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## July Community Meeting

By R. Peters

The Monday July 25th Community Meeting, although lengthy, did not have many topics as there were no presenters on the agenda.

The meeting began with Chairman Robert Miguel welcoming everyone and a blessing provided by Community Elder, Mildred Narcia.

All Councilmembers were in attendance and shared their respective reports for the month for the 20+ members in attendance and those logged in virtually.

Councilmember Delia Carlyle led off with her report, encouraging everyone to get out to the polls to vote, followed by discussion on healthcare in Indian Country and the Phoenix Indian Medical Center's new hospital master plan.

Councilmember Octavio Machado shared information about he Fresenius Dialysis center closure in the Community, and provided an update on the Law and Order

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"This is the floor of a

6-barrel box culvert that will

be under the new east-leg

of the intersection of SR 347

The city of Maricopa

and Ak-Chin Parkway.

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Code. He also talked about the emergency rental assistance, which is currently part of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Those funds will soon be depleted, and Octavio is asking membership to please provide feedback on the program, as Council is looking to find other sources of funding to continue or create another rental assistance program.

Councilmember Lisa Garcia talked about various meetings she and Council have attended, including an upcoming trip to Washington, D.C. to meet with Lobbyists and elected officials to discuss funding and grant options. She shared on the elder luncheon with Harrah's at the elder center, summer youth program year end celebration and Youth Council Kickball tournament. Lisa thanked everyone who participated in the 4th of July Celebration and the Back to School event, as well as reminding everyone to continue with COVID testing and vaccinations.

Vice-Chairman Lemuel Vincent also commented on the ARPA funds and rental assistance program. He also discussed healthcare concerns and possibly partnering with University of Arizona and Tribal First on medical equipment. "We will be the first in Arizona and Indian Country to do something like this."

Vice-Chairman also mentioned potential partnership opportunities and more discussion on the unexpected closure of the dialysis center and the Community's plan to get another dialysis center initiated in the Community.

He also thanked the little league team for assisting with the 4<sup>th</sup> of July event, and Gila River Transportation for transporting members for dialysis treatments and hospital appointments.

Chairman Miguel discussed tours he and council have taken to other tribal healthcare facilities, learning about the process and difficulties each tribe hurdled in order to provide healthcare facilities in their communities. He also talked about meeting with



Story and photos by R. Peters

## Virginia Thomas 99th Birthday Celebration

August 16, 2022, was a very special day as Ak-Chin's sweetest elder, Virginia "Ginia" Thomas celebrated her 99th birthday.

"It is not every day that an elder turns 99 years old!" Leslie Carlyle-Burnett, Elder Center Director exclaimed.

"The Elder Center staff had the privilege of throwing Virginia Thomas a birthday party."

As Ginia walked from her home to the Ak-Chin Elder Center, next door, she was greeted by family and friends who all came out to help celebrate what she called her "Sweet 16th" birthday.

Ak-Chin Elder staff planned a very intimate event – as intimate as possible with COVID guidelines. They decorated the inside and outside of the center with beautiful purple decorations, Ginia's favorite color.

Happy 99th Birthday balloons floated along the entry to the center, with pink and purple decorations flowing in the dining area. Beautiful flowers and arrangements adorned tables and a great big Happy Birthday Banner with golden "99" balloons were set up behind her table.

You could definitely feel the love that surrounded Ginia at the center, as many motioned their well wishes to her, by "air hugs", and others showered her with gentle embraces and well-deserved birthday wishes. She was also showered with gifts from family, friends and staff to celebrate her sweet day.

Ak-Chin Mumsigo was asked to play some chicken-scratch music to add some special excitement to the party. A delicious traditional meal with her favorite, chili stew, was served to everyone in attendance, with strawberry cake for dessert.

When asked how she felt about celebrating her 99th birthday, through translation from her son Erno, she shared that it was a "good day", and she was happy to have a "good mind, heart, and health."

Virginia was joined by her sons, Johnny and Erno, daughter Priscilla, daughter-in-law Carole and numerous grand and greatgrandchildren.

Granddaughters Gwendolyn Lopez and Candida Upton shared a few memories of their Ga'ga'a (grandma), always taking care of them.

"My fondest memory of her (was) always being at her house and everyday was 5am breakfast, 12pm lunch, 5/6 pm dinner. She always made sure we ate... Watching her make ceimat (tortillas) and the smell of the lard as she is putting it in her bowl of flour. I can still picture her till this day making ceimat." shared Gwen.

Candida also remembers her grandma making three meals

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## Sonoran Parkway Construction

will build a new 4-lane "parkway concept" street from SR 347 to Porter Road.

A nice feature of the work is a new bridge across the Santa Rosa
Wash on Porter Road. The

Submitted by Tim Costello struction of this seament

construction of this segment of the parkway will take a full year. Future phases of the new transportation corridor will continue east to Casa Grande.



## **Eager 1st Day Early Learners**

Children look happy and ready to learn as they enjoy their first day of preschool at Ak-Chin Child Development Program. Photos submitted by Ak-Chin Child Development















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her grandma making three meals a day for all of them and "how I was the first to sleep with her since I am the oldest grandchild."

Gwen also recalled, "One time she wanted us to sleep with her in her bed and there was four of us. I think poopoo was a baby at the time, maybe about a year old, but we all slept with her and the next day she had a black eye, cause I guess we had knocked her off her bed, but she didn't care haha...I think as long as we were there with her she didn't care."

She also shared some of

surrounded by her loving family.

Above, Virginia is

At Right: Son Johnny shows mom Virginia a watch that was gifted to her for her 99th birthday.



