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



The Department of Environmental Quality responded to concerns of illegal dumping at a site in District 5. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

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 De-

partment of Environmental Quality, fuels and restoration crew rolled-up their sleeves and set out to clear the area.

According to DEQ Environmental Program Manager Russell Benford, the trees formed a horseshoe, which made it an ideal place for dumping and other activities.

"That site was a large thicket of these really large Athel pine (tamarisk) trees, that are scattered around the Community," said Benford, "The trees were in a big horse shoe, so they provided a perfect site for people to go in for any reason and not be seen."

The large overgrowth has now been removed, along with the piles of trash and debris that accumulated by visitors to the area from frequent dumping.

Benford said the site was the place of frequent illegal dumping for trash, animal carcasses, and

old tires.

He said, "The site was an absolute mess, the local residents were concerned about the criminal activity going on there." Among those chief concerns, were the possibility of a fire starting, due to the over abundant growth of vegetation.

"It was a complete solid wall of vegetation and just garbage piled everywhere in there. The crew chipped away the wood they've cleared and limbed up the trees, so now you can see through," said Benford.

The old discarded tires were also potentially hazardous, and not only posed an environmental issue, but a health hazard, because mosquitoes are attracted to the water that accumulates inside of the tire wells.

Now, the area is in the final clean-up stages, which require the use of heavy equipment to haul the bulk of the trash out.

DEO Habitat Biologist Robert Lamoureux, said the work requires some finesse, because some of the vegetation is of cultural significance. "My duty is to identify which vegetation needs to be removed and what to leave out there," said Lamoureux, "There's some native vegetation, that we definitely didn't want to clear out."

DEQ's open dump cleanup

initiative isn't limited to sites in District 5. In the past six months since the initiative started, DEQ has cleaned up open dumps on tribal land in each district in the Community. While funding often limits DEQ's ability to work on tribal land, Benford indicated that cleanups benefit residents throughout the Community.

Benford said, residents living near the District 5 cleanup site, who initially expressed concern over the site, thanked the crew for their work and responding to the problem.

He said thanks to other partners - including the Cultural Resource Management Program, Employment & Training Program, Department of Public Works, Gila River Irrigation and Drainage District, Bureau of Indian Affairs and Environmental Protection Agency – they are able to go in and clean-up the sites to help make the Community a safer place.

DEQ plans to continue its open dump cleanup efforts throughout the Community for the foreseeable future. GRIC residents who are concerned about health and safety risks presented by open dumps are encouraged to contact DEQ at (520) 562-2234 to learn more or report serious issues.

CSD will begin Give Back Program

Emma Hughes

Gila River Indian News

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 assists 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.

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



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

replace air filters for an A/C unit in the home may damage the air compressor and require a costly

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.

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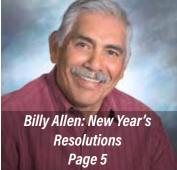
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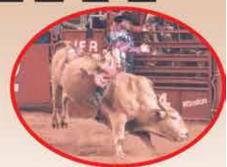








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ASU creates Indigenous Design Collaborative

Christopher Lomahquahu Gila River Indian News

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 [w]e 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 profes-

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 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 "Community-driven design and construction program, which brings together tribal community members, industry and a multidisciplinary 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 who inhabited the land on which ASU was built.

ASU Associate Vice President of Tribal Relations for the Office of the President Jacob Moore said, "There's an obligation by the university to orient all students about our indigenous community and the rich indigenous culture that resides



Jacob Moore addresses the attendees. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

In the Dec. 21 issue of the GRIN, the name Willardene Pratt Lewis contained a misspelling and David Romero was erroneously listed as a "water runner" during the Water Rights Day celebration. Also Ms. Corinne Escalante is from District 3 and resides in District 3.



