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OPEN LETTER TO YAQUI STUDENTS AND FAMILIES

By: Education Division Interim Director and Management Staff

Greetings Yaqui Students and Families,

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all wellbeing, health, and prosperity in your studies, and to acknowledge your dedication to your families in the pursuit of your studies. As you look forward to graduating from your studies, we have the following information to share with you and your families.



All the Education Division programs and staff, including Ili Uusim Matawa'po Program, the Tucson and Guadalupe Yaqui Education Services K-12 Program, the Special Education Program, the Hiaki High School Program, the NACTEP Program, the Adult Education Program and the Higher Education Program remain open to you for all related virtual and distance services. We also would like to state that during this difficult health crisis that we are experiencing, we are here to serve in any way we can, given the special circumstances that we all find ourselves in.

That said, we have some good news! Since we will not be having formal graduation recognition ceremonies due to the COVID-19, a special recognition plan is being developed to recognize all the 2020 graduates. The Education Division Management and Supervisory Team will be contacting each of you so we can help prepare, with you and/or your family's input, a brief summary of your journey through graduation. With your permission, we would like to have a picture of you so that we can celebrate your success as a 2020 graduate and include you in the Pascua Yaqui 2020 Graduates Yearbook. This special publication will be mailed to you to hold as a memento as you continue your personal and professional development journey.

Kindly note that wherever you find yourselves, we are here to assist you in any way we can!

In closing, we would like to acknowledge that this plan to recognize and celebrate you is coming from the Pascua Yaqui Tribal Council, and we feel blessed and honored to be able to fulfill this request. As we traverse through this valley of trials and tears, we give thanks to Itom Achai, and we do not forget to give thanks for life, health, and healing during this Cuaresma Season.

"It is All in Our Hands!"

Respectfully,
Hugo Guerra Ed.D.
Interim Director of Education
Education Division
Pascua Yaqui Tribe

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE



These past few weeks have been difficult as we continue to feel the impact of the coronavirus throughout our community. We have been sharing information with you via Facebook, the Tribe's website and radio station and through email, via our Community Bulletin. We appreciate the good comments that we have received regarding our efforts to combat COVID-19.

It is important for all of us to do our part to mitigate the impact of this virus. In consultation with the Tribal Council and the Incident Command System, we determined that it is in the best interest of the health and safety of our tribal members to issue a Stay at Home Order. This went into effect on April 3. If you must leave your house, please be sure to practice social distancing and stay at least six feet apart from others. And please respect the curfew time of 8 p.m. - 6 a.m.

Wash your hands frequently with soap and water. And if you are not feeling well, please see a doctor.

By now you have heard the sad news of the passing of two of our tribal members from complications of COVID-19. We send our heartfelt condolences to the family and friends at this difficult time.

If you are a member of the Pascua Yaqui Tribe and need information about Tribal resources in the five traditional communities please call (520) 879-5708 or email communityresponse@pascuayaqui-nsn.gov Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

The Community Response Hotline has been created as a response to address the urgent and temporary needs of our vulnerable populations who do not have a family member or caregiver with the mobility and/or financial resources to assist during this pandemic.

We are all in this together. On behalf of the Tribal Council, please stay safe and stay healthy.

OUR ELDERS' CIRCLE OF CARE

By: Raquel Avilas, Circles of Care Program Manager -Temp Status

Our elders are sacred. They are our Knowledge Keepers. They know our stories, where we started and all that we have gone through as a people to get to where we are today. We need to come together and support each other so we can support our elders even more than ever.

Back in 2001-2004, the Pascua Yaqui Health Services Division received a planning grant to fund the Circles of Care Initiative under the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). At that time, the Pascua Yaqui Tribe was part of a small group of tribes that were funded to assess their current state of services for youth and their families needing support in behavioral health services.

This also included assessing how other programs (tribal and non-tribal) and systems like education, health, social services, and the courts were collaborating to support their needs. I was the Pascua Yaqui Circles of Care; Sewa Uusim Planning Project Director in 2001-2004 before I was appointed as the Associate Director of Health position.

