Gila River Hotels & Casinos Donates $60,000 Worth of Food and Supplies to Gila River Indian Community

Submitted by Teaya Vicente
Gila River Hotels & Casinos

CHANDLER, Ariz. (March 19, 2020) - On Wednesday, March 18, Gila River Gaming Enterprises, Inc. temporarily closed Gila River Hotels & Casinos – Wild Horse Pass, Lone Butte and Vee Quiva due to the rapidly spreading Coronavirus (COVID-19). The decision came after heightened concerns for the health and safety of its team members and guests during the pandemic. The closure of all three properties will be in effect until the end of the month.

The day before the temporary closure, Gila River Hotels & Casinos received a delivery of $60,000 worth of perishable food items and made the decision to donate them to Gila River Indian Community (GRIC) elders and families. The Gila team worked around the clock on logistics to quickly expedite the deliveries. The deliveries were executed in two phases: a dropoff of 20 pallets of water and 98 cases of toilet paper to GRIC’s Office of Emergency Management, followed by a donation of $60,000 worth of perishable food items to community residents within the seven districts located on the Gila River Indian Community.

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GRIC is an alliance of two tribes, the Akimel O’odham and Pee-Posh, also known as the Pima and Maricopa. Established in 1859, GRIC has the largest indigenous population in the Phoenix metropolitan area, with their borders expanding more than 600 square miles from Florence to Laveen.

Nearly 23,000 members of GRIC depend on the economic success of Gila River Hotels & Casinos. The enterprise provides hundreds of jobs to community members and revenue from all three properties help to fund infrastructure improvements, housing development, emergency first responder services, education, health and wellness programs and social services.

For updates on when Wild Horse Pass, Lone Butte and Vee Quiva will re-open, visit PlayAtGila.com.

Volunteers prepare boxes of food and supplies. Gila River Hotels & Casinos

Mul-Chu-Tha: Elders and Veterans recognized at Community Day

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

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Porter is a Vietnam Veteran, who was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1967, where he was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 40th Field Artillery. The 1-40th FA, would see combat in the Vietnam war, in support of various counteroffensive operations, until it returned to statewide in 1969 to Fort Lewis Washington, where it was deactivated.

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HEALTH ALERT
NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

IMPORTANT PATIENT NOTICE

Please be advised, beginning Monday, March 16, 2020; ALL visitors will be screened for symptoms of COVID-19 upon entry to all GRHC facilities.

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• Komatke Health Center: Main Lobby, West Dialysis, BHS - Shegoi Bldg. & RTC.
• Hau’pal Health Center: Main Lobby
• Ak-Chin Clinic: Main Lobby

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Brenda Robertson honored at Cultural Circle

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

“I’m thankful for this honor, I do it to help our little ones, who are growing up in the Community,” said Brenda Robertson. She said the role of a cultural teacher is not to her alone, but of parents and grandparents, who possess the same knowledge. “It’s a joy-ous day for me, I can’t help, but feel all the strength that I have to-day,” said Robertson.

“She has been coordinating the cultural circle for many years and has been teaching others, even as she served on Community Council,” said Antonio “Gohk” Davis, master of ceremonies for the Mul-Cha-That cultural circle. “It’s good to be here, to recognize Brenda Robertson, who has helped at the cultural circle for a very long time,” Lt. Gov. Robert Stone. “We all have our relationships amongst us, amongst our families, and that is what Brenda represents in the Community.”

He said Robertson has put a lot of heart into the cultural circle, to bring in groups from the Community and elsewhere to showcase O’otham traditions.

“I’ve known her all her life, she always dedicated her life to preserving our culture, sharing her knowledge about O’otham traditions to so many,” said Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis. “She is at the center of our Community, that is why we are here today, to honor all that she has done to make a difference in people’s lives.” He said Robertson has also been an advocate for the Community’s water rights, as a former District Council Representative.

