Dbacks Team-Up with the Gila River Indian Community for Native American Recognition Day Event

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

The Arizona Diamondbacks and Gila River Hotels & Casinos hosted the 23rd Annual Native American Recognition Day after a year hiatus due to COVID-19. The NARD event was held before the start of the Dbacks’ July 18 game against the Chicago Cubs.

The annual NARD event brings out numerous cultural dance groups, tribal royalty and guests from tribal communities to the midsummer affair. This includes two members from an Indian community given the honor of throwing out the first pitch and singing the National Anthem.

Michael Preston, Akimel O’odham Pee-Posh Youth Council Coordinator, was given the nod to throw out the first pitch this year. He was joined by Adrian Thomas from District 5, who was selected to sing the National Anthem. Additionally, the colors were presented by the Ira H. Hayes American Legion Post 84 from District 3Sacaton.

“We are the only tribal team, so I think it’s just important for us to get vaccinated,” said Jones, who felt a little more at ease after receiving the shot. “It means a lot, because we have a lot of other tribes that we have to represent,” she said. “We are the only tribal team, so it’s just important for us to get vaccinated.”

Emma Hughes
Gila River Indian News

With COVID-19 cases continuing to be a concern in the state and for GRIC, Gila River Health Care continues to administer COVID-19 vaccines with daily clinics and Mobile Vaccination Unit events around the Community, including the D2 gymnasium on July 27.

Zella Jones, District 3, works in a health care facility and understands the importance of getting vaccinated. “For people on the fence, it is really important to get vaccinated,” said Jones, who brought her two sons to get vaccinated. “It helps protect you and your family by reducing the chance of getting infected by COVID-19.”

As the Delta variant spreads, the U.S. and the state of Arizona have recently experienced an increase in positive test results. The most recent GRHC statistics show the Community has had 98 positive tests between July 12 and August 1. In total, the Community has administered more than 267,000 COVID tests, with a positive rate of 3.3 percent.

Nearly 21,000 COVID vaccines have been given thus far, according to the COVID-19 report released by the Tribal Health Department on August 2. Currently, 43 percent of individuals 18+ years who live within GRIC’s boundaries have been fully vaccinated.

Jacob Jones, Zella’s son, just received his first vaccination. “I didn’t want to do it, I didn’t really want to come, but I know COVID can be serious, so I thought I might as well get the vaccine now,” said Jacob who felt a little more at ease after receiving the shot before starting his fall semester at Imagine Prep in Coolidge.

Schools returning to classes, both virtually and in-person in some areas, has prompted more individuals to get vaccinated. Pfizer and Moderna vaccines are currently available, with Pfizer being administered to those 12 years and older. COVID-19 vaccines have shown to be highly effective against the virus and its variants.

COVID Vaccine Efforts Continue Across GRIC in Push for “Community Immunity”

L-R, Gov. Lewis, Kenneth Manuel, Gila River Hotels & Casinos CEO, Adrian Thomas and Michael Preston represented the Community at the 23rd Annual NARD event, Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

The Delta variant has proven to be more transmissible than other forms of COVID-19. While fully vaccinated individuals may still become infected, medical research shows that their symptoms are often less severe and the vaccine drastically reduces the possibility of being hospitalized or dying. In addition to the vaccine, it is crucial to continue washing your hands, maintain physical distance from others and continue to wear a face mask.

Cherish Kisto, D2 came out to the event to get her second dose of the vaccine. “I work with children and it makes sense to get vaccinated, not to mention I have two children of my own as well,” said Kisto, who shared that she had been hesitant to get vaccinated. “To be honest I didn’t want to get it at first. But now, seeing everyone else get it, it has put me at ease,” she said.

With the Community continuing to push for “Community Immunity,” members can expect more push to vaccinate. Community members came out to the GRIC MVU program event in District 2 on July 27. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Community members came out to the Gila River Indian Community for Native American Recognition Day Event.
What does Executive Order No. 12 include?

- Gatherings are restricted to no more than 15 people, including funerals.

- All persons over two years of age on the Reservation shall wear a face mask inside any public building, regardless of vaccination status.

- All teachers, staff, students or visitors to any school on the Reservation shall wear a protective face mask, regardless of vaccination status.

- Schools will resume in-person student learning for the 2021-2022 school year.

- Urge all Community members to receive the COVID-19 vaccine at the earliest opportunity possible in order to ensure the health and safety of our entire Community.

