

September Community Meeting

Story by R. Peters

The Monday, September 27 Community Meeting began with a welcome from Chairman Robert Miguel, followed by a prayer by Councilmember Delia Carlyle. Chairman then turned it over to members of the Maricopa Unified School District Override Committee.

Christine Dickinson, along with Chairman Mrs. Inez Ramirez, and Treasurer Dr. Emily Maxwell were available to present for the Yes for MUSD Override. The Committee is seeking Community support on this ballot measure in order to extend the current voter-approved 10% Maintenance and Operation Override for MUSD. Ballots should be mailed within the week, via Postal Service.

Christine explained that the Override is a continuation of support from 2016 10% operations Override, which will continue to provide roughly \$5 million dollars in funding for the Maricopa Unified School District. “We are asking for a yes vote, which would extend the current Override. It is not a new tax, it is just a continuation of what is currently in place.”

MUSD has three specific uses for the Override; the first is earmarked for technology. “Since the Override passed in 2016, along with Council support, we have been able to provide a laptop for every student in our school district as well as teachers.”

Prior to the pandemic, “teachers had desktop computers that did not travel with them, but luckily for us we had an Override in place and we had just in October 2019, started the process of getting laptops out to every single one of our

staff members, so they were able to work virtually during the shutdown and still meet the needs the best we could for our students, by offering virtual learning.”

Technology accounts for about \$500,000 of that \$5 million, “which would be going away if the voters do not approve this continuing measure. Additionally, another \$500,000 goes to our Ram Academy, which is our alternative path to graduation.”

This alternative program at Maricopa high school helps meet the needs of students who cannot attend during a traditional school day. “It helps with credit recovery and we have graduated over 100 students since that program was put into place in 2016.”

The remaining \$4million goes to fund 70 staff members that have helped reduce class sizes throughout MUSD. “Our elementary target classroom sizes have gone down significantly... Thanks to this Override we have been able to bring our class sizes down, below state average, as well as provide support staff for many of those classrooms, including kindergarten.”

The Committee also explained what would happen if the Override doesn’t pass. “Unfortunately, the way Arizona funds our Overrides, next year we would lose one-third of the funding, the next year it would go down to two-thirds and the third year it would be completely gone.”

The loss would result in a reduction of staffing, creating larger class sizes, as well as the capacity to continue funding

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Maricopa Wells A Team Volleyball take the Win



Above, Maricopa Wells Middle School Girls Volleyball celebrate their championship win against Maricopa Desert Winds, September 21.

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September 21, 2021, Maricopa Wells Middle School Girls Volleyball A team took to the court at Maricopa High School for a championship match against Maricopa Desert Winds Middle School.

The game was exciting, as both teams volleyed back in forth, and after two games, Maricopa Wells Panthers were victorious.

This year’s team included four girls from the Community; Kylie Gardner (8th), Joanna Acosta (8th), Iliana Perryman (7th) and Pate Justin (6th).

Kylie was a starter for the A team, with an excellent serve and dominant defense at the net, she was a key to the successful Panther win.

Pate was moved up to

play with the A team and although she did not play in the championship game, she sat courtside and cheered her Panthers to victory.

“Gardner has been a leader all season on and off the court” shared coach Nicole Blackwell. “The entire time she plays she is smiling... Joanna was a starter on B team

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Roulette Now Live at Harrah’s Ak-Chin Casino

(MARICOPA, Ariz. – Sept. 21, 2021) – Roulette is now live at Harrah’s Ak-Chin Casino. The popular table game is the latest addition to the property’s gaming options that lets casino guests pay their way.

Earlier this year, the Arizona State Senate passed HB 2772 amending the current gaming compact allowing tribal casinos the opportunity to add additional live table games to their current offerings. Since then, Harrah’s Ak-Chin Casino has added Craps, Baccarat and now Roulette to the casino gaming floor.



Roulette is the latest table game to be added to Harrah’s Ak-Chin Casino’s gaming floor.

About Harrah’s Ak-Chin Casino:

Celebrating more than 25 years in Maricopa, Arizona, Harrah’s Ak-Chin Casino is Arizona’s first and only tribal casino to have an international management partner.

Harrah’s Ak-Chin is the only casino in Arizona that allows guests, through its Caesars Rewards program, to unlock benefits and other prizes that can be used worldwide at the entire Caesars’ family of casinos.

Harrah’s Ak-Chin also boasts one of the two Bingo halls within the Caesars portfolio, continuing the proud heritage

of William F. Harrah, who opened his first Bingo hall in Reno in 1937.

In addition to Craps, Baccarat, slot machines, video poker, video Keno, statewide progressives and blackjack, Harrah’s Ak-Chin Casino guests can also enjoy a variety of dining options, including the Copper Cactus Grill, Chop, Block & Brew, Oak & Fork, Agave’s Restaurant and Dunkin’®.

Harrah’s Ak-Chin Casino features 529 luxurious resort and tower guestrooms, spa and fitness center, and an outdoor swimming pool with swim-up bar.

Competitors spice up the city at Maricopa Salsa Night Market



Photo by R. Bowen

Ollin Yoliztli Dance Academy performers delight the crowds at the Salsa Night Market at Copper Sky Regional Park on Saturday, Sept. 25

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September 21, 2021

Dear Ak-Chin Community,

Our family would like to give our heartfelt thanks to the Ak-Chin Community Council. We laid our Brother/Uncle Jesse to rest in the Ak-Chin Cemetery on Saturday 9/18/21 where he is resting peacefully with his parents, siblings and cousins.

Thank you for permitting us to carry on our family tradition. We, being non-district members of the Tohono O'odham Nation, are grateful to you for allowing our family to be together within your Community.

We are most appreciative of the Council and their hospitality and in working with the Tohono O'odham Nation so that we could make our arrangements.

We would also like to thank the Ak-Chin Police Department for the escort. We were not expecting such an outpour of support and assistance but are very much full of thanks. We are humbled that Brother/Uncle Jesse was escorted to his final resting place.

Special thanks goes out to the different departments that assisted, including Sanitation/Public Works, Cultural Resources and to Flower and to the St. Francis of Assisi Church. We very

much appreciate all of the assistance and are grateful we could be in contact with your departments with our issues and concerns.

