

COMMUNITY UPDATE

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Did You Know...

The first Native American driver to compete in the Indianapolis 500...

Cory Witherill, a 28-year-old Navajo racer drove his G-Force Oldsmobile to a 19th place finish at the 85th Indy 500 in Indianapolis, Indiana in MAY 29, 2001.

Events:-

November: Níłch'its'osi- "Slender Winds"

November 5: Daylight Saving Time Ends

November 11: Veterans Day

November 23: Thanksgiving Day

November 24: Navajo Nation Family Day / Black Friday

November 27: Cyber Monday

November 30: International Computer Security Day

December: Níłch'itsoh- "Big Winds"

December 10: Human Rights Day

December 21: Winter Solstice

December 24: Christmas Eve

December 25: Christmas Day

December 31: New Year's Eve

Celebrating Success: Mrs. Mariam Cornfield Triumphs in Achieving Homeownership



Celebrating Success: Mrs. Mariam Cornfield Triumphs in Achieving Homeownership through HIP/BIA ARPA program

In a remarkable journey spanning since 2016, Mrs. Mariam Cornfield, a resident of Cornfield, Arizona, persisted in her pursuit of a home through the Housing Improvement Program (HIP). Initially facing challenges in meeting eligibility requirements, Mrs. Cornfield's determination remained unshaken. Year after year, she diligently updated her application, holding onto the hope that assistance would one day be within reach. The momentous breakthrough arrived on March 23, 2023, when Mrs. Cornfield received a letter announcing her potential eligibility for assistance. This positive development was made possible by the additional funds allocated to HIP under the BIA/ARPA initiative. Despite the prolonged process, Mrs. Cornfield exhibited unwavering patience, periodically reaching out for updates on the status of her application.

Today, Mrs. Cornfield has turned her dream of homeownership into reality, finding solace and security in her own home. The gratitude she feels towards the HIP/CHID staff who played a crucial role in this achievement was expressed through a heartfelt luncheon organized by her appreciative relatives. The dedicated staff, some of whom have been with Mrs. Cornfield since the inception of her application, share in the joy of her success and take pride in their contributions to making her homeownership a tangible and fulfilling reality.

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CHID/HIP has successfully built fourteen homes, utilizing regular BIA Housing Funds and one-time emergency BIA/ARPA Funds. Twelve are one and two-bedroom frame homes, and two are one-bedroom Modular Units. Despite limited staff, HIP continues to provide housing assistance to needy families. Two projects in Dilkon and Pinon are ongoing, with an expected completion date of December 29, 2023, weather permitting.



Rita Begay, HIP Manager, Emmett Tsosie, HIP Planner/Estimator, Executive Director Arbin Mitchell, Joseph Charley, Electrician; Adam Plummer, Theriot Wilson, Augustine Sells, Jr.,



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Congratulations to Manuelito Chapter on the Approved Master Land Use Plan



by Marlene Hoskie

Introduction:

On Wednesday, November 1, 2023, the 25th Navajo Nation Council's Resources and Development Committee (RDC) approved Legislation No. 0224-23, certifying Manuelito Chapter's Master Land Use Plan. This plan, aligned with the guidelines of NAVAJO NATION CODE: TITLE 26 - Navajo Nation Local Governance Act, Section 2004, outlines crucial local initiatives. In 2019, the chapter successfully secured \$100,000 in project funds from the New Mexico Capital Outlay. The proposal was presented to the RDC committee by a team comprising Milton Davidson, the Chapter President, Julia Ellison, Chairperson of the Community Land Use Planning Committee (CLUPC), and CLUPC member Paulene McCabe. The CPMD (Capital Projects Management Department) provided assistance to the Chapter, with Marlene Hoskie serving as the Project Manager.

Master Land Use Plan Overview:

The Manuelito Chapter Master Land Use Plan, adopted via chapter resolution, serves as a policy guide for community development over the next five to ten years. It encompasses plans for open space, infrastructure, economic development, and more.

Short-Term Goals:

- Develop a mapping program.
- Conduct land and archaeological surveys for housing sites, economic development, and waste management.
- Apply for a Recycling and Illegal Dumping (RAID) Grant.
- Complete a project management outline for funding implementation.
- Identify and seek supplemental funding for plan implementation.
- Implement New Mexico capital outlay projects.
- Relocate chapter staff to a renovated administration building.

Long-Term Goals:

- Establish an observation site/lookout point at a strategic location.
- Establish Right of Way for NM-118 with Surrender Canyon as an alternate route.
- Construct bridges.
- Prioritize housing for seven families needing relocation.
- Create a vendor's village.
- Establish a community center.



<https://manuelito.navajochapters.org/>

Resources and Development Committee certifies Manuelito Chapter's Community-Based Land Use Plan

MANUELITO CHAPTER, N.M. – Last Wednesday, members of the 25th Navajo Nation Council's Resources and Development Committee (RDC) approved Legislation No. 0224-23, certifying Manuelito Chapter's Community-Based Land Use Plan, which outlines many critical local issues and initiatives.