## **ELDER** CHAIR YOGA W/CHRISTY

\*Caregivers of Elders & **Grandparents Raising** Grandkids are welcome to join\*

## **EVERY MONDAYS** @9 AM &

## THURSDAYS @ 9AM

Please call Marissa or Sonia at the Elder Center. @ 520-568-1760 for any questions or to sign up. Transportation will be provided.

Ginia's fondest things, like dancing.

"We had a dance for her (86th birthday) and she got out there and danced with my brother, I know she missed dancing and she enjoyed it. I miss seeing her dance."

It's great seeing Ginia still doing many things she loves, like going outside for walks or to sweep her porch, rake around her house and water her trees.

Her family is extremely blessed to have Virginia's inspiration, energy and genes.

The Elder Center staff is grateful for being able to celebrate with Virginia and her family, "We thank the family for allowing us to provide Virginia with a 99th Birthday party; and special thanks to the Ak-Chin Mumsigo band."

"She is the oldest elder in the Community and we wanted to recognize her for that." Leslie added. "Virginia raised a beautiful family that has extended to grandchildren and great-grandchildren. What legacy she has given the Ak-Chin Indian Community. Skeg Masik Tas Gina! Your sweet



## **COMMUNITY MEETING**

AUGUST 29, 2022 6PM **AK-CHIN CIRCLE ELEMENTS CENTER** 



FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL (520) 568-1000.

## Emergency numbers to contact the Ak-Chin Police Department

In case you are unable to reach the Ak-Chin Police Department through the main phone number (520) 568-1200. Please utilize the following information for Police|Fire|EMS services. Please remember for Emergencies DIAL 911.



For Non-Emergencies the following numbers can be used.

Land Line (520) 568-1526 Land Line (520) 568-1527

Land Line (520) 568-1528 Cell Phone (520) 510-9214

19 Oatmeal, Boiled Eggs, Toast, Banana | Fish or Chicken Sandwich, Cole Slaw, Mixed Vegetables, Cookies

22 Breakfast Toast, Cottage Cheese, Muffin, Fruit | Ground Beef w/Potato & Zucchini, Fried Cabbage, Chumath,

**Pears** 23 Egg Sandwich, Potatoes, Fruit | White Beans, Chicken w/

vegetables, Broccoli, Moon Bread, Apple Crisp

24 Cream of Wheat,

English Muffin, Boiled Egg, Grapes | Chicken Quesadilla, Corn on Cob, Chickpea Salad, **Tropical Fruit** 

25 Spinach Ham & Egg **Puffs**, Banana, Yogurt | Sandwich Bar, 3-Bean Salad, Chips, Jell-O Cups

26 Veggie Omelet, Toast Fruit, Cottage Cheese, Granola Bar | Indian Tacos, Lettuce, Tomato, Cheese, Fresh **Cut Fruit** 

29 Oatmeal, Raisin Bread, Boiled Eggs,

Fruit | **B.B. Que Pork Sliders**, Pasta Salad, Corn on Cob, Brownies

30 Breakfast Quesadilla, Avocado Slices, Fried Apples | Spaghetti, Broccoli, Salad, Garlic Toast, Grapes

31 Ham & Cheese Croissant, Boiled Eggs, Yogurt with Fruit | Fish or Chicken Tacos, Rice Pilaf w/Carrot-Peas, Asparagus, Mandarin **Oranges** 

> \*\* Menu items subject to change \*\*



## **NOTICE OF COMMUNITY ELECTION**

The 2022 Community Election will be held on Saturday, November 19, 2022, at the Ak-Chin Gym. The polls will open promptly at 6:00 AM and close promptly at 2:00 PM. This election will be to elect members to serve in the three (3) Council Member positions, as the terms of Lisa Garcia, Delia M. Carlyle, and Octavio Machado, will expire.

### **NOMINATIONS**

Nominations are sought for Ak-Chin members who are interested in being a candidate to serve on the Community Council for a four (4) year term commencing in January 2023.

Nomination Forms will be available at the Ak-Chin Tribal Headquarters through Vicky Smith or Marilyn Thompson, beginning Friday, August 19, 2022 through Monday, September 19, 2022 between the hours of 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM. Members may self-nominate. Candidates who are not self-nominated must accept the nomination in writing and the acceptance must be notarized. All Nomination Forms must be completed and received by not later than 5:00 PM on Monday, September 19, 2022. Nomination Forms must be returned to Vicky Smith or Marilyn Thompson at Ak-Chin Tribal Headquarters.

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT ALL CANDIDATES SHOULD BE INFORMED OF THEIR NOMINATION PRIOR TO SUBMITTING THE NOMINATION FORM.

### **AFFIDAVIT OF QUALIFICATIONS**

All candidates will be required to sign a notarized Affidavit of Qualifications for Community Council Member. Affidavits will be available at the Ak-Chin Tribal Headquarters Office through Marilyn Thompson or Vicky Smith, beginning Wednesday, September 14, 2022 through Monday, September 19, 2022, between the hours of 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM. Affidavits must be completed and turned in no later than 5:00 PM on Monday, September 19, 2022.

## ALL CANDIDATES MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING **QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Must be an enrolled member of the Ak-Chin Indian Community.
- Must be 25 years of age or older.
- Must have not been convicted of a felony in the past ten (10)
- Must have resided within the external boundaries of the Ak-Chin Indian Reservation for at least one (1) year prior to the upcoming election.

## ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Any eligible voter who wishes to vote early or who expects to be absent from the Reservation on any election day, or who expects to be physically unable to go to the voting place on such day, may request an absentee ballot by either appearing in person as instructed below or by sending a letter to the Community Election Board at 42507 W. Peters and Nall Road, Maricopa, Arizona 85138. Absentee Ballots may be requested in-person from Vicky Smith or Marilyn Thompson at the Ak-Chin Tribal Headquarters Office beginning Thursday, October 20, 2022 through Monday, **November 14, 2022,** between the hours of 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Absentee ballots may be returned either in-person or by mail. Absentee Ballots which are returned by mail must be notarized and postmarked no later than Monday, November 14, 2022. In person drop off, of Notarized Absentee Ballots, must be turned in no later than 5:00 PM on Friday, November 18, 2022.

## **DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

Section 5 of Article III of the Constitution provides that the members of the Community Council shall obtain the training required to properly perform their duties including, but not limited to, training on financial management and the conduct of meetings.

## **CODE OF ETHICS**

Council Members are subject to a Code of Ethics, which is adopted pursuant to Section 8 of Article III of the Constitution.

## **ELIGIBLE VOTER LIST**

Copies of the Eligible Voter List will be posted at the following locations:

Community Headquarters Office Vekol Market Justice Complex Service Center Him-Dak Museum

Members are encouraged to verify that their name is on the Eligible Voter List. If your name is not on the Eligible Voter List and you think it should be, contact the Enrollment Office at (520) 568-1029. In order to be on the Eligible Voter List you must be 18 years of age or older and be an enrolled member of the Community on or before Election Day.

## **EXAMPLES OF QUALIFIED/DISQUALIFIED VOTES**

QUALIFIED - Any ballot with at least one (1) vote. DISQUALIFIED - Any ballot with more than three (3) votes. **NO WRITE - INS** 

PARENTS - CHILDREN WILL NOT BE ALLOWED IN OR NEAR THE VOTING POLLS.

Community members with questions about the Election

Ordinance or the election process (including the candidate nomination and qualification process) may contact the Election Board at akchinelectionboard@ak-chin.nsn.us.

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

### **ARTWORK, LETTERS, STORIES**

The Ak-Chin O'odham Runner is a Community Newspaper and encourages Community involvement.

If you have artwork, photos, poems or a great story that you would like to share, please contact us so we can include it in "YOUR" newspaper. Also, if you have suggestions or comments about "YOUR" newspaper, let the Runner Staff know that too.

be signed by the author and are limited to 200 words. Authors must also include their name, address, and phone number. Names can be omitted by request. Anonymous submissions will not be accepted.

All submitted letters MUST

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Submitted pictures need a return address and brief description. Pictures with no address will remain on file. Allow 2 weeks for return.

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## **DEADLINE**

Don't forget the DEADLINE for the September 2 - 15, 2022 issue is due by

Please submit all announcements, wishes, etc. no later than

**FRIDAY AUGUST 26TH** 

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Material submitted after the **AUGUST 26TH DEADLINE** cannot be guaranteed placement. If appropriate and relevant, it will be included in the next issue.

## Lil Natives make huge strides this season



Lil Natives played in this year's Piestewa Tournament. Pictured Top Row: Coach Alvin Antone, Valerian Joaquin, Keenan Burnette, Rope Justin, Ameliano Jacuinde, Narin Lopez, King Peters, Edward Rocha, Coach Tony Jose, Carson De Paola. Second Row: Abraham Jose, Mathius Jacuinde, Caleb Ugalde, Kaley Manuel, Edward Martinez. Photos submitted by Marla Antone

vouth baseball team has been very busy this season as they participated in various leagues and tournaments in the Ak-Chin and Salt River Communities.

The Lil Natives played in the Salt River Youth Friendship League, where they held an undefeated record.

Then they entered Ak-Chin's Little League, placing second in the league tournament,

The Lil Natives 8-12 losing to the Pirates 10-

July 15-16, Lil Natives played in the 2022 Lori Piestewa National Native American Games – Youth Baseball Tournament, held at Salt River Recreation fields, where they played against all-star teams.

Their first game was on Friday, against Stick City. Lil Natives fell short and lost their first pool play game.

Saturday was a new day

and new game for Lil Natives as they pulled out a win against the Chinle Jayhawks.

In their third game, Lil Natives were ready to play against Four Corners Windtalkers.

It was an exciting game, both teams battled back and forth throughout the Unfortunately, for the Lil Natives the Windtalkers came out on top in the last inning.

Although, Lil Natives

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He also thanked the little league team for assisting with the 4th of July event, and Gila River Transportation for transporting members for dialysis treatments and hospital appointments.

Chairman Miguel discussed tours he and council have taken to other tribal healthcare learning facilities, about the process and difficulties each tribe hurdled in order to provide healthcare facilities in their communities.

He also talked about meeting with Chandler Dignity Health and their request for information to initiate tradition and culture in their facility.

He provided an update on the Sonoran Parkway, currently under construction just east of Harrah's, with hopes to have a ribboncutting June 2023, and shared on the ITCA Tribal sister tour of the Community, with the Biden Administration.

Chairman participated in the Native American Economic Development Conference, and was

invited to speak to new teachers at Maricopa Unified Schools, and will be speaking at the Native American Journalists Association conference in August. He also attended meetings for AIGA Tribal Leaders and First Things First.

He attended a meeting with other Arizona tribal leaders and University of Arizona President, Robert Dr. **Robbins** where it was announced that UofA will soon be offering free tuition for Arizona Native students, through the Arizona Native Scholars Grant.

Chairman was excited report that the Community was finally able to send high school seniors to Hawaii once again, after a two-year pandemic break, and also congratulated Ak-Chin boys and girls teams for representing and participating in the 2022 Native American Basketball Invitational.