During these rough times of losing family members and living with and around Covid, we come to learn how precious life is. We are all thankful to the Creator and all that He has provided for us. Not only waking up everyday to live another day but also for putting each other in our paths. This is what we are grateful for; You as a Community have been here for our family. Again...many thanks.

Many Blessings to you and yours,
The Zepeda Family

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instructional technology, and as we all know technology is always in need of updating; the current laptops purchased in 2016 have a five-year life cycle. It will also reduce the capacity to fund the Ram Academy, resulting in lost credit for those students who prefer the alternative schooling option.

The Community was credited for always showing support in previous Overrides, "your continued support through grants and such, has always been very welcomed and we're very thankful for that."

The next presentation was led by Community Operations Manager, Bart Smith. Bart asked to share his presentation online, once set up, he talked about the Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map Update, as well as the process of notifying the Community on any changes. A time period for the membership is allowed to give input on the Ordinance, before it gets officially adopted by Community Council.

The purpose of the Zoning Ordinance is to regulate any type of development that occurs within the Community, while protecting the Community's natural and cultural resources. It also ensures that the Community is consistent, safe and efficient when developing facilities and homes in the Community. Bart provided a timeframe and review of the changes on his slide presentation. He also informed members that the Ordinance was available for review at Ak-Chin Library and Planning office.

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A project management team that consisted of a number of departments and core team players including Planning and Development are working on the update, as well as a Community Review team; Community Council, Planning and Zoning Commission, Community Ops, Capital Projects, Environmental Programs, Cultural Resources, GIS and the Airport Manager.

The Zoning Ordinance was last updated in 2007. When the team started working on the Ordinance several years ago, they wanted to update the Ordinance to show the new land areas that changed and land uses. Bart explained the Ordinance's permitted process, which the team learned over the years, through Community development, had a couple of permitting issues and delays. "So, we wanted to streamline those processes and have more of an efficient process for review and also approval of any minor accessory improvements within the Community."

In October 2017, Planning started having discussions with Capital Projects, it took a year to review each of the chapters in the Zoning Ordinance; to look at what areas needed improvement, what areas weren't being used anymore and what problems they came across as they went through the process of the Planning and Zoning Commission. In 2019, they started working with several departments on their process within the Zoning Ordinances, and then in 2020 Covid hit.

After a delay, they began working again on the Ordinance. In October 2020, they began multiple work sessions with the Commission to get their input, then talked to Cultural Resources and Environmental Programs. They realized they didn't really touch on the fee lands that went into trust such as Southern Dunes and the airport properties; those were added into the zoning maps.

Recently, the team met with Council to review the documents in the Zoning Ordinance and shared a schedule that showed a 60-day review period, and asked approval from Council to reduce the timeframe. The reason for reduced timeframe was due to numerous Capital Projects that needed to get started. With a new streamlined Ordinance permitted process it will allow the team to work more efficiently, once the new Ordinance gets adopted. Council approved to reduce the review period to 15 days.

Bart presented the schedule at today's Community Meeting and informed that a public notice was sent out on September 17, with the Runner newspaper, which started the 15-day review countdown.

Community members have until October 1, to go to the library or planning office to review the documents and submit comments. On October 12, all comments will be put into a final draft that will be presented to the Planning and Zoning Commission. They will give their recommendation to Community Council, who will

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UPDATE ON HOSPITALITY AND AMENITIES IN MAGDALENA DE KINO FOR ST. FRANCIS' DAY

SELLS, Ariz. — As previously announced, while there will be no public festival held in Magdalena de Kino, Mexico during the celebration of St. Francis' Day, the church is expected to be open to visitors on Oct. 4, 2021. COVID-19 safety measures will be in place.

A campsite will be available to tribal citizens from Oct. 1 – 4, 2021, with showers, portable toilets, and 24-hour security. However, the Tohono O'odham

Legislative Council will not be providing a visitor center this year.

Leaders of the Tohono O'odham Nation continue to meet with Magdalena officials to discuss the safety situation. The Nation's Executive Office will keep the public updated on any new developments. Please stay alert for any additional updates if you are planning to travel to Magdalena for St. Francis' Day.

Starting
Tuesday, October 5th, 2021

10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Elements Event Center
16000 Maricopa Rd.



Yoga for Fall Prevention



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For Members and Residents
of the Ak-Chin Indian Community

For questions about the Injury Prevention Program
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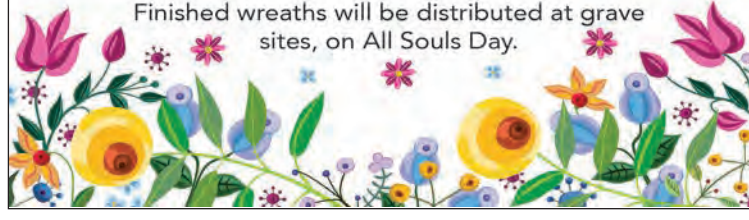
The 2021 session will continue as a home based project, for the safety of our Community.

Participants can make flower wreaths from the comfort of their home. A bag of supplies will be provided to each participant, the bag will contain enough supplies to complete 5 or 10 wreaths.

Bags can be dropped off at your home, or can be picked up at the Art Building. Finished wreaths can also be picked up from your home or dropped off at the Art Building.

If you are interested in participating, please call the Him-Dak Museum @ 520-568-1350. Bag distribution is from August 3rd through October 15th.

Finished wreaths will be distributed at grave sites, on All Souls Day.



Ak-Chin Indian Community Wireless Internet Service Questionnaire

Community Council has approved Wireless Internet Service to be provided in the Community for all residents who choose to participate. The service is free to all Community households and its purpose is to provide Internet access in Community homes for student/elder and resident during this COVID-19 crisis. If you would like to participate in this program please fill out the form below and drop the form off at the IS Department.

Resident Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

1) Would you like to participate in the Program?
Yes ☐ No ☐

2) What is the total number of household members:
2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5+ ☐

3) Age ranges in the household: (Check all that apply)
0-5 ☐ 6-17 ☐ 18-30 ☐ 31-50 ☐ 51+ ☐

4) How many total devices (cellphones, TVs, computers, tablets & laptops) are used in the household, that require wireless service:
2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5+ ☐

5) What is the primary use for needing wireless access? (check all that apply)
School ☐ Work ☐ Personal ☐

Thank you for participating in this survey.

Please submit completed surveys to IS Department, located at
45710 W. Farrell Rd. (520-568-1120), or
e-mail hnavis@ak-chin.nsn.us.