"This is a big step for sustainability and being independent as a chapter," said RDC Chair Brenda Jesus (Oaksprings, St. Michaels). "I commend Manuelito Chapter. This takes a lot of qualitative research. The Master Land Use Plan you put together is spectacular. As RDC, this is what we want for other chapters."

Presenting on behalf of Manuelito Chapter were Chapter President and Master Plan Advisor Milton Davidson, Community Land Use Planning Committee (CLUPC) Chairperson Julia Ellison, and CLUPC member Paulene McCabe.

The Manuelito Chapter Master Land Use Plan is an official public document adopted by the chapter officials. It serves as a policy guide for decisions about the physical development of the community's fundamental, publicly owned elements, from open space to infrastructure, over the next 20 to 30 years.

The plan lays out the chapter's general, long-range approach to making decisions about any new development, infrastructure, or improvement programs.

According to the Plan, the Chapter's short-term goals include: the development of a mapping program; conducting land and archaeological surveys for chapter developments including housing sites, economic development, a site for the community solid waste, and determining private land; applying for a Recycling and Illegal Dumping (RAID) Grant; completing a statement of work to outline the project management for implementing funding; identifying and applying for supplemental funding to continue with master land use plans; implementing all New Mexico capital outlay projects; and relocating chapter staff into the administration building.

The Chapter's long-term goals include: creating an observation site/lookout point at a strategic

location; establishing Right of Way for NM-118 with Surrender Canyon as an alternate route; the construction of bridges; prioritizing the seven families needing relocation for housing; creating a vendor's village; and creating a community center.

Chapter President Davidson said that Manuelito Chapter's Master Land Use Plan represents the chapter's needs and is the culmination of years of meetings and chapter participation.

"I've represented my community for 27 years. All the plans are in here. These are our community's needs," he said. "I want to thank all our leaders, Marlene Hoskie,



the CLUPC, and the RDC."

Council Delegate Otto Tso, a member of the RDC, congratulated Manuelito Chapter for the certification of their Master Land Use Plan, stating that there are endless possibilities that exist for the chapter such as collecting their own sales taxes.

"This plan lays the ground rules for housing, infrastructure, and economic development. I see this as the community has spoken," Delegate Tso said. "The importance of your community is what you need to continue to build."

RDC member Shawna Ann Claw encouraged the chapter to continue to work with their CLUPC.

She said that often when chapters gain independence through the Local Governance Act, they start to bypass their CLUPC.

"All land withdraws should have a resolution from the CLUPC. I don't see this identified in the Plan and that should be the starting point," she said. "I can see that a lot of extensive research went into this plan and that your community was involved. This plan is one of the best that I've seen."

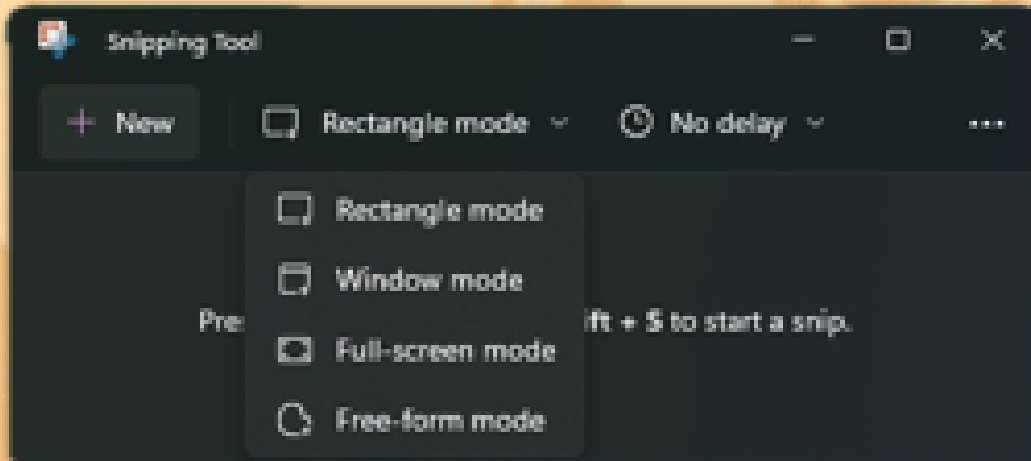
The Resources and Development Committee unanimously approved Legislation No. 0224-23 with a vote of four in favor and zero opposed. The RDC is the final authority for the legislation.

READ MORE AT: <https://bit.ly/3uzfZNw>



Tech Tips

How to take a screenshot in Windows 11



Take a snapshot to copy words or images from all or part of your PC screen. Use Snipping Tool to make changes or notes, then save, and share.

Capture any of the following types of snips: Free-form snip

Draw a free-form shape around an object: Rectangular snip

Drag the cursor around an object to form a rectangle: Window snip

Select a window, such as a dialog box, that you want to capture: Full-screen snip

Capture the entire screen: Video snip

Capture a video clip of a rectangular selection of any part of the screen you like.