With Community Advisory Boards representing each Yaqui community, culturally appropriate models were created to provide services the way the youth and families wanted to be supported. These models and the information gathered help grow the Sewa Uusim Community Partnership under the Pascua Yaqui Health Services Division.

The Pascua Yaqui Circles of Care Planning Project for Youth and Their Families was a great success within the tribe and since has been a model process that has assisted many other tribes over all these years. The original 2001-2004 Circles of Care Mission that was developed by the Community Advisory Boards then stated: "The Circles of Care must have a beginning not an end...to provide strong positive leadership that can improve youth and communities' services. Together with our youth, adults and elders, we can help build healthy tribal communities."

Today, more than 20 years later, the Pascua Yaqui Tribal Council has recognized that the Circle of Care process could assist our elders in the same way by focusing on our seniors' services, tribal programs and departments and gathering our elders' needs. When I was asked by Tribal Council to develop a Circles of Care Project focusing on seniors' services in March 2020 I knew I had to help.

However, as key people were getting in place to start the planning and assessment for the Circles of Care for our elders, the Nation was hit with the COVID-19 pandemic. Immediately, attention shifted to keeping our elders and communities' home to stay healthy and prevent the spread of the virus. However, once our Nation has overcome this pandemic, Circles of Care: Our Elders Project will be ready to bring our elders and service providers together to continue our story.

THE YAQUI WORK ETHIC GUIDES THE TRIBE'S CULTURAL SERVICE STANDARDS

By: Daniel Morales, HR Training Manager

The Pascua Yaqui Tribe's Cultural Service Standards are entrenched in everything we do to serve our community. And these standards are being seen across the board as we continue to navigate through the impact of COVID-19. And although, we may not be at work in the traditional sense, our employees are still demonstrating these important values.

These Core Values derived from the traditional work ethic of the Yaqui people date back thousands of years, but are just as relevant today.

Tuu Hiapsimake (too-oo hee-ahp-see-mah-keh)

With Good Heart

Compassion - every moment of life, including work, should be completed with a good heart. Working together with compassion and dedication in everything we do will result in blessings for our community.



FINDING HOME BOOKS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

By: Marissa R. Quiroz, Office of the Attorney General - ICWA Unit

The Pascua Yaqui Tribe's Office of the Attorney General's Indian Child Welfare Act Unit has created a beautiful book with colorful illustrations to help children who find themselves in the foster system.

Finding Home, The Journey of Malichi is the story of Malichi and his search for his yo'owam/parents.



Marissa Quiroz and Norena Valencia, members of the ICWA Unit, were the authors of the book. The illustrators are Luis Rodriguez, Raul Osuna and Mario Valencia.

Books are available for order online at
<https://www.govpaynow.com/gps/user/cyg/plc/a003qu>

FIRST THINGS FIRST PROVIDES RESOURCES TO SUPPORT FAMILIES OF YOUNG KIDS

By: Melissa Rosciano, First Things First

First Things First, Arizona's early childhood agency, is committed to providing parents and caregivers with information and resources to support families with young children as our communities continue to be impacted by the coronavirus (COVID-19).

First Things First is a voter-created, statewide agency that funds early learning, family support and children's preventive health services for children birth to age 5. Decisions about how those funds are spent are made by local councils staffed by community volunteers. To learn more, visit [FirstThingsFirst.org](https://www.firstthingsfirst.org).

As families spend more time at home, FTF has rounded up some resources that remind parents that everyday moments matter most when it comes to young children's development. These include:

- **Helping your child learn through play**
<https://www.firstthingsfirst.org/resources/learnthroughplay/>
- **Boosting learning through active, outdoor play**
<https://www.firstthingsfirst.org/first-things/active-outdoor-play-boosts-learning/>
- **Building a love of math and science early**
<https://www.firstthingsfirst.org/first-things/build-love-of-math-science-early/>
- **Developing language and literacy skills**
<https://www.firstthingsfirst.org/resources/language-and-literacy/>

In addition, below are some resources to help you support your toddler or preschooler during the coronavirus health crisis. Need a top tip when talking with young children about any difficult situation? Keep it simple and age-appropriate. For example, "We're taking a break from playing with others so we can all stay healthy."