Elder September Breakfast/Lunch Menu

1) Bacon & egg Burrito, banana, granola bar, apple juice / Spaghetti, Wax Beans, Salad, Roll, Fruit Cocktail

4) Cream of Wheat, boiled eggs, cinnamon raisin toast, yogurt, milk / Chicken Soup w/Vegetables, Brown Rice, Romaine Salad, Mandarin Oranges

5) Egg & cheese sandwich with spinach on an English muffin, cranberry orange muffin, cottage cheese & peaches, apple juice / Lima Beans, Pork Roast (D), Carrots, Broccoli, Moon Bread, Jell-O- Apples

6) Sausage links, scrambled eggs, hash browns, toast, chocolate milk / Battered Cod or Chicken Cordon Blu,

Yellow Squash, Peas, Romaine Salad, Apple Rings

7) Oatmeal, scrambled eggs, English muffin, cereal, banana, milk / Hamburgers, Corn on Cob, Broccoli Salad, Pears
8) Breakfast casserole (bacon, eggs, spinach, onion, bell peppers, & cheese), biscuit, sliced apples, orange juice / Menudo, Chicken w/ Hominy (D), Rolls, Zucchini, Bread-Oranges

11) Biscuit & gravy, scrambled eggs, bacon, fruit, apple juice / Chimichangas, Black Beans, Corn, Cup Cake- Apples

12) Sausage, potato, & egg burrito, sliced apples,

granola bar, grape juice / Chicken Spinach Bake, Sweet Potato, Wax Beans, Asparagus, Peaches

13) Cream of Wheat, scrambled eggs, biscuit, cereal, grapes, milk / Pork Chops, Scalloped Potatoes, Wild Rice, Carrots, Romaine Salad, Apricots

14) Cinnamon French toast, boiled eggs, bacon, banana, orange juice / Chicken Pot Pie, Creamed Spinach, Brown Rice, Fresh Cut Fruit

15) Egg & cheese quesadilla, salsa, diced potatoes, cottage cheese & peaches, chocolate milk / Indian Tacos, Lettuce, Tomato, Cheese, Jell-O-Plums

** Some items may change without notice **



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Announcements and wishes
may be phoned in, faxed
or e-mailed.

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The Ak-Chin O'odham
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DEADLINE

Don't forget the
DEADLINE for the
October 15 - November 4, 2021
issue is due by
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8TH

Please submit all
announcements, wishes, etc.
no later than
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8TH

Material submitted after the
OCTOBER 8TH DEADLINE
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and relevant, it will be
included in the next issue.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (2)

Ak-Chin Indian Community

Ak-Chin Circle Business Suites – Market Feasibility Study

The Ak-Chin Indian Community ("Community") is seeking professional services to conduct a Market Feasibility Study for the development of a business suites. The proposed Project Area totals approximately 3.0 +/- acres and will be located at the intersection of Narcia Street and Tobi Drive next to the Ak-Chin Circle Entertainment complex. The Market Feasibility Study will assist the Community in developing a state-of-the-art business Complex.

I. BACKGROUND

The Project Area has

been identified to sit on a 3.0 +/- acre lot which will be positioned on the North-East Corner of Narcia street and Tobi Drive. Facilities within the Ak-Chin Circle includes a Fire Station, Surface Water Treatment Facility, Ak-Chin Entertainment Center and Elements Event Center. Also, a Central Plant that services the Entertainment Center, Elements Event Center and Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino Resort, is the adjacent property.

II. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Ak-Chin Community, invites Proposals from qualified individuals or

organizations to examine the feasibility of Business Suites at Ak-Chin Circle capability of leasing to local business. The Community expects the Market Feasibility study to be well thought out, projections of demands that will consist of build to suit suites. One of the suites is reserved for an existing tenant (Fresenius Dialysis Center) looking to relocate that require approximately 9,000 sq. ft. The Market Feasibility should include recommendation of what types of business demand within a 25 miles radius, business that has the most potential for long-term, what resources would be required to attract these users, and what the projected direct and indirect rate of return

is for each opportunity including economic impact, and insight regarding efficient use of space and resources is also welcome.

Consultants shall have a background in understanding of the office complex market and have knowledge into typical standards in providing suites for a large variety of office purposes.

Be able to meet virtually throughout project contract and a number of on-site social distance field work meetings

III. PRE-PROPOSAL MEETING

A Recommended Virtual pre-proposal meeting is scheduled for 11a.m. (MST) on Friday, October 8th, 2021 by WebEx. To register for a WebEx invitation email Fhowerton@ak-chin.nsn.us, by noon on Thursday, Oct 7th, 2021. Full RFP will be provided electronically shortly after registering.

IV. SUBMISSIONS

Physical submissions should be provided in a package clearly marked with "Ak-Chin Office Complex Feasibility Study Proposal." Please submit five (5) bound, (1) unbound copies and (1) Electronic Proposal on a Thumb Drive of your Proposal to the Purchasing Manager at the address listed below. **Face Covering is required to enter the building to drop off proposal.**

Flora Howerton
Purchasing Manager
Ak-Chin Indian Community
42507 W. Peters and
Nall Road Maricopa, AZ
85138

Any questions regarding this project proposal must be submitted via email by **Friday, October 15, 2021 by 5 p.m.** to Flora Howerton, Purchasing Manager (520) 568-1043. **The deadline for submitting proposal is Friday, October 22, 2021 at 12 p.m.**

PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST

The Ak-Chin Youth Council will be having a pumpkin carving contest for the first 20 families to sign up. The Youth Council would like to continue to help families celebrate the holidays while continuing to keep safe by social distancing. So, we encourage families to have fun with this contest, dress up your pumpkin, decorate, and show us your best carvings! Deadline to sign up is October 15, 2021.