When you capture a snip, it's automatically copied to the Snipping Tool window where you make changes, save, and share.

Open Snipping Tool

There are four ways to open Snipping Tool:

Select the Start button, enter snipping tool, then select Snipping Tool from the results.

Press Windows logo key + Shift + S for a static image snip.

Press Print Screen (PrtSc) for a static image snip.

Press Windows logo key + Shift + R for a video snip.

Read More: <https://bit.ly/4a0pci4>

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Strategic Planning Session



DCD Mission

Values



DCD Vision

Administrative Services Centers

DEPARTMENT EVENTS

In the Month of November 2023, the Administrative Services Centers, Fort Defiance & Crownpoint Offices hosted a 3-Day Work Session at the Gallup University of New Mexico campus. From November 6th thru 8th, Staff from the 32 Chapters (16 from the Crownpoint Service Area and 16 from the Fort Defiance Service Area) for an agenda that included presenters from:

- Miss Navajo Nation
- Navajo Health Department
- Navajo Occupational Safety & Health Ass.
- Navajo Dept. of Justice
- Office of Auditor General
- Division of Human Resources

With guests speakers including the DCD Division Director and Dept. Managers. About 40 Staff participated in the event and received opportunities to gain information, win door prizes, and network with their colleagues.



ASC Office Training/Meeting Events

Date:	ASC Office:	Location:	Office/Topic/Presenter:
11-15-2023	Shiprock ASC	San Juan Chapter	PEP & Youth Employment Training, presented by Eliza-Beth Washburne, SPPS
11-01-2023	Shiprock ASC	ASC Shiprock Office	Presenter: Eliza-Beth Washburne, SPPS Topic: Fund Management Plans
11-01-2023	Shiprock ASC	ASC Office	Funds Management Plan - Presenter: Eliza-Beth Washburne
11-01-2023	Gallup ASC	Iyanbito Chapter	MIP Training & Refresher



Administrative Services Centers

ASC STAFF UPDATES



Arionna Chicharello joins the Window Rock ASC Office.

On November 06, 2023, the Window Rock Administrative Services Centers welcomed a new Office Assistant, Arionna Chicharello.

Ms. Chicharello is from the community of Kinlichee. She graduated from the Ganado High School and is currently enrolled in courses to complete a medical assistance certification.

She previously worked with the Navajo Nation's Division of Social Services as an Office Aide.

Currently, Ms. Chicharello is being trained to take over the payroll/timekeeping duties for the Administrative Services Centers department, among other tasks. She is already providing much needed assistance to the Window Rock ASC Office.

Glad to have you Arionna!

WELCOME NEW CHAPTER EMPLOYEES!



On November 27, 2023, Verna Yazzie took up her new post as the Accounts Maintenance Specialist at Oljato Chapter.

Ms. Yazzie is from the Monument Valley area and comes to the

Oljato Chapter with a background in Business Administration and Accounting.

Welcome Verna!

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Navajo Utah Delegates advocate for the Navajo Mountain road project with Utah legislators

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah – On Wednesday, 25th Navajo Nation Council Delegates met with Utah Lt. Gov. Deidre Henderson at the State Capitol in Salt Lake City, UT, to advance ongoing efforts to secure funding to pave an existing roadway between the communities of Navajo Mountain and Oljato. The road improvement project will also connect the community of Navajo Mountain to Blanding, UT.

Current efforts are focused on securing \$4 million through the Utah State Legislature to complete an Environmental Impact Statement to move the project forward.

The long-standing project will pave approximately 117 miles of road between Navajo Mountain and U.S. Route 163 providing critical access for Navajo residents who currently face transportation isolation and limited access to emergency services, educational opportunities, economic development, and a utility corridor for broadband, water, and power services.

"The community of Navajo Mountain is large, and these resources are necessary for the economic development of the area that will go toward supporting both Utah and the Navajo Nation," said Council Delegate Shaandiin Parrish (Chilchinbeto, Dennehotso, Kayenta), Chair of the Budget and Finance Committee.

The Navajo Mountain and Oljato communities are located in the western portion of the Navajo Nation approximately 30 miles apart. The only paved route to get from one community to the other requires residents and other commuters to travel over 100 miles through rough terrain that often requires the use of four-wheel drive.

Utah State Sen. David P. Hinkins said he has been involved in the project since 2009 and every year the cost goes up. In 2021, the project costed \$115 million compared to the current costs that range from \$141 million to upwards of \$200 million to pave the southern route.

Sen. Hinkins told the group that allowing the Navajo Nation to operate a gravel pit in the area would reduce project costs by approximately 20 percent, but would also need congressional support.



"We need to be able to crush gravel on the Navajo Nation. These materials are costly and currently must be brought in from off the Nation," Hinkins said. "The Department of the Interior doesn't allow this on any Indian reservation. We need help from the Senate, House, and our Congress people to change this."

Delegate Parrish told Lt. Gov. Henderson that the Navajo Nation, through the Office of the President and Vice President and the Navajo Nation Council, has been working with Arizona Congressman Eli Crane (R-AZ) to address this issue in Arizona, but the Nation needs the support of the Utah State Legislature to fix the issue in Utah.