“She has been coordinating this Himdag,” said Harry Antone, District 5 Council Representative. “It’s good to be here, to recognize Brenda Robertson, who has helped at the cultural circle for many years and has helped at the cultural circle for a very long time,” Lt. Gov. Robert Stone. “We all have our relationships amongst us, amongst our families, and that is what Brenda represents in the Community.”

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“They are the ones that inspired me to keep walking that road, and it’s because of her influence, it’s brought me back to this Himdag,” said Harry Antone, who spoke about Robertson’s impact on his life.

He said the cultural circle at the Mul-Cha-That fairgrounds, plays a significant role in the teaching of O’otham traditions, a place for all O’otham to gather, to learn about our Himdag. “Outside of the cultural circle You will be rewarded when you put effort into teaching your children, to help them understand our culture, songs and everything we have been given.”

Traditional dancers honor Brenda Robertson at the cultural circle, Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis with former council representative Brenda Robertson at the Cultural Circle at the Sacaton Fairgrounds on March 7. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

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PARTICIPATE IN THE 2020 CENSUS

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What is the census?
Every 10 years, the United States counts everyone living in the country.

Why is the census important?
By responding, you help provide an accurate count of American Indians. The census determines how billions of dollars are distributed each year for programs and grants.

Who should complete the census questionnaire?
One person in the home should complete the questionnaire. Be sure to count every person living in your home, including relatives, roommates, children, and non-relatives.

How to respond?
There are three ways to respond online, by phone, and by mail.

How do I fill out the race question?
Person on the questionnaire should be the Gila River Indian Community member, everyone in the household who identifies as Gila River Indian should answer the Race question on the Census form.

Is assistance available to help complete the questionnaire?
First assistance all 2020census.gov or by calling the toll-free number: 800-923-8282.

• Large print guidelines are available upon request.
• Telephone devices for the hearing impaired are available.
• Video tutorials can be found at 2020census.gov.

How does the census help?
• Determines and updates district lines at all levels of governments.
• Determines how many congressional seats each state receives.
• Decides where and how $500-$500 billion in annual federal funding is used.
About receiving the award, but that her family told her to be proud of the recognition. Whether it consisted of providing volunteer work with her church, raising a family, or working at Dave’s Trading Post in Sacaton for several years, Escalante was known by all to always have a smile on her face.

“My family has really helped me out on all kinds of things, I praise my Lord and I thank [him] for that, he’s brought me through a lot of trials,” said Escalante, who is also a cancer survivor.

Tammy Hista, Assistant Culture Coordinator for Tribal Education said “She’s a tough lady, but loving and strong in her church and community.” Hista said she has developed a long friendship with Escalante, that goes back to her childhood. “It’s about her faith, her devotion to her family, community and church,” said Lewis. He said her generosity spans across the many family members and those she has touched through her kindness.

GRIC RECYCLING CALENDAR 2020

**D3 RECYCLE PICK UP IS ON MONDAYS**

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**SCHEDULES MAY CHANGE DUE TO HOLIDAYS OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES**
Pi haichu hekaj i:tham vu’voithag- ‘Plants that are not used for anything.’

The name for this month translates to ‘The sprouting of the Mesquite tree Moon’ and called March in English. Due to the numerous weather systems that have passed through our community in recent weeks, the landscape received a significant amount of rainfall. This moisture is a blessing for all the natural plants in our deserts and mountain ranges. Unfortunately, there are other invasive plants that we deem a nuisance in our yards and gardens. Some unwanted plants include those known in O’otham as Makkum je:j, Bi:b’biak, and Bi:b’biak’s pilluv, and other plants are recognized by their tall erect stems. Bi:b’biak means “to coil or wrap around something” in O’otham and refers to the Field Bindweed, which are seen growing in fields and roadways. Kothdop is Sacred Datura or Jimsonweed, which emits a toxic odor when cut down and is harmful to humans and animals. Ho’ipad “lots of spines” is the plant called Filaree or Heronhill. These plants are easily recognized by their spiral seedling, which becomes wrapped around our shoestrings and socks when working in our yards. S-ho’thkam s-puluv “spiny or thorny clover” is Bur Clover, the burrs of these plants are troublesome to remove from our pet’s coats and tails. They are also a nuisance on playing fields and yards. Tho’lo a’ag “bull’s horns” is the plant known as Puncture Vine. These plants are the most bothersome, as their spiky seeds can puncture bicycle tires and prick the paws of our pets. We often find them embedded on the soles of our shoes. It is time to go out and get your ka’nol “garden hoe” and sikwan “chop” those weeds in our yards, gardens and recreational areas. Ho’ipad is a nuisance on playing fields and yards and is harmful to humans and animals.