After Chairman's report the meeting was opened for the Member Q & A. Questions included: concerns on Arizona's water drought and water conservation efforts in

the community, utilities and water comparison reports on community off-reservation member homes, setting limits on utility and water usage for community homes, member surveys on various community healthcare, topics, concerns, rental assistance program, council candidate residency requirement/ qualification, status on Community Events positions and Tribal Gaming Director comments/ vacancy, Indeed concerns on jobsite, Suspicious activity in Community housing/neighborhoods, Police reports contact information, Housing Board policies/ authority/resolution, and Council-Housing Board work session.

Once the Q & A ended, raffle winners were announced and meeting ended around 10 pm.

The next Community Meeting is scheduled Monday, August 29, 2022, 6pm at Ak-Chin Circle Elements Event Center. For more information, please call 520-568-1000.

**Hearing Notice** 

## **Ak-Chin Indian Community** Planning and Zoning

Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a Virtual Hearing, via WebEx, regarding the following case at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 23, 2022. In lieu of an in-person attendance, Community members and employees may contact the Community's Planning and Development Department at (520) 568-1066 or email PKann@ak-chin.nsn. us to obtain a phone number and access code to participate in this meeting.

CASE: PS-02-22: Harrah's Cellular DAS **Network Deployment:** 

Project Applicant/Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino and Resort Director of Finance and Administration, Bambi Johnson, is requesting Preliminary Site Plan approval for the Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino and Resort Cellular Distributed Antenna System (DAS) Network Deployment.

The project consists of:

Cellular DAS Network Deployment for the Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino and Resort ("Harrah's");

The project proposes to improve cellular

- network coverages within the Harrah's site by installing a DAS throughout the Casino and 12-Story Hotel Tower; A headend location has been determined and will be used to centralize all the
- Cellular DAS equipment and wireless carriers' equipment; All fiber and coaxial cable pertaining to the Cellular DAS will be routed through

the Casino and 12-Story Hotel Tower to

each antenna location; and No exterior modifications to the Casino and 12-Story Hotel Tower are proposed as part of the project.

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

## **Ak-Chin Indian Community General Plan Update**

The Ak-Chin Indian Community ("Community") is seeking qualified consultants to conduct an update to the Community's 2003 General Plan. The current General Plan contains goals and policies for land use, transportation, cost of development, the natural environment, and preservation of cultural resources. The selected consultant will partner with Community staff, departments, the membership, and the Council to visualize and develop General Plan Elements and an implementation plan as part of the update. Additionally, the consultant will facilitate Community engagement, present recommendations, and solicit feedback.

## I. BACKGROUND

The Community encompasses approximately 33 square miles of land, which designate areas of land for Residential, Public Use, Commercial, Industrial, Agricultural, Preserved Sensitive, and Riparian areas. The Community's General Plan is the tool for guiding the future of the Community. The General Plan Elements will establish development needs and sets the goals and objectives together with the land use map, to direct future development.

## II. QUESTIONS

Any questions regarding this Request for Proposal must be submitted via email by 12:00 p.m. MST on Friday, August 19, 2022 to the Purchasing Manager FHowerton@ak-chin.nsn.us. The deadline for submitting a proposal is Friday, August 26, 2022 at 12:00 p.m. MST.

## **III. SUBMISSIONS**

Physical submissions shall be provided in a package clearly marked "AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY GENERAL PLAN UPDATE." Please submit five (5) bound and (1) unbound copies of your Proposal to the Purchasing Manager at the address listed below.

Flora Howerton Purchasing Manager **Ak-Chin Indian Community** 42507 W. Peters and Nall Road



Avalea

Photos by R. Peters and story by J. Peters

Chin Child Development on Wednesday, August 10, for a night of informative fun during Open House. Enrolled preschoolers

Families gathered at Ak-

see came to their classroom and met their new teachers and classmates.

The house open also featured many informational booths for

the families, to receive tips and tricks on how to navigate their child's journey through the new school year.

Administrative Assistant Gwen Lopez and Early Childhood Education Program Manager Bianca Schrader gave information out about their curriculum, bus routes and enrollment information.

Senior Cook Terry



Library staff setting up fun activities for children. Health Education displays good hygiene habits.

Recreation information about meals and handed out forms Gonzalez, for families with food **Program** allergies. Teacher's Aide Jordan Gusse and Parks Richard Lopez, handed out information on their Ann Before and After school

gave

Zicafoose,

program.

Allison Butler,

to the community.

Chin Transit Manager

told parents about the

services Transit provides

Antone to the families about healthy goodies. the upcoming sports/ activity programs they Hailing from the Ak-Chin offer for preschool age children. parents and

Giving children a jumpstart on early hygiene and healthy

Program food tips was Ak-Chin Coordinator Bernardina Health Educator, Martina Guy-Peters and Diabetes Recreation Program Assistant, Coordinator Marc Matteson. They and Recreation Director also handed out gift talked boxes loaded

> Library were Library Manager Melanie Toledo, Library Clerk Amy Batopis, Video Production Assistant, Milo Antone and Library Technician, Matt Cross who had games to play and a goodie bag filled with books to start off the 1000 Books before Kindergarten.

Injury Prevention Specialist, Teri De La Cruz reminded families about car seat safety, while giving out cool materials to the families.

Environmental Protection Pesticide Control Specialist, Theodore **Puetz** shared information on alternative pest control options and what safety precautions to take when using at home cleaners and pesticides.

Ak-Chin Lastly, Language Specialist, Peters Lerline and Media Technician, Felicia Vincent gave out stickers and provided information to parents O'Odham about the language classes.

Parents, guardians, children and staff all had a nice time at the school event, as they prepared the young students for a new adventure into their first school year.