Wanda Dalla Costa, ASU, discusses the Indigenous Design Collaborative. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

He said educating the non-Native student population, brings to light the fact that there are 22 federally recognized tribes in Arizona and how that is reflected on campus. Moore said the best way to represent those tribes is through equity in higher education.

"The true story of Indigenous people should be represented here and if it's not there, we need to create opportunities for discussions that include community-based input, because you will learn more out there among the indigenous people," said Moore, "We know tribes continue to grow and develop, so we need to learn about what is happening in [those] communi-





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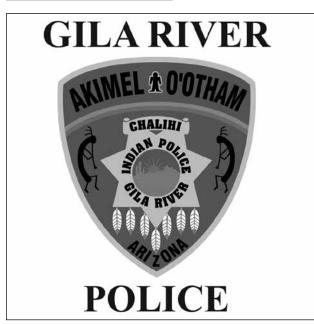
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Gila River Police Department Incident Logs



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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 1 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 accelerated at a high rate of speed in reverse towards Cactus St. Officers responded to the area in attempts 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 occurred ending with the officers taking the suspect into custody. During the course of the arrest the subject refused to comply and actively fought with officers assaulting them. Officers went to the area where the suspect had first been contacted and located an AR 15 style barrel. The item was impounded into evidence and the suspect was booked into DRS.

Status: Suspect was booked into jail

District Four (Stotonic Area):

Auto Theft – Officers responded to the area in reference to a domestic violence incident. As Officers arrived a male was observed standing near a vehicle. The subject then fled towards the back of the residence where he proceeded to leave in a vehicle. While speaking to individuals at the residence officers were advised the male subject did not have permission to take the vehicle and they wished to file the vehicle stolen. The registered owner of the vehicle was contacted and all paperwork was completed.

Status: Under Investigation

Aggravated Assault Officers were dispatched

to a residence in reference to the suspect choking the victim. Upon the officer's arrival it was explained the victim was involved in a verbal altercation with the suspect while in their bedroom. The suspect was yelling in the victim's face while hovering over the victim. The suspect proceeded to strangle the victim by restricting her airway. The victim stated she was attempting to get her son's attention and began to kick a crib while scratching at the suspects eye's. The suspect was gone prior to officer arrival.

Status: Under Investigation

District Four (Lone Butte Area):

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 subject stole items 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 su-

pervisor stated two females entered the store which one of them was pushing a baby stroller. The female with the stroller grabbed a sweatshirt and placed it on the handle of the stroller. The female pushed the stroller behind the clothing rack where she is observed 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 Mc Donald's in reference to a theft of a wallet. Contact was made with the victim, who was a security guard for the Industrial Park. The victim stated he had dropped his wallet in the parking lot of the Mc Donald's and was told by the manager that another patron had claimed the wallet. The male suspect took the wallet and walked away. The shift manager did not think to ask for identification and just gave 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 fight in progress. Upon 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. The victim began to scratch the suspect's chest as the suspect began to bang the victims head on the floor. The victim was transported to the hospital for further medical attention. The suspect was not located and further attempts will be made.

Status: Under Investigation

District Six (Komat-ke):

Aggravated Assault -Officers were dispatched to a residence in reference to a stabbing that occurred. Contact was made with the victim who stated he was stabbed by the suspect who was still on scene. Officers made contact with the suspect 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 wave it at the victim in a threatening

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By Billy Allen

Within the last 500 years, Natives in the Americas have altered some ideas to make sense of a changing world. O'otham and Piipaash have dropped some old practices and adopted new ones. Among them may be the idea of New Year's resolutions; resolutions to improve ourselves physically, mentally, and emotionally. Now, whether resolutions work is up to us. We have the power to

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Something to be told or talked about

alter our lives depending upon how dedicated to the task we are. A Psychology Today article listed some resolutions most Americans-and we are Americans—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, selecting and saving the best seeds so future crops would

be more plentiful, making a better life. Their way of "making a living," was one of movement either in gathering, hunting, or preparing food. But any new idea brings out the skeptic in us, not too much energy should be wasted. Not "wasting" energy was on the minds of our ancestors due to their reliance upon nature and the uncertainty 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" energy makes sense nowadays. We all know motion is good for health, but what ways? Look around, family, friends and the community can help.