- Must be Community Member or Resident
- All Ages
- One pumpkin per household
- 3 Categories: Funniest/Scariest/Sport Themed

For Sign-ups please call (520) 568-1038/1044 or e-mail mlantone@ak-chin.nsn.us or jdavis2@ak-chin.nsn.us

Participants will be contacted for further instructions. Winners will be announced live on the Ak-Chin Youth Council Facebook page October 29, 2021

THE AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY HAS ONE (1) VACANCY FOR THE AK-CHIN ENROLLMENT COMMITTEE

OPEN TO AK-CHIN COMMUNITY MEMBERS ONLY

Duties & Responsibilities of the Ak-Chin Enrollment Committee

1. Preparing for and attending all meetings of the Committee.
2. Reviewing all enrollment applications.
3. Preparing enrollment applications for presentation to the Community Council.
4. Recommending to the Community Council approval or denial of applications for enrollment.
5. Developing recommendations to improve the enrollment process as needed.
6. Taking timely action on all enrollment applications and related matters.
7. Attending training sessions/meetings pertaining to tribal membership as appropriate.

Requirements: All interested parties who desire to serve on the Ak-Chin Housing Board must submit a letter detailing why they are interested in serving on the Ak-Chin Housing Board. In your letter of interest, please note which Board, Commission or Committee you currently serve on, and when your term expires.

Enrolled Community employees must also submit documentation from their supervisor allowing them to serve on the Ak-Chin Enrollment Committee:

Please send all letters of interest Attn:

Ak-Chin Community Council
Attn: Victoria A. Smith
42507 W. Peters & Nall Rd.
Maricopa, Arizona 85138



Deadline to submit letter of interest is Friday, October 8, 2021 by 5:00pm.

Ak-Chin Indian Community ONE (1) VACANCY FOR THE AK-CHIN HOUSING BOARD VACANCY OPEN TO AK-CHIN COMMUNITY MEMBERS ONLY

Reminder: Community Members can only serve on three (3) Boards or Commissions or Committees maximum at any given time.

The Ak-Chin Housing Board oversees:

1. The administration and oversight of housing programs that include but is not limited to all Ak-Chin Community homes, Human and Urban Development (HUD) homes and Tax Credit homes in coordination with the Community Council.
2. Is responsible for ensuring that all appropriated housing related funds are expended in established regulations.
3. Is responsible for ensuring that all established policies regarding lease compliance, resident issues and home care and maintenance are followed.

Requirements: All interested parties who desire to serve on the Ak-Chin Housing Board must submit a letter of interest detailing why they are interested in serving on the Ak-Chin Housing Board. In your letter of interest, please note which Board, Commission or Committee you currently serve on, and when your term expires.

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Maricopa, AZ 85138



Deadline for letters of Interest is Friday, October 8, 2021 by 5:00pm.

Hearing Notice Ak-Chin Indian Community Planning and Zoning

Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a Hearing regarding the following cases at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 12, 2021, at the Water Reclamation Facility (WRF) Conference Room, 46200 W. Ralph Street.

CASE: PS-06-21: Desert Willow Subdivision:

Project Applicant/Housing Director Marlene Garcia, is requesting Preliminary Site Plan approval to construct a new residential subdivision on approximately 38.61 acres of land in the R3 Residential Zone to help address the housing needs for the Community. The site is generally bounded by Court Street, Ak-Chin Parkway, Smith Road, and Vekol Road.

The project consists of:

- Sixty (60) single-family residential home sites.
- Roadways, utilities, stormwater drainage and retention basins, public trails, landscaped areas, street signage, and public open space.
- Public amenities will include decomposed granite trails, ramadas and bench seating in landscaped public open space areas.
- The Applicant is requesting Planning and Zoning Commission consideration for a Variation with Hardship to allow residential home sites (approximately ¼ acre in size) that are smaller than those found elsewhere in the R-3 Residential Zone.

CASE: ZA-01-21: Ak-Chin Indian Community Zoning Ordinance Update and Zoning Map Update:

Project Applicant/Community Operations Manager Bart Smith, is requesting to amend the Ak-Chin Indian Community Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map. The Community's Zoning Ordinance was last updated in 2007 and the proposed amendment will assist the Community to review future land uses and development proposals. The Zoning Ordinance update will consist of text changes within all chapters of the Zoning Ordinance. The Zoning Map update will consist of map changes throughout the entirety of the Zoning Map.

The amendment will consist of:

- Text revisions to the Acknowledgements, Chapter 1 – General Provisions, Chapter 2 – Purpose and Definitions, Chapter 3 – Residential Zones (R1, R2, & R3), Chapter 4 – Public Use, Chapter 5 – Commercial Zones (C1 & C2), Chapter 6 – Industrial 1 & 2 Zones, Chapter 7 – Agriculture Zone, Chapter 8 – Preserved Sensitive Zone, Chapter 9 – Riparian Zone, Chapter 10 – Administration, Chapter 11 – Amending Zoning Ordinance/General Plan, sections of the Ordinance.
- Map revisions to the Community Zoning Map including the zoning of unzoned lands (Southern Dunes Golf Course, Airport, various Fee-to-Trust and Fee properties), the rezoning of R3 land to R-4 (new Zone), the rezoning of Preserved Sensitive land to PS-1, PS-2, and PS-3 (new Zones), and the expansion of Zone boundaries to street centerlines.

Fall Intercession at Ak-Chin

Community youth have gathered at the Ak-Chin recreational facility to partake in fun activities during the Fall Intercession.

Kids are given a full day of activities and play starting at 9 am. On their first day of intercession, recreation department staff made crafts with the kids. One craft created was a Sugar Skull decoration created with provided materials, mixing and matching colors and constructing their colorful decoration alongside friends and family.

We will be featuring more of Fall Intercession activities in the next issue.

Car Seat Check Up Event

Did you know that information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention state that “Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of unintentional injury death of American Indians/Alaska Natives”?

September 22nd, Ak-Chin Injury Prevention Program recognized National Child Passenger Safety Week with an event that helps aid and educate parents, guardians, family and friends on how to safely install your children’s car and booster seats.

The Child Car Seat Check-Up was set outside in the back the Health Education building, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Injury Prevention Specialist, Teri De La Cruz headed the event serving as the Passenger Safety Seat Technician, with the help of ECE Preschool Teacher Sonya Joaquin, who was working through Child Passenger Safety (CPS) training and testing for recertification as a technician.

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DEADLINE: OCTOBER 28, 2021

OCTOBER 29TH, 2021
6:30 PM-8:30 PM

VIA ZOOM & LIVE STREAMING ON THE AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY FACEBOOK PAGE

October 1 - 14, 2021



Kids craft during intercession.

Community members and employees took the opportunity to stop by for a free and much needed safety seat. A 30-minute training session was given by the technician. Families were taught how to properly and correctly install safety seats and how to safely secure children once in the seats.

