the Santa Catalinas and north of “Tova Kusva”/Turkey Neck Mountain. The enemy found them and in the ensuing skirmish, two of the enemies were killed. The Tohono O’ótham warriors’ bodies were cremated, as was the practice of the day (and some community members still observe that tradition.) The roasted agave hearts were burned, but enough was saved to sustain the Tohono O’ótham back to Jewak where more was picked, roasted, and stored. On April 30, 1871, a group of Tohono O’ótham requested permission to visit the Superstitions probably burned and destroyed Eskiminzins’ Apache camp at Aravaipa Canyon.

These old trails are still there, but hard to find, tracks are blowing—Let’s hope our rain prayers are answered soon. Babor Doak could use a long shower. Additional sources used: Shadows at Dawn by Karl Jacoby, https://library.brown.edu/eds/repository/23repoman.php?verb=render_xsl&colid=55 and O’ódham Place Names: Meanings, Origins, and Histories Ari-zona and Sonora, by Harry Winters, 2012.
COVID-19 pandemic affects summer youth WIOA program

DeAnna Ringlero, Program Supervisor, WIOA & Tribal Youth Programs, oversees the program and has seen the effects of COVID-19 on the summer program. Ringlero said the program remains in operation, but summer programming has ceased “due to the closure and/or limited full-time workforce of many of the departments we partner with, who help our youth by providing practical, job-related training.”

The summer program is only one portion of the WIOA program; the other is a year-round program catering to juniors and seniors in high school, however, many of those sites have been forced to close.

But with keeping everyone’s safety in mind, Ringlero said, “For the most part, our participants and parents have been understanding of the reasons why our summer work experience has not happened yet.” And as a program, she also mentioned that “It’s a challenge for all of us, but what we can all agree upon is that the safety of our youth comes first.”

WIOA remains active with the current 45 year around participants by utilizing the CTC lab and GED program at Central Arizona College.

The program has also been active in delivering food boxes, check-ins, incentives, and support services while participants pursue their post-secondary education.

WIOA has utilized teleconference and online webinars to provide to participants. Ringlero stated, “We are in the process of partnering and co-creating another facet of our Summer Youth Program. It will serve students interested in learning more about the environmental field and the importance of understanding how it affects other career paths. We will most likely be able to include other ways to deliver services utilizing technology, some of which may have never thought of before.”

Until programming can continue as it did before the pandemic, Ringlero wants the Community to know, “We are still here and working for the youth.” Further saying, “[The pandemic] has forced us to think differently about how we deliver services and will undoubtedly impact the programs we develop in the future. We look forward to serving the youth in new and exciting ways. Thank you for your understanding, and continue to stay safe.”

Youth Council works with task force

While the Community actively combats the spread of COVID-19, testing trends show that positive cases among youth demographics are among the highest in the Community. To address those under the age of 21, the COVID-19 Task Force will be working with the Akimel O’odham/Pee-Posh Youth Council (AOPPYC) to assist in promoting health and safety to the youth.

Michael Preston, AOPPYC Coordinator, said, “The GRIC COVID-19 Task Force was seeing a rise with infections among youth and thought the youth council could help.”

They will assist by producing messaging catered to the Community’s youth population.

As of June 29, 76 of the 260 positive cases in the Community are under the age of 21. That’s a total of 29% of the infected population.

AOPPYC members will assist the task force with videos and imaging aimed at youth to stay home, wash hands, and wear masks. Preston said, “The Youth Council members have to research their message, write the scripts, and then film and sometimes edit them before submitting to the Tribal Health Department or CPAO.”

The media created will be distributed on popular social media platforms to drive home the urgent messaging.

Hunter Nish, AOPPYC president, said, “Everyone has their role to play right now. That is to stay safe at home and take precautions if you leave for essential services. And we must work alongside the initiative of what’s been done for the Community in regards to COVID-19.”

Nish is looking forward for the youth council to be a part of this work since it affects everyone in the Community.

“The truth of the matter is that our situation will not get better until we decide to do better,” said Nish.

Their work begins with guidance from the Tribal Health Department and the Communications & Public Affairs Office to ensure messaging is accurate and abides by task force standards. Photographs and videos are currently being produced by the council members and will begin distribution in July.
COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS

Courtesy of the Community Council Secretary’s Office • June 17, 2020

ACTION SHEET

Community Council; P.O. Box 2138; Sacaton, Arizona 85147; Phone (520) 562-9720; Fax (520) 562-9729

CALL TO ORDER
The Second Regular Monthly Meeting of the Community Council held Wednesday, June 17, 2020, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona, was called to order by Governor Stephen R. Lewis at 9:16 a.m.

