

COMMUNITY UPDATE

Division of Community Development Newsletter

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Did You Know...

The Navajo Name for September is Bini'ant'áástsoh or Ripening of Late Crops.

Upcoming Events

September 21-24: Southwest Navajo Nation Fair - Dilkon, AZ

October 4: Local Rural Addressing Committee (LRAC) Training

October 5-8: Northern Navajo Fair - Shiprock, NM

October 12-15: Western Navajo Fair - Tuba City, AZ



DCD at the Navajo Nation Fair

During the week of September 5, 2017, the various DCD departments participated in the Navajo Nation Fair by setting up a booth under the Office of the President/Vice-President's tent. Different teams from the DCD departments took turns during the week to greet visitors, answer questions, and hand out informational packets and promotional items.

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On Thursday, during Kid's Day, hundreds of youth descended upon the OPVP tent. The team had a hard time keeping up with the demand and began running out of promotional items to give away during the afternoon. The turnout was tremendous and the students appeared grateful to be getting the items. The promotional items were clearly marked with the DCD name and contact information to bring visibility to the Division. The team also gave out fresh fruit to support healthier eating choices for Navajo youth.





Ms. Judith Willoughby, Engineering Tech, CPMD, was helping to take care of the DCD booth when she got a chance to visit with two Navajo celebrities, champion team ropers, Derrick Begay and Erich Rogers.

DCD did not enter a float into the Navajo Nation Fair Parade this year, but will do so in the Western Navajo Fair Parade coming up in a few weeks. DCD is busy planning out a design and should begin constructing the float soon in coordination with the other departments in the float team.

DCD takes these opportunities to try to reach out to the Navajo community members, provide information about what the Division is doing, and promote DCD activities and information so people are aware of what the division is about and how to get in contact with the division and departments.



Tsé Ałnáozt'ií Chapter Renovation



The Capital Projects Management Department and the Tsé Ałnáozt'ií Chapter have completed the Tsé Ałnáozt'ií Chapter Renovation for the Senior Citizen Center and is now ready for use by chapter and senior center staff. The renovated space is approximately 1,200 sq. feet in area and cost approximately \$294,000 to complete.

The project was funded jointly by the New Mexico Aging Long-Term Services Department and the Tsé Ałnáozt'ií Chapter.

The renovation features a totally



upgraded kitchen with commercial grade fixtures and a pantry, a small dining area for 4 to 5 dining tables, a Supervisor Office, upgraded mechanical room, and a janitorial room. The electrical system was also upgraded and a Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning system was installed into the renovated area. The Senior Center should open within the next month to serve the Tsé Ałnoazt'ií senior citizens.

LONG-STANDING CIO SANCTION FINALLY LIFTED



On Tuesday, September 5, 2017, the Budget and Finance Committee of the Navajo Nation Council lifted the sanction that had been imposed on the former Capital Improvement Office and subsequently inherited by the Capital Projects Management Department. The sanction against the previous CIO office had been in place since 2003.

The lifting of the sanction is a testament to the new leadership that Mr. Carl Smith brings and to the new managers that he has brought on board since he was appointed as the DCD Executive Director. Ms. Sherylene Yazzie, CPMD Department Manager III, is a highly educated and capable manager, and she has been working tirelessly with her staff to meet the terms of the corrective action plan to get the sanction lifted.

As soon as Mr. Smith came on board at DCD, he began recruiting highly-educated and talented people to begin filling key positions within the Division. This has resulted in a series of major changes to the structure of the division designed to improve efficiency and communication across all levels of the division.

HughesNet Offers New Gen-5 Service for Internet

On Tuesday, September 5, 2017, representatives from Arizona Direct Satellite based out of Phoenix, AZ, came out to Administration Building #2 in Window Rock to demonstrate the new HughesNet Gen-5 satellite solution. Arizona Direct Sallite is a reseller of HughesNet satellite solutions.

They are able to offer 25 – 40 Mb/s of bandwidth to most locations across the Navajo Nation in New Mexico and Arizona and have several data packages the customer can choose from. The pricing is much less than what other local Internet service providers charge for the same speed.