The Gila River Indian Community has always been at the forefront for change and early on our health and medical care was addressed. For our community, Western medicine has made life better. The ancient Greek physician Hippocrates is often called "the father of modern medicine." He is commonly quoted as saying, "Let food be thy medicine and medicine be thy food." And so it was with our farmer ancestors, eating to live but not living to eat. Keli Antonio Azul lived into his eighties.

If you are not aware,

boring Native communities offer year around activities to help us fulfill resolutions. Throughout the year, various departments offer walks, runs and other outdoor activities geared to get us moving. The hard part might be getting the family in the car. Take along 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. (Who doesn't need another colorful t-shirt, a "free" one at that, and did I mention it will be free? Being healthy can save money?) Showing up to participate, scoring some freebies, seeing relatives, and making new

our community and neigh-

Gila River has tapped Community members to demonstrate old foods in new ways, traditional foods which strengthened our hard-working ances-

friends—how much more

Native can that be?

tors. The Gila River Nutrition Coalition, through the Community Health Nutrition Program, presented how to quickly prepare home cooked meals. Who knows, if we eat less carbs. we might get thinner, our wallet might get thicker.

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

Information was taken from Psychology Today Magazine, S.E. Ruckman. "Resolutions for the New Year." December 30, 2008, indianz.com/News/.

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manner. The victim walked to the door, opened it and asked the suspect to leave. The suspect approached the victim with the knife in hand and stabbed the victim on the left side of the abdomen. The suspect was taken into custody and booked into DRS.

Status: Suspect was arrested and booked into

Theft – Officers were dispatched to the area in reference to a theft at the Komatke Towers. The reporting party and project superintendent stated that subjects cut the fence of the yard and made entry. The suspects stole a ladder which had been located on the side of the residence. Surveillance cameras were observed and the reporting party stated they would provide a copy of the video surveillance to assist in identifying the suspect(s).

Status Under Investi-

Theft - Officers were dispatched to a local Farm property in reference to theft of some farming equipment. A trailer had been purchased and it was loaded with equipment which was to be used by the farm. Subjects had entered the property and stolen the GRIC RECYCLING CALENDAR

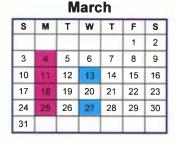


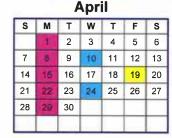
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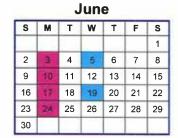
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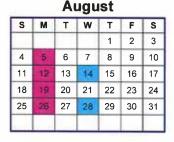




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District Seven (Mar-

icopa):

Auto Theft- Officers were dispatched in reference to a stolen vehicle. Upon the officer's arrival contact was made with the reporting party. The victim stated he had started the vehicle and went back inside the residence to get a jacket. While inside for approximately five to ten minutes the reporting party came out and the vehicle was gone. The reporting party stated the vehicle was registered to his wife who was also inside of the residence. A stolen affidavit was completed and the vehicle was entered into the database as stolen.

Status: Under Investigation

AZFacts of Life, non-profit organization, provides life skills learning

Emma Hughes

Gila River Indian News

The AZ Facts of Life is a non-profit organization founded in 2004 based Phoenix, Ariz. Their goal is to provide developmental opportunities to youth that will contribute to their success as adults. They began working with the Gila River Indian Community by providing youth development classes through Vechij Himdag Mashchamakud Alternative School in Sacaton in 2012.

They initially started offering classes for the youth on leadership, performing arts, prevention, and parenting.

