



Community Distributes Thousands of COVID-19 Self-Test Kits Via Drive-Thru Events

Gila River Indian News Staff Members

With the recent rise in COVID-19 cases and the Community’s continued focus on prevention strategies to reduce the spread of the virus, thousands of at-home COVID-19 self-test kits were distributed to GRIC members on Jan. 28 and 29.

Each district held a drive-thru style distribution of the home kits, which included personal protective equipment (PPE) along with other basic essentials. Coordinators and staff from each of the district service centers along with the Pride Group volunteers assisted in the drive-thru distribution.

“The Community is at the forefront, ahead of the curve, to get at-home tests and KN95 masks to our Community,” said Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, who was present at the District 3 distribution site. “Through the Community’s partnership with the Biden/Harris administration, we secured the supply of tests and masks for the Community, which shows how well we’re working with our federal partners in getting these items distributed.”

Gov. Lewis also expressed his gratitude to the District Center staff for stepping up to ensure the distributions were efficient and smooth for everyone.

In order to provide an adequate supply to everyone, each car was given two QuickVue at-home self-test kits along with information on how to use the tests.



A District 1 Service Center staff member provides additional masks during Friday’s distribution on Jan. 28. Emma Hughes/GRIN

Additionally, a video was provided by the Gila River Healthcare Corporation on how to use the at-home kits, along with information for proper use of the test supplies and how to interpret the results.

Users were walked through each portion of the self-test from taking a nasal-swab, placing it into a solution and using a test strip to obtain a result. In order to make sense of the results, individuals were shown how to correctly identify a positive, negative or invalid test.

A positive test will show a blue and pink line on the test strip. A single blue line means a negative

result, while a single pink line means the test is invalid. In the event a test result is invalid, it is important to re-take the self-test utilizing a new at-home kit.

If a test yields a positive result, GRHC advises the individual to seek medical advice, including a period of self-quarantining and other preventive treatment to keep from spreading the virus to other people.

“It’s fairly easy to use,” said Erma Antone, District 3 Service Center Coordinator, who shared her own experience with a self-test kit that provided results in 15-minutes. “I think that we’re very lucky to be afforded the privilege of being given

the tests.”

After the initial drive-through event on Jan. 28th, a second distribution took place the following day in Districts 1 to 7 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The drive-thru system kept exposure to germs at a minimum while allowing Community members to receive test kits with ease. In total, 450 kits were available at every district for distribution each day.

Many service centers boasted a 30-second wait time to drive up and receive a kit. Despite gusting winds, service staff and members of the Pride Group stayed available to issue kits for everyone who sought

one.

Echoing Gov. Lewis’ sentiments, District 3 Service Center Coordinator Erma Antone said, “We’ve seen an increase in numbers and families affected, so we are very fortunate to get these at-home test kits today, because you can’t find them.”

For families of elders, homebound individuals, and those in quarantine, service center staff made sure to deliver a kit to their homes on Jan 28 and 29. This measure ensured that no one was left out and kept the center staff safe from possible exposure over the two days.



A Pride Security volunteer hands a COVID-19 at-home self-test kit to a District 6 elder, during the drive-thru distribution on Jan. 28. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN



Staff and volunteers at District 3 help organize and distribute COVID-19 at-home self-test kits to Community members on Jan. 29. Kyle Knox/GRIN

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Warriors Code Fuses Culture, Care at Outpatient Center in Downtown Phoenix

Kyle Knox
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Seeing a need for an outpatient treatment center specifically for Indigenous peoples, Dr. Anthony Newkirk, District 3, founded Warriors Code, integrating culture with holistic care. Dr. Newkirk, a U.S. Air Force Veteran, has experience with addiction and has a “Prison to PhD” story that he hopes inspires others in recovery. An open house on Jan. 7 welcomed the public to learn about the new center at 1246 E Jefferson St. in downtown Phoenix.

Warriors Code takes a “collective care” approach with its clientele by infusing culture into every aspect of wellness. It offers behavioral health, including substance abuse prevention and harm reduction; holistic wellness, such as exercise, yoga and weight management; professional development, including help with resumes and job placement; and culture, such as talking circles, sweat lodges and women’s retreats.