Navajo Mountain chapter recently signed up for the new Gen-5 service from HughesNet and the speed is much better than what they had before. They seemed to be happy with the new service.

There are some issues to consider such as a slight delay due to the height of the satellites in the sky. During cloudy or rainy days, there could also be issues due to "rain fade" as well. However, it seems to be a good service at a very reasonable price, especially for the chapters that are in remote locations such as Navajo Mountain, where other land-based services are expensive to build out.

DCD Staff Perform Flag Ceremony on 9/11



Early Monday morning on September 11, 2017, staff from DCD in coordination with other Navajo Nation offices performed a flag raising ceremony. The idea was to not only commemorate Patriot's Day on 9/11, but to start posting the flags again at Administration Building #2.

Roger James, DCD staff member, explained that it bothered him that the flags weren't being posted on the flagpoles in front of the building. He began talking with others, including Diane Dawes, ASO, Navajo Division of Health, who explained to him that the flags used to be posted before the building renovations. After the renovations were completed, no one had started the practice again.

Being from a family who has strong roots in military, police, and first responder service, Mr. James began working with Ms. Dawes to plan for an event to restart the tradition and have it coincide with Patriot's Day. NNDOH bought the flags and Mr. James obtained support from DCD Executive Director, Carl Smith, and Mr. James' supervisor, M.C. Baldwin, to host the event. Mr. James also consulted with Bobbie Ann Baldwin, Veterans Services Officer, from Navajo Nation Office of Navajo Veteran's Affairs, on the procedures for a flag dedication ceremony make sure that the proper steps were taken during the actual ceremony.

During the ceremony, two firefighters from the Navajo Nation Fire & Rescue, Window Rock district, posted the flags. Captain John Williams, former veteran of the US Marine Corps, posted the United States flag and a fellow fire fighter posted the Navajo Nation flag.

Cotton Morgan, Gracince Tom, and Jayden Lillie led the Pledge of Allegiance in both English and Navajo and sang the Navajo flag song. Afterwards, Mr. James explained the purpose of the flag song and other details of the ceremony. In addition to DCD, DOH, Fire & Rescue, and Veterans Affairs, the Navajo Police department and EMS were also present.

The flags are currently back up and a schedule for when they should be posted and taken down is ready and is being followed.