Birth to Five Helpline

The Birth to Five Helpline is a program of Southwest Human Development and is partially funded by First Things First. It is a free service available to all Arizona families and caregivers of young children. The helpline's early childhood experts are available by phone, text or email to answer any parenting questions, from basic health and nutrition to how to handle challenging behaviors and more. Helpline specialists can also help you think about how to talk with children in an appropriate way about what is going on in our world and all you are doing to keep them and their families safe. Birth to Five Helpline specialists are available by phone/text at 877-705-KIDS (5437) Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., or you can send a message online.

Talking to young kids about coronavirus

Our partners at ZERO TO THREE offer several excellent resources and tips for families, including age-appropriate responses to common questions and activities for young children while social distancing. <https://www.zerotothree.org/resources/3210-tips-for-families-coronavirus>

Sesame Street: Caring for Each Other

The early learning experts at Sesame Street know that children thrive with structure in their lives and learn best through play. This site provides content, resources and ideas to offer comfort and spark playful learning moments. <https://www.sesamestreet.org/caring>

PBS Kids for Parents

PBS Kids offers a wealth of helpful articles and videos, including, how to talk to your kids about coronavirus: (<https://www.pbs.org/parents/thrive/how-to-talk-to-your-kids-about-coronavirus>) and how you and your kids can de-stress during coronavirus: <https://www.pbs.org/parents/thrive/how-you-and-your-kids-can-de-stress-during-coronavirus>.

Show Us Your Skills...

Yaqui Education Services would like to see your SKILLS.

How many skills do you have? We would like you to show us and here is how you can do that.

Who is Eligible to participate?

Any Tribal Enrolled Student in the K-12 system within Pima County.

- ✓ Read over the provided list on the right. →
- ✓ Select 2 – 3 Skills

Ways to show us your Skill:

- Write step by step instructions on how to complete the selected skills. Include photos to showcase skills (1 page)
- Create a "how to" video showing and explaining how you complete your selected skills (30 sec – 3 min)

How to submit your Instructions or Videos:

- All submissions must include contact information: Title of Skill Selected, Student Name, School name, grade, Parent name, Address, contact number, and parent email address
- All submissions need to be sent to:
yaquieducationservices@gmail.com

Submission Rewards:

The top 10 Skill submissions will be rewarded.

For more information call Tucson YES Office 520-879-5706
Let's make this fun

40 OLD-FASHIONED SKILLS THAT KIDS NEED TO KNOW TODAY!

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| <input type="checkbox"/> How to make a phone call | <input type="checkbox"/> How to wait and save for something |
| <input type="checkbox"/> How to take a message | <input type="checkbox"/> How to check tire pressure |
| <input type="checkbox"/> How to get to know an older person | <input type="checkbox"/> How to ask questions to get to know someone better |
| <input type="checkbox"/> How to play with a baby | <input type="checkbox"/> How to read a map |
| <input type="checkbox"/> How to sew on a button | <input type="checkbox"/> How to find a book in the library |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> How to do laundry | <input type="checkbox"/> How to attend a concert or performance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> How to take care of a garden | <input type="checkbox"/> How to do something well, even if no one is watching |
| <input type="checkbox"/> How to fix something instead of replace it | <input type="checkbox"/> How to be KIND! |
| <input type="checkbox"/> How to plan a healthy meal | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> How to hang a picture | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> How to wash dishes | |



<https://frugalfun4boys.com>



****Parental supervision recommended.**

THINGS FOR CHILDREN TO DO AT HOME ONLINE DURING COVID-19 CLOSURES

By: Autumn Jarrett, HMA Public Relations

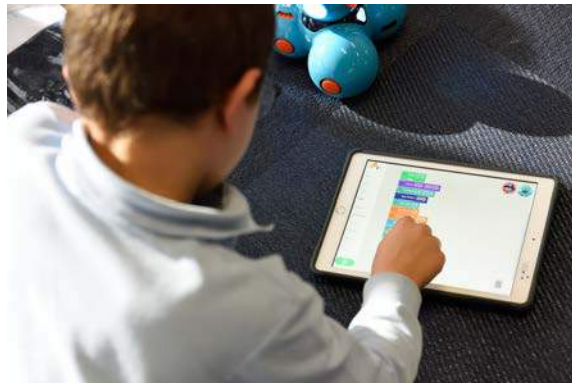
While we all continue to practice social distancing, children can become restless. Here are some online options for children and parents to stay entertained from the safety of your home.

