

COMMUNITY UPDATE

Division of Community Development Newsletter

Newsletter

This is the July 2016 issue of the DCD newsletter. The newsletter is meant to be a resource for DCD employees to stay informed on DCD events, issues, and resources.

Did You Know...

On Monday, June 20, 2016, a new record high temperature of 100 degrees was set at Window Rock Airport. This breaks the old record of 94 set in 2015.

Upcoming Events

July 4: HOLIDAY:
Independence Day

July 1-4: 30th Annual Navajo Nation 4th of July Fair, Window Rock AZ

July 13: Local Rural Addressing Committee (LRAC) Training - DCD Conference Room, Window Rock, AZ

July 18: Navajo Nation Council Summer Session begins

July 19: Fort Defiance Agency Council Meeting @ Fort Defiance Chapter House



Chapter Summer Youth Employment

By Kasey Perkins

Summer break is here for our local youth and the Navajo Nation Chapters are starting to receive their summer youth disbursement in order to be able to hire for the summer while they are on their break. The summer employment program for the chapters is great for the youth not only will they be getting hands on training but will be gaining experience as well. Navajo Nation Chapters have been seeking students who are interested in earning money for the summer. Students are filling temporary positions such as office assistants, maintenance workers, laborers, and land scrapers. This opportunity is awesome for students to develop skills in the work place, learn about customer service, and get an understanding of how payroll works with earning wages. They will also learn the values of having a job, the concept of being on time to work and how important that is. It's a good way for them to experience this at a young age so when they turn 18 and start to look for a daily job they will already have great experience and understand how it all works.

Chapter staff have been in and out of the Administrative Service Center (ASC) picking up disbursements and are excited to start their hiring process for their local youth. The youth are smart, energetic and add a positive energy to the work environment.

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DCD BEGINS ANNUAL BUDGET PROCESS



DCD met with the Office of the President/Vice-President and received its annual allocation of the Executive Branch budget. Last year, DCD received an allocation of \$3.8 Million. This year, DCD's allocation was \$4.8 Million, an increase of approximately \$1 Million. This is due to the hard work of Mr. Smith and the budget team to put together a solid, well-planned budget. Mr. Smith also put forth a great effort to communicate with the oversight committees and Office of the President/Vice-President to present his case for the budget.

The budget supports the plan for reorganization of the DCD and creation of a new Capital Projects Management Department that restructures the Capital Improvement Office, Design & Engineering Services Department, and the Solid Waste Management Department into one cohesive department. The new department will also take over the management of the regional planners that were under the Administrative Services Department. This should result in clarification of roles and responsibilities and inter-communication between all staff that deal with projects.

DCD has finished submitting its proposed FY 2017 departmental budgets to OMB. Next up is the Executive Branch budget reviews.

CDBG Program Submits ICDBG Application for \$5.5 Million

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, on Tuesday, June 14, submitted an application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the Indian Community Development Block Grant program asking for \$5.5 Million. The CDBG team worked hard to ensure that their application was submitted electronically and on time. The proposals included 12 powerline projects throughout the Navajo Nation. The Navajo Nation expects HUD to provide a notice of award sometime in September, but it depends on how quickly they are able to review and award the funding.

HUD has a new rule that projects must be underway within 180 days of award notification. This means that all preliminary work must be completed and a contract awarded to NTUA to begin work, prior to the



James Adakai, CDBG Programs/Projects Specialist



180 days following award notice. However, Mr. James Adakai, CDBG Program Manager, is optimistic that the CDBG program will be able to meet that deadline.

CDBG also received another award for 2015 this past February for \$4.1 Million. CDBG conducted a post-award orientation on March 22. To date, the environmental clearances have already been completed and they are ahead of schedule. "This is the first time that I'm aware of that this has happened in the history of the CDBG Program. It's amazing." said Mr. Adakai.

Some projects have also recently been completed, including the following:

- Owl Springs Waterline Project in Lake Valley Chapter - \$2.2 Million - serving 55 clients
- White Rock Phase III Powerline Project - \$210,276 - serving 8 clients
- Ramah-Pinehill Waterline Project - \$1.6 Million - serving 19 clients
- Dennehotso Tri-City Powerline Project - \$1.2 Million - serving 30 clients
- Wide Ruins Tanner Springs Phase I Powerline Project - \$926,345 - serving 14 clients



New Golden Eagle Aviary Dedication at the Navajo Nation

By Kayla White, College Student Intern

Friday, July 1, 2016 -- The Navajo Nation Zoo in Window Rock, AZ, released six golden eagles into the new aviary. This is only the third eagle aviary for Native Americans. The other two are located in Oklahoma and Zuni. The purpose of the aviary is to house eagles that are no longer able to cultivate or survive in the wild.