"Operating a gravel pit in Utah would not only benefit the Navajo Nation but all tribes in Utah in developing roads," she said.

Council Delegate Herman Daniels Jr. (Tсах Bii Kin, Navajo Mountain, Shonto, Oljato) noted that the process of identifying gravel pits starts at the chapter level through coordination with grazing permit holders.

Lt. Gov. Henderson pledged her support to lobby for an act of Congress to address the gravel pit issue once the

obstacles are addressed at the chapter level.

"I'm very supportive of this road. I understand the isolation and the need for it. Navajo Mountain is in Utah, and these are Utahans," she said. "It shouldn't take several hours, traveling through another state to get to another part of our state. This should have been done a long time ago."

Navajo Nation President Dr. Buu Nygren sent a letter to Utah Gov. Spencer Cox pledging \$1 million to cover a portion of the \$4 million cost of the project's Environmental Impact Statement.

Sen. Hinkins said he plans to run an appropriation request for the remaining \$3 million.

Council Delegate Curtis Yanito (Mexican Water, To'likan, Teenospos, Aneth, Red Mesa) reiterated that the project has been a long time coming and thanked Lt. Gov. Henderson and the legislators for their support of the Navajo Mountain Road Project.

READ MORE AT: <https://bit.ly/3QlluzS>

**Have a safe
and happy
Holiday Season**



Arrive safely



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Shaping the future of Indigenous excellence

Adrian Lerma shares about her role as senior director of development for tribal nations at ASU Foundation

November 28, 2023



When Adrian Lerma's grandmother passed away in 2011, she reflected on her life and legacy as she grieved. Lerma, senior director of development for tribal nations at the ASU Foundation, was suddenly struck with a sense of responsibility. Who would guide and shape her to become the leader her community needed?

Lerma, born and raised in the Navajo Nation, knew she wanted to positively influence and impact Indigenous women the way her grandmother had. An undergraduate at Northern Arizona University studying women and gender studies, she applied for an internship with the Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals in renewable energy solutions.

She interviewed for the role with Beth Osnes, a theater and environmental studies professor at the University of

Colorado. During the interview, Lerma and Osnes formed an instant connection and began brainstorming projects and solutions that would serve the Navajo Nation. Lerma got the internship, and together with Osnes, co-founded the Navajo Women's Energy Project in 2012, incorporating interactive aspects of theater, improv and poetry to envision a clean energy future. The project brought together women of all backgrounds from ages 5 to 90. Lerma's path and passion led her to work with Eagle Energy, which provides small-scale solar technology to off-grid communities in the Navajo Nation. Later, she co-founded the Native American Business Incubator Network, which focuses on diversifying local economies and reducing dependence on resource extraction.

In 2019, she took on a role with Diné College and continued her community development and empowerment journey. Throughout her career, she has combined her deep roots within her community with a passion for education, environmental sustainability and economic development. ASU News spoke with Lerma during Native American Heritage Month to learn more about her commitment to shaping the future of Indigenous excellence. I am Diné, born and raised on the Navajo Nation in the small community of Tuba City, Arizona. My clans are Naakai Dine'é – Naash't'éezhí Tábaahá – T'izhíłání – Táchiinii. This identity is my guide in everything I do. The tribe I'm from is matrilineal, meaning that women carry the bloodline. This uniquely positions women as pillars of their clan, their home and their community. When I was an undergrad, I didn't know exactly what I wanted to do, but I understood that I had a responsibility as a young lady to do something meaningful.

A professor of mine, Tom Holm, once said, "Every breath you take is a political statement!" He expressed that the system is not set up for Native American people to thrive, so we have a responsibility to use our breath and the life we've been given to change the system so it benefits us. I remember feeling the enormity of the responsibility he was setting on our shoulders to think, strategize and act intentionally. But his words inspired me. So I set a simple goal: Do work that was going to empower Indigenous women. And that is what led me to do the work I've done over the past 11 years. And it's expanded beyond just women to include all Indigenous people from all nations.

This role at the ASU Foundation is new. Nobody has ever been seated in this position before. I was attracted to it because it was an opportunity to advocate for and bring much-needed support to Native American-serving and Native American-led initiatives.

Arizona State University has a long history of collaborations with Native American people. For example, the Center of Indian Education is celebrating their 65th anniversary in 2024. The Indian Legal Program at the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law has been generating scholarship in the area of Indian law and has undertaken public service to tribal governments since 1988. They are celebrating their 35th anniversary this month.

There are other initiatives that I am aware of that are making a great impact in Native communities, such as American Indian Policy Institute's Indigenous Leadership Academy and the Labriola National American Indian Data Center. These are just a handful of incredible programs that ASU has committed to. I made the choice to join the ASU Foundation because I want to see these programs flourish. I believe in their collective mission to strengthen Indigenous communities through higher education and research.