The word match will find you with the words you need to know them more. “Since March 7-8, where competitors sang and danced in Milga:n, and invaded inMilga:n, and invades our yards, gardens and recognized by its tall erect stems. Bi:b’biak means “to coil or wrap around something” in O’otham and refers to the Field Bindweed, which are seen growing in fields and roadways. Kothdop is Sacred Datura or Jimsonweed, which emits a toxic odor when cut down and is harmful to humans and animals. Ho’ipad “lots of spines” is the plant called Filaree or Heronhill. These plants are easily recognized by their spiral seedling, which becomes wrapped around our shoestrings and socks when working in our yards. S-ho’thkam s-puluv “spiny or thorny clover” is Bur Clover, the burrs of these plants are troublesome to remove from our pet’s coats and tails. They are also a nuisance on playing fields and yards. Tho’lo a’ag “bull’s horns” is the plant known as Puncture Vine. These plants are the most bothersome, as their spiky seeds can puncture bicycle tires and prick the paws of our pets. We often find them embedded on the soles of our shoes. It is time to go out and get your ka’nol “garden hoe” and sikwan “chop” those weeds in our yards, gardens and recreational areas. Ho’ipad is a nuisance on playing fields and yards and is harmful to humans and animals.

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Word Match

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Bi:b’biak
Kothdop
Ho’ipad
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Kavnol
Sikwan

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Sacaton girls basketball team play in championship

Emma Hughes
Gila River Indian News

The Sacaton Middle School girls basketball team competed against Casa Grande Middle School in a championship game held on Tuesday evening, March 10. Littlefeather Renee Sundust is one of the players on the team and has enjoyed playing with her teammates and getting to know them more. “Since we made it this far, it was a good experience for all of us, we’re all excited for everything,” said Sundust.

“I’m very proud of my girls, they pushed very hard,” said Dora Juan, the girls’ basketball coach, who went on to share that the girls are disciplined in both sports and academics.

Unfortunately, the Sacaton Lady Braves fell short in the championship game against the Casa Grande Wildcats, with a final score of 15-22. In an emotional ending, the girls expressed mixed feelings but are still proud of their efforts as a team and support among each other. “We pushed through the whole thing, big crowds, friends, everything,” said Juan. “We made it to championship and I’m glad. Go lady braves!”

“This was a hard-fought game to the end! Our Sacaton Lady Braves, they never gave up. It was close, the game went back and forth,” said Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis who was present at the championship game, along with Lt. Gov. Robert Stone.

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Bands compete in annual battle

Midnite Snds during the battle of bands competition at the 58th Annual Mul-Chu-Tha on March 7, Christopher Lomahqahpu/GRIN

Emma Hughes
Gila River Indian News

Chickens scratch bands competed during the Mul-Chu-Tha weekend under the newly added tent at the Sacaton fairgrounds. The battle of the bands was held March 7-8, where competing bands played warm up songs and were judged on three competition songs in the styles of chote, wails, and umba. The battle of the bands was also broadcast live on the O’otham Hewel N’i:ok radio station.