The programs were designed to help keep the youth busy and find their "niche" in life. Since then,

they have moved to providing more "life skills" types of workshops and GED preparation classes to Skyline and the district centers. They meet at least once a month but also hold other activities including full weekend workshops and college tours throughout the country to expose the youth to different cultures and communities.

Robinson, Yolanda Founder and Executive Director of AZ Facts of Life, has expressed her gratitude for working with the Gila River Indian Community by, not only providing these opportunities to the youth but to community members as well. The program has had a high success rate with GED prep. These workshops help Community

members achieve their personal and academic goals.

AZ Facts of Life will continue to offer their services throughout the districts, tentative dates:

District 1 & 2, January 8th Tuesday 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 4 Service Center

District 5, Jan. 8 Tuesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. -1 p.m. Life Skills, 2 p.m. - 6 p.m. GED at the District 5 Service Center.

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

COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS

Courtesy of the Community Council Secretary's Office • December 19, 2018

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, December 19, 2018, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by Governor Stephen R. Lewis at 9:18 a.m. 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- Carolyn Williams, Rodney Jackson; D4-Monica Antone, Jennifer Allison, Pamela Johnson; D5-Marlin Dixon, Lawrence White, Sr., Thomas White; D6-Anthony Villareal, Sr., Terrance Evan; D7-Devin Redbird Council Members Absent:

D4- Barney Enos, Jr.; D5- Janice Stewart; D6-

Charles Goldtooth
APPROVAL OF A GENDA
APPROVED AS AMENDED

PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS (Limit to 5-minutes)

1. Christmas Caroling by the District 5 Head Start Children

THE DISTRICT 5 HEAD START CHILDREN PREFORMED CHRISTMAS CAROLS FOR THE COUNCIL, GOVERNOR, LT. GOVERNOR AND THE AUDIENCE.

REPORTS

 Casa Blanca Community School Annual Report SY2017-2018

Presenter: Kim Franklin REPORT HEARD

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

2. Gaming Enterprises, Inc. Monthly Report for October 2018 (Executive Session)

Presenters: Kenneth Manuel, Interim Oversight & Planning Committee

REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION [ADDENDUM TO AGENDA]

36. General Report to the Community Council for the Month of October 2018 (Executive Session)

Presenter: Dale Enos, Courtney Moyah REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

3. Monthly Activity Report – November 30, 2018 (Executive Session)

Presenters: Treasurer Robert Keller, Suzanne Johns REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT EXECU-

TIVE SESSION
IGOVERNOR STEPHEN R

[GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS CALLED FOR A 10-MINUTE BREAK. THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 10:41 A.M.]

*4. Department Of Rehabilitation And Supervision FY 2018 Annual Report (October 17, 2018-September 30, 2018)

Presenter: Ron Lopez

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT *5. Culture And Language Curriculum Plan

Presenter: Jarrod Lewis REPORT HEARD

6. Lone Butte 2018 Annual Report

Presenter: Esther Manuel

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

7. Gila River Farms Report

Presenter: Stephanie Sauceda

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT 8. Four Rivers Indian Legal Services – 4Q Report

Presenter: Diana Lopez-Jones

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT

9. FY2018 Annual Report – Benefits Office

Presenter: Christy Reed

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA 10. FY2018 Annual Report – Per Capita

Presenter: Neomi Martinez

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

11. Tribal Health Department FY 2018 Annual Report

Presenter: Christina Floyd

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

12. FY 18 Annual Report Tribal Recreation/Wellness Center

Presenters: Joanne Miles-Long, Regina Antone-Smith

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT

13. Elderly Services Program FY 2018 Annual Report Presenters: Joanne Miles-Long, Mary Weston MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT RE-PORTS #13, #14, #15, & #16