To view the full Executive Order, visit mygilairiver.com or Facebook.com/gilariver.
Monsoon Season Safety Tips in The Event of a Storm

Emma Hughes
Gila River Indian News

Monsoon season brings severe weather conditions including thunderstorms, flash floods, dust storms and extreme heat. Monsoon begins in June and typically lasts until September. The season can cause dangerous disruptions like flooding and interruptions to electrical and utility service. Plan ahead and monitor the weather conditions for the day and the week. There are many ways to get information from radio, television and even through applications on your mobile device.

During the recent monsoon storms, GRIC utilized social media and a text messaging service for subscribers to receive information on weather and power outages.

Severe thunderstorms can bring winds that reach 100mph and cause structural damage. Flash floods can occur in a matter of minutes, leaving roadsides and sidewalks severely flooded. Avoid driving and walking through any flooded areas. Six inches of rushing water can knock down a person and 12 inches is enough to move a vehicle.

Have an emergency supply kit containing essential items and at least three days’ supply of food and water for each person and pet. Food and water should be stored in a cool dry place. Try to have at least one gallon of water per person per day. Keep yourself and pets hydrated with plenty of water and a shady place to keep cool. The emergency kit should include a first-aid kit, prescription medication if needed, and non-perishable foods with a long shelf life, such as peanut butter, crackers, canned meat and vegetables, trail mix, and dried fruit. Flashlights and radio along with extra batteries and back-up power banks for mobile devices should also be in your kit.

In the event of a power outage, keep your refrigerator and freezer doors closed to help keep food cold for at least 4 hours. If the outage lasts longer, pack cold and frozen foods into coolers. Perishable foods should not be kept in temperatures above 40 degrees for more than two hours. Dry ice can be used to keep food cold, but should not come in direct contact with food. Use care when handling dry ice, wearing heavy gloves to avoid injury.

Power outages during monsoon season may take time for service to be repaired and restored. Generators should only be used outdoors at least 20 feet away from your home to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning.

Extreme heat can also occur during the monsoon season, making it important to stay hydrated to prevent any heat-related illness. Drink plenty of fluids, especially water, regardless of how active you are. Heavy sweating removes salt and minerals from the body. Sports drinks can help replace them but avoid sugary and alcoholic drinks which cause you to lose more body fluids.

AOPYPC Hosts Online Game Night for Youth as End of Summer Event

Kyle Knox
Gila River Indian News

As summer break comes to a close for school-aged youth, the Akimel O’odham/Pee-Posh Youth Council hosted an online Game Night on Friday, July 30. Youth participants were able to play games together safely from the comfort of their own homes utilizing their own computer console, phones, and tablets with Internet connectivity.

“We wanted an end of summer activity which any youth could join and have fun. And the main goal was to bring youth together to socialize and create new friendships among one another,” said Michael Preston, AOPYPC Coordinator.

AOPYPC members used Zoom and online gaming platforms, local youth and others from California and Washington played among Us, Fortnite, Mario Kart Tour, Wheel of Fortune, and Mini Militia.

Various prizes were awarded to the winners of each game and raffle drawings were held throughout the night.

A month of planning went into the event. Members had to develop games that were easily accessible and did not require money to play. In addition, several AOPYPC members volunteer to host and coordinate the gameplay. Though the AOPYPC is accustomed to hosting virtual events, this new venture posed some Internet connectivity challenges that were quickly overcome, ensuring everyone could play.

AOPYPC member Waylon Webb coordinated the Fortnite portion of the event and enjoyed the evening. Webb liked the chosen games because it is “what the youth play nowadays.” He also mentioned the opportunity to host more game nights with new games if the AOPYPC decides to host future events.

“I think the Game Night was a lot of fun, as it gave us a way to connect with each other online through Zoom, and I really enjoyed being able to be a part of the event and finish off our summer on a good note,” said AOPYPC member Jada Young, who coordinated the Mario Kart Tour and Among Us games. “I hope we can continue this event and expand it more, so many youth can participate,” said Young.

Despite minor connectivity issues, the AOPYPC provided an enjoyable, safe night of games for everyone who participated. At the conclusion of the event, many youths shared their “gamer tags” with each other to continue their gameplay outside the event.