Gadiiahi Home Restoration Project

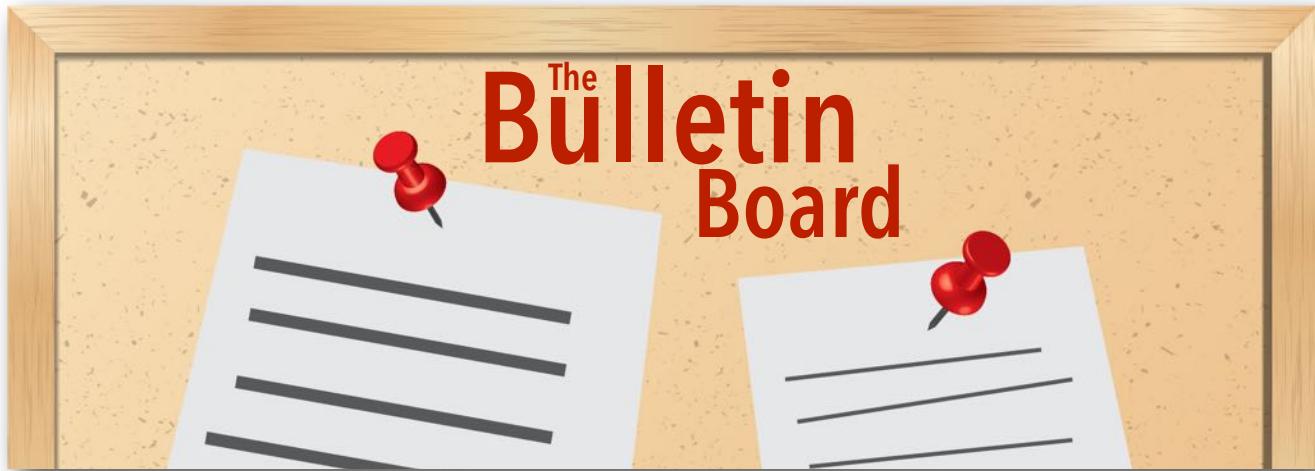


Starting in late July 2017, the DCD community project team led by Mr. Carl Smith, DCD Executive Director, began working on a whole-house construction in Gadiiahi Chapter. Since that time, the team has been working hard to get the building completed. Because this is a whole house construction, the team had to begin from scratch by digging trenches for a footing and building out a foundation using concrete and cinder blocks. Next, they built out the floor and constructed the walls. Then came the roof and the siding to finish the shell of the home.

The next steps would be to install windows, doors, interior wiring, sheetrock, and flooring. Finally, the house would get a paint job and other finishing touches to complete the project. This is only the second whole-house

construction project that the team has undertaken and they are doing an amazing job. Congratulations on a job well done!





SENATOR PETE DOMENICI REMEMBERED AS A FRIEND TO THE NAVAJO

Senator Pete Domenici died on Wednesday morning, September 13, 2017, in Albuquerque, N.M. He passed away following complications from abdominal surgery.

President Russell Begaye recognized Sen. Domenici's early involvement in strengthening the Navajo economy.

"Sen. Domenici has been a friend to the Navajo Nation in helping build its economy through early programs like the Office of Navajo Economic Opportunity," he said. "Those programs helped catapult the Nation toward having a strong economic base."

<http://us15.campaign-archive2.com/?u=obf367cc7bf787cb9b02b21c8&id=b4edeab671>

TONALEA/RED LAKE CHAPTER RECEIVES HOUSING FUNDS

During the Western Agency Council meeting held on Saturday, September 16, 2017, members of the Navajo Nation Council presented nearly \$255,000 to the Tonalea/Red Mesa Chapter, to carry out a pilot project to construct 10 homes in the Former Bennett Freeze Area.

Council Delegate Tuchoney Slim, Jr.(Bodaway/Gap, Coppermine, K'ai'bii'tó, LeChee, Tonalea/Red Lake), who sponsored the bill to secure the funding from the Navajo Nation's Unreserved, Undesignated Fund Balance, said the initiative is very important for the community of Tonalea and signifies another step in the rehabilitation process for the Area.

<http://www.navajo-nsn.gov/News%20Releases/NNCouncil/2017/sept/FOR%20IMMEDIATE%20RELEASE%20-%20Delegate%20Tuchoney%20Slim,%20Jr.%20presents%20housing%20funds%20for%20the%20Former%20Bennett%20Freeze%20Area.pdf>

Navajo Nation Census Information Center News

Income, Poverty and Health Insurance Coverage in the United States: 2016

SEPT. 12, 2017 — The U.S. Census Bureau announced today that real median household income increased by 3.2 percent between 2015 and 2016, while the official poverty rate decreased 0.8 percentage points. At the same time, the percentage of people without health insurance coverage decreased.

Median household income in the United States in 2016 was \$59,039, an increase in real terms of 3.2 percent from the 2015 median income of \$57,230. This is the second consecutive annual increase in median household income.

The nation's official poverty rate in 2016 was 12.7 percent, with 40.6 million people in poverty, 2.5 million fewer than in 2015. The 0.8 percentage point decrease from 2015 to 2016 represents the second consecutive annual decline in poverty. The 2016 poverty rate is not statistically different from the 2007 rate (12.5 percent), the year before the most recent recession.

The percentage of people without health insurance coverage for the entire 2016 calendar year was 8.8 percent, down from 9.1 percent in 2015. The number of people without health insurance declined to 28.1 million from 29.0 million over the period.

These findings are contained in two reports: Income and Poverty in the United States: 2016 and Health Insurance Coverage in the United States: 2016. This year's income and poverty report marks the 50th anniversary of the first poverty estimates released by the Census Bureau in the Current Population report series.