Pima County Public Libraries

The Pima County Library offers an online platform for kids called [Read-Alongs](#). Read-Alongs offers more than 300 virtual books for your child to read. The books are also narrated with highlights as the narrator reads, so your child can read along.

Scratch from MIT

For children who enjoy computer or video games, introduce them to [Scratch](#). Scratch is a program that teaches children how to write their own computer code. The program is designed for children ages 8+, but there is also a special version for children ages 5 to 7 called [ScratchJr](#).



Go to a Virtual Museum

Thanks to Google, you and your children can visit some of the most famous museums in the world from the comfort of your home. From the Eiffel Tower to the Arizona Capitol Museum, there are [dozens of museums](#) to choose from. The British Museum of London is noted for having one of the best [interactive sites](#).

Science Kids

[Science Kids](#) offers lots of activities and projects for your children to learn and do different experiments. As with any other science project, they may need your assistance, so it can be fun for both of you!

National Geographic Kids

[National Geographic Kids](#) also allows your children to explore the world from the comfort of their own home. National Geographic Kids takes their usual informative content and gives it a fun twist to make it interesting for children while still allowing them to explore the outside world.

Source: [Tucson Weekly](#).

SIMPLE EXERCISES TO DO AT HOME

By: Abbie S. Fink, HMA Public Relations

Getting some exercise everyday is important to your overall health. And even though we are spending more time at home now, there are still ways to get in some exercise at-home. Here are some stretching ideas to try.

Stretching every day is a great way to...

- Increase your flexibility and your range of motion
- Increase blood flow to your muscles and improve your posture
- Help to heal and prevent back pain and relieve stress
- Calm your mind and decrease tension headaches

NECK STRETCHES

Because the head is usually propped forward when working on a computer, look up as high as you comfortably can, then rotate side to side. You will usually feel the stretch in the base of your neck and the top of your chest.

SHOULDER STRETCHES

Walk through a doorway with your hands out at shoulder level. Relax your shoulders as you stretch your arms back. If this is not enough of a stretch, move your hands up and down the doorway from head to waist height to stretch out the entire muscle.

BACK STRETCHES

The back is a big area to stretch. While sitting cross-legged on the floor (only if it is comfortable) tilt your spine to each side by reaching to the ceiling with one elbow and the floor with the other, then switch. Next, hug yourself and twist your spine as far as you can go each way. Lean forward over your legs and then lean back over a pillow or bolster (if comfortable).

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For all stretches, remember to move gently into the end of each movement - no need to bounce or push it past your comfort level.

RELIABLE ACCESS TO ELECTRICITY

By: Abbie S. Fink, HMA Public Relations

Gov. Doug Ducey has announced a cooperative agreement with the state's largest electric utilities to continue providing reliable electricity to homes, hospitals and businesses while making sure that Arizona residents facing financial difficulties will have choice, assistance and reliable access to electricity.

Under the agreement, Arizona Public Service (APS), Salt River Project (SRP), Tucson Electric Power (TEP) and six electric cooperatives have all agreed to the following:

- No customer will have power to their home shut off during the remainder of the crisis for inability to pay.
- No penalties, late fees or interest will be assessed during this time.
- The utility companies will work with their customers to provide flexible options for payment, as well as guidance and choice of rate and payment plans.

"I'm grateful to Arizona's electricity providers for stepping up to protect customers during this unprecedented time," said Ducey. "Responding to COVID-19 and supporting Arizonans impacted will require a whole-of-state approach. This agreement includes important measures to make sure families, businesses and healthcare facilities continue to have access to reliable electricity throughout this public health emergency."