Warriors Code’s key staff reflects a range of talent from the Gila River Indian Community. Jiivik Siiki, District 2 Hashan Kehk, helms a group therapy arm threaded with indigenous knowledge, while Waylon Pahona, District 7, and Johanna Corpeno (Mayn), leads the wellness programming that focuses on physical and overall health.

“When you look at typical behavioral health, (it’s) focused on the cognitive therapies, and they don’t include culture, wellness or minor accomplishments into that,” said Newkirk. “Here we have Waylon and Jiivik, ... who bring their brand of healing to the team and foundation to help with the healing part.”

Everything Warriors Code



Anthony Newkirk (center left) with Warriors Code staff, including Community Members Waylon Pahona (center right) and Jiivik Siiki (second from right). Kyle Knox/GRIN.

offers is what Newkirk found to work best in his personal journey to recovery, and he wants to extend that to the clientele.

“What I really like about this place is we’re using culture,” said Siiki. “Some other places do, some don’t; but here it’s infused in everything we do from the ground up. Some of the pieces we deal with are historical trauma (and) how that affects us as people, to personal trauma – the things we do it ourselves that causes imbalance. Clients offer ideas on how to deal with what they’re struggling with, and we work to get them there.”

Through yoga, fitness, nutrition instruction and breathing techniques, Pahona and his partner Corpeno, help shape a healthy lifestyle through movement and diet.

“We create a mindset to be

healthy and look at their wellness and resiliency as natives,” said Pahona. “Our movement is based around spirituality and connection and not just push-ups, sit-ups and jumping jacks.”

The physical wellness component offers clients sustainable methods for healing outside the walls of Warriors Code. Corpeno said, “Our belief and understanding are that movement is medicine. Trauma lives in our body, and unless we are taught a positive way to release that, it can manifest into anger or addiction.”

The unique Warriors Code model, which began in June 2020, has resulted in many success stories from members. Some have acquired a job, gotten a car, and reunited with family.

“I have high hopes that we can expand this closer to reservations and

native communities,” said Newkirk. “I hear from people that have been in this work for years and decades that share that there is nothing like this in behavioral health.”

The work of the Warriors Code is key to sustaining a healthy community for families and individuals. Though this center is a dream fulfilled for Newkirk, he wants to see everyone get the help they deserve.

“I really want people to step outside themselves and ask for the help they need,” he said. “It is long overdue, and we need to start asking men and women, adults and children to ask for help.”

More information can be found online at warriorscode.org.

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GRIC Member Organizes Bike Rides and Upcoming Tour

Emma Hughes
Gila River Indian News

After riding part of an intense bike tour last summer on the Navajo Nation, Elisha Bishop, District 3, was motivated to organize more cycling events on the Gila River Indian Community. In January, Bishop started brief Saturday morning rides and has planned a three-day bike tour in February.

Bishop rode bikes as a child, but didn’t get into cycling until the pandemic began with the help of a Community event.

“Tribal Recreation had a Virtual Bike Club and I got my mom to ride with me,” said Bishop, who started riding more and began mountain biking.

Last summer, Bishop participated in a portion of the Tour de SiiHasin, a 400-mile bike ride on the Navajo Nation hosted by the SiiHasin Bike Program, which aims to support the healthy development of youth and tribal members.

“It was such an inspiring event seeing kids and families riding

all day through heat, rain and up hills,” said Bishop. “I wanted to start something similar.”

The Saturday morning rides begin at 10 a.m. at the Governance Center in Sacaton and will continue through March 26. The morning rides provide “shorter and less intimidating” two-to-five-mile routes open to all ages (children must be supervised), and riders must bring their own bike and helmet. Masks are required.

Bishop also put together the upcoming Gila River Bike Tour Feb. 19 to 21, a three-day bike tour that will travel across the Community beginning at 10 a.m. in District 1 (Blackwater) at the Blackwater Community School to District 4 (Upper Santan).

Day two will start at 9 a.m. in District 4, continuing on to Wild Horse Pass before concluding at the District 7 Service Center on day three.