Another Census Bureau report, The Supplemental Poverty Measure: 2016, was also released today. The supplemental poverty rate in 2016 was 13.9 percent, a decrease from 14.5 percent in 2015. With support from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the Supplemental Poverty Measure shows a different way of measuring poverty in the United States and serves as an additional indicator of economic well-being. The Census Bureau has published poverty estimates using the supplemental poverty measure annually since 2011.

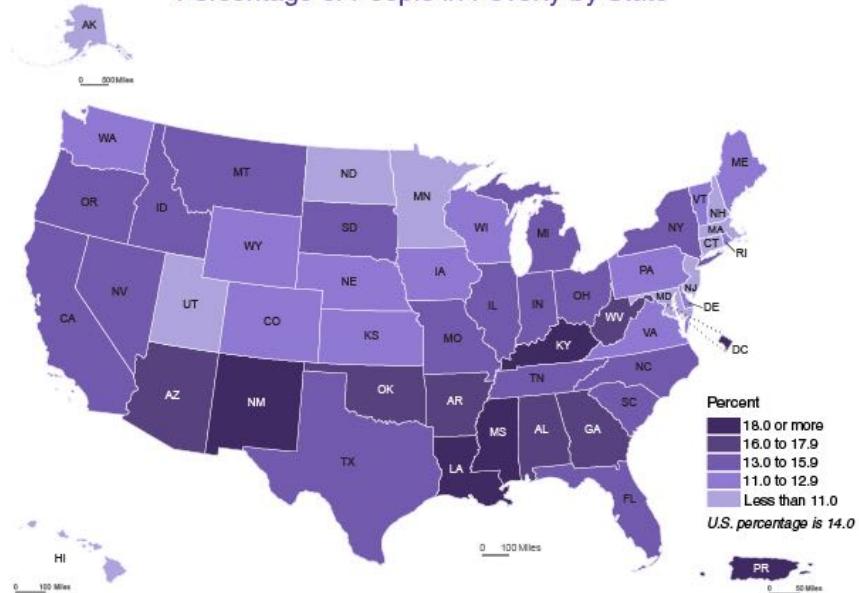
The Current Population Survey, sponsored jointly by the Census Bureau and Bureau of Labor Statistics, is conducted every month and is the primary source of labor force statistics for the U.S. population; it is used to calculate the monthly unemployment rate estimates. Supplements are added in most months; the Annual Social and Economic Supplement questionnaire is designed to give annual, national estimates of income, poverty and health insurance numbers and rates. The most recent Annual Social and Economic Supplement was conducted nationwide and collected information about income and health insurance coverage during the 2016 calendar year.

The Current Population Survey-based income and poverty report includes comparisons with the previous year and historical tables in the report contain statistics back to 1959. The health insurance report is based on both the Current Population Survey and the American Community Survey. State and local income, poverty and health insurance estimates will be released Thursday, Sept. 14, from the American Community Survey.Census Bureau Releases New Data on Cities and Counties in Arizona from the 2016 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates

Source: <https://www.census.gov/newsroom/press-releases/2017/income-poverty.html>