## Harrah's Development System (HDS) Program Intern **Spotlights** Submitted by Erica Oliver, HDS Manager

Celiyah Antone

Parents/family:

Grandparents: Lawrence and Sally Antone

Mom: Josie Valdez

What is your current internship position?

Caesars Rewards What do you enjoy

Current internship

about your current role?

I enjoy being able to communicate with the guests and help them answering their questions.

Work experience prior to Harrah's:

I worked 2 summers here in the summer youth program. I applied for HDS when I turned 18.

Reason for applying for the position as HDS Associate:

I thought it was a great opportunity to be able to learn and grow, working in the different departments.

## What did you like/enjoy most about the HDS Program?

I like how we participate in the community service events like the Feed My Starving Children food packing event.

skill/knowledge have you gained from Slot Performance Intern the HDS Program?

A skill that I have gained from the program would be cooking/food prep, learning about slots/ gaming and the other jobs in Housekeeping, Hotel, Facilities, etc.

How has being part of the HDS Program changed your life/career path?

HDS has helped me to be more outspoken.

Comments or advice Father: Clayton Antone, for others currently in or interested in HDS Program?

> For future and current HDS Associates, I do is recommend going through the program. It is a good way to see how the casino runs and you will also learn a lot from working with everyone.

> > Ultimate goal: become an HDS graduate in the program.

Music on your phone or media player: Doja Cat, The Weekend

## **Jarred Antone**



Parents/family:

and Sally Antone

Mom: Josie Valdez

internship position?

Grandparents: Lawrence

Father: Clayton Antone,

What is your current

learned to back down but to push forward and it's ok to ask for help. I am learning a lot about fixing machines in my current internship. I am becoming more confident in my abilities.

How has being part of the HDS Program changed your life/career path?

It has given me a good insight on how the casino is run and how I can contribute to keep the place running.

Comments or advice for others currently in or interested in HDS Program?

What do you enjoy about your current role?

I enjoy taking on tasks no matter how big or small. I also enjoy helping the guests and taking care of the games.

Work experience prior to Harrah's:

I worked for the summer program at Harrah's Ak-Chin 2 years before I applied for HDS.

for the position as HDS **Associate:** Back in 2020, covid was making it hard to find

a job that was not in

the fast food area; HDS

helped me to get a steady

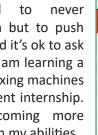
job that taught me a lot.

Reason for applying

What did you like/enjoy most about the HDS Program?

Meeting new people including the guests and my co-workers.

### What skill/knowledge have you gained from the HDS Program?



## Tuesdays: Weight Room 8am - 9pm

**MAP Softball Field Reserved** 

Open Gym 8am-2pm & 4pm-9pm Gym Reserved 2pm-4pm Game Room 3pm-6pm Zumba 6pm-7pm Volleyball Open Gym 7pm-9pm

Weight Room 8am - 9pm Open Gym 8am-2pm & 4pm-9pm

Gym Reserved 2pm-4pm Game Room 3pm-6pm

Music on your phone or Families spend an exciting night together at Ak-Chin Child Development's Open House.

## **Stewart Peters**

Enjoy your time in the

program and own the tasks that are given to

you. And have fun too.

Ultimate goal: Graduate

in the program as a Slot

games and talking to

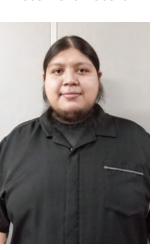
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Playing my

Tech.

Hobbies:

people



Harrah's Development System

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Schedule August 19th - 31st

Notes

MAP = Milton Antone Park | HP = Hohokam Park

Calendar is subject to change

Recreation programs have priority use of the facilities

Mondays:

Open Gym 8am-2pm & 4pm-9pm

Weight Room 8am - 9pm

Gym Reserved 2pm-4pm

Game Room 3pm-6pm

5:30pm-8:30pm

**Ak-Chin Parks** 

and Recreation

## You have until September 5th to finish 2022 Summer Reading. DON'T FORGET TO LOG YOUR BOOKS TODAY!

HTTPS://AKCHINLIBRARY.AZSUMMERREADING.ORG/

## Thursdays:

Weight Room 8am - 9pm Open Gym 8am-2pm & 4pm-5:30pm **Gym Reserved** 

2pm-4pm & 5:30pm - 7pm Game Room 3pm-6pm

Volleyball Open Gym 7pm-9pm

## Fridays:

Weight Room 8am - 6pm Open Gym 8am-2pm & 4pm-5:30pm Gym Reserved 2pm-4pm Game Room 3pm-6pm Volleyball Open Gym 7pm-9pm MAP Softball Field Reserved 6pm-8pm

## Saturdays:

Weight Room 12pm - 6pm Open Gym 12pm - 6pm

Pool 12pm - 6pm

Weight Room 12pm - 6pm

Pool 12pm - 6pm

### Wednesdays: Sundays:

Gym Reserved 10am-12pm Open Gym 12pm - 6pm

Parents: Eugene Peters,

the late Amanda (Sam)

the guests and being

able to help them out

with any questions they

Work experience prior

I worked in the Ak-Chin

summer youth program

before I applied for the

for the position as HDS

sounded interesting.

(EVS)

have.

to Harrah's:

HDS Program.

Associate:

### What did you like/enjoy most about the HDS Program?

All the opportunities the program offered and the Community events we participate in.

What skill/knowledge have you gained from

Cooking and prepping

## What do you enjoy about your current role? I enjoy interacting with

**Ultimate goal:** Not sure at the moment but I am always thinking about my goals.

listening to music, Reason for applying watching documentaries, learning and about miliary history.

heard about the Music on your phone or media player: Mainly in the summer and it Slipknot, Johnny Cash, and ICP, plus a couple of other songs from other groups.