Future “game nights” are a possibility based on the success of this event. The idea will be a topic of discussion for AOPYPC members at their next meeting.
**COVID-19 VACCINE AVAILABILITY**

**AUGUST 2021 SCHEDULE**

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**NOTICE**

IN-PERSON VISITATION IS SUSPENDED

Another wave of COVID-19 is impacting the GRIC and surrounding areas, causing a sharp rise in COVID-19 infections. In an effort to protect our patients and staff, the following changes are effective immediately: **“IN-PERSON VISITATION IS SUSPENDED”**

**The Caring House**

**Thwajik-Ki Residential Treatment Center**

Virtual Visitations Are Available

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The Caring House (520) 562-7400
Thwajik-Ki Residential Treatment Center (520) 796-3860

Reminder! Gila River Health Care’s Administrative Offices and Outpatient Clinics will be

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**CLOSED FRIDAY, 9/17/2021 - NATIVE AMERICAN DAY**

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Dignity Health Chandler Regional Medical Center Completes Construction on Second New Patient Tower in Less than a Decade

Submitted by
Dignity Health

CHANDLER, Ariz. (July 16, 2021) – Dignity Health Chandler Regional Medical Center today held a special dedication prior to the opening of its newest patient-care tower, Tower D. Designed to respond to the growing East Valley community’s increasing health care needs, this is the hospital’s second major expansion in less than a decade. Tower D is scheduled to open to patients early next month.

In addition, the Gila River Indian Community contributed a half a million dollars to directly support the construction of the new patient-care tower at Dignity Health Chandler Regional Medical Center, according to the Dignity Health East Valley Foundation. We’ve also learned that the Tribal Council will soon vote on the name of a plaque and where it will appear within the new tower.

Dignity Health in Arizona is grateful for the ongoing partnership with the Gila River Indian Community, and how your continued support is allowing us to help meet the health care needs of the greater East Valley area. “This expansion project is very exciting for all of us at Chandler Regional, and for the community at large,” said Mark Slyter, President and CEO of Dignity Health Chandler Regional and Mercy Gilbert Medical Centers. “It is a direct result of the outstanding care our team provides. Their hard work and dedication are why people seek services at Chandler Regional and why the hospital has continued to undergo tremendous growth.”

Tower D will serve as the hospital’s main entrance and include 96 additional patient care beds. This will bring Chandler Regional’s total bed count to 429, providing greater access to excellent, and compassionate care. The impressive structure includes:

- First floor: a new main hospital entrance and lobby, patient admitting, cardiac rehabilitation, ambulatory therapy unit, gift shop and chapel.
- Second floor: a surgery registration area, pre-operation and post-anesthesia care units, and 24 thoracic patient rooms.
- Third floor: 36 intensive care unit patient rooms.
- Fourth floor: 36 standard patient rooms.
- Fifth floor: shell space for future beds.
- Basement: a new pharmacy, materials management department, and a new loading dock.

An artist’s rendering of the new Chandler Regional Medical Center Tower D, built with the help of funding provided by the Community. Rendering courtesy of Dignity Health

In addition to the new five-story Tower D, the construction project also includes a new parking structure with additional surface parking to accommodate more than 1,100 vehicles and renovations to existing space that will allow for eight new surgical suites, and the expansion of key outpatient services and operational departments. Chandler Regional first opened in 1961 as a true community hospital with only 42 beds, but has steadily grown over the last 5 decades. In the summer of 2014, Chandler Regional opened the first of its major expansions of the last decade, Tower C, which provided space for the hospital’s Level One Trauma Center and 96 additional patient beds.

“We’re excited to see what our team will accomplish as we settle into this next evolution of growth on our campus,” adds Slyter. “The new tower will not only bring a large number of new jobs to the East Valley, but it will allow us to further our commitment to provide the best care possible to our growing community.”

Devenney Group Architects and McCarthy Group, and Schuff Steel Management Company.

Gila River Police Department Incident Logs

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JULY 12 - JULY 26, 2021
Wild Horse Pass will also unveil a High Limit Salon with a dedicated host, live table games, an exclusive “chocolate chip” valued at $5,000 a day, and a private cashier cage and a spacious high-limit lounge.

“Gila River is proud to advance our entertainment offerings to our treasured guests who seek the excitement and variety of a full-fledged Las Vegas-style casino,” said Kenneth Manuel, CEO of Gila River Hotels & Casinos. “This is truly a historic moment in our 21-year history that will benefit both the Gila River Indian Community and the State by providing additional jobs and tourism, as well as increased opportunities to support the Community.”