With this, the Navajo Nation believes they can gather a supply of eagle feathers for future generations, not only to help preserve the golden eagles, but to also preserve the Navajo tradition. The goal is to have 20 to 25 eagles at the aviary in the future.

Sony Franklin from the Design and Engineering Services

Department was the project manager who pushed past all the obstacles to make this project happen. With the strong support of former Navajo Nation President Ben Shelley, Navajo Nation Zoo manager, David Mikesic, and through generous donations from NECA and Navajo Division of Transportation. NTUA contributed to the project by agreeing to move a three-phase power line to make room for the new aviary.

The eagle aviary was declared a priority by the President of the Navajo Nation. DES worked on a cost estimate and found that it would cost approximately 750,000 dollars. It took a long time to get the funding, but once the funding was secured, architect Lee Gemelsky was selected to design the aviary.



Statue outside the eagle aviary. Picture by Harrison Martin.



Inside the eagle aviary a week before eagles released. Picture by Harrison Martin.

The building consists of a pre-engineered metal building with netting on the roof and on the south side of the building for the birds to have visibility. The final product turned out well, being built according to specifications. Ed Preston, Registered Architect, DES, remarked "It was a very special and momentous feeling to see the eagles finding a home. It was a very special and emotional occasion. A lot

of credit goes to David Mikesic. He was very patient, unwavering in putting the project together and finding funding. He deserves a lot of the credit."



Eagles being released into aviary by zoo keepers. Picture by Harrison Martin.

PERSONNEL NEWS

OPEN POSITIONS WITHIN**DCD****Administrative Service Center****Accountants:**

Region 3, Shiprock, New Mexico

Region 4, Shiprock, New Mexico

Administrative Service Center**Senior Planner:**

Region 10, Chinle, Arizona

Chapter Community Services**Coordinators:**

Coyote Canyon, New Mexico

Shiprock, New Mexico

Hardrock, Arizona

Round Rock, Arizona

Klagetoh, Arizona

Chapter Accounts Maintenance**Specialists:**

Lukachukai, Arizona

Rock Point, Arizona

Jeddito, Arizona

Navajo Mountain, Arizona

Tolani Lake, Arizona

Alamo, New Mexico

Standing Rock, New Mexico

White Horse Lake, New Mexico

Church Rock, New Mexico

Farewell To Two Employees

Melissa Kelly has resigned from her position as Chapter Manager of Beclabito Chapter to pursue other interests.

Jonathan Yazzie has resigned from his position as Engineering Technician for the Design and Engineering Services Department.

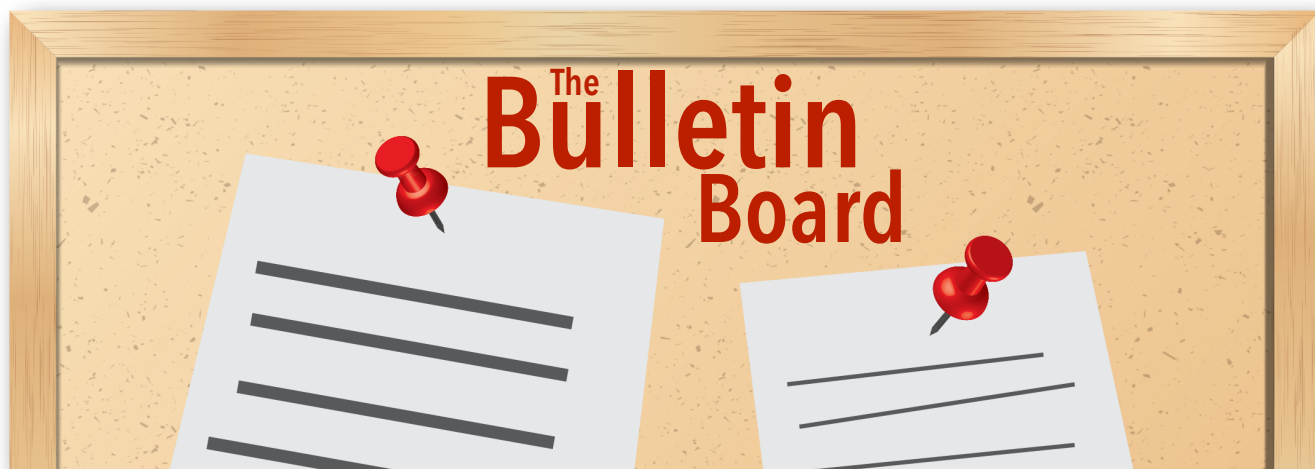
We wish both of them luck in their future endeavors.

DCD Staff Throw Mr. Carl Smith a Surprise Birthday Party!

On Wednesday, June 29 in the afternoon, DCD staff held a surprise birthday party for Mr. Carl Smith, DCD Executive Director. The goodies included cake, ice cream, chips and guacamole.