Cyclists should expect mostly gravel and dirt terrain for the tour, which will follow along the canals and water pipes within the Community.



Elisha Bishop (Right) and Jewel Bishop meet-up at the Governance Center parking lot for an air, brake, and chain check before enjoying a morning bike ride. Photo Courtesy of Elisha Bishop

“I realized how far the bike can take me and I think that is one of the things I enjoy about cycling is that it can take me farther and faster than I could ever run,” said Bishop.

Bishop intends on organizing more bike rides and programs in the Community, including a bike

ride for the GRIC holiday and celebration of Water Rights Day in December.

All rides and tour are limited to 15 participants each day. For more information or to register for the Gila River Bike Tour, call or text Bishop at (520) 858-2774.

Culture Corner

Gila River Arts & Craft's Center

Personal Reflections of Robert Johnson, Language Specialist-HHC



Arts & Craft Center, Feb. 28, 1993. Photo credit: Eric Wincentzen

Submitted by
Robert Johnson

During the late 1960's, the construction of the New Gila River Arts & Crafts Center had begun in Vah-Ki District. In the September, 1968 issue of the Gila River News, there is mention of the Center under construction. Every community member whom passed by the construction site witnessed the Center going up. We often passed by on Casa Blanca Road to visit family in Casa Blanca. Construction was completed in March of 1970. By then, the staff were hired and they began to set up shop, designed exhibits, purchased items to sell, etc. On March 10, 1971, the Arts & Crafts Center held its Grand Opening. Jerold "Jerry" L. Collins was the first Director hired by the community. Other Directors included Bruce Hamana and John Long (last Director).

The Interpretation of the Architecture is representative of a Western Diamondback Rattlesnake, *Crotalus atrox*, coiled up with its rattle sticking up. I recall, that it was an indirect reference to nearby Rattlesnake Hill, just due west of the site. The hill is still an active hibernation den for rattlesnakes and youth are

warned to stay away from the area (personal experience). Its circular form is also representative of a circle, as Akimel O'otham and Pee-Posh dance in circles. It also represents the annual cycle of life. This is what the tour guides explained to non-Tribal visitors over the years. This information was related during school field trips by staff Tour Guides.

Throughout my lifetime, I often visited the Arts & Crafts Center and witnessed its evolution. The interior construction consisted of large areas with heavy timber beam rafters and support columns. It may have been representative of an Indian "Kiva," anything "Tribal" had been incorporated into the overall "Theme." Inside the main floor stood the different "Sections" right away one noticed the large, glass jewelry case on the south wall. Inside the cases were silver necklaces and bracelets from different Tribes, mainly, Navajo, Zuni and Hopi. On the wall behind the case hung Concho-belts, shelves with kachina dolls, carvings and Apache pine-pitch burden baskets, all for sale. Signage proclaimed all merchandise to be 'Authentic Indian Made.'

Arranged on the main floor stood different shaped

hardwood stands. Each were dedicated to different items like Maricopa (Pee-Posh) Pottery, Pueblo Pottery, O'otham Baskets, Navajo rugs and artwork from different Tribal Artist's hung throughout the Museum. There was a balcony with staircase that led up to the second floor where more Navajo rugs and other painting had hung. All the paintings and watercolors had price tags on them with Artist's signatures.

In the Museum areas stood the different exhibits. I recall, the Hall Hiosig exhibit had been dedicated to the late Isabel Johns and featured her series of squash blossom basketry. There was a small diorama with cattails, bundles of willow, devil's claw "hats" and a homtha (granary basket) she had woven for display purposes. The stoneware exhibit contained grinding stones, ancient pottery and of all things, a partial mammoth tusk that was excavated at Gila River Sand & Gravel during quarry operations. The Pima Home exhibit featured a rectangle-shaped structure made of mesquite timber beams, arrow-weed and covered with dried mud. Inside and out lain household items normally used on a day to day basis. All exhibits were well-lit.