### My Jarred brother, Antone was joining so I decided to apply also.

August 19 - September 1, 2022

What did you like/enjoy most about the HDS Program?

Having the opportunity to get to know my fellow co-workers.

What skill/knowledge have you gained from the HDS Program?

I have gained a further understanding of how a business runs and how each position helps run

How has being part of the HDS Program changed your life/career path?

It has opened new

broadened my horizons

and

opportunities

Program?

on what I can do. Comments or advice for others currently in

or interested in HDS

Don't hesitate. It's an astounding opportunity helps develop leaders.

Ultimate goal: Unknown - still testing my limits to see what I can achieve.

Hobbies: Board games, reading up on history, video games.

Music on your phone or media player: Dream Theater, Video Game, Soundtracks, Thank you Scientist, Kendrick Lamar





## **Classes Starting August 9th Tuesday Evenings** 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM **Ak-Chin Recreation Gym** Register using GOOGLE Forms. Scan QR code to register for class. Open to Ak-Chin Indian Community Members, their families, Residents, and Ak-Chin Employees and their families.

QUESTIONS? PLEASE CONTACT HEALTH EDUCATION AT (520) 568-1080.



for more information.

## What is your current internship position?

the HDS Program? Current internship is in Environmental Services

> How has being part of the HDS Program changed your life/career path?

> Being a part of the HDS program has been fun. It gave me the opportunity to experience new things.

Reading, I am constantly learning **Hobbies:** 

program while working

### Parents/family:

Parents: Clayton Antone and Carlene Rogers

**Anthony Rogers** 

What is your current internship position?

Information Technology (IT) Intern

What do you enjoy about your current role?

new things.

Work experience prior to Harrah's:

Walmart Associate

Reason for applying for the position as HDS Associate:

On-Demand Service is safe, reliable, efficient and clean. Call our office and inform us when you need Transportation. Ak-Chin Tribal Transit will pick you up and take you to your desired destination for free. On-Demand response services are available within the Ak-Chin Indian community and most commercial and government addresses in Maricopa. You do not need to be a community member to utilize our services. Please keep our professional staff in mind to meet your Transportation needs. Popular Destinations: Local Businesses Shopping centers Work

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**AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY** 

- Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino
- Many food destinations

\*All reservations must include either a pick-up or drop-off location within the Ak-Chin Indian community.

Please keep us in mind for your transportation needs. Need a ride? Call: 520-568-1630 Text: 520-340-0382 Demand-Response Service Schedule: Monday-Friday from 7:00AM to 5:45PM.\*

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

Who can utilize Ak-Chin tribal transit services? Any individual seeking transportation to

or from Ak-Chin can utilize our services. This service is provided free of charge. Any individual seeking to ride alone must be over 10 years of age or accompanied by a rider over 15 years of age.

Where do I go to get on the bus? We come to your residence in Ak-Chin. We can pick up and drop you off curbside at vour door.

My child is being sent home sick from school, can you provide transportation? Yes. Transit can provide services to and from Ak-Chin Preschool only. If they are under ten years of age then Transit will have to pick up an adult that you are sending first and then the child from school. If no adult is available to go to the school for a passenger under ten years of age, then we will be unable to provide transport.

Can I receive rides to work?

Yes. We are open from 7:00am to 6:00pm Monday through Friday. You can schedule up to seven days in advance. Where can I go?

Anywhere in Maricopa or Ak-Chin as long as it is within 5 miles of Ak-Chin boundaries. This includes shopping, dining, doctors' offices and other appointments. Please note: Ak-Chin Tribal Transit will not go to residences in Maricopa at this time. Only Public

destinations. How many times can I ride a day?

At this time there is no limit to the amount service Ak-Chin Tribal Transit is willing to provide if it can be appropriately accommodated. Please call into dispatch and advise us of your needs. What if I need to cancel a ride?

You are urged to cancel a scheduled

**AK-CHIN TRIBAL TRANSIT** 

ride as early as possible. We ask for a 15 minute notice. If a 15 minute notice is not given, you will be considered a no show. Reliable and on time transportation can be difficult to achieve when proper protocols are not followed.

What are your hours of operation? Office hours are 7:00am to 6:00pm Monday through Friday. The Transit Department observes many Ak-Chin recognized holidays. If you have questions on whether or not Transit will be offering services on a particular day, please contact

How much notice do you need to schedule Transit Services?

We recommend that you make your reservation at least 2 hours in advance of your requested pick-up time. You may make a reservation up to 7 days in advance. Last minute requests may be accommodated if the schedule permits but may not always be available. Can employees be picked up from one department and taken to another department? Yes. Please contact the Transit Department

and schedule services. Are the Transit vehicles wheelchair accessible?

Yes. Transit Staff are properly trained to provide this service to our residents. Each vehicle is equipped with four ratcheting WTORS and proper lap and shoulder restraints. Please let the Transit Department know over the phone if those services will be needed.

What if I need services that are not currently being provided?

If there is a service that you currently would like to receive and we are not providing it please let us know. The only way we can change our current structure and focus our services on the community, is to have feedback on what is really needed by the community.

TO SCHEDULE A RIDE: CALL: 520-568-1630

TEXT: 520-340-0382

# AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY TWO (2) VACANCIES FOR THE AK-CHIN HOUSING BOARD

VACANCY OPEN TO AK-CHIN COMMUNITY
MEMBERS ONLY

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

The Ak-Chin Housing Board:

- 1. Ensures compliance with the housing programs, which include but are not limited to all Ak-Chin Community homes, Housing and Urban Development (HUD) homes and Tax Credit homes in coordination with the Community Council.
- **2.** Is responsible for preparing recommendations to the Community Council for approval or denial of Housing Board actions/decisions.
- **3.** Is responsible for ensuring that all established policies regarding lease compliance, resident issues and home care and maintenance are followed and enforced.
- **4.** Taking timely action on all Housing Board related matters
- **5.** Preparing for and attending all meetings and trainings of the Board.