Gila River’s Chief Operations Officer, Richard Strafella, has an exceptional perspective on gaming. His comprehensive leadership background in gaming and hospitality includes more than 40 years in operations and development for highly regarded casinos in Las Vegas.

“Guests today expect to find entertaining, rewarding and experiential games when they visit a casino. Strafella said, “Whether you’re seeking all the glamour and glitz or you desire to be low-key in a more relaxed setting, we have it all here at Gila River Hotels & Casinos.”

Rat Pack Tribute and China Gold Shows

The celebration of the live table games will continue into Friday evening, with “Singing, Swingin’-Swingin’ Drinkin’,” a special show and salute to legendary icons Frank Sinatra, Sammy Davis Jr. and Dean Martin.

“Our loyalty program is the strongest in the area,” Orozco said. “Not only will our new table games offer card members higher rewards than Las Vegas, but guests can also play at all three of our properties while earning on the same card.”

Orozco said some of the new table games will also be sports-themed, aligning with Gila River’s brand designation as “Arizona’s Official Sports Headquarters.”

“We are confident that these new games, including sports-themed chips and a vibrant setting, will resonate with sports fanatics.”

Gila River Hotels & Casinos executives pose in front of a roulette table several weeks prior to setting up Las Vegas-style live table games on the casino floor at Wild Horse Pass in Chandler. L-R: Joseph Young, Corporate Vice President of Gaming Operations; Kenneth Manuel, Chief Executive Officer; Richard Strafella, Chief Operations Officer; and Dominic Orozco, Chief Strategic Marketing Officer. Photo courtesy of Huy Nguyen/Oh Partners

The gaming enterprise is also slated to open a $143 million expansion project at Wild Horse Pass this fall — bringing 205 additional guest rooms, new meeting space, two pools and a rooftop restaurant and lounge to the Chandler property. The project marks the first expansion since Wild Horse Pass opened in 2009.
Lenovo 14W Computer Specs

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Thank You Director Lewis for Your Service to GRTI!

GRTI recognizes and deeply appreciates the eight years of service Mr. John Lewis gave as a member of the GRTI Board of Directors. Director John Lewis was appointed to the GRTI Board in 2013 and over the next eight years, he supported and challenged GRTI through a period of unprecedented growth. Director Lewis championed expanding GRTI’s existing, non-regulated businesses including Alluvion (fiber provider outside the Community), Native Technology Solutions (cabling and network installation company) and GRBC (Broadcast & Media Production). The growth of these GRTI subsidiaries brought a doubling of the full-time GRTI jobs held by Community Members.

Service on the GRTI Board meant hundreds of hours of board meetings, strategic planning sessions, Community Council and Committee meetings and advocacy before the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) on Tribal Telecom issues. During this same period of service, Mr. Lewis also offered his time and talents as a Director on the Gila River Indian Community Utility Authority (GRICUA) Board. As a GRICUA Director, Mr. Lewis helped establish the STEA3M Summer Program for students in the Community eager to learn about Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Architecture, Agriculture and Mathematics. GRTI Board of Directors and GRTI Staff thank Mr. Lewis for his years of service to Gila River Telecommunications, Inc. and wish him good health, professional success, and much happiness in the future.
A Gila River Indian Community member just completed a mentorship of a lifetime! As part of Gila River Hotels & Casinos’ partnership with the Arizona Coyotes, GRIC member Tyler Owens was afforded the unique opportunity to shadow an Arizona Coyotes department of her choosing for nine months. This mentorship program is one of the many initiatives the Coyotes host for Community members throughout the season.

Students in the GRIC aged 18-26 looking to gain invaluable experience in the business of professional sports alongside a first-class organization can apply for the program. The personalized mentorship allows participants to shadow a department within the organization that interests them. The program also gives the mentee the opportunity to create relationships with an invaluable network within professional sports while gaining professional skills along the way. The mentorship program began in January of 2020 but was cut short when the pandemic hit in March. Through those three short months, she formed a meaningful working relationship with the finance team. In January of 2021, Tyler resumed the program and proudly completed it in June 2021. Owens’ biggest takeaways were the relationships she built and the knowledge she gained as to what goes into operating NHL and AHL teams.