The Giho 'Burden-Basket' exhibit featured an O'otham woman 'mannequin' who worn an O'otham dress, carried an authentic Giho with head-strap and clutched the helping-stick in her hands. I recall, that local school kids whom visited the center during field trips, had been afraid of the Burden-Basket Lady because of her gleaming dark, glass-eyes (heard from students).

As in all endeavors, everything didn't happen all at once. As the years passed by, more exhibits were developed along with text panels. During the mid-1980's, the Heritage Park had been opened and Alan Kite was the Project Director (signage text). It show-cased a Pima village, Papago village, Maricopa (Pee-Posh) village, Hohokam village and Apache Camp. Each had a

produce there). Belinda Nelson, she used to demonstrate basketry for the school kids and visitors. Melanie Pedro, she is featured in the last brochure (I retain a hard copy). I also remember, the late Connie Walker (D-4), who supervised the restaurant cooks and waitresses. Walker Road in Goodyear village is named after the family.

On January 12, 2009, I attended the Gila River Arts & Crafts Center Public Hearing, which was held inside the old Skyline Gym at Casa Blanca. The hearing was presented by the development team from various GRIC Departments. The old Economic Development Department hosted the event. Other participants included staff from Land Use Planning & Zoning, D-5 Council Representatives, Skyline school staff and 14 Community Members from the different Districts. The layout of the planned Commerce Center had been unveiled and plans announced for the different outlets.

It was well presented, but budget issues curtailed its further development. In Closing: The Annual Winter Bird Count is hosted by the Department of Environmental Quality. Started in 1998 to enumerate the different species of birds wintering or passing through our community. We started the day with 'in-the-field' enumeration and ended the day with a hot meal inside the large dining hall. The different groups had given their reports of the bird counts within their assigned areas. When the Gila River Arts & Crafts Center-Heritage Park closed, the Culture Event moved to HHC Court-Yard. Most of the inventory is currently stored inside the HHC Repository. According to the current Architect's Renderings, the future looks bright.



Robert Johnson, Heavy Equipment Operator CA 1980. Photo Courtesy of Robert Johnson

During the winter of 1978-1979, I helped excavate the Sanitation Lagoon situated just to the north of the center. Our Heavy Equipment Operation and Maintenance class students, designed the lagoon, shot the elevations with a transit and begun the excavation process with bull dozers. We began in the fall, broke for Christmas Break, and finished upon our return to campus. The lagoon was brought on-line a short time thereafter. That was when the Career Center Campus was in operation at Sacaton.

We had heavy equipment students from the different Tribes, Navajo, Hopi, Zuni, etc. The old center buildings are still in use today by CRMP and other Departments.

text panel with illustrations of each land-use areas. A large outdoor pavilion was constructed to host large events such as Artist's Demonstrations, Dance Groups from different Tribes and the Annual Anniversary Events (I went to a few, but not all).

As in all organizations staff come and go. We often stopped by to visit friends and relatives whom worked there over the years. These are only a portion of my personal reflections. Other community members retain specific memories of the Arts & Crafts Center during its hey-day. One notable O'otham is Robert Stone, former Lieutenant Governor, he operated the Farmer's Market when it was in existence (we bought fresh



The Gila River Arts & Crafts was used for a variety of functions as seen here in a DEQ Photo of WBC Participants at Culture Event CA 2005. Photo Courtesy of DEQ



A conceptual design of the old Arts & Crafts site development courtesy of District 5.



(At left), Warriors Code staff take attendees through a tour of the site's facilities. (At right) Anthony Newkirk addresses attendees and staff at the conclusion of the Warriors Code open house. Kyle Knox/GRIN

Local Racing Team Looks To Create STEAM Opportunities for Community Youth



The HBM Racing car makes its way around a muddy dirt track during an AutoNation Crate by Klein Engines race. Photo Courtesy of Duncan Wiston of HBM Racing

GRIC youth turn wrenches at the track in order to get the HBM Racing car ready for track duty. Photo Courtesy of Duncan Wiston of HBM Racing

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

A local auto racing team with roots in the Gila River Indian Community is generating interest in Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) through the use of motorsports. HBM (Highside Blackwater Machine) Racing, a local motorsports team with ties to the Community, invites GRIC youth to come out, turn a wrench and understand how STEAM is a part of auto racing.