14. Nutrition Assistance Program FY 18 Annual Report

Presenters: Joanne Miles-Long, Mary Dixon ACCEPTED AT REPORT #13

15. Elderly Nutrition Program FY 18 Annual Report Presenters: Joanne Miles-Long, Mary Dixon

ACCEPTED AT REPORT #13
16. Ira H. Hayes Memorial Library FY2018 Annual

Presenters: Joanne Miles-Long, Ramona Tecumseh ACCEPTED AT REPORT #13

17. Tribal Social Services FY 2018 Annual Report Presenter: Julian Garza

REPORT HEARD

[MOTION MADE AND SECOND FOR A 60-MIN-UTE LUNCH BREAK; BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT COUNCILMAN

ARZIE HOGG WAS APPOINTED TO CHAIR THE MEETING. THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 1:13 P.M.1

18. Department of Housing Development 2018 Annual Report

Presenter: Jo Ann Garcia

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT RE-PORTS #20, #21, #23, #27, #28, #29, #30, #31, #33 AND NEW

BUSINESS #6 REPORT HEARD

19. FY 2018 Annual Report – Department of Community Housing

Presenter: William Picotte REPORT HEARD

20. FY2018 Annual Report – Human Resources

Presenter: Randall Lange ACCEPTED AT REPORT #18

21. MIS Department FY 2018 Annual Report

Presenter: Chris Cabanillas ACCEPTED AT REPORT #18

22. Employment & Training Department FY18 Annual Report (October 2017-September 2018)

Presenter: Lana Chanda REPORT HEARD

23. FY 2018 Annual Report – Veteran & Family

Services Office

Presenter: Kathyleen Curley ACCEPTED AT REPORT #18

CHAIRMAN ARZIE HOGG TURNED THE MEETING OVER TO LT. GOVERNOR ROBERT STONE.

24. FY 2018 Annual Report - Pima-Maricopa Irrigation Project

Presenter: David DeJong

REPORT HEARD

25. FY 2018 Annual Report - Department of Public

Works

Presenter: Frank Anderson ACCEPTED AT REPORT #18

26. FY 2018 Annual Report - Department of Trans-

portation

Presenter: Timothy Oliver

DISPENSED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

27. FY 2018 Annual Report - Department of Environmental Quality

Presenter: Dale Ohnmeiss, Willard Antone

ACCEPTED AT REPORT #18

28. FY 2018 Annual Report - Gila River Indian Irriga-

tion Drainage District
Presenter: Ronald Allison
ACCEPTED AT REPORT #18

29. FY 2018 Annual Report - Land Use Planning &

Zoning

Presenter: Kimberly Antone ACCEPTED AT REPORT #18

30. Tribal Elections Program - FY18 Annual Report

October 1, 2017 - September 30, 2018

Presenter: Nadine Shelde ACCEPTED AT REPORT #18

31. FY2018 Annual Report – Enrollment/Census Department October 1, 2017 – September 30, 2018

Presenter: Sheila Riley-White ACCEPTED AT REPORT #18 32. Fire Department FY2018 Annual Presenter: Thomas C. Knapp

REPORT HEARD

33. FY2018 Annual Report –Office Of Emergency

Management

Presenter: Robert Deleon
ACCEPTED AT REPORT #18

34. FY 2018 Annual Report (October 1, 2017 – September 30, 2018) – Huhugam Heritage Center

Presenter: Shirley Jackson

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

35. FY 2018 Annual Report (October 1, 2017 – September 30, 2018) – Tribal Historic Preservation Office

Presenter: Barnaby V. Lewis
ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

36. General Report to the Community Council for the Month of October 2018 (Executive Session)

Presenter: Dale Enos, Courtney Moyah

HEARD AFTER REPORT #2

RESOLUTIONS

1. A Resolution Approving The First Amendment To The Gila River Indian Community Council Social Security Replacement Plan (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval) Presenters: Catherine Langford, Treasurer Robert Keller, Sharon Harvier APPROVED

2. A Resolution Approving The Second Amendment To The Gila River Indian Community Governmental 401 (K) Plan Effective January 1, 2019 (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval with corrections)