Mr. Smith was very gracious and thanked the staff, and let the staff enjoy their break for a while. But true to form, after most people were done, he encouraged people to return to work and make a difference that day.



RDC APPROVES NEWCOMB CHAPTER'S CBLUP

On Tuesday, July 5, 2016, the Resources and Development Committee approved Legislation No. 0195-16, certifying Newcomb Chapter's community-based land use plan. The chapter's first community land use plan was approved by the RDC in 2006.

ELECTIONS TIMELINES

Voter registration ends and absentee voting opens July 31, 2016 for primary elections. The upcoming primary election is Tuesday, August 30, 2016. The general election is Tuesday, November 8, 2016.

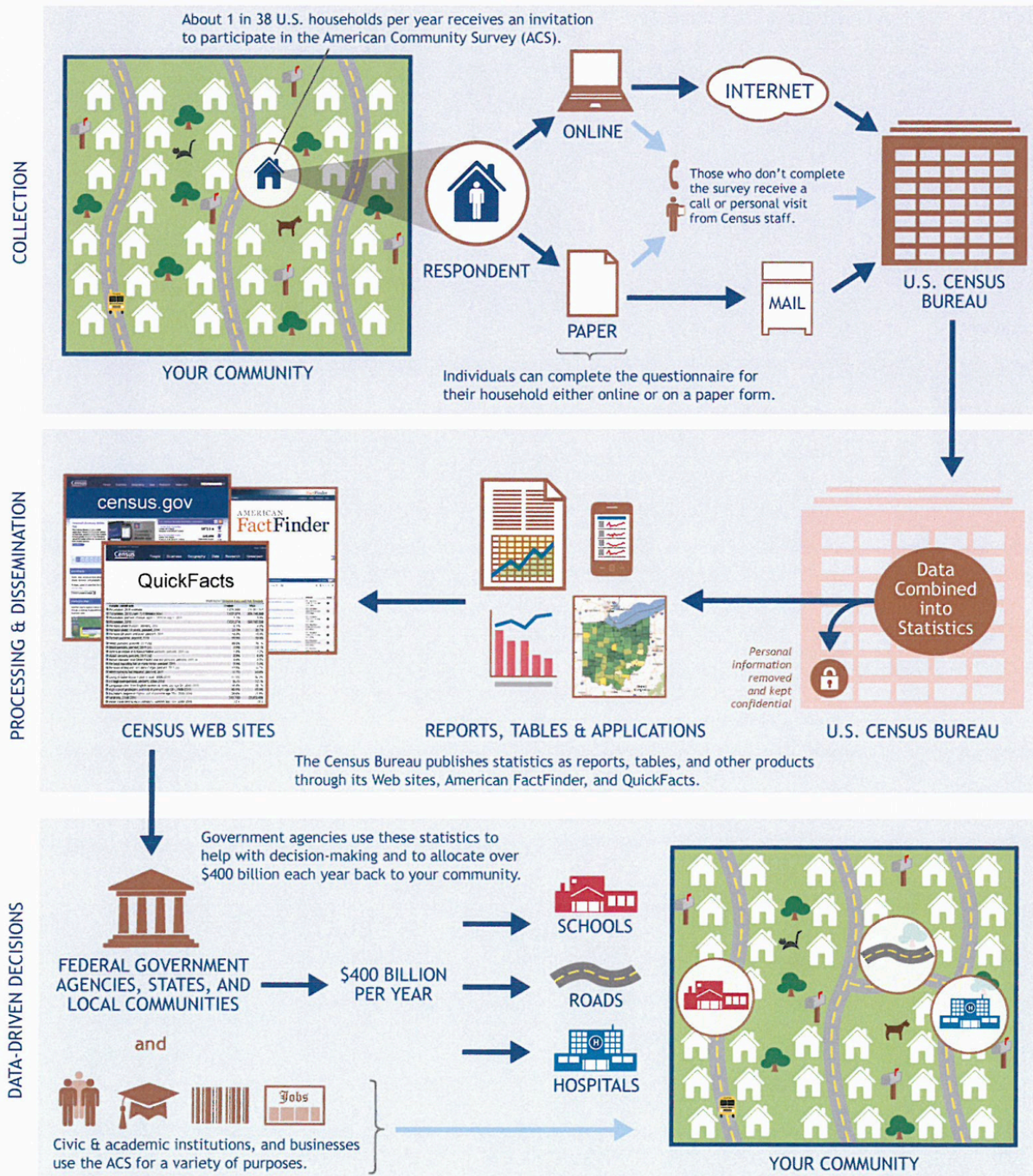
TS'AH BII' KIN CHAPTER CERTIFIED

On Friday, June 24, 2016, the Resources and Development Committee passed a resolution granting LGA Certification to Ts'ah Bii' Kin Chapter. Ts'ah Bii' Kin Chapter becomes the 45th chapter to achieve LGA Certification.