Read More: <https://bit.ly/3t2bvi3>

Millions of U.S. apples were almost left to rot. Now, they'll go to hungry families

By Alan Jinich - It's getting late in the harvest season in Berkeley County, West Virginia and Carla Kitchen's team is in the process of hand-picking nearly half a million pounds of apples. In a normal year, Kitchen would sell to processors like Andros that make applesauce, concentrate, and other products. But this year they turned her away.

"Imagine 80% of your income is sitting on the trees and the processor tells you they don't want them," Kitchen says.

"You've got your employees to worry about. You've got fruit on the trees that need somewhere to go. What do you do?" For the first time in 36 years, Kitchen had nowhere to sell the bulk of her harvest. It could have been the end of her business. And she wasn't the only one. Across the country, growers were left without a market. Due to an oversupply carried over from last year's harvest, growers were faced with a game-time economic decision: Should they pay the labor to harvest, crossing their fingers

for a buyer to come along, or simply leave the apples to rot?

Bumper crops, export declines and the weather have contributed to the apple crisis. Christopher Gerlach, director of industry analytics at USApple, says the surplus this year was caused by several compounding factors. Bumper crops have kept domestic supply high. Exports have declined 21% over the past decade, a symptom of retaliatory tariffs from India that only ended this fall.

Read More: <https://n.pr/3T6K400>



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25th Navajo Nation Council celebrates historic signing of the Navajo Nation Procurement Act amendments

COYOTE CANYON, N.M. - On Friday, Nov. 3, members of the 25th Navajo Nation Council joined Navajo Nation President Dr. Buu Nygren in a historic event as he signed into law amendments to the Navajo Nation Procurement Act in Coyote Canyon, N.M.

Legislation No. 0203-23 was unanimously approved by the Council on Oct. 16. The resolution amends the Navajo Nation Procurement Act for the first time in 32 years and the Navajo Nation Business Opportunity Act to reduce "red tape" and expedite internal processes to help programs, departments, and Navajo business owners.

At the signing ceremony, legislation sponsor, Council Delegate Seth Damon said the amendments will cut red tape and will help to optimize the drawing down of funds to meet federal deadlines.

"The Navajo Nation has put together a procurement policy that eases the process while adhering to Navajo Nation guidelines, and federal and state policies," Delegate Damon said.

"Today marks a huge achievement in which we are cutting red tape. In past administrations, we tried but we didn't have the working collaboration with the President's Office. This is a huge, monumental piece of legislation that's going to help us draw down funds faster and provide our people with a better tomorrow."

He noted that the new amendments will help to expedite the process of securing construction materials, supplies, and services that are needed to complete hundreds of infrastructure projects that were funded through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). The federal deadline to spend or encumber ARPA funds is Dec. 31, 2024.

President Nygren said that all business and economic development on the Navajo Nation is driven by the Navajo Nation Procurement Act and the Business Opportunity Act.

"We are tasked with spending ARPA money over the next year and these amendments will really help push the resources needed. It's going to help Navajo business owners and enhance business and economic opportunities on



the Navajo Nation," President Nygren said.

Navajo Nation Division of Economic Development, Business Regulatory Department Manager, Notah Silversmith thanked Delegate Damon, Speaker Crystalayne Curley and President Nygren for approving the legislation and having it signed into law.

"We advocate for the Navajo Business Opportunity Act in giving preference to Navajo-owned businesses on the priority source listing," Silversmith said. "Accordingly, the Procurement Act prioritizes sourcing business from Navajo vendors. I'd like to thank my staff who helped work on this and President Nygren for his support."

Delegate Damon thanked the Navajo Nation Department of Justice, the Navajo Nation Council Budget and Finance Committee (BFC), BFC Chair and legislation co-sponsor Shaandiin Parrish, former BFC Chair Lorenzo Bates, and former Council Delegate Tom Chee.

Read More: <https://bit.ly/3uBXZIA>

SHIPROCK INSTALLS MORE ROAD SIGNS



23 4:50 PM

Mike and Char (Chapter staff) are installing an intersection sign north of the river in Shiprock with assistance from Iva Woody and Karita Johnson (Workforce Development)



After the base post is installed, the assembled sign is mounted with the break-away assembly as part of the MUTCD (manual for universal traffic control devices) standards; BIA Roads and state highway department grant R-O-W (right-of-way) approval for the sign installations



October 26, 2023 4:15 PM

Ms. Michele Peterson, Shiprock Chapter Manager, and Jessica Johnson, Shiprock LRAC, are fastening a sign shield to the U-channel base post with tamper-proof nuts north of Shiprock Chapter; the sign will be installed onto a 40" base post that has already been installed and 4" is sticking out of the ground

Bulletin Board

To'hajiilee residents to see long-awaited water pipeline in early 2024

Gabriel Porter, Source NM Originally Published: November 21, 2023 8:15 a.m.

TO'HAIJILEE, NM – When the water pipeline to her community finally gets built, Shanna Chischilly won't have to be so vigilant in making sure her 8-year-old daughter doesn't get water in her mouth when she's showering.