Presenter: Catherine Langford, Treasurer Robert Keller, Sharon Harvier

APPROVED

3. A Resolution Approving The First Amendment To The Retirement Plan For The Employees Of The Gila River Indian Community (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval) Presenter: Catherine Langford, Treasurer Robert Keller, Sharon Harvier APPROVED

4. A Resolution Authorizing And Directing The Casino

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HEADLINES EXECUTIVE OFFICE







"Putting Our People First" Stephen Roe Lewis Governor Lt. Governor PRESIDENT SIGNS GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY HOMELANDS LEGISLATION INTO LAW

Communications & Public the Community reached **Affairs Office**

Gila River Indian Community

(Sacaton, Arizona) On Friday, December 21, 2018, President Trump signed H.R. 4032, the Gila River Indian Community Federal Rights-of-Way, Easements and Boundary Clarification Act into law. The legislation was passed by the United States Senate on December 13, 2018 and was sent to the President for his signature on December 19, 2018.

This legislation was tied to the prior settlement

with the federal government when a breach of trust case was brought against the government for a settlement that occurred on Community lands based on a wrongfully drawn northern boundary, and for use of the Community's lands through undocumented rights-of-way which were not reimbursed to the Community and interfered with infrastructure development.

Stephen Roe Lewis, Governor of the Gila River Indian Community states, "The passage of this legislation is an important step towards clarifying the

boundaries, reservation obtaining lands that are culturally significant to the Community, and ensuring that undocumented rightsof-way don't interfere with the Community's plans to manage our lands and water resources." Governor Lewis added, "I applaud the work of the Community and the Community Council in making this legislation a priority and Congress for passing this legislation before the end of this congressional session. I look forward to working with the Department of the Interior to fully implement this legislation for the betterment of our Community."

The Community settled with the federal government in 2016, but H.R. 4032 was necessary to ensure that the same issues do not continue going forward. This law furthers the Communities goals in several critical ways:

• Settles the northern boundary of the reservation. The ability to settle the dispute along the northern boundary means we can avoid lengthy and costly litigation that would bring the Community in conflict with the City of Phoenix and the landowners who were allowed to settle on

reservation lands when the boundaries were erroneously drawn by the federal government.

In exchange, the Community will be able to purchase 3,400 acres of culturally significant lands in the Estrella Mountains. Those lands will be placed into trust for the Community after they are purchased from the Bureau of Land Management. We have started the public notification and environmental review process for the land sale and we hope to have that land purchase completed by the end of next summer, thereby allowing us to protect

our cultural areas without interference.

· Documentation of the rights-of-way on the Reservation. For decades, undocumented rights-of-way have interfered with Community infrastructure plans such as housing developments and irrigation projects. This law requires the Department of the Interior to document and publish all rights-ofway on the Reservation which will allow for more efficient and accurate planning for these and other infrastructure projects.

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Expansion Owner's Team To Assume Responsibility For The Restaurant And Entertainment District Project, Adding The Gila River Gaming Enterprise Chief Executive Officer To The Casino Expansion Owner's Team And Rescinding Resolutions GR-060-18 And GR-061-18 (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Ronald Rosier **APPROVED**

5. A Resolution Approving The Revision Of The Community Council Standing Committees Policies And Procedures (LSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Mandy Cisneros **APPROVED**

6. A Resolution Amending GR-24-76 The Relinquishment Of Wendell Melburne Schurz From The Gila River Indian Community (LSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Sheila Riley-White

APPROVED ORDINANCES

*1. The Gila River Indian Community Council Hereby Amends The Gila River Indian Community Code By Rescinding Ordinance GR-10-13 (Taxation) And Replacing It With The 2018 Taxation Ordinance, To Be Codified At Title 13 Of The Gila River Indian Community Code (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Linda Sauer. Mark Graham DISPENSED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2. The Gila River Indian Community Council Hereby Amends Title 6, Chapter 6, Of The Traffic Code Of The Gila River Indian Community Code (LSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Michael Carter **APPROVED UNFINISHED BUSINESS NEW BUSINESS**