HEALTHY DINÉ NATION ACT GUIDELINES APPROVED BY BFC

The Budget and Finance Committee on Tuesday, June 21, 2016 voted 3-1 to approve the Healthy Diné Nation Community Wellness Development Project Guidelines and Distribution Policy. They are the final authority to approve the policy and this allows DCD to allocate funds from the Healthy Diné Nation Act of 2014 to all 110 chapters for projects such as wellness centers, playgrounds, community gardens, trails, sports fields, etc, that will encourage an active lifestyle.

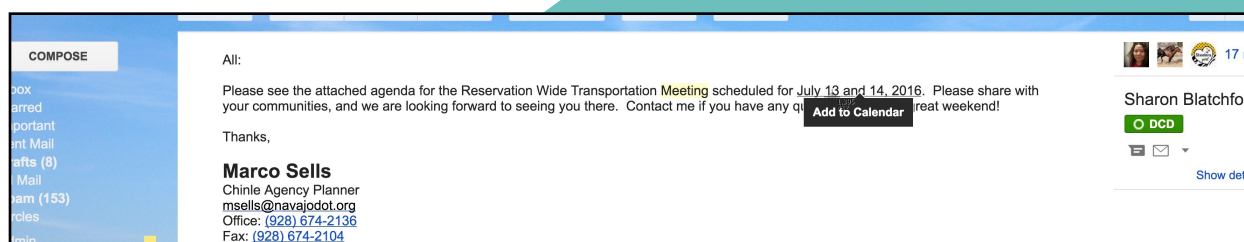
How the American Community Survey Works for Your Community



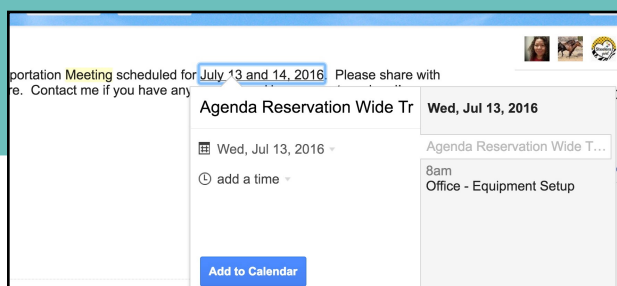
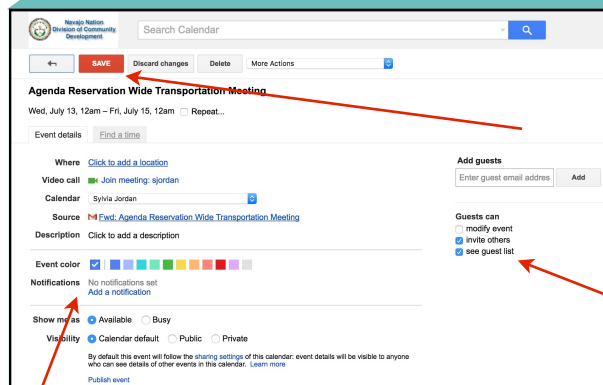
Google Calendar is a must have for scheduling meetings and events. Some people find it intimidating but using it faithfully can help organize your schedule. Below is a great tip for using Google Calendar.

If you have several events during the day, it can be difficult to keep track of what's happening where and when. If it is a meeting that you are scheduling and you are using email to coordinate – Google Calendar can help you coordinate that meeting for participants near and far from your email.

1. If you have been sending email discussing dates – Gmail will automatically pick up on the date and underline it. You can hover over the dotted lines and decide to add it to your calendar.



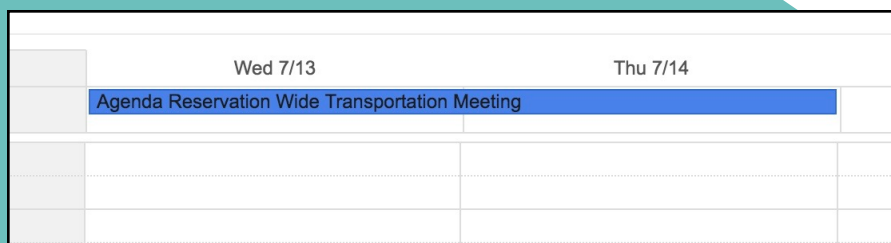
2. Click on the Add to Calendar




3. Select Save.


4. If you are inviting other guests to this event, you can add their invitations to this event. If they have a conflict of schedule or simply can't attend, they can notify you right away with a yes or no

5. You can also have it notify you and your guests of the event with email notifications.



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 Tonalca	Western	12/2/14				
11 T's'ah Bii' Kin	Western	6/24/16				
TOTAL 11						

TOTAL CERTIFICATION : 45

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		