Janice Platero can say goodbye to the camp bag shower she uses when the community well breaks down.

Ophelia Joe and her son won't have to walk to her mother's house to bathe and cook anymore. After years of snail's pace progress, a long-awaited pipeline project connecting To'hajiilee to the Albuquerque-Bernalillo County water system is finally out to bid. Leaders now anticipate breaking ground in spring 2024

For some in To'hajiilee, the promise of construction in the near future means hope that one of the greatest challenges of day-to-day life in the small Navajo community west of Albuquerque could fundamentally change.

But it also has raised questions about how exactly the new water supply will be billed and administered, how far across the reservation it will reach – and why reliable access to water is taking so long. With bids out, residents will still have to wait months to see the benefits. The project is estimated to be completed in fall 2025. "I would absolutely, definitely love it," said Joe, who was born and raised in To'hajiilee. "I wish this had been situated a long time ago, that my grandmother would have enjoyed water a long time ago."

Chischilly, another Navajo Nation citizen, who also grew up in To'hajiilee, said she thinks people in the community are generally excited about the pipeline. After experiencing multiple delays she said it's hard to know how long it will actually take. "It's one of those things that you're promised," Chischilly said. "You tend to get your hopes high, and then all of a sudden it's prolonging."

Long-term problems, roadblock

Access to clean, reliable water has been a problem in To'hajiilee for decades, said Mark Begay (Navajo), former chapter president and now-retired longtime operator of the community's water system.

To'hajiilee, which Begay said has a population of about 2,500, has six community wells. Only one is still functional, and it occasionally breaks down. In October, the well went out for several days, leaving parts of the community without running water for about a week, Begay said. Even when the well is functioning, its water is corrosive and hard. This causes equipment failures and requires residents to be diligent for rust and other pollutants that can cause harm. Begay said conversations about hooking up to the Albuquerque-Bernalillo County Water Utility system have been ongoing for years, and picked up steam in 2020 when the community received federal funds to put toward the project. The effort hit a roadblock when To'hajiilee began trying to secure easements from property owners, including Western Albuquerque Land Holdings.

The firm initially wouldn't negotiate the easement that would stretch over a little more than two miles of its land, the site of the proposed Santolina development. The dispute drew attention, and a number of county, state and tribal officials got involved in negotiations.

In November 2020, To'hajiilee came to an agreement with Western Albuquerque Land Holdings for an undisclosed amount.

Begay said it was an emotional day when he learned that a deal had been struck.

"I got on my knees and I said, 'Thank you, Creator, thank you, Lord,'" he said.

Project plan



The pipeline will run 7.5 miles from the 7W Reservoir on Albuquerque's West Side.

Funding for the project is coming from the American Rescue Plan Act, the state Water Trust Board and the state Tribal Infrastructure Fund, according to the water utility authority. It's estimated to cost \$10-\$12 million.

The water will be leased by the Navajo Nation from the Jicarilla Apache Nation, according to Andrew Robertson, an engineer with Souder, Miller & Associates, the firm contracted by the Navajo Nation on the project.

The Navajo Nation will pay for the water rights, easements and design costs, he said.

The firm has overseen significant renovations of To'hajiilee's existing water system in the last couple years.

That includes replacing miles of asbestos concrete water lines with PVC lines, rehabilitating tanks and building a new booster station to increase water pressure in one part of the community, according to George Mihalik, another Souder, Miller & Associates engineer.

The timeline for constructing the actual pipeline has been delayed from earlier estimates.

Leaders originally hoped to break ground last summer. Now they're looking at starting construction sometime in spring of 2024, with a tentative end date of fall 2025.

David Laughlin, division manager for the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority's planning and engineering department, said design complexities, the regulatory approval process and securing funding all played a role in that delay.

"It's definitely a very complicated project," Laughlin said, adding that the funding question will not be fully settled until all bids are in.

READ MORE: <https://bit.ly/3uxZ6CL>

PERSONNEL NEWS -- DCD OPEN POSITIONS

POSITION TITLE	LOCATION	PAY RATE	CLOSING DATE
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Administrative Service Centers