1. FY2018 Annual Performance Report (G&MSC forwards to Council under New Business)

Presenter: William Picotte

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE 2. Dignity East Valley Hospitals Community Board (H&SSC forwards to Council)

Presenter: GRHC Leadership MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DIRECT GOV-ERNOR LEWIS TO APPOINT A MEMBER

3. Enrollment Appeal Hearing Decision Upholding Denial Of Membership (LSC motioned 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 motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for

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 Coun-

Presenter: Chris Bitakis ACCEPTED AT AP-PROVAL OF AGENDA 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 AGEN-

7. Travel Delegation Presenters: Community Council MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DISPENSE

1. November 21, 2018 (Regular) MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

MINUTES

AS SUBMITTED ANNOUNCEMENTS > GOVERNMENT &

MANAGEMENT STANDING COMMITTEE MEET-ING DECEMBER 20, 2018 >HEALTH & SOCIAL STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING DECEMBER 21, 2018 >ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STANDING COM-MITTEE MEETING CANCELLED >LEGISLATIVE STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING CANCELLED >EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING **CANCELLED**

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 3:02 P.M. * Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)



GRIC Department of Environmental Quality is Moving

ADJOURNMENT



The Gila River Indian Community, Department of Environmental Quality staff currently located in District-3 at 45 Church Street in Sacaton is relocating to the Wild Horse Pass Corporate Center located at: 5350 North 48th Street, Chandler, Arizona 85226; Suite 120 ESTIMATED MOVE DATES: JANUARY 7-10, 2019

GRIC DEQ

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

WWW.GRICDEQ.Org

DEQ Thanks you for your Patience During our Move

December 21, 2018

Gila River Hotels & Casinos and St. Vincent de Paul: Working together to help families in need

Gila River Hotels & Casinos

Gila River Hotels & Casinos' executive team visited the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in Phoenix. AZ on Dec. 21 to help feed and provide a little holiday cheer to those in need. Team members chopped lettuce

St. Vincent's local garden, then served hundreds of hot meals to hungry families.

Gila River and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul have been partners for 10 years, and in that time have worked together to feed, clothe, house, and heal thousands of local families.

than \$152,000 in charitable donations as well as hundreds of volunteers in support of St. Vincent's mission.

provided medical and dental care for the working

Over the years, Gila poor, funded charity dining River has provided more rooms, created food boxes for hungry families, and supplied bridge housing shelters in the Valley.

Recently, Gila River donated an additional Those donations have \$12,500, provided volunserviced the homeless, teers to pick lettuce at their central Phoenix based urban farm, served holiday

meals, and encouraged the public to support St. Vincent's Turkey Tuesday

Teaya Vicente, Gila River Hotels & Casinos Public Relations Manager said, "It has been an honor and a pleasure to work with such an amazing non-profit organization like the

Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Every year our team members look forward to helping our friends and neighbors who need a little assistance, and we are thankful to St. Vincent for letting us help them in their mission to make our community a better place."



Gila River Hotels & Casinos' executive team volunteer at St. Vincent de Paul on Dec. 21 in Phoenix. Justin Yee/OH Partners



Gila River Indian Community **Elderly Services Program 562-5232**

Announcing Change

We have a new intake process!

For assistance call: **520-562-5232**

We still help you with these services:

- Social Security, Disability, SSI Benefits
- DES Programs
- Caregiver Support
- Homemakers
- AHCCCS, ALTCS, Medicare
- Tribal Programs; Service Center Programs
- · Home Visits/Welfare Checks

Contact Elderly Services Program for more information

431 E. Pima Street • Sacaton, Arizona 85147 • Fax # 520-562-5095

Casa Blanca Community School Food Drive



Photo by Casa Blanca Community School

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 going up and up with each donation. The children loved seeing the little rocket ship climb up the boxes! The TOTAL collected was 1,174 cans! THANK YOU CASA BLANCA COMMUNITY SCHOOL!