**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.

Community employees must also submit documentation from their supervisor allowing them to serve on the Ak-Chin Housing Board

Please send all letters of interest Attn:
Ak-Chin Community Council
ATTN: Victoria A. Smith
42507 W. Peters & Nall Road
Maricopa, AZ 85138

Deadline for letters of Interest is Friday, September 2, 2022 by 5:00 PM.

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did not make it to the placement bracket on Sunday, they enjoyed playing in the tournament.

"They have shown tremendous growth in the sport of baseball." Coach Tony shared. "We are very proud of each and every player coming out to practices and giving their all at the games. The players never gave up, encouraged one another and had fun!

"Thanks to the Lil Natives 13-15 yr olds, for coming out and helping at the practices and base coaching some of the games. It was much appreciated. It was good to see both age groups working together and seeing the older boys mentoring the younger ones."

"Thank you to all the parents for their support providing drinks and snacks at games, driving players to practices, games, and tournaments, helping on the field whenever needed and most importantly, having the families come out and show your support by cheering in the stands for the team. It was much appreciated."

Coach Tony









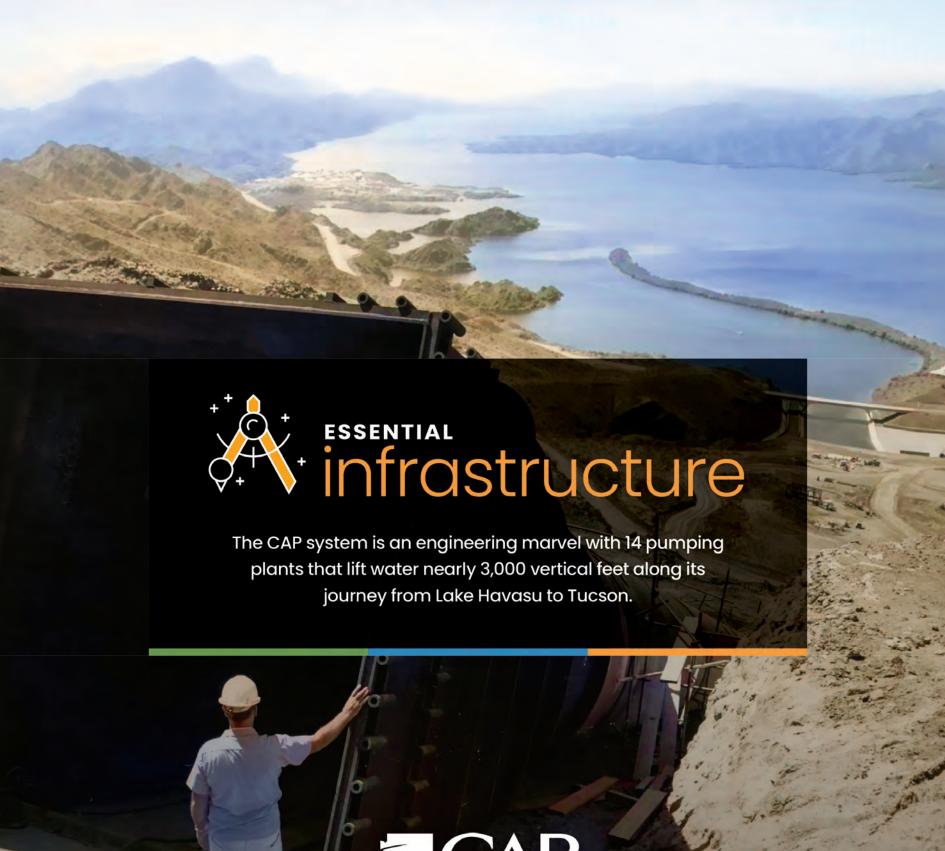


Photos-clockwise: Sporting 2nd place at Ak-Chin Little League tourney. These players enjoying last year playing little league. King Peters in the OF. Practicing at Hohokam Park. Abraham Jose ready on 1st. Valerian Joaquinpitcher, Ameliano Jacuindecatcher. Narin Lopez is gameface ready. Hanging out in the dugout with Coach Tony.





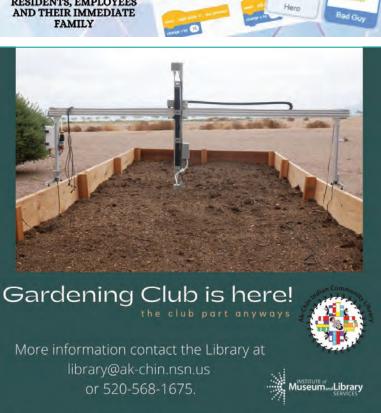




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- Detention Officer -Certified
- Detention Officer -Non-Certified
- Economic
  Development Analyst
- Network Systems
   Technician
- Police Officer (Recruit/ Non-Certified)
- Police Officer -Certified
- Recreation Program Assistant
- Senior Planner (Open Until Filled, -Previous applicants will be considered)
- Tribal Gaming Agency Executive Director -Open Until Filled

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.

# NEW EMPLOYEES



TOT UAIT GUSSE
RECREATION PROGRAM
ASSISTANT
Parks and Recreation



Serina Garcia Cashier/stocker Vekol Market

**Stewart Peters** 

**Wilson Antone** 

## Wishes



Happy 11th Birthday King Paul Peters...Love you a million times and more...