“We are proud to partner with an organization that finds such value in creating opportunity for our community members and that truly cares about making an impact on young professionals and the greater Arizona community alike,” said Gila River Hotels & Casinos’ CEO Kenneth Manuel. “I am excited for Tyler as she takes the invaluable lessons learned in this program and applies them in her future endeavors, as well as the future mentees that get to experience this mentorship.”

The mentorship program will continue for the 2021-2022 season, and the Coyotes are excited to make another positive impact in the career development of a future GRIC member participant. Mentees applying for the program in the future will have the ability to shadow many different departments including the Arizona Coyotes Foundation, Marketing, Premium Partnerships and Hockey Development, among others.

“We were very excited to team up with our great partner the Gila River Indian Community on this mentorship program,” said Coyotes President & CEO Xavier A. Gutierrez. “Part of our responsibility as an organization is to pay it forward and provide opportunities to those interested in a career in professional sports. The Gila River Indian Community shares our vision of being leaders in our community and making it a priority to give back to others. We look forward to continuing our partnership on this program in the future.”

Tyler’s advice for anyone thinking of applying is to go into the program with an open mind. If you do that, “the things you will learn will be limitless.”

For more information on how to apply for the Arizona Coyotes Mentorship Program, contact Teaya Vicente at Teaya.Vicente@GilaCasino.com.

District 5 Community member Tyler Owens completed her mentorship program with the Arizona Coyotes, which is the first of its kind for a major sports organization and tribal community.

Kelsey Grant, Marketing Photographer, Arizona Coyotes

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GRIC’s First Ombudsman

Brings a ‘Spirit of Listening’ for Community and Government

Kenneth Young serves as GRIC’s Ombudsman, is tasked with working to address Community and on behalf of [our] Community – especially those teams and players from our community that participated in the NABI tournament,” said Gov. Lewis. G o v . Lewis said NABI stands for far more than what happens on the court during a week-long tournament. As he put it: “This reinforces having a healthy lifestyle, taking care of yourself and how sport teaches discipline, respect and teamwork.”

Kenneth Young

Gila River Indian News

Kenneth Young has started his work as the first official Ombudsman for the Gila River Indian Community. Though the position is a new one, Young – first appointed in May – has a history of working in various roles in the Community. "My hope is for the Community to understand that I am working in the Community and going out to serve and help reach conclusions for matters that are of concern to them," said Young.

In most organizations, the ombudsman’s role involves addressing concerns from the public, including complaints and grievances, while working to assess and improve services available to constituents. The Ombudsman also investigates complaints against departments and programs and ensures that ethical violations are addressed.

For Young, his scope includes all GRIC departments within the Office of the Community Manager. He is tasked with providing an impartial view of all grievances that come to his office. His role also includes providing safeguards and what he calls a “spirit of listening” where he creates a safe and confidential environment for community members to voice their concerns and to address all matters professionally and promptly.

While the role is still new and under development, Young says his goals include helping Community members understand what the ombudsman is and the services the Office can provide. Young added, “I feel it’s my duty to present myself,” said Young, “to show my face to everyone, so they understand my role.”

While this new role is complex, Young believes his work history in the Community will help him as he navigates the challenges ahead. Before moving to GRIC, Young worked at both Gila Crossing and Casla Blanca Community Schools in various roles. During that time, he said he grew to admire the Community’s sovereignty. He cites the Community’s long-term pursuit of its water rights settlement as a testament to that sovereignty.

"To have your own government and services, with identity embodied in that, is very unique and powerful," said Young. "I’m happy to be here and to be a part of it."
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**COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS**

Courtesy of the Community Council Secretary’s Office • July 21, 2021

**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, July 21, 2021, by WebEx Platform was called to order by Governor Stephen R. Lewis at 9:03 a.m.

**INVICTION**

Provided by Councilwoman Carol Schurz

**ROLL CALL**

Council Secretary Shannon White called the roll

Executive Officers Present:

Governor Stephen R. Lewis

Lt. Governor Monica Antone

Council Members Present:

D1 - Joey Whitman, Arzie Hogg; D2-Carol Schurz; D3-Avery White, Rodney Jackson; D4-Jennifer Allison, Stephen R. Lewis

**APPROVED**

**MINUTES**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**ORDINANCES**

**RESOLUTIONS**

**ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**ALSO ADJOURNED MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:00 A.M.**

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**Submissions**

Submitted by Bernadette Cooper

Devin J. Jose

Skyline Gila River Promotion from 8th Grade

Continuing to Skyline Gila River for high school level instruction.