"We have been racing for years and years now," said Duncan Wiston, a Community member and member of HBM Racing. "We are three generations of race participants who want to

get out and make a difference in the Community and show the youth we can offer a positive outlet to get involved in."

HBM Racing is a family affair. The team was founded by Luis Bojorquez. Wiston handles marketing and graphic design and his brother, Marcos Bojorquez, drives for the team.

"We've been racing in the International Motor Contest Association (IMCA) for three years in the SportMod division," said Wiston.

He said their grandfather's passion for racing souped-up hot rods with repurposed engines led to their passion in racing.

"[He] passed that onto us when we became of age to get involved in motorsports,

Wiston explained. "Marcos started in 2001 ... and from there we worked our way up to the IMCA SportMod division. It's a national organization that can get pretty expensive."

Wiston said the HBM Racing car is a one-off custom racer built on the chassis of a Chevrolet Chevelle. The car features a roll-cage to protect the driver, high performance Chevrolet 350 crate engine and a custom suspension meant for the racetrack.

In tying everything into STEAM, Wiston said engineering is critical to sending a race car around an oval track. "We have always had the young ones get involved as much as they could or wanted to, just learning the basics of how to

prepare a car for racing and competition," said Wiston. "Because once you learn how to prepare a machine like this for a high-performance race, you can develop the skills and become familiar with everyday cars."

Now that HBM Racing has the time and resources to extend their racing expertise to the Community, they are welcoming GRIC youth into "the pits" to learn about how working on cars is more than four wheels and a fast car.

"We want to share this knowledge and experience with the Community, particularly the youth," said Wiston, "and give them a positive outlet and something they can apply their energy to that will keep them away from

drugs and gangs and a lot of the negative influences."

Wiston called racing "a creative way to encourage kids to get involved in STEAM programs," because motorsports involve so many facets of STEAM. There's the science of how an engine works to the technology incorporated to keep the driver safe, plus the mathematics involved in calculating fuel usage and determining the best gear ratios to compete on a specific track.

HBM Racing has developed a partnership with the Gila River Utility Authority STEAM program by providing a virtual activity every month focused on how math is involved in motorsports educating participants about vehicle

safety checks, becoming familiar with different parts of the car, and how to be safe on the road.

Anyone interested in learning about racing can email the team at hbm racing69@gmail.com. To stay up to date with the team, they can be found on Facebook at HBM Racing. Wiston also encourages young Community members to come out, cheer the team on and meet them in the pits.

"There are definitely a lot of ways we can reach out to a lot of age groups in the Community," Wiston said. "When it comes to the more hands-on, technical stuff, young adults will benefit from the knowledge."

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The number 69 HBM Racing machine jockey's for position during 2021 "Ernie Mincy Tribute" race earlier this month in Casa Grande. Photo Courtesy of Duncan Wiston HBM Racing

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 13
MASKS

All persons including Community members, employees and visitors over two (2) years of age who are present within the boundaries of the Reservation shall wear a protective face mask, regardless of vaccination status.

All persons who are subject to the criminal jurisdiction of the Community who violate this face mask requirement shall be subject to a citation under the Community's Criminal Code.

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 13
VIRTUAL LEARNING

Executive Order No. 13 maintains virtual education to at least Feb. 22, and thereafter will allow only vaccinated children and teachers back into the classroom.

Schools must provide virtual or remote learning to non-vaccinated students or parents who choose online learning for their child or children.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS

Courtesy of the Community Council Secretary's Office • January 19, 2022

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, January 19, 2022, by WebEx Platform was called to order by Governor Stephen R. Lewis at 9:03 a.m.