- ❖ Car crashes are a leading cause of death for children. On average, two children under 13 were killed and an estimated 374 were injured every day in 2019 while riding in cars, SUVs, pickups, and vans.

- ❖ 608 child passenger vehicle occupants died in traffic crashes in 2019.

- ❖ 38% of children who died in 2019 while riding in passenger vehicles were unrestrained, compared to 33% in 2018.

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

There is no way to predict when a car crash will happen, but what we can do to protect and prevent all those we love from serious injury is to wear safety belts.

If anyone is needing a car seat, they are still available for distribution/education.



Left and Top Right: Ak-Chin employees and members demonstrated the lessons given by Passenger Safety Technicians.



Injury Prevention Specialist Teri J. De La Cruz, Diabetes Program Assistant Marilyn Velasco and Preschool Teacher Sonya Joaquin at the Car Seat Check Up Event.



Early Childhood Education Program Manager Bianca Chavez-Schrader stands next to Buckle Up sign outside of the preschool building. The sign is a reminder for parents to Buckle Up their children to and from school. Photo submitted

Ak-Chin Child Development

Fall 2021 Newsletter

Fall Break Activities

- Visit a pumpkin farm
 - <https://www.visitarizona.com/like-a-local/arizonas-fall-events-and-festivals/>
- Take a Listening walk or read the book.
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6tK4m8ALqRo>
- Pumpkin painting
 - Paint a real pumpkin with paint for decorations.
- Take a ‘Story Stroll’ in the Ak-Chin Parks
 - Courtesy of the Ak-Chin Library.
 - September book is ‘Chicka Chicka Boom Boom.’
 - If you haven’t already, Sign up for the 1,000 Book Before kindergarten!

Family Resources

- <http://www.raisingarizonakids.com/calendar/>
- <http://www.firstthingsfirst.org/regions/pinal/>
- <https://www.pbs.org/parents/learn-grow/all-ages/literacy>
- <https://www.naeyc.org/resources/blog/few-thoughts-separation-anxiety>
- <http://www.firstthingsfirst.org/resources/birth-five-helpline/>
- <https://www.healthline.com/health/lice-home-remedies#what-to-avoid>

Early Intervention

If you or someone you know has a concern with a young child’s development, there is help. Addressing concerns early is the best way to help children succeed. Ak-Chin Child Development will be happy to assist you in the process. You can find developmental milestones in the resource links above.

[Arizona Early Intervention Program](#)
Children Birth to age 3
Ph. 800-237-3007 or online @ <https://azeip.azdes.gov/AzEIP/AzeipRef/Forms/Categories.aspx>
[Child Find](#)
Children age 3 to before Kindergarten
Ph. 520-568-5100 Ext. 5140

Volleyball continued from front -

but she recently left the team to focus on grades.

Perryman and Justin are starters in the B team. Iliana is great at communication with her teammates and bumping the ball for a set. Pate is a starter on B team. Her serves are great and her continual positivity and ambition are amazing."

Coach said they were very excited about making it to the championship, and credits her girls for being "truly amazing."

"The team has been so positive for so many players. The girls bring each other up and motivate one another. It has been an honor coaching these girls. I cannot wait to see what the future holds for all of them. If they maintain their grades, hard work, ambition, and positivity the sky's the limit."



Top photo: Community players for MWMS Volleyball (l-r): Pate Justin, Kylie Gardner, Iliana Perryman and Joanna Acosta.

At right: Kylie Gardner sends the ball back over the net against the Stanfield Roadrunners.

Photos by R. Peters



Ak-Chin plays with Maricopa Mambas



Mateo Rodriguez and Michael Enos pictured after Maricopa Mambas win against Maricopa Jr. Rams.

Kicking off their season on September 18th, at MHS football stadium, the Maricopa Mambas youth football team played their first game against and sweeping the field with Maricopa Jr. Rams 42-0. Their second game played at Vista

Grande High School they again scored a 42 - 0 victory.

Playing with the Mambas are community members Mateo Rodriguez and Michael Enos to help the team push forward towards championship.



Maricopa Mambas play against AZ Krush at Vista Grande High school.

Community Members participate in Maricopa High School Music Programs



Teagan Delma
(Submitted)

Teagan Delma participated in her first concert at Maricopa High School on Wednesday September 15.

Teagan and her classmates are in Beginners Guitar class. They played Bad Moon Rising by CCR and One More Light by Linkin Park.

Her next concert is December 7th. She loves guitar class!

Teagan is a freshman at MHS. She is the daughter of Willard and Nicole Delma, and granddaughter of Benny Romo and Isabel Sisto.

Celeste Gloria, who plays percussion for Maricopa High School

Band participated in the AzMBA Canyon Del Oro Show, at Canyon Del Oro High School, Oro Valley, on Saturday, September 25th.

Despite a rain delay, "They reacted amazingly and grew closer as a team today! We can't wait to see what the season brings!" as shared on Maricopa High School Band Facebook.

Celeste is a Junior at MHS, and has been in the marching band since her freshman year of high school.

MHS Band's next competition will be AzMBA Highland Show, at Highland High School on Saturday, October



Celeste Gloria
(Submitted)

2nd. They will participate in Division 2A.

Celeste is the daughter

of Julio and Guadalupe Gloria, and granddaughter of Janice Miguel.



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then take action on adopting the updated Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map during their October 20 meeting.

Within the Zoning Ordinance there are 10 chapters listed, with the review from the teams and different departments associated with the Zoning Ordinance, they were updated with more clarity and definition, adding the new residential zone, cleaning up the mapping quite a bit as there were gaps in-between zoning as well as adding the fee-to-trust land.

Senior Planner, Peter Kann explained his role working with Bart and community departments, listening to concerns on what they would like to see in the new Ordinance.

Departments asked for rules that would allow them to develop and improve existing uses and streamlined review of minor accessory uses and building.

Senior Planner, Derek Scheerer provided an update on the existing zoning map which was built on an older electronic system.

There was a lot of clean up with map, with updated geographic information systems, to bring the zoning all together. There were a number of properties transferred from fee-to-trust that did not have zoning, as well as adding preserved sensitive properties on the map.

Planning Director, Sandra Shade reiterated a slide that listed the zoning chapters, encouraging members if they have a particular interest in an area, such as the residential zone or preserved sensitive zone, to go to the library or planning office and read up on the area of interest and see what is being proposed in there and what's allowed.