Accounts Maintenance Specialist (S)	Jeddito, AZ	28,897.92	OUF
Accounts Maintenance Specialist (S)	Indian Wells, AZ	28,897.92	OUF
Accounts Maintenance Specialist (S)	Tsayatoh, NM	30,046.32	OUF
Accounts Maintenance Specialist (S)	Sawmill, AZ	30,046.32	OUF
Community Service Coordinator (S)	Round Rock, AZ	40,778.64	OUF
Accounts Maintenance Specialist (S)	Nageezi, NM	28,897.92	OUF
Accounts Maintenance Specialist (S)	Huerfano, NM	28,897.92	OUF
Accounts Maintenance Specialist (S)	Lake Valley, NM	28,897.92	OUF
Accounts Maintenance Specialist (S)	Standing Rock, NM	28,897.92	OUF
Community Services Coordinator (S)	Torreon, NM	40,778.64	OUF
Accounts Maintenance Specialist (S)	Tohajilee, NM	30,046.32	OUF
Accounts Maintenance Specialist (S)	Red Rock, NM	30,046.32	OUF
Community Services Coordinator (S)	Church Rock, NM	42,407.28	OUF
Community Services Coordinator (S)	Red Mesa, AZ	40,778.64	OUF
Community Services Coordinator (S)	Red Valley, AZ	40,778.64	OUF
Accounts Maintenance Specialist (S)	Red Valley, AZ	28,897.92	OUF
Community Services Coordinator (S)	Teecnospos, AZ	40,778.64	OUF
Accounts Maintenance Specialist (S)	Oljato, AZ	28,897.92	OUF
Accounts Maintenance Specialist (S)	Forest Lake, AZ	28,897.92	OUF
Accounts Maintenance Specialist (S)	Alamo, NM	28,897.92	OUF
Accounts Maintenance Specialist (S)	Red Mesa, AZ	28,897.92	OUF
Accounts Maintenance Specialist (S)	Teecnospos, AZ	28,897.92	OUF
Accounts Maintenance Specialist (S)	Kaibeto, AZ	28,897.92	OUF
Accounts Maintenance Specialist (S)	Coalmine Mesa, AZ	28,897.92	OUF
Accounts Maintenance Specialist (S)	Navajo Mountain, AZ	28,897.92	OUF
Accounts Maintenance Specialist (S)	Tolani Lake, AZ	28,897.92	OUF
Accounts Maintenance Specialist (S)	Whitecone, AZ	30,046.32	09/25/2025
Community Services Coordinator (S)	Lukachukai, AZ	42,407.28	12/12/2023
Accounts Maintenance Specialist (S)	Pinedale, NM	30,046.32	OUF
Accounts Maintenance Specialist (S)	Wide Ruins, AZ	28,897.92	OUF
Accounts Maintenance Specialist (S)	Oak Springs, AZ	28,897.92	OUF
Accounts Maintenance Specialist (S)	Crystal, NM	28,897.92	OUF
Accounts Maintenance Specialist (S)	Coyote Canyon, NM	28,897.92	OUF
Community Services Coordinator (S)	Tsayatoh, NM	40,778.64	OUF
Accounts Maintenance Specialist (S)	Tsaile, AZ	28,897.92	OUF
Accounts Maintenance Specialist (S)	Hardrock, AZ	28,897.92	OUF
Community Services Coordinator (S)	Low Mountain, AZ	40,778.64	OUF
Accounts Maintenance Specialist (S)	Thoreau, NM	28,897.92	OUF
Community Services Coordinator (S)	Red Rock, NM	40,778.64	OUF
Community Services Coordinator (S)	Coalmine Mesa, AZ	40,778.64	OUF
Accounts Maintenance Specialist (S)	Cameron, AZ	28,897.92	OUF
Accounts Maintenance Specialist (S)	Coppermine, AZ	28,897.92	OUF
Community Services Coordinator (S)	Coppermine, AZ	40,778.64	OUF

Capital Projects Management Department

Registered Architect	Window Rock, AZ	72,683.28	OUF
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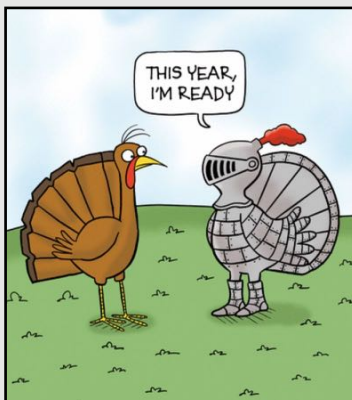
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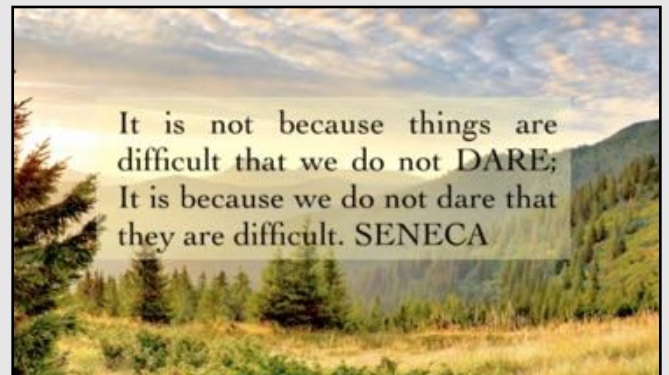
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Comic of the Month



Quote of the Month



Facts for Features: American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month: November 2023

October 25, 2023

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The first American Indian Day was celebrated in May 1916 in New York. The event culminated an effort by Red Fox James, a member of the Blackfeet Nation, who rode across the nation on horseback seeking approval from 24 state governments to have a day to honor American Indians. In 1990, more than seven decades later, then-President George H.W. Bush signed a joint congressional resolution designating the month of November "National American Indian Heritage Month." Similar proclamations have been issued every year since 1994 to recognize what is now called "American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month." This Facts for Features presents statistics for the American Indian and Alaska Native population, one of the six major race categories defined by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget.