INVOCATION
Provided by Councilwoman Wahlean Riggs

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 (9:09), Arzie Hogg; D2-Carol Schurz; D3-Avery White, Rodney Jackson (9:58); D4-Jennifer Allison, Delmar Jones, Regina Antone, Christopher Mendoza; D5-James De La Rosa, Marlin Dixon, Brian Davis, Sr., Wahlean Riggs; D6- Anthony Villareal, Sr., Charles Goldtooth, Terrance Evans; D7-Devin Redbird

Council Members Absent:
APPROVAL OF AGENDA
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO TABLE RESOLUTION #3 FOR NON-SUBMITTAL OF MATERIAL MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT REPORTS #1, #2, AND #4; ACCEPT AND APPROVE RESOLUTIONS #1 AND #2 ON THE CONSENT AGENDA MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE THE REGULAR AGENDA AS AMENDED

PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS
1. GRICUA's New General Manager Ken Stock Introduction

Presenters: Pamela Thomas, GRICUA Board, Erica Dawahoya, Arnold Mejia, Kathy Galloway, Ken Stock
MS. PAMELA THOMAS INTRODUCED MR. KEN STOCK AS THE NEW GENERAL MANAGER FOR THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY UTILITY AUTHORITY. MR. STOCK WAS RAISED IN WASHINGTON STATE NEAR THE CANADIAN BORDER. MR. STOCK SERVED IN THE ARMY FOR EIGHT (8) YEARS AND RECEIVED A DIPLOMA FROM THE US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS POWER ENGINEER PROGRAM. MR. STOCK EARNED HIS BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION FROM SOUTHEAST MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY AND CERTIFICATES IN ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES FROM SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY AND LICENSED

IN PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY OPERATIONS AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT OPERATIONS BY THE ILLINOIS EPA. MR. STOCK IS HAPPY TO BE WORKING FOR GRICUA AND THE COMMUNITY. VARIOUS COUNCIL MEMBERS AND LT. GOVERNOR ANTONE WELCOMED MR. STOCK TO THE COMMUNITY AND THANKED HIM FOR ASSISTING MEMBERS.

REPORTS
>1. FY2021 Annual Report – Office of Special Funding
Presenter: Cheryl Pablo
ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA
>2. FY 2021 Annual Report – Pension Office
ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA
3. COVID-19 Update
Presenters: COVID-19 Task Force
REPORT HEARD

>4. Gila River Sand & Gravel Quarterly Report FY21 Q4
Presenters: Michael Morago, Donna Stowell, GRSG Board of Directors
ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

5. CY 2021 Office of the General Counsel Annual Report (Executive Session)
Presenters: Thomas L. Murphy, Javier G. Ramos, Sunshine Manuel, Casaundra Wallace, Rebecca Hall
REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION
6. FY22 Monthly Financial Activity Report ending December 31, 2021 (Executive Session)
Presenter: Treasurer Gary T. Mix
REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

RESOLUTIONS
>1. A Resolution Memorializing An Amendment To The Current Membership Of The Litigation Team With The Addition Of Gary Mix As The Community Treasurer (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)
Presenter: Thomas Murphy
ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>2. A Resolution Authorizing And Approving The Termination Of Per Capita Trust Accounts And Directing The Distribution Of Trust Assets To Certain Beneficiaries (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)
Presenters: Treasurer Gary T. Mix, Neomi Martinez
ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3. A Resolution Authorizing The Human Resources Department To Utilize The Arizona Department Of Public Safety's Noncriminal Justice Compliance Program For Fee-Based State And Federal Criminal History Checks

For Employment Applicants With Regular Contact With Or Control Over Elderly Persons Or Persons With Disabilities (H&SSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Margarita Valdez, Michelle Barber
TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA
ORDINANCES
UNFINISHED BUSINESS
NEW BUSINESS

1. Community's Return to Work Plan – 100% On-site (H&SSC forwards to Council for further discussion and action)

Presenters: Stephen R. Lewis, Monica Antone, Suzanne Jones, Thomas Murphy, Candalerian Preston, Bruce Harvey

{GOVERNOR LEWIS CALLED FOR A 30 MINUTE BREAK; THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 12:53 P.M.}

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO SUPPORT GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS OPENING PLAN AND FORMALIZE THE EFFECTIVE DATE SUGGESTED BY GOVERNOR LEWIS. HEALTH & SOCIAL WILL MONITOR THE PROGRESS OF THE PLAN EVERY 30 DAYS