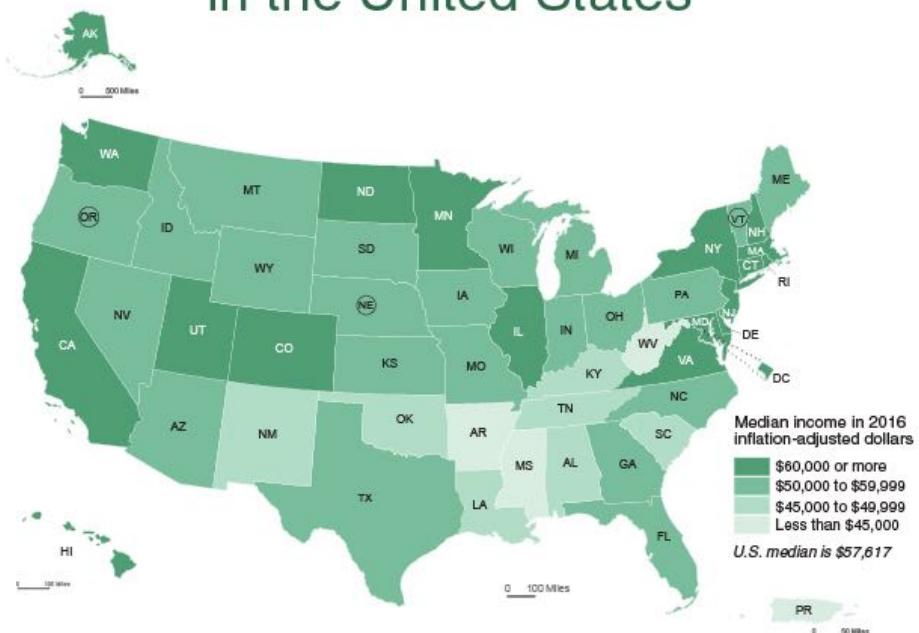
Poverty in the United States

Percentage of People in Poverty by State



Note: U.S. percentage does not include data for Puerto Rico.

Median Household Income in the United States



Note: A state abbreviation surrounded by the "O" symbol denotes the value for the state is not statistically different from the U.S. median.



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Economics and Statistics Administration
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census.gov

Source: 2016 American Community Survey
2016 Puerto Rico Community Survey
[www.census.gov/a](http://www.census.gov)

PERSONNEL NEWS

DCD OPEN POSITIONS

Admin. Service Centers Temporary Accountants:

Fort Defiance, AZ

Crownpoint, NM

Chapter Community Services Coordinator:

Lake Valley, NM

Sawmill, AZ

Chapter Accounts Maintenance Specialists:

Tsaile, AZ

Forest Lake, AZ

Alamo, NM

Iyanbito, NM

Tsayatoh, NM

Tohatchi, AZ

Red Valley, AZ

Kaibeto, AZ

Navajo Mountain, AZ

Capital Projects Management Project Manager:

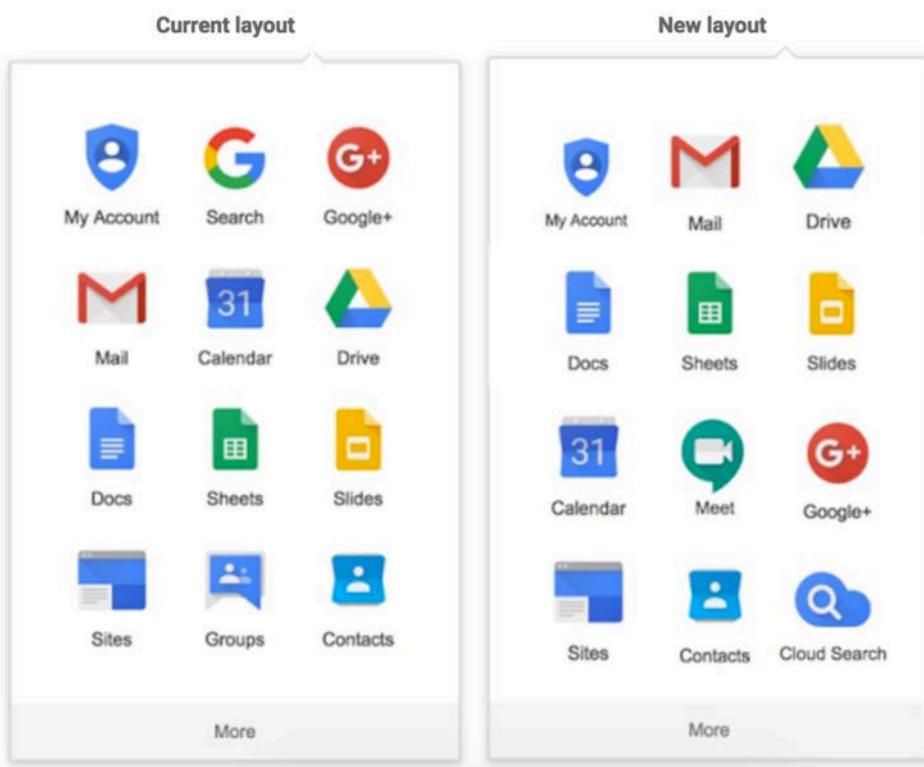
Tuba City, AZ

For the most up-to-date personnel info, please visit DPM's website at <http://www.dpm.navajonsn.gov/jobs.htm>