2020 CENSUS: YAQUI REPRESENTATION MATTERS

By: PYT Complete Count Committee

All households in the United States should have received the 2020 Census form. It is very important that each household complete the 2020 Census whether by phone, mail or online

Why is the census important to Tribal members? Accurate census data leads to fairer distributions of funds that support Tribal programs.

Data collected from the census helps Tribal leaders understand what their communities need, and the information is used to attract new business and grow communities. Information collected in the census can be used to support community initiatives, help businesses decide where to build offices and bring new jobs, plan new schools and hospitals and improve neighborhoods.

The only way the census can help the Yaqui community is if Tribal members participate. Every Yaqui count matters, and without our contribution our population can be underrepresented. When filling out your questionnaire, under tribal affiliation write in "Pascua Yaqui Tribe." All census responses are protected by federal law, so any information you include is confidential.

The Community Development staff is available to answer any questions or to assist you with the completion of the form. Please call (520) 879-6321.

Help represent the Pascua Yaqui Tribe. Make sure you are counted!

"It's in your hands" From the hands of our ancestors entrusted to future generations
Yo'orata mampo vetana yoem eiyak vichau vicha katriata vetchivo



PYTCO HIRES FULLTIME EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

By: Daune Cardenas, Executive Director, Pascua Yaqui Development Corporation

The Pascua Yaqui Tribe Charitable Organization (PYTCO) recently hired a full-time executive director to lead the program into its next phase of development. Izetta Morris was hired in early March to lead the relatively new 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. PYTCO was established to meet the needs of the Pascua Yaqui tribal members and the community.

Izetta's background is in business, law and entrepreneurship. She most recently worked for the University of Arizona in its Contracting Services Department, where she worked on both incoming grants and contracts, as well as outgoing sub-awards. She holds a bachelor's degree in business management and a Juris Doctorate in law, both from the University of Arizona. Izetta was born and raised in Alaska. She is a member of the Traditional Native Village of Naknek, where she grew up, raised by a single mother of three. While in law school, Izetta formed Naknek Family Fisheries, the first such value-added seafood processing plant in her village, which she ran seasonally for 10 years.



Izetta has been blessed to have the loving support and encouragement of generations of strong and resourceful women --- her mother, her grandmother, and her great-grandmother. Izetta is happily married to Anthony Morris, and has four children - Lakota (19), Noah (16), Mya (12) and Lovina (12).

Izetta brings her resilience, community focus, and care to the Pascua Yaqui community. She can be reached at director@PYTCO-nonprofit.com.

PASCUA YAQUI FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS RECEIVES PYTCO FUNDING

By: Izetta Morris, Director, Pascua Yaqui Tribe Charitable Organization

The Pascua Yaqui Festival of the Arts was one of the recently funded grant recipients of the Pascua Yaqui Tribe Charitable Organization. The funding was used to provide an audio engineer to ensure high-quality sound for the local musicians at the event, held in early February. The new set up for the festival was much appreciated, and the vendors and performers alike were very happy with the turnout.

This year's festival was the 8th annual and there an estimated 1,100 attendees. The Pascua Yaqui Festival of the Arts benefits artists in the community by providing a platform to display and sell their work, as well as providing entertainment and a venue for live music. The main stage hosts performances featuring upcoming and established artists that consist of Yaqui youth, as well as experienced musicians and performers. Having a professional audio engineer hired for this event built confidence in the musicians, and enhanced the quality of the sound for the audience, as well as the performers. Through better sound, more participants, particularly younger musicians, will be empowered to continue in the arts and music in the years ahead.

Some of the musical artists presenting this year were: Demons of South Tucson, Communal, and Gertie N The Boyz. The variety of music ranged from hip-hop to rock to more traditional Willa music.

Thank you to Pascua Yaqui Festival of the Arts Committee (Angel Valencia, David Morneo, Gabriel 'The Snake' Otero) for their tireless fundraising and support of this amazing festival. We appreciate you.