IN/INVOCATION
Provided by Councilwoman Carol Schurz

ROLL CALL
Sign-in Sheet Circulated

Executive Officers Present:
Governor Stephen R. Lewis
Lt. Governor Robert Stone

Council Members Present:
D1-Joey Whitman, Arzie Hogg; D2-Carol Schurz; D3-Avery White, Rodney Jackson; D4-Monica Antone, Jennifer Allison, Delmar Jones, Regina Antone-Smith; D5-Delmas Del La Rosa, Marilyn Dixon, Franklin Pablo, Sr., Thomas White; D6-Anthony Villareal, Sr., Charles Goldtooth (9:29), Terrance Evans (9:25); D7-Devon Redbird

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO TABLE REPORTS #1, #2 AND #6 AND RESOLUTION #2 FOR NON-CONSENT
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT REPORTS #4, #5, and #9 THROUGH #11; ACCEPT AND APPROVE RESOLUTIONS #4, #5, #6, #7, #9 and #10 AND NEW BUSINESS #4 ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DISPENSE RESOLUTION #1 APPROVE THE REGULAR AGENDA AS AMENDED AND ADD COUNCIL CONCERNS #1 GRGE CONCERNS AND #2 WHPDA CONCERNS PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

1. Introduction – Barbara Valenzuela–Meeks Director of Tribal Social Services
Presenter: Kylee Curley

MS. KATHLEEN CURLEY PROVIDED AN INTRODUCTION TO BARBARA VALENZUELA-MEEKS AND MS. VALENZUELA-MEEKS PROVIDED AN OVERVIEW OF HER BACKGROUND. VARIOUS COUNCIL MEMBERS PROVIDED WELCOME SEDIMENTS.

REPORTS
>1. Ira H. Hayes Auxiliary 2020 1st Half Report
Presenter: Carlotta McDaniel

TABLED AT THE APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
>2. American Legion Ira H. Hayes Post 84 2020 1st Half Rpt
Presenter: Bill Dixon

TABLED AT THE APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

3. Housing Owner’s Team Status Report
Presenter: Franklin Pablo, Sr.

ITEM HEARD

4. Haskell Osffe-Antone American Legion Auxiliary Unit 51 FY 19 4th Qtr and FY 20 1st & 2nd Qtr Financials and Summaries
Presenters: Pamela Thompson; Alison Anderson

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Presenter: Carolina Kelley

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

6. COVID-19 Funding
Presenter: Treasurer Robert Keller

ITEM HEARD

[GOVERNOR STEPHEN LEWIS CALLS FOR A BREAK AT 11:27 A.M. LT. GOVERNOR ROBERT STONE RECONVEnED THE MEETING AT 11:54 A.M.]

7. Report on Community Testing

Presenter: Governor Stephen Lewis

ITEM HEARD

[LT. GOVERNOR ROBERT STONE CALLS FOR A BREAK AT 1:18 P.M. THE MEETING RECONVEnED AT 2:44 P.M.]

8. COVID-19 CPAO
Presenter: June Shorthair

TABLED AT THE APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

>9. GRTI Notice of Filing Connect America Fund – In-
Carrier Compensation (CAF – ICC) Data Submission
Presenters: GRTI Board; Courtney Hogancamp

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>10. Gila River Sand & Gravel Corp. Quarterly Reports FY – 19 02 Q3, 04
Presenters: Michael H. Morago Donna Stowell

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>11. GRTI Notice of Filing Rate Floor Submission
Presenters: GRTI Board; Courtney Hogancamp

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA RESOLUTIONS

>1. A Resolution Approving The Gila River Indian Community Utility Authority’s Participation In The Department Of Energy Technology Deployment On Tribal Lands 2020 Funding Opportunity Announcement DE-FOA-0002317, CFDA 81.087, For The Development And Installation Of Battery Storage Infrastructure At Key Location(s) On The Gila River Indian Community Reservation (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval; EDSC concurs and placement on the consent agenda)
Presenters: John Lewis; Leonard Gold

DISPENSED AT THE APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2. A Resolution Approving A 9-1-1 Program Grant Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And The Arizona Department Of Administration (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval; EDSC concurs)