2. Gila River Utility Authority Board of Directors – Declaration of One (1) Vacancy (EDSC forwards to Council to declare the vacancy and advertise for 60 days subject to the Code of Conduct)

Presenter: Shannon White
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ADVERTISE THE GRICUA BOARD OF DIRECTOR VACANCY FOR 60 DAYS SUBJECT TO THE CODE OF CONDUCT MINUTES

1. December 1, 2021 (Regular)
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE AS PRESENTED

2. January 5, 2022 (Regular)
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE AS PRESENTED

3. January 6, 2022 (Special)
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE AS PRESENTED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

~COVID-19 TESTING THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, 2021 AT THE SACATON HEAD START

ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 1:03 P.M.

* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)

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All Public and Veterans Groups are Welcome

CANCELLED
Feb. 19 2022

Luncheon hosted by American Legion Auxiliary Unit No. 84 with St. Peters Church and School. Event sponsored by American Legion Ira H. Hayes Post No. 84 and Auxiliary Unit No. 84. Mailing Address: P.O. Box 186, Sacaton, AZ, 85147 / Phone: 520.562.8484 / Fax: 520.562.3297 / Email: ihpost84@gilanet.net
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Submissions & Notices

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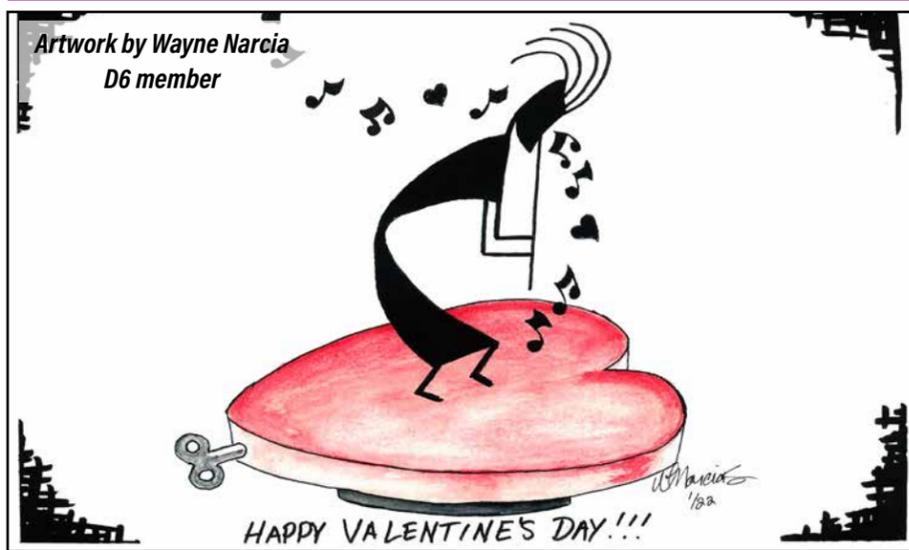
Call for Contestants

The pageant will be held virtually.
Applications and eligibility criteria are now available at gricroyalty.org

Deadline to apply is February 25, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

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For more information email missgilariver@gric.nsn.us or call (520) 562-9715

NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT COMMUNICATION SITE LEASE AT STATE ROAD 347

Press Release

Office of General Council

The Natural Resource Standing Committee ("NRSC") will be considering the Environmental Assessment Form from the Gila River Telecommunications, Inc. regarding a communication site lease on approximately 0.040 acres of land at State Road 347 near the entrance

to the Gila River Sand and Gravel Maricopa Plant in District 6 of the Gila River Indian Reservation at their regular meeting on December 21, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. via WebEx Meeting Platform. A copy of the Environmental Assessment Form in its entirety is available for review at all District Service Centers and the Community Council Secretary's Office.