She also discussed enforcement of the Ordinance, and authority to ensure resident compliance.

Sandra also shared that comments can be emailed to Peter, Derek or herself at the planning office, written comments can also be dropped off.

If you missed the October 1 deadline, there is an opportunity for membership to make a comment at the Call to the Public at the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting on October 12, 6pm at the Water Reclamation Facility conference room, 46200 W. Ralph St.

After the presentations, Council members provided their updates which included: COVID updates on testing and vaccinations; attending various Zoom and WebEx meetings; addressing water settlement issues and attending water conference; annual pilgrimage to Magdalena, Mexico; Chairman interview with KOHN; Planning and Zoning Ordinance presentation; Updating other ordinances including Livestock Committee, other Board and Committee bylaws/policies/ordinances; Virtual Conferences; PRC Manager; ITCA redistricting meetings; Survey and services at new high school; work sessions with departments; meeting with Tohono leadership on healthcare facility; Casino update; feasibility and design for c-stores; rental assistance program.

After Council updates were shared, the meeting was opening to questions from Community Membership, questions included: hosting another vaccination for membership; building a nursing home care center; rental assistance - approval timeline, guidelines, priority list, contacts, continuance options and funding source.

Once all questions were taken, Council Secretary Vicki Smith announced raffle winners. The next Community Meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 25, 2021.

AK-CHIN HEALTH EDUCATION PRESENTS....

WELLNESS BINGO

October 4th - October 31st, 2021

Join us for a new type of challenge...
Let's play WELLNESS BINGO!

Complete 5 different wellness activities of your choice to create a BINGO.

Receive a new BINGO card each week! Wellness BINGO will run for 4 weeks. Submit card to Health Education at the end of each week.

Earn a \$10 gift card for a BINGO per week. Collect at the end of the challenge.

Registration available using GOOGLE forms.

**Screenshots or photos maybe required as proof of activities to submit with bingo cards at the end of the week.
**Open only to Ak-Chin Community Members, Residents, and Employees. Open to all ages.

QUESTIONS? CONTACT HEALTH EDUCATION AT (520)568-1085 OR MGUY@AK-CHIN.NSN.US



THE
HUB



GRHC COVID-19 HOTLINE
(520) 550-6079



GRHC.ORG/HUB

AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY COVID-19 TESTING

SAVE THE DATE

2021 TEST DATES

October 26th and 27th
5 pm - 7 pm

AT AK-CHIN JUSTICE COMPLEX
45525 W. FARRELL ROAD, MARICOPA, AZ 85139

For test result information, please call (520) 559-6079



FOR GENERAL INFO ABOUT COVID-19, GO TO [GRHC.ORG/HUB](https://grhc.org/hub) OR CALL THE
GRHC COVID-19 HOTLINE AT (520) 550-6079



Safe Medication Disposal Now Available!

Improper medication disposal can lead to accidental poisoning, drug abuse, and environmental damage!

The MedSafes are located near the pharmacy window in all 3 locations

(HHKMH Pharmacy, RTH Pharmacy and KHC Pharmacy).

To use:

1. Notify a pharmacy staff member you have medications to discard
2. The pharmacy staff member will unlock the MedSafe for you to dispose of your items.

Pharmacy staff members can provide guidance but are not permitted to dispose of the contents for you in the MedSafe.

Drugs should be in original containers if possible. Remove personal information if desired prior to disposal. Once items are discarded in the safe, they may not be retrieved.

The following may be placed in the MedSafe:

1. Unused, discontinued or expired patients' medications
2. Legally held controlled drugs and narcotics

The following should NOT be placed in

1. Needles, syringes, lancets, or injection pens
2. Liquid chemotherapy drugs, chemo waste, or other medical waste
3. Batteries
4. Aerosol spray cans/inhalers - please return to any of our pharmacies
5. Trash or other hazardous materials
6. Illicit/Illegal drugs (Schedule I controlled substances) such as marijuana, cocaine, heroin, methamphetamine



Reminder!

Gila River Health Care's
Administrative Offices
and Outpatient Clinics
will be

CLOSED 11/11/2021 - VETERANS DAY

CLOSED 11/25 & 26/2021 - THANKSGIVING

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-8255

Gila River Indian Community CRISIS HOTLINE: 1-800-259-3449

AK-CHIN HEALTH EDUCATION PRESENTS...

2021 SUPER HERO 5K

VIRTUAL DATES - SEPT. 30TH TO OCT. 11TH
FLY, RUN, WALK THE 5K ANYWHERE, ANYTIME!
REGISTER BY OCTOBER 5TH, 2021
WALK/RUN SUBMISSION DEADLINE OCTOBER 12TH, 2021

COMPLETE REGISTRATION FORM USING GOOGLE FORMS.
 REGISTER FOR DISTANCE OF YOUR CHOICE.
 COMPLETE YOUR WALK/RUN, RECORD YOUR TIME USING A FITNESS APP. SUBMIT SCREENSHOT OF YOUR WALK/RUN.
 TOP FINISHERS WILL BE AWARDED.
 PARTICIPANTS WILL RECEIVE A T-SHIRT, A MEAL ON US & ENTERED INTO A RAFFLE.
 OPEN TO AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY MEMBERS, RESIDENTS, EMPLOYEES & THEIR FAMILIES. OPEN TO ALL AGES!

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AK-CHIN HEALTH EDUCATION PRESENTS...

VIRTUAL FITNESS CLASSES

With Cecily Peters, Hasan Training

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS
6 PM TO 6:30 PM
 OCT - 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th

SATURDAY MORNINGS
9 AM TO 9:45 AM
 OCT - 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th

All classes taught on ZOOM.
 Email Health Ed for ZOOM access.
 Exercises for all levels.
 Classes are open to Ak-Chin Indian Community Members, Residents, & Employees.

Questions? Please contact Health Ed at (520) 568-1085, mguy@ak-chin.nsn.us or Cecily Peters at az.ha.san.fitness@gmail.com

Job Openings

- Accountant
- Communications Officer (911 Dispatcher)
- Court Security Guard
- Deli Clerk
- Detention Officer
- Economic Development Analyst
- Farm Safety Coordinator
- Police Officer (non-certified)
- Police Officer (certified)

Please visit our website at www.ak-chin.nsn.us, for Job Openings, to review the job posting and apply.