This year’s battle of the bands winners: 1st place Project Kum-bia 2nd place Two Rivers 3rd place D-Faktion Nyne

Battle of the Bands also featured a dance contest held on Sunday night. Dance competition winners are: Chote Competition 1st place Archie Miguel and Doreen Cooper 2nd place Matthew Miguel and Christina Lyons 3rd place Sungh An-tonie and Tyloria Antone Wagia Competition 1st place Juan Bustamante and Anaya Enos 2nd place Alexander Bustamante and Antonia Bustamante 3rd place Sungh An-tonie and Tyloria Antone Cumbia Competition 1st place Manuel Wickey 2nd place Anya Enos 3rd place Jasper Pilone

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ATTENTION

Out of concern for the health and welfare of our community, the Community Court is implementing the follow;

If you are required to appear in Court or are called as a juror, and are experiencing any flu like symptoms, have a fever, are coughing or sneezing, or have a compromised immune system please contact the Court before appearing.

The Court will make reasonable accommodations and reschedule appearances and hearings as needed.

If you are not filing or a part of any pending matter, please refrain from appearing at the courthouse.

Visitors and spectators will not be allowed in the courthouse.

Effective until April 13, 2020

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS

Courtesy of the Community Council Secretary’s Office, March 4, 2020

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, March 4, 2020, in the Community Room at the Gila River Indian Reservation (Allotment 2173) (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval and for placement on the consent agenda). President Robert Stone called to order by Governor Stephen R. Lewis at 9:16 a.m.

INVOCATION
Provided by Councilwoman Pamela Johnson

ROLL CALL
Sign-in Sheet Circulated
Executive Officers Present: Lt. Governor Robert Stone
Executive Officers Absent: Governor Stephen R. Lewis
Council Members Present:
D1-Joey Whitman, Arzie Hogg; D2-Carol Schurz; D3-Avry White, Rodney Jackson; D4-Anthony Villareal, Sr., Charles Goldtooth, Terrance Evans

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO TABLE REPORT #4
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO TABLE REPORT #6
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT REPORTS #1 AND #3; ACCEPT AND APPROVE RESOLUTIONS #2 THROUGH #10 AND #12 THROUGH #18 ON THE CONSENT AGENDA
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE THE REGULAR AGENDA AS AMENDED

PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS
1. Presentation – Forest Lakes Fire District
Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

2. A Resolution Authorizing And Approving The Gila River Indian Community Department Of Transportation To Submit A Grant Application To The Arizona Department Of Transportation For Rural Transit Services, On Behalf Of The Gila River Indian Community
Presenters: Warren Wiltshire, Eugene Blackwater

3. A Resolution Authorizing The Purchase Of Allotted Trust Land Within The Exterior Boundaries Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (Alotments 2130, And 2132)
Presenters: Timothy Chavez, Tony Garcia

4. A Resolution Authorizing The Purchase Of Allotted Trust Land Within The Exterior Boundaries Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (Allotments 1165-B, 2130, And 2132)
Presenters: Warren Wiltshire, Eugene Blackwater

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Presenters: Warren Wiltshire, Eugene Blackwater

6. A Resolution Requesting A Grade Expansion For The Casa Blanca Community School To Add Grades 5 And 6 From The Bureau Of Indian Education And For Other Purposes
Presenters: Warren Wiltshire, Eugene Blackwater

7. A Resolution Declaring Intent To Reimburse Certain Expenditures With Borrowing Proceeds (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval and for placement on the consent agenda; ESC and NRSC concurs)
Presenter: Treasurer Robert Keller

8. A Resolution Approving A Limited Waiver Of Sovereign Immunity And An Intergovernmental Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And The Arizona Department Of Transportation For The Installation And Maintenance Of A Traffic Signal At The Intersection Of State Route 347 And Old Manicopa Road (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval; NRSC concurs)
Presenter: Dawn Coomer

9. A Resolution Approving A Limited Waiver Of Sovereign Immunity And An Intergovernmental Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And The Arizona Department Of Transportation For The Installation And Maintenance Of Three Traffic Signals Located At SR 87 And Gilbert Road, Sacaton Road, And Oberg Road (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval and for placement on the consent agenda; LSC concurs)
Presenter: Kathy Garcia