If you are interested in providing comments to the Environmental

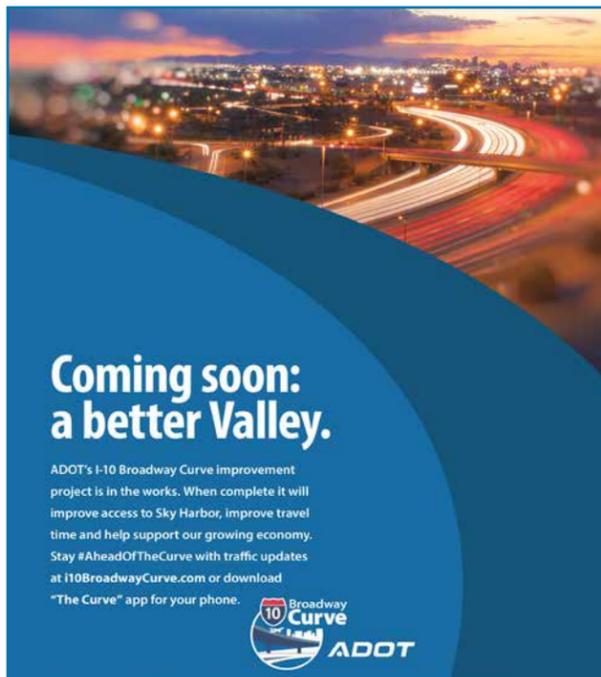
Assessment Form, please attend the scheduled NRSC meeting. You may also contact your Council representative or the NRSC Chairperson at (520) 562-9720. Written comments may be emailed to Casaundra Wallace at casaundra.wallace@gric.nsn.us or mailed to Office of the General Counsel, P.O. Box 97, Sacaton, AZ 85147, Attn: Casaundra Wallace.

Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Tribal Court

COURT DATE NOTICE
Sundust, Tamera Tilda

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- New Lanes on SR 143 & US 60 (to connect to I-10 improvements)
- New Pedestrian Bridges
- Improved Sun Circle Trail Connection

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

The Gila River Indian Community Council will be considering amendments to Title 3, Enrollment, Membership. Amendments are being proposed to sections 3.101 through 3.110.

TITLE 3 MEMBERSHIP

- 3.101. Definitions.
- 3.102. Duties and Responsibilities of Enrollment Department.
- 3.103. Duties and Responsibilities of Community Council.
- 3.104. Eligibility for Membership.
- 3.105. Enrollment Process.
- 3.106. Petitions for Membership.
- 3.107. Grounds for Denial of Membership and Appeals.
- 3.108. Relinquishment of Membership.
- 3.109. Dual Membership.
- 3.110. Removal from Membership.
- 3.111. Membership Decisions.
- 3.112. Protest.
- 3.113. Confidentiality of Records; Penalty.
- 3.114. Name Changes.
- 3.115. Severability.
- 3.116. Rules, Regulations and Procedures.
- 3.117. Effective Date.

A copy of the proposed amendments in their entirety is available for review at all District Service Centers and the Community Council Secretary's Office. Public Notice is also being posted in the GRIN and the Community's social media. This amendment will be considered by Legislative Standing Committee on or after March 8, 2022.

Community members may comment on the proposed revisions to Title 3 by contacting their Council representative and/or Councilman Arzie Hogg, Chairperson of the Legislative Standing Committee. Written comments may be sent to Office of General Counsel by email to Bartley.Harris.OGC@gric.nsn.us or by mail to Office of General Counsel, Post Office Box 97, Sacaton, Arizona 85147, Attn: Bartley Harris.

NOTICE OF REQUIREMENT RESIDENT NON-MEMBER REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JANUARY 31, 2022

- ✓ The Community's Residency Ordinance requires all adults (18 years of age and older) who are not enrolled members of the Gila River Indian Community, but who reside within the boundaries of the Community to register their residency.
- ✓ All non-member residents 18 years of age and older who reside within the boundaries of the Community must register their residency with the Enrollment Department and must update their registration by January 31st each year.
- ✓ Previously registered non-member residents will receive a renewal form by mail. All other non-member residents should contact the Enrollment Department to request a registration form.
Physical Address:
Governance Center 525 W Gu U Ki Sacaton, AZ 85147
Phone number: (520) 562-9790
- ✓ The Registration Form maybe submitted in person at the Enrollment Office. A photo ID is required; or
- ✓ Registration Forms can be submitted by email, fax or mail. Notary required.
Mailing address:
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