Presenters: Teresa Villesscz

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

3. A Resolution Approving Modification No. 47 To The Gila River Indian Community Capital Projects Fund Agreement For Fiscal Years 2020 Through 2024 (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Treasurer Robert Keller

APPROVED

>4. A Resolution Approving The Location For The New Casa Blanca Community School And For Other Purposes (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Unfinished Business

APPROVED AND ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

5. A Resolution Recognizing The Community’s Ownership Interest In The Buildings Situated On Community Land And Operated By The Casa Blanca Community School (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda; NRSC and ESC concurs)

Presenter: Michael Carter

APPROVED AND ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

6. A Resolution Recommending Resolution GR-058-18 And Approving The Revised Site Plan For The New Gila Crossing Community School (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda; NRSC and ESC concurs)

Presenter Michael Carter

APPROVED AND ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>7. A Resolution Approving Amendment No.5 To Sec-
_Action Sheets from Page 7_

**MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE**
3. Letter of Support for Stimulus Funding (ESC forwards to Council under New Business with recommendation to accept and placement on the consent agenda; EDSC concurs)

Presenters: ESC forwards to Council under New Business with recommendation to accept

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE
4. GRTI Independent Auditor’s Report and Consolidated Financial Statements December 31, 2019 and 2018 (G&MSC forwards to Council under New Business with recommendation to accept and placement on the consent agenda; EDSC concurs)

Presenters: GRTI Board of Directors; James Myers; Eric Veeke

APPROVED AND ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
5. GRHC Letter of Request for GRHC Council Orientation (H&SSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval of the August 18, 2020 orientation date for newly elected Council)

Presenters: Myron Schurz

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE
6. GRHC & The Caring House FY 19 External Audition (H&SSC forwards to Council with a recommendation to accept)

Presenters: Community Council

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT AND APPROVE
7. Letter of Resignation for Councilman Franklin Pablo (LSC forwards to Council under New Business District; Five Councilman Franklin Pablo Sr. letter of resignation with a recommendation to accept)

Presenters: Legislative Standing Committee

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT AND EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY (ADDENDUM TO THE AGENDA)
1. Grow Concerns

Presenters: Community Council

ITEM HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DIRECT THE CLOSURE OF GILA RIVER GAMING FACILITIES BEGINNING AT 2:00 A.M. ON JUNE 18, 2020 FOR A PERIOD OF TWO WEEKS; WITH ALL EMPLOYEES FURLoughed WITH PAY; TO ADDRESS THE DRAMATIC SURGE OF CORONAVIRUS CASES, TO PROTECT THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THE COMMUNITY, EMPLOYEES AND GUESTS; AND TO DIRECT IOPC AND GRGE MANAGEMENT TO DEVELOP AND DISSEMINATE A MEDIA STATEMENT REGARDING THE CLOSURE

Presenters: Community Council

ANNOUNCEMENTS
ADJOURNMENT
MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:53 P.M.

* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)  > Denotes a CONSENT AGENDA ITEM

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**COURT HEARING**

IN THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT
STATE OF ARIZONA
Carol Denise Parra (Plaintiff)
vs.
Wayman James Thomas
Case Number: CV-2020-0079-RO
TEMPORARY Restraining ORDER
The above entitled Matter having come before this Court, upon a motion for a TEMPORARY Restraining ORDER; and it appearing that a Restraining order is needed and the court finding good cause to issue and place into effect, this date, a Restraining Order against the named defendant, WAYMAN JAMES THOMAS. THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT THE NAMED DEFENDANT IS RESTRAINED FROM COMING ABOUT THE NAMED CAROL DENISE PARRA, IN ANY MANNER
UNTIL THE RESTRAINING ORDER HEARING SCHEDULED ON Thursday, July 9,2020 at 9:00 AM in Courtroom I, AKIMEL O’OTHAM LODITHA KUO XI, 721 West Seed Farm Road, Sacaton, AZ.

FURTHER A JOURNAL OF ARREST WILL VIOLATE THIS RESTRAINING ORDER.