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Presenters: William Morago, Brandon Moore

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16. A Resolution For the Establishment Of New Land Development Procedures For The Gila River Indian Community

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SUMMER PROGRAM

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June 1-5, 2020

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School Board Vacancy Announcement

P.O. Box 769
Pinal County School Superintendent’s Office

The Saras Elementary School District No. 18 has two vacancies. The vacancies will be filled by appointment made by Pinal County School Superintendent JB Broussard. The successful candidates will be sworn in until December 31, 2020. Any eligible resident within the Saras Elementary School District No. 18 who is interested in being appointed can apply online at http://www.pioneer.org/SchoolBoard/MemberSchoolDistrictVacancies.aspx.

Application can be completed online, but it must be printed out, signed, notarized and the original mailed or hand delivered by the due line. The deadline for applying is no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 20, 2020. You may also submit a request for an application by calling or writing to: Mark Krumrey, Pinal County School Superintendent’s Office, P.O. Box 769, Florence, AZ 85132. Email: mkrumrey@pioneer.org (520) 866-4959

Court Date Notice

In the Court of the
Glaciar Indian Community
In the State of Arizona

Court Date Notice

In the Case: Zechariah Kieal vs. Kristine Michelle Lewis

Docket Number: 2020-0068-PT
This case has been scheduled and you are required TO APPEAR on the date, time and place designated below. IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR, your hearing may be held in absentia and a warrant may be issued for your arrest, forfeiture of your bond, judgment in favor of the other party, or any other matter your ordered.

Answer/Response Hearing: Jean Leonard, Assistant Attorney General, 4711 W. Peoria Rd., #100, 22nd day of March, 2020 at 10:00 AM in Courtroom VIII before the Honorable Daniels Delove

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Summers Program

GRICUA ANNOUNCEMENT

Summer College Student Intern Program 2020

The Gila River Indian Community Utility Authority (GRICUA) has an opportunity for Summer High School Student Interns to learn a little about how an electric utility operates. Three interns will be selected for summer internships. The students will rotate through various departments at GRICUA, learning about the tasks and responsibilities of the people who provide electric service to the Community.

OPPORTUNITY:

• Student will work 40 hours per week, Mondays through Friday.
• Pay will be $12.00 per hour (Arizona Minimum Wage).

Requirements:

• Student must be at least 18 years of age.
• Student must be at least 16 years of age.
• Student must be an enrolled member of the Gila River Indian Community.
• Student should have some basic computer skills, such as word processing and spreadsheets.
• Student must pass a drug screen and background check.
• Student must complete the GRICUA Application for Employment which can be found at http://www.gricua.net/employment.html

Deadline for filing applications is April 24, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.
• Student will be required to pass a drug screen and background check prior to employment.
• Application submissions via email to GRICUA@GRICUA.NET by fax to (480) 405-1249 or mail to GRICUA Human Resources Dept. at 4801 W. Sundust Road, Box 5091, Chandler, AZ 85226.
• Apply online: https://gricua-bambooth.com/apply.php?fh=1
• Preference is given to qualified Native American candidates in accordance with the Indian Preference Act. GRICUA is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Gila River Indian Community Utility Authority 6068 W. Sundust Rd. – Box 5091 Chandler, Arizona 85226-4211 Office: 520.796.0800 Fax: 520.796.0672 E-Mail: GRICUAHR@gricua.net Website: www.gricua.net

Sells team wins thoka tourney

Kyle Knox
Gila River Indian News

On Sunday, March 8, the south field of the Mul-Chu-Tha fairgrounds hosted its annual Thoka Tournament, over ten teams competed for the day-long competition.

Girls and women of all ages made up the numerous teams that lined each side of the field. The double-elimination tournament moved quickly as teams competed. Most of the teams came up from the Tohono O’odham nation, with only one local team represented: that day, Akimel O’odham.