~ Love mom and brothers

Happy Birthday to my granddaughters Michelle and Delila, and grandsons Michael, Jr., Darren and Stewart

~ Love, Grandma

Happy Birthday Nancy and Darren Hope your special days are filled with fun!!

~ Love your family

**Candi Chavez** 

## August Employee Birthdays

8/1 Arnold Aguirre, *Law & Order* Lenny Dempsey, *Education* 8/2

Jennifer Boehm, Fire & Safety 8/4 Nicole Delma,

Early Childhood
Jason Wilhite,
Fire & Safety
8/5
Anthony Narcia,

Anthony Narcia,
Environmental
Protection
8/7

Jeffrey Looper,

Transit

Jacob Dickerson,

Maintenance

8/8 Melanie Toledo, *Library* Tracy Zimmerman,

8/9 Zeus Zuniga, *IS* Narciso Schweitzer,

Capital Projects

Environmental
Protection

8/11
William Narcia,
Law & Order
Pete Bejar, TGA
Christian Soliz,
Human Resources

8/12 Darlene Smith-McClelland, *Education* 

Allison Butler, Transit

8/13 Gregory Porto, *Fire & Safety*  8/15 Matthew Millo, *Public Defender* Sergio Romero, *Housing* 

8/16

Rudy Aguirre, *TGA* 8/17 Chaning Hoffman, *Environmental* 

8/21
Daniel Mercado, *IS*Dale Vance, *Fire & Safety*8/23
Dorissa Garcia, *Enrollment* 

8/24
Jeffrey Manuel,
Parks & Recreation
Brenice Kaisem,
Law & Order

8/26
Lorenzo Holcomb, *Law & Order* 

8/27
Blanca Briones,
Human Resources
Michelle Garcia,
Early Childhood
Gary Carr,
Maintenance

8/28
Darren Peters,
Fire & Safety
Wilson Antone,
Library
8/30

Sanitation
Christopher
Johnston, IS

8/31 Sheryl Grothe, Law & Order



### NOW PLAYING • DRAGON BALL Saturday:

**SUPER: SUPER HERO** (DUBBED) Monday - Thursday:

3:00, 5:30 & 8:00 Friday: 3:00, 5:30, 8:00

& 10:30 Saturday: 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00 & 10:30 Sunday:

12:30, 3:00, 5:30 & 8:00

**BEAST** 

Monday - Thursday: 3:00, 5:30 & 8:00 Friday: 3:00, 5:30, 8:00 & 10:30

Saturday: 11:00am, 1:30, 4:00, 6:30, 9:00 & 11:15 Sunday: 11:00am, 1:30, 4:00, 6:30 & 9:00

**EASTER SUNDAY** 3:00, 5:30 & 8:00

Monday - Thursday: Friday: 3:00, 5:30, 8:00

& 10:30

12:00, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00 & 10:30 Sunday:

4:00 & 7:00

Friday:

4:00, 7:00 & 10:00

Saturday:

1:00, 4:00, 7:00

& 10:00

Sunday:

1:00, 4:00 & 7:00

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**SUPER-PETS** Monday - Thursday:

3:00 & 6:30

Friday:

3:00, 6:30 & 10:00

Saturday:

11:00am, 2:30, 6:00

& 9:30

Sunday:

11:00am, 2:30 & 6:00

**NOPE** 

Monday - Thursday:

4:00 & 7:00

Friday:

4:00, 7:00 & 10:00

12:00, 3:00, 5:30 & 8:00 1:00, 4:00 & 7:00 **BULLET TRAIN THOR: LOVE AND** Monday - Thursday:

> **THUNDER** Monday - Thursday: 4:00 & 7:00 Friday:

4:00, 7:00 & 10:00 Saturday: 1:00, 4:00, 7:00 & 10:00 Sunday:

Saturday:

1:00, 4:00, 7:00

& 10:00

Sunday:

**MINIONS: THE RISE** OF GRU Monday - Thursday: 4:00 & 7:00

1:00, 4:00 & 7:00

Friday: 4:00, 7:00 & 10:00 Saturday: 1:00, 4:00, 7:00 & 10:00 Sunday: 1:00, 4:00 & 7:00

Saturday, August 12 - Fast

rising country sensation, Chris Janson put on a great party of song and dance at Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino Events Center.

Janson was full of energy as he and his band had the crowd on their feet swinging and singing to all his great hits, "Fix a Drink", "Drunk Girl", "Done", "Buy Me a Boat" and "Holdin' Her".

Chris swaggered on stage, strutted to Chuck Berry's "Johnny B. Goode", and played some Johnny Cash on his harmonica, while his fiddler played a great "Devil Went Down to Georgia" by the Charlie Daniels Band.

Janson, a notable singer and songwriter is also an accomplished musician, as he proved that night by strumming guitar, humming the harmonica, playing piano and beating the drums. He's got a platinum record, and named among the greatest six live performers country

music.

He shared a couple news songs from his new album All In, including "Flag On The Wall" and a duet with Eric Church, "You, Me & The River".

Chris also sang with Josh Turner, on Turner's Country State of Mind album which was released August 2020. "County State of Mind" is the title track, originally recorded by Hank Williams, Jr. Turner

is scheduled to be at Harrah's on Saturday, August 20.

Before leaving the stage, Janson's anticipated encore included many rock and country classics; "Gimme Three Steps" by Lynyrd Skynyrd, "Mary Jane's Last Dance" by Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers, "Pride and Joy" by Stevie Ray Vaughan, and "All My Rowdy Friends Are Coming Over Tonight" by Hank Williams, Jr.

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