**CIVIL NOTICE OF HEARING**

IN THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT
STATE OF ARIZONA
Charlene Valen Cia, Petitioner/Plaintiff
vs.
Wayman James Thomas
Case Number: CV-2020-0093-RO
RESTRANING ORDER
This matter has been scheduled at the place and time set forth below:
Monday, July 20, 2020
at 11:00 AM in Courtroom I, AKIMEL O’OTHAM LODITHA KUO XI, 721 West Seed Farm Road, Sacaton, AZ

ORDER.
FURTHER A WARRANT OF ARREST MAY BE ISSUED

**CIVIL NOTICE OF HEARING**

IN THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT
STATE OF ARIZONA
Carol Denise Parra, Petitioner/Plaintiff
vs.
Walter Lee Ridges Jr., Respondent/Defendant
Case Number: CV-2020-0078-RO
This matter has been scheduled at the place and time set forth below:
Wednesday, July 29, 2020
at 11:00 AM in Courtroom I, AKIMEL O’OTHAM LODITHA KUO XI, 721 West Seed Farm Road, Sacaton, AZ

ORDER.
FURTHER A JOURNAL OF ARREST WILL VIOLATE THIS RESTRAINING ORDER.

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Gabrielle Alana Martinez

**State of Arizona.**

The Gila River Indian Community in the AZ. 721 West Seed Farm Road, Sacaton, AKIMEL O’OTHAM LODITHA KUO Kl, 721 West Seed Farm Road, Sacaton, AZ.

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION

Presenters: Community Council

ADJOURNMENT
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WHAT IS A CLAIM AND WHO CAN FILE?
A “claim” means a right to seek payment or other compensation. You must file a Proof of Claim Form so it is actually received by the deadline. It can be filed by you, by a legal guardian, by survivors, or by relatives of people who have died or are disabled. All Personal Injury Claimant Proof of Claim Forms and any supporting documentation submitted with those forms will be kept highly confidential and will not be made available to the public. You do not need an attorney to file a proof of claim for you.

Additionally, partnerships, corporations, joint ventures, trusts, governmental units, and Native American Tribes may also file a proof of claim against Purdue.

Go to PurduePharmaClaims.com to find a complete list of instructions on how to file a claim. You will also find a list of the opioids produced, marketed or sold by Purdue.

You may file a Proof of Claim even if a settlement is contemplated in the Purdue bankruptcy so that your claim can be considered as part of any settlement.

WHO DOES THIS AFFECT AND WHAT ARE MY RIGHTS?
If you think you’ve suffered harm from Purdue or its prescription opioids, you have the right to file a claim even if you may also have received reimbursement from insurance. Examples of claims that may be filed in the Purdue bankruptcy include death, addiction or dependence, lost wages, loss of spousal relationship benefit for things like child-rearing, enjoyment of life, etc., or Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (sometimes referred to as “NAS”), among others.

The deadline to file a claim is July 30, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time. If you do not file a claim by the deadline, you will lose the right to file a claim against Purdue, and you will lose any right to seek payment or compensation you may have had. Proof of Claim Forms, a list of opioids produced, marketed or sold by “Purdue,” and instructions for how to file a claim are online at PurduePharmaClaims.com. You can also request a claim form by mail, email or phone:

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AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

BY COMMUNITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION, GRIC HAS REQUESTED A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE GENERAL ELECTION ON NOV 3RD.

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP
Deleting the 20-year residency requirement for members:
Currently, Article 3, Section 3 of the Constitution states that a Community member who remains away from the Reservation continuously for 20 years shall automatically forfeit his or her tribal membership.

- A YES vote will remove this language from the Constitution and allow member to keep their membership if they remain away for 20 years.
- A NO vote will keep the current language.

ARTICLE XI DISTRICTS
Currently, Article 11, Section 1 of the Constitution states that the area known as Co-op shall be within District 6; however, the legal boundaries stated in Article 11 place Co-op within District 7.

- A YES vote will change the legal boundaries of District 7 and District 6 to move the area known as Co-op from District 7 to District 6.
- A NO vote will keep the current language.

ARTICLE XV POWERS OF THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Currently Articles 3 and 15 of the Constitution state that the Secretary of the Interior has the authority to review certain kinds of ordinances and resolutions enacted by the Community Council, including civil and criminal codes, and ordinances regulating tribal membership.

- A YES vote will remove the Secretary of the Interior from the Ordinance and Resolution approval process.
- A NO vote will keep the current Constitution.

IN ORDER TO CHANGE AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE XVII STATES -
"Proposed amendments will be approved by a majority vote of the registered voters of the Community voting in an election called for the purpose by the Election Board, provided that at least thirty (30) percent of the registered voters vote in such election."

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