If you need assistance, please call Human Resources at 520-568-1050.

AK-CHIN HEALTH EDUCATION PRESENTS...

VIRTUAL YOGA SESSIONS

JOIN IN FROM HOME WITH ZOOM
 TUESDAY EVENINGS
 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

CLASSES OPEN TO AK-CHIN MEMBERS, RESIDENTS, AND EMPLOYEES AND THEIR FAMILIES.
 IF INTERESTED, PLEASE CONTACT HEALTH EDUCATION, WE WILL PROVIDE ZOOM INFO.

OCTOBER DATES: 5TH, 12TH, 19TH, 26TH
 QUESTIONS? CALL HEALTH EDUCATION AT (520) 568-1080

JOB OPENINGS

Farm Laborers

- tractor driver
- irrigator
- service shop
- spray tech
- sprinkler tech
- water truck driver

*Applicant must have a valid driver license and must meet the insurance eligibility guidelines with Ak-Chin Vehicle Policy.

To apply, please visit the Ak-Chin Farms at 42507 W. Peters and Nall Rd Maricopa, AZ 85138 520-568-1165

Happy Birthday to my Son Eugene, Sr.
 Love, Mom

Happy Birthday to my granddaughters Amy and Andrea
 Love, Grandma

Happy Birthday Sharon
 Love, your family

Happy Birthday to our Nephew Alex!
 Enjoy your Day... We love you!
 Tia Terri & John

Happy Birthday to our Compadre Steve Ruelas!
 Let's celebrate these October birthdays soon!
 Love, The Compadres John & Terri

Happy Birthday to Johnny!
 Enjoy your Day...We love you!
 Mom & Dad

Game Night

AMONG US

Join us the 2nd and 4th Friday of the Month at 4 pm to find the imposter among us.
 Text the Library @ 520-612-1013 to register.

EMPLOYEE BIRTHDAYS OCTOBER

10/1 Susan Peters, <i>Library</i>	10/8 Jon Spezzacatena, <i>Fire & Safety</i> Rusia Diana Carlyle, <i>Runner</i> Angel Antone, <i>Parks & Recreation</i>	10/15 James Boehm, <i>Fire & Safety</i> Steven Ruelas, <i>Maintenance</i>	10/23 Ame Stephens, <i>Social & Health Services</i>
10/2 Delores Hernandez, <i>Maintenance</i> Nikkol Martinez, <i>TGA</i>	10/9 Ann Marie Antone, <i>Parks & Recreation</i>	10/16 Angelina Soliz, <i>Environmental Protection</i> Bianca Chavez-Schrader, <i>Early Childhood</i>	10/25 Xavier Rojas, <i>Courts</i>
10/3 Diana Perez, <i>Law & Order</i> Victoria Smith, <i>Council Executive Secretary</i> Justine Lopez, <i>Maintenance</i>	10/10 Adam Finken, <i>TGA</i>	10/17 Courtney Bagsby, <i>Fire & Safety</i>	10/28 Nicole Allison, <i>Law & Order</i>
10/4 Amy Rodriguez, <i>Housing Department</i> Loc Nguyen, <i>Law & Order</i>	10/12 Kathy Shoemaker, <i>Finance</i> Adam Abel, <i>Law & Order</i>	10/19 Ninfa Wells, <i>Elderly</i>	10/29 Alvin Antone, <i>TGA</i> John Orozco, <i>Law & Order</i>
10/5 Corinna Velasco, <i>Retail</i>	10/13 Clifford Fullam-Kenealy, <i>TGA</i>	10/21 Brittany Justin, <i>Courts</i>	10/30 David Garcia, <i>Fire & Safety</i> William Winfield, <i>Fire & Safety</i> David Villescaz, <i>Law & Order</i>
10/6 Julius Jones, <i>IS</i>	10/14 Olesya Nelson, <i>Finance</i> Ambria Valles, <i>Social & Health</i>	10/22 Eduardo Martinez, <i>TGA</i> Lisa Vasquez, <i>Maintenance</i> Erika Garcia, <i>Parks & Recreation</i>	10/31 Gabriel Facio Rodriguez, <i>Law & Order</i>

October Birthdays

October 1 - Damien Smith Maynard Pablo, Jr. William Martinez Joseph Antone Eugene Peters, Sr.	October 6 - Ariana Bandin	October 13 - Blessing Antone	October 18 - Carrieanna Villarreal Feather Jim	October 25 - Madalina Delores Hunter Louis Adrian Garcia
October 2 - Noemi Hernandez Martin Castro Alison Miguel Elizabeth Valles Tanya Lewis Nikkol Martinez Jeaney Narcia	October 7 - Matthew Villarreal Francisco Mattia Fernando Arellanes-Burgos Alyssa Pablo	October 14 - Joe Jerry Erin Martinez-Yarberry Ambria Valles Rosa Lewis Sharon Carlyle Eliza Santiago	October 20 - Sarah Delma Koda Osborne Julian Lewis Joseph Vallejos, Jr.	October 27 - Harlee Jose Hope Vallejos Orenda Ortiz
October 3 - Earl Justin, Jr. Justine Lopez Elva Alarcon Victoria Smith	October 8 - Evelyn Garcia Lee Smith, Jr. Maria Maldonado Brittany Paddock Angel M. Antone	October 15 - Jose Miguel, Jr. Steven Ruelas James Boehm Holly Bowman	October 21 - Dennis Antone Ethan Manuel Crystal Tow Della White Aubree Perez A'Miyah Deloney	October 28 - Jarred Antone Jeremiah Talkalai Ramiero Andaverde Jenika Justin Sophia Matuz Nicole Allison Ariel Lopez
October 4 - Amy Rodriguez Gabriel Manuel Neveah Antone	October 9 - Jacob Trenado Ann Marie Antone	October 16 - Jalia Carra Michaelatino Santiago Angelina Soliz Charity Lewis Emily Peters	October 22 - Maynard Pablo, Sr. Carol Anne Enos Claudia Antone Janet Narcia	October 29 - Willow Nosie Alvin Antone Kylee Machado Zataray Ulloa
October 5 - Celia Medina Douglas Pablo Dyon Aguilla	October 10 - Berdina Arellanes-Burgos	October 17 - Jesus Corella, Jr. Isaiah Peters Noah Brown Francisco Miguel Armonda Santiago	October 23 - Ame Stephens Adaisha Pablo	October 30 - Kaelyn Miller Patricia Medina
	October 11 - Marco Jensen Andrea Peters		October 24 - Amerrah Mike Yolanda Narcia Miranda	October 31 - Jonella Lopez Liliana Rascon
	October 12 - Shanna Narcia Delayna Antone Zachary Valles Xzalius Homer			

Great Norteno/Tejano concert line ups hit Harrah's Stage

During the month of September Harrah's Ak-Chin was a hotspot for Norteno/Tejano music, as Los Tigres del Norte and Little Joe Y La Familia hit the Harrah's Event Center stage.