Congratulations Devan! We are so proud of you! 

Bernadette Cooper

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**NOTIFICATION REGARDING CANCELLATION OF DIANE ESKRIDGE’S RESIDENTIAL HOUSING IMPROVEMENT POLICY AGREEMENT AND REQUEST THAT THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS TERMINATE THE RESIDENTIAL LEASE**

The Community Council held a Special Council meeting on June 4, 2021. The events leading up to the meeting included several incidents of harassment, stalking, and threats of harm towards the Community members by non-Indians, Thomas Eskridge, who was excluded from the Gila River Indian Reservation on June 16, 2019.

Mr. Eskridge is married to Diane Eskridge. Community members Mr. Eskridge threatened to rape Mrs. Eskridge’s mother and threatened to murder one of Mrs. Eskridge’s siblings. In August of 2019, the Gila River Police conducted a traffic stop and found Mrs. Eskridge driving with Mr. Eskridge in her vehicle near her home, violating the exclusion order. In March 2020, Mr. Eskridge was found at Mrs. Eskridge’s home, again in violation of the exclusion order. Mrs. Eskridge also admitted to housing several non-Indians in her home, in violation of the Residency Ordinance, Title 6, Section 8.04.A.

Mrs. Eskridge’s Residential Housing Improvement Policy Agreement (the “RHAP” agreement) and her residential lease both included provisions that prohibited the use of the premises for criminal or unlawful conduct and require Mrs. Eskridge to abide by all applicable laws and ordinances of the community. The Community Council passed the following three motions: (1) at the conclusion of the Special Council meeting, the cancelled Diane Eskridge’s RHAP agreement and formally requested that Bureau of Indian Affairs (“BIA”) Superintendent of the Gila River Indian Reservation terminate the residential lease; (2) direct the Department of Housing and Urban Development to include demolition of the RHAP home within 90 days with coordination with the BIA, and (3) publish in the Gila River Indian News a rescinded summary of events leading to the cancellation/termination of the RHAP agreement and residential lease.
Gila Crossing Community School
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- Possess a valid Arizona Fingerprint Clearance Card (VP Card)

Bus Monitor Applicants Must: 
- Possess a High School Diploma or the equivalency Certificate
- Demonstrate working knowledge of monitoring children
- Be First Aid/CPR Certified
- Possess a valid Arizona Fingerprint Clearance Card

Cultural Assistant Applicants Must: 
- Possess a High School Diploma or the equivalency Certificate
- Possess a valid Arizona Driver’s License

Food Service Worker: Must: 
- Possess a High School Diploma or the equivalency Certificate
- Be First Aid/CPR Certified

Administrative Assistant: Must: 
- Possess a High School Diploma or the equivalency Certificate
- Be First Aid/CPR Certified
- Possess a valid Arizona Driver’s License

**All applicants must have the ability to successfully pass a pre-employment drug test and extensive FBI background check.

Contact Karen McCue, Human Resources Manager (520) 550-4834 ext. 246 or (602) 738-9095

**Jaylin Devery**

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City Wide Pest Control, Inc.
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**Position: Bus Driver/ Volunteer:**

**Recruitment Period:**

**Position: Bus Monitor/ Volunteer:**

**Recruitment Period:**

**Position: Cultural Assistant/ Volunteer:**

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**Position: Food Service Worker/ Volunteer:**

**Recruitment Period:**

**Position: Administrative Assistant/ Volunteer:**

**Recruitment Period:**

**Position: Current Job Openings:**

**Recruitment Period:**

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**Pathways Community Program:**

We are now accepting online applications for the following mentorship positions:

**Position:**

**Assistant Director**

**Recruitment Period:**

**Position:**

**Mentor:**

**Recruitment Period:**

**Position:**

**Mentor:**

**Recruitment Period:**

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**Contact Norma Perez, Recruitment Manager at 1-800-946-4452 ext. 8369 or playatgila.com and submit your online application by the closing date.**
WHAT IS THIS ABOUT?
Mallinckrodt is a manufacturer of opioid pain medication that filed for chapter 11 bankruptcy in October 2020. On June 17, 2021, Mallinckrodt plc and its affiliates (the “Debtors”) filed their Plan of Reorganization (the “Plan”) in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware and their related Disclosure Statement. You may have the right to vote on the Plan of Reorganization.