LUNCH WITH THE SUPERINTENDENT

Come and enjoy some lunch and join in the conversation with Superintendent Cherryl Paul

*There will be a drawing for a \$25 Gift Card for those who attend

Wednesday, January 16, 2019

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Middle School Room D-8

Chief Azul Day

On Jan. 12, the Gila River Indian Community will celebrate Chief Azul Day commemorating our last hereditary chief.

As part of the gathering, a group of traditional basket dancers will be proThe dance is the point dance which is ceremonial and includes preparation of 4 days of fasting by the women. The dance will be to bless the day and to provide healing prayers for our

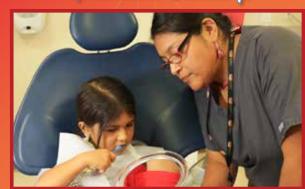
Everyone is invited to attend and will be provided in the vacant lot north of the Ira Hayes Park in Sacaton. The dance was taught by Annette Lewis of Onk Akimel O'otham jeved and coordinated by Pamela Thompson of Akimel O'otham jeved.

Special thanks to Gwen Thomas, Yolanda Elias and Corrina Harrison for their assistance with the dancers.





Dental Services at Hau'pal Available in Tanuary!



- Orthodontics (Braces) GRIC Members only
- Endodontics (Root Canals)
- Oral Surgery (Extractions)
- Periodontics (Gum Treatments)
- Pediatrics (Children)

Call to schedule an appointment today! (520) 796-2682

Welcome!



Danika Nahsonhoya
Patient Registration



Stacey Stockton

Nurse Practitioner at
The Caring House



Construction In Progress
Tanuary 2019 - September 2019

Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital Dental Department

- Construction will not impact patient access to dental services.
- 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!

Dental Department: (520) 562-3321 ext. 1209



First 2 weeks of Tanuary

1/7/19

D4 Service Center 8:30 - 3:30 pm

1/9/19 D3 HHKMH Inside Mobile Unit 7:30 - 11:00 am 1:00 - 4:00 pm 1/10/19 D5 Multipurpose Building

8:30 - 3:30 pm

1/14/19

D6 RTC (Appt. Only) Sacaton (DRS)

1/15/19 D1 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



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\$15,999

2015 Nissan Altima



ROADS

2015 Ford F-150

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January 10, 2019 | 8AM - 3PM
Gila River Hotels & Casinos
Vee Quiva Event Center
15091 South Komatke Lane, Laveen Village, AZ 85339
For an onsite interview, sign in by 2PM.



GET HIRED ON THE SPOT!

Looking to join an exciting new restaurant with talented team members? Look no further, because George Lopez's Chingon Kitchen is now hiring for the following positions:

Manager Stewards Sous Chefs

Chef de Cuisine Supervisors

Line Staff Cooks

Named one of America's best employers by Forbes, Gila River Hotels & Casinos is one of the Valley's most highly regarded employers. We offer competitive benefits and over half of all team members have been working at Gila River for 5 years or more. Benefits include:

Medical Education Leave Dental and Vision
401(K) Plan with Paid Time Off Free Disability Insurance

All applicants must be 18 years or older, pass a drug test, and meet the physical requirements of the position. Important Information: There are suitability standards that all applicants must meet in order to obtain employment with the Tribal Gaming Office. Applicants who have felonies, warrants, outstanding tickets, shoplifting or theft convictions will not be eligible for employment. Hiring Preference is given to qualified Native American candidates in accordance with the Indian Preference Act. We are also committed to achieving full equal opportunity without discrimination based on race, religion, color, sex, national origin, politics, marital status, physical disability, age or sexual orientation.

Employee Match