FEDERAL STIMULUS MONEY IS AVAILABLE FOR INDIVIDUALS

By: Jennifer Farley, The Farley Group

As part of the \$2 trillion CARES Act, the federal government is providing stimulus money that will be distributed directly to individuals and families. The stimulus money will come from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and payments are expected to start on Friday, April 17.



The vast majority of Americans will receive this distribution to help offset the economic crisis that is unfolding due to COVID-19 pandemic. Individuals who make \$75,000 or less will receive \$1,200. Married couples whose combined income is \$150,000 or less will receive \$2,400. For each child age 16 or younger, a family (or individual who files head of household) will receive an additional \$500 per child.

For those individuals that make less than \$99,000, but more than \$75,000, stimulus checks will be reduced on a sliding scale as income approaches the high end. Married couples with a combined income of less than \$198,000, but more than \$150,000, will also see a reduction in this payment. People making over \$100,000 (\$200,000 for married couples) will not receive a payment.

The cash infusion for Americans will come directly from the IRS and income levels are based on your adjusted gross income reported on tax filings from 2019. For those who have not yet filed 2019 taxes, income reported in 2018 will be used to determine eligibility. Because the IRS already provides tax refunds directly into the checking accounts of those people who file electronically, this will be the same mechanism for distributing the stimulus money. If you normally send or received tax refunds from the IRS via U.S. Postal Service, then you can expect a check in the mail.

For those who are not required to file tax returns (senior citizens or Social Security recipients, for example) you may still qualify for a payment. The vast majority of people do not need to take any action to receive their check – it will arrive directly into your checking account or in the mail.

However, if you have not filed taxes electronically and prefer direct deposit, the IRS is creating a portal to provide banking information. Additionally, if you have not filed taxes (and were required to), then additional forms will have to be filled out. If you are concerned about how the IRS will find you, please visit www.irs.gov/coronavirus for more detailed information and a list of frequently asked questions.

FOOD BOXES AVAILABLE TO GUADALUPE SENIORS

By: Elizabeth Flores, Deputy Director of Human Resources



COVID-19 has made grocery shopping challenging, as community members are social distancing and grocery store shelves are not as stocked as usual. For seniors, shopping for groceries during this time can be especially difficult.

With the help of St. Mary's Food Bank and United Food Bank, the Social Services Department in Guadalupe is making food boxes available to local seniors every month. Any seniors who are age 55 and older are eligible to pick up a monthly food box.

Food boxes are being offered with drive-through pickup at the Pascua Yaqui Tribal Building at 9405 S. Avenida del Yaqui in Guadalupe. They will be available

for pickup the second Friday of every month from 10 a.m. to noon.

The contents of these food boxes will vary every month, ranging from fresh fruits and vegetables to canned food, rice and beans. In addition to food, hygiene products such as shampoo and lotion will also be included in each box.

For any seniors who may need assistance or would like to learn more, please contact Guadalupe's senior advocate, Alma Valenzuela, at (480) 768-2045. There are also delivery options available by request for homebound seniors.

Supply is limited. Please call in advance to see what is available.

In addition to monthly food boxes, there may also be opportunities for weekly food pickup through the Guadalupe Community Action Program (CAP) office. Similar to the other assistance options, Valenzuela should be contacted each Monday at (480) 768-2045 for updates on supply.

PASCUA YAQUI TRIBE'S EQUINE THERAPY PROGRAM FEATURED IN BROADCAST STORY

By: Shanna Tautolo, Interim Associate Director

Emma Gibson of Arizona Public Media spent some time with the Pascua Yaqui Tribe's equine therapy and learned about how this program is impacting our youth. The Kava'i Hitevi program, which means "horse healers" in Yaqui, got its start in 2005 when the tribe's former associate director of health, Raquel Aviles, wanted to start a therapy program for youth connected to the Tribe. You can listen to her interview [here](#).