Google App Launcher

What's new: The **app launcher** in the Google Bar makes it easy for users to quickly access Google apps like Drive, Gmail, and Calendar. Savvy users can even customize the launcher to place the apps they use most at the top and they apps they visit less often at the bottom.

Google wanted to make the app launcher more convenient for new users and those who don't take the time to customize it. To do this, we're introducing a new default order for apps in the launcher, which will more prominently feature commonly used apps like Gmail, Drive, and Docs.



This new layout will only go into effect for new users and those who haven't already customized their app launcher. If a user has already reordered the apps in their launcher, he or she won't see any changes to the apps' order.

Learn more about the Google Bar in the Google Help Center.

What's New in G Suite - July 2017 Release <https://goo.gl/ER4Mc2>

Local Governance Certified Chapters

Chapter	Agency	LGA Cert. Date	Chapter	Agency	LGA Cert. Date
1 Nahata Dziil	Ft. Defiance	8/16/02	1 Newcomb	Northern	6/18/04
2 Steamboat	Ft. Defiance	5/30/03	2 San Juan	Northern	3/7/07
3 Cornfields	Ft. Defiance	7/14/10	3 Tse'Daa'Kaan	Northern	6/21/07
4 Naschitti	Ft. Defiance	11/22/10	4 Sheepsprings	Northern	8/24/07
5 Lupton	Ft. Defiance	11/24/10	5 Tolikan	Northern	11/29/10
6 Dilkon	Ft. Defiance	12/21/10	6 Toadlena/Two Grey Hills	Northern	1/10/11
7 Greasewood Springs	Ft. Defiance	12/21/10	7 Burnham	Northern	7/11/11
8 Kinlichee	Ft. Defiance	12/29/10	8 Beclabito	Northern	1/10/12
9 Teesto	Ft. Defiance	7/11/11	9 Mexican Water	Northern	2/7/12
10 Ganado	Ft. Defiance	12/2/14	10 Upper Fruitland	Northern	2/28/12
11 Houck	Ft. Defiance	12/2/14	11 Aneth	Northern	3/31/15
12 Ft. Defiance	Ft. Defiance	1/15/16	12 Cove	Northern	4/5/15
TOTAL: 12			TOTAL: 12		

Chapter	Agency	LGA Cert. Date	Chapter	Agency	LGA Cert. Date
1 Shonto	Western	9/22/99	1 Chinle	Chinle	12/21/10
2 Tuba City	Western	12/27/04	2 Pinon	Chinle	2/21/12
3 Kayenta	Western	8/6/10	3 Whippoorwill Springs	Chinle	12/2/14
4 Bodaway/Gap	Western	12/21/10	4 Nazlini	Chinle	2/17/15
5 Birdsprings	Western	7/11/11	TOTAL: 4		
6 Chilchinbeto	Western	7/11/11			
7 Leupp	Western	7/11/11			
8 LeChee	Western	1/31/12			
9 Dennehotso	Western	2/14/12			
10 Tonaqua	Western	12/2/14			
11 Ts'ah Biil' Kin	Western	6/24/16			
TOTAL 11					
Chapter	Agency	LGA Cert. Date			
1 Littlewater	Eastern	11/15/07			
2 Baahaali	Eastern	12/24/08			
3 Whiterock	Eastern	12/21/10			
4 Ojo Encino	Eastern	3/6/12			
5 Baca/Prewitt	Eastern	12/22/14			
6 Casamero Lake	Eastern	4/15/15	TOTAL: 6		

TOTAL CERTIFICATION : 45