WHAT DOES THE PLAN PROVIDE?
Mallinckrodt’s Plan channels claims based on harm or injury related to the Debtors’ manufacturing of opioids and related activities to one or more opioid trusts. These opioid trusts will be established for the purpose of distributing money to individuals and corporate entities holding Opioid Claims and for abatement of the opioid crisis. If the Plan is approved by the Bankruptcy Court and you have an Opioid Claim, you will be entitled to assert your claim directly against the applicable opioid trust at a later time. There is nothing you need to do right now to assert your Opioid Claim. Information regarding how to assert your Opioid Claim against an opioid trust will be made available at a later date. The Plan, if approved, will forever prohibit any opioid claimants from asserting any Opioid Claim or seeking any money on account of any Opioid Claim against the Debtors, their officers and directors, or certain other parties specified in the Plan as the “Protected Parties.”

WHERE CAN YOU GET MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE PLAN?
Copies of the Plan and related documents, including the Disclosure Statement and a letter from the Official Committee of Opioid Related Claimants (a representative of Opioid Claimants in the Debtors’ bankruptcy cases appointed by the Office of the United States Trustee) setting forth its position regarding the Plan can be obtained free of charge at MNKvote.com.

WHAT ARE YOUR OPTIONS?
Vote on the Plan:
If you are eligible to submit a vote, your vote must be submitted so it is received on or before September 3, 2021, at 4:00 p.m., Eastern Time. Detailed instructions on how to vote are available at MNKvote.com or by calling 877.467.1570 (Toll-Free) or 347.817.4093 (International). If you do not follow the detailed instructions, your vote may be disqualified.

Object to the Plan:
If you disagree with the Plan, you can object to it in writing so it is received on or before September 3, 2021, at 4:00 p.m., Eastern Time. Objections not filed and served properly may not be considered by the Bankruptcy Court. Detailed instructions on how to file an objection are available at MNKvote.com or by calling 877.467.1570 (Toll-Free) or 347.817.4093 (International).

WHEN IS THE HEARING?
The Bankruptcy Court has scheduled the hearing to consider confirmation of the Plan to be held on September 21, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. Eastern Time (the “ Confirmation Hearing”). The Confirmation Hearing will take place before the Honorable John T. Dorsey, United States Bankruptcy Judge, in the Bankruptcy Court, located at 824 Market Street, 5th Floor, Courtroom 5, Wilmington, Delaware 19801.

VOTING IS IMPORTANT. IT HELPS DETERMINE HOW OPIOID CLAIMS ARE TREATED. VOTE BY SEPTEMBER 3, 2021.
SPECIFIC DETAILS ABOUT VOTING ARE SET FORTH BELOW IN THIS NOTICE AND AT MNKvote.COM.

VISIT MNKvote.COM FOR MORE INFORMATION

Call: 877.467.1570 (Toll-Free)
347.817.4093 (International)

Write: Mallinckrodt Ballot Processing
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New York, NY 10165

Visit: MNKvote.com

Email: mallinckrodtopioidclaimantinfo@akingump.com
-or- mallinckrodtinfo@primeclerk.com

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT PRIME CLERK, THE DEBTOR’S NOTICE AND CLAIMS AGENT, IS AUTHORIZED TO ANSWER QUESTIONS ABOUT, AND PROVIDE ADDITIONAL COPIES OF THE PLAN AND OTHER SOLICITATION MATERIALS, BUT MAY NOT ADVISE YOU AS TO WHETHER YOU SHOULD VOTE TO ACCEPT OR REJECT THE PLAN.
# GRIC Recycling Calendar 2021

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**Note:**
- **D3 Recycle Pick Up is on Mondays**
- **All Other Districts are Every Other Wednesday**
- **Schedules may change due to holidays or other circumstances**

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**ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (520) 562-2234**

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**ADOT’s I-10 Broadway Curve improvement project is in the works. When complete it will improve access to Sky Harbor, improve travel time and help support our growing economy. Stay AheadOfTheCurve with traffic updates at I10BroadwayCurve.com or download “The Curve” app for your phone.**

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**An eleven-mile stretch of Interstate 10 between Loop 202 and I-17.**

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**Existing Freeway**
- 2 HOV Lanes
  - 6 General Purpose Lanes
  - Auxiliary Lanes

**1 HOV Lane**
- 4 General Purpose Lanes
- Auxiliary Lanes

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