The following facts are possible thanks to responses to the U.S. Census Bureau's surveys. We appreciate the public's cooperation as we continuously measure America's people, places and economy.

Did You Know?

1.5 million

The number of people who identified as Cherokee in the 2020 Census. Cherokee was the largest American Indian alone or in any combination population group in the United States in 2020. The Navajo Nation was the most common American Indian alone response with 315,086 people.

Source: 2020 Census Detailed Demographic and Housing Characteristics File A

9,026

The number of people who identified as Yup'ik (Yup'ik Eskimo) in the 2020 Census. Yup'ik (Yup'ik Eskimo) was the largest Alaska Native alone group in the United States. Tlingit was the largest Alaska Native alone or in any combination group with 22,601 people.

Source: 2020 Census Detailed Demographic and Housing Characteristics File A

9.7 million

The nation's American Indian and Alaska Native population alone or in combination in 2020.

Source: 2020 Census Demographic and Housing Characteristics

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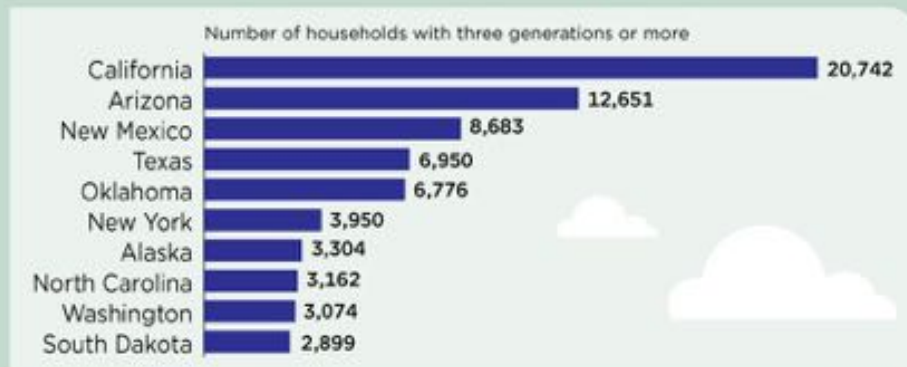
The number of distinct, federally recognized American Indian reservations in 2022, including federal reservations and off-reservation trust lands.

Source: American Indian Reservations, Trust Lands, and Native Hawaiian Home Lands

READ MORE AT: <https://www.census.gov/newsroom/facts-for-features/2023/aian-month.html>

Highlighting Multigenerational Households in Recognition of American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month

States With the Highest Number of AIAN Households With Three Generations or More



Note: Data are based on households with a householder who is American Indian and Alaska Native alone.

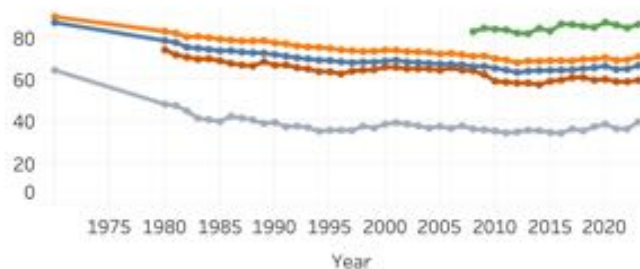
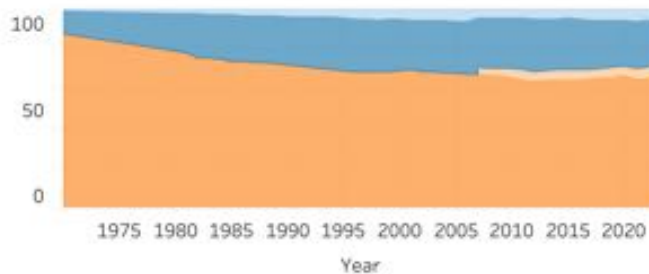


Parent/Child Family Groups With Children Under 18


Shown by Type, Race, and Hispanic Origin of the Family Reference Person: 1970 to Present (In percent)

For the graphs below, use the filters to customize the information display. Then, hover over the graphs for additional information.

View data as one- and two-parent family groups.



Note: The collection of race and Hispanic origin has changed over time. Before 2003, respondents had to select a single race. People of Hispanic origin may be of any race. In 2007, the Current Population Survey improved its collection of data on cohabitation and identification of parents. Refer to <https://www.census.gov/library/working-papers/2008/demographics/04.html> for more information. Parents may be biological, step, or adoptive. Family groups with children include all parent-child situations (two-parent and one-parent); those that maintain their own household (family households with children), those that live in the home of a relative (related subfamilies), and those that live in the home of a nonrelative (unrelated subfamilies). Estimates are based on a sample survey and are subject to sampling variability and nonsampling error. For more information about the Annual Social and Economic Supplement, including the source and accuracy statement, data error, the methodology, assumptions, and limitations of the data, refer to <http://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/cps/methods/boomar23.pdf> for technical document.



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