Both shows brought sell out crowds, that "went well above and beyond expectations" Chairman Robert Miguel shared.

Los Tigres del Norte had

not performed in over 18 months, due to Covid.

September 17, the hit the road and Harrah's Ak-Chin would be their first show, kicking off their "La Reunion Tour", playing top hits, "La Puerta Negra", "Jefe De Jefes", and new songs like "La Reunion" and "A Mi Gente De Aca".

Los Tigres del Norte provided the opportunity



Hernan and Jorge Hernandez sing a duet. Eduardo Hernandez on saxophone.

of a lifetime to a local Phoenix youth Mariachi group who performed with them on stage.



Story and photos by R. Peters

Los Tigres has 7 Grammy Awards and 6 Latin Grammys, as well as a star on the Hollywood

Walk of Fame. They have also been the only act to record at Folsom prison since Johnny Cash.



Little Joe "King of the Brown Sound" along with brothers Rocky and Gilbert Hernandez, put on a spectacular show at Harrah's Event Center on Saturday, September 25.

Little Joe Y La Familia held the audience captivated for over 2 hours, playing all their hits.

At 80, Little Joe proved he still has it, even after he was struck with COVID in 2020.

He kept the crowd going with his songs, filling in with a few jokes.

Performing for over 60 years, Little Joe still admitted more than once that he was "really shy". He also shared a bit of his life story, as he highlighted his biography, "¡No Llore, Chingón! An American Story — The Life of Little Joe" published last May.

His style of music, described

as Tex-Mex, blues, country and rock and roll continues to cross borders, as Little Joe Y La Familia is one of the most popular Tex-Mex bands in the music industry.

Winning 5 Grammys and eleven nominations in the Mexican American / Tejano category and Regional Mexican category, Little Joe Y La Familia have established themselves as mainstays in the genre.

Salsa Night Market continued from front page

Story and photos by R. Bowen



Mariachi Mexico Nuevo performs during the Salsa Night Market

On Saturday night, salsa enthusiasts gathered at the Salsa Night Market at Copper Sky Regional Park to carry on a tradition that started over a decade ago.

Many Maricopa residents and guests were thrilled to taste test the salsa, an option not available at this year's spring event. This fall's contest included categories for both "Amateur" and "Ultimate" salsa chefs. To be part of the latter group, contestants had to prepare at least five gallons

of salsa on site for attendees to sample. Winners were competing for a grand prize of \$2,500 if they could clench the trophy for Ultimate Best Overall Salsa.

The evening also included performances by Mariachi Mexico Nuevo, Ballet Folklórico de Santa Maria, Santa Cruz Valley Union High School Mariachi Band, Ollin Yoliztli Folklórico and the Zona Libre Band. A wide variety of vendors and food trucks were also at the event.



Participants enjoy samples from Salsa Patron, previous winners of the Salsa Contest.

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Fall Break
Sept. 24th - Oct. 11th

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Harrah's AK-CHIN CASINO **OCTOBER 2021** **CAESARS REWARDS.**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>SHARE YOUR HALLOWEEN FUN FOR A CHANCE TO WIN UP TO \$500 IN CASH!</p> <p>SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31 - MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2021 • 6AM - NOON</p> <p>Enter to win by sharing your Halloween picture on Facebook or Instagram! #AKHALLOWEEN</p>						
1 REWARD CREDIT BONANZA	2 BRING HALLOWEEN HOME WITH A TREAT FROM THE GIFT SHOP	3 REWARD CREDIT BONANZA	4 TRY YOUR LUCK AT OUR NEWEST TABLE GAME!	5 RED BAKEWARE SET GIVEAWAY	6 RED BAKEWARE SET GIVEAWAY	7 ORDER A PINK WARRIOR & JOIN THE FIGHT AGAINST CANCER!
8 REWARD CREDIT BONANZA	9 BLENDER GIVEAWAY	10 REWARD CREDIT BONANZA	11 INDULGE YOUR SWEET TOOTH AT AGAVE'S RESTAURANT	12 RED BAKEWARE SET GIVEAWAY	13 RED BAKEWARE SET GIVEAWAY	14 FALL BACK IN LOVE WITH YOUR SKIN!
15 REWARD CREDIT BONANZA	16 SNACK ON SMALL PLATES WITH YOUR PARTNER IN FUN!	17 REWARD CREDIT BONANZA	18 TELL FRIENDS AND FAMILY ABOUT THE BIGGEST CASINO REWARDS PROGRAM!	19 RED BAKEWARE SET GIVEAWAY	20 RED BAKEWARE SET GIVEAWAY	21 BINGO JACKPOTS ARE HEATING UP & YOU COULD BE THE WINNER!
22 REWARD CREDIT BONANZA	23 CNELSEA HANDLER SHOW CHOOSE YOUR TREAT! REWARD CREDIT ON TIER CREDIT MULTIPLIER	24 REWARD CREDIT BONANZA	25 SETTLE INTO A LUXURIOUS GUEST ROOM	26 RED BAKEWARE SET GIVEAWAY	27 RED BAKEWARE SET GIVEAWAY	28 PLAY FOR A CHANCE TO WIN UP TO \$100,000
29 LEWIS BLACK SHOW REWARD CREDIT BONANZA	30 TOM SEGURA SHOW REWARD CREDIT SPOOKTACULAR	31 HAPPY HALLOWEEN! SHARE YOUR HALLOWEEN FUN! REWARD CREDIT BONANZA	<p>\$25K JACKPOT Sweepstakes FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2021 • EVENTS CENTER • 4PM - 9:15PM Enter to win your share of \$25K in Cash Drawings!</p>			

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