The tournament concluded that afternoon with the following taking home their prizes. This year’s trophies, which were one foot high “gourd dolls” adorned with hair, arms, shirt, skirt, shells and thoka playing sticks.

The 58th Mul-Chu-Tha Thoka Tournament winning teams were:

1st Place: Skees Kemchud-Sells, Arizona
2nd Place: Stoota Okokii-San Xavier, Arizona
3rd Place: Wihaim Kekwka-San Lucy, Arizona

Akimel O’odham from the Gila River Indian Community after winning their match. Kyle Knox/GRIN
History of Earth Day

Each year, Earth Day -- April 22 -- marks the anniversary of what many consider the birth of the modern environmental movement in 1970. At the time, Americans were pumping leaded gas into large automobiles with V8 engines. Industry belched out smoke and smog with little fear of legal consequences or bad press, and air pollution was commonly accepted as the smell of prosperity.

Although mainstream America remained oblivious to environmental concerns, the stage had been set for change.

The idea for Earth Day came to be proposed by Gaylord Nelson, then a U.S. Senator from Wisconsin, after witnessing the ravages of the 1969 massive oil spill in Santa Barbara, California. Inspired by the student anti-war movement, he realized that if he could infuse that energy with an emerging public consciousness about air and water pollution, it would force environmental protection onto the national political agenda.

As a result, on the 22nd of April, 20 million Americans took to the streets, parks, and auditoriums to demonstrate for a healthy, sustainable environment in massive coast-to-coast rallies. Thousands of colleges and universities organized protests against the deterioration of the environment. Groups that had been fighting against oil spills, polluting factories and power plants, raw sewage, toxic dumps, harmful pesticides, the loss of wilderness and the extinction of wildlife, suddenly realized they shared common values.

Earth Day 1970 achieved a rare political alignment with support from Republicans and Democrats, rich and poor, urban and rural Americans. The first Earth Day led to the creation of the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the passage of the Clean Air, Clean Water, and Endangered Species Acts.

In 1990, Earth Day went global. It mobilized 200 million people in 141 countries, and lifted environmental issues onto the world stage. Earth Day 1990 gave a huge boost to recycling efforts worldwide, and helped pave the way for the 1992 United Nations Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro. In 1995, it prompted President Bill Clinton to award Senator Nelson the Presidential Medal of Freedom -- the highest honor given to civilians in the United States for his role as Earth Day founder.

The fight for a clean environment continues in a climate of increasing urgency as the ravages of climate change become more evident every day.

For a number of years, the Community’s Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has been working to raise public awareness about environmental issues locally, nationally and globally. We invite you to be a part of Earth Day and learn what the various DEQ programs are doing to protect the Community’s resources. Please help us achieve more victories so we can build a clean, healthy and safe environment for generations to come!
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Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has announced that the NOVEL CORONAVIRUS is Now (COVID-19)

This interim guidance is based on what is currently known about the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) and the transmission of other viral respiratory infections. The CDC will update this interim guidance as needed and as additional information becomes available.

To help control the spread of the coronavirus, the CDC recommends the following:

- Wash your hands often and thoroughly with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. You can use hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available and if your hands are not visibly dirty. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue or cough or sneeze in your sleeve and wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Avoid sharing household items: Dishes, drinking glasses, cups, eating utensils, towels, bedding, or other items with a person who is ill with a respiratory illness. After a person uses these items, you should wash them thoroughly.
- Clean all “high touch” surfaces, such as counters, tabletops, doorknobs, bathroom fixtures, toilets, phones, keyboards, tablets, and bedside tables daily.
- Monitor your symptoms – Seek medical attention if your illness is worsening and take steps to keep other people from getting infected. Call ahead and tell them you are coming, wear a facemask when you are in a room with other people. Masks are available at the entrances of most healthcare facilities.

For the most up to date information, please visit the CDC website:

If you have any general questions, please contact your provider at Gila River Health Care: 520.562.3321

GRHC Coronavirus Hotline: 520.550.6079