NOTICE OF ELECTIONS

FROM THE BOARD OF ELECTION SUPERVISORS

The 2020 Pascua Yaqui Tribal Council General Election will be held on
June 1st, 2020

Eligible Tribal Members will have multiple choices for voting:

Election Day (June 1, 2020)

General Election Polling Locations (You may vote at any polling location)
Polls will be open from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

Barrio Libre
St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish
507 W. 29th Street
Tucson, Arizona 85713

Old Pascua
San Ignacio Center
785 W. Sahuaro St.
Tucson, Arizona 85705

Guadalupe
Itom Hiapsi Building
9405 S. Avenida Del Yaqui
Guadalupe, Arizona 85283

New Pascua
Pascua Yaqui Wellness Center
5305 W. Calle Torim
Tucson, Arizona 85757

Casino Del Sol
5655 W Valencia Rd
Tucson, AZ 85757

EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS

Cast your early vote at any location scheduled below. There will be three
locations to cast an early vote. 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

May 5' 2020 - Old Pascua
San Ignacio Center
785 W. Sahuaro St.
Tucson, Arizona 85705

May 6, 2020 – New Pascua
Pascua Yaqui Wellness Center
5305 W. Calle Torim
Tucson, Arizona 85757

May 7, 2020 - Guadalupe
Itom Hiapsi Building
9405 S. Avenida Del Yaqui
Guadalupe, Arizona 85283

Early Voting, at Election Office for extend time period.
May 11th - May 22nd
Board of Election Office – 9 AM – 4:30 PM
7474 S. Camino de Oeste

Absentee Ballot Request Forms will be mailed to all eligible voters



PASCUA YAQUI TRIBE

BOARD OF ELECTION

April 8, 2020

To: PASCUA YAQUI TRIBAL COUNCIL
From: Board of Election Supervisors
Re: Official Candidates for the 2020 General Election

The following individuals have successfully completed the candidacy process and therefore are now declared official candidates for the upcoming General Election to be held on June 1, 2020.

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| 1. Catalina Alvarez | 31. Juanita Buenamea Mesquita |
| 2. Magdaleno Matus Alvarez Jr. "Papos" | 32. Gabino Valenzuela Molina |
| 3. Michael Alvarez | 33. Robert Montiel "BJ" |
| 4. Laura Andrade | 34. Marcos Moreno "Marc" |
| 5. Eugenio Baltazar | 35. Richard Eulogio Moreno |
| 6. Caesar Buenamea | 36. Francisco Guadalupe Munoz |
| 7. Mary Jane Buenamea | 37. Elvira Armenta Osuna |
| 8. Antonia Campoy "Toni" | 38. Isabel Osuna "Izzy" |
| 9. Jose Raul Cancio | 39. Gabriel Otero "The Snake" |
| 10. Vanessa Y. Cruz | 40. Maria Paisano |
| 11. Leonard DeLeon | 41. Pedro C. Rodriguez "Pete" |
| 12. John M. Escalante | 42. Rene Gavino Romero |
| 13. Lourdes Escalante | 43. Patricia Martinez Ruiz |
| 14. Fidelia Armenta Flores "Filly" | 44. Robert E. Sanchez |
| 15. Mateo Flores Jr. | 45. Rafael F. Tapia Jr. |
| 16. Roberto Leandro Flores | 46. Juan C. Urbalejo |
| 17. Herminia Frias "Minnie" | 47. Francisco Valencia "Chico" |
| 18. Jose Fuentes "Woody" | 48. Jesse J. Valencia |
| 19. Alejandra R. Garcia | 49. Joe A. Valencia |
| 20. Arcadio Gastelum | 50. Robert Valencia |
| 21. Lorenzo Green | 51. Rogelio Valencia "Roy" |
| 22. Gloria Alvarez Gomez | 52. Bridget M. Bravo Valenzuela |
| 23. Teresita E. Gomez | 53. Joseph I. Valenzuela |
| 24. Andrea L. Gonzales | 54. Louis David Valenzuela "Yoeme Carver" |
| 25. Emilia Bule Gonzalez | 55. Richard Varela "Peanut" |
| 26. Julian Hernandez | 56. Sergio Ochoa Varela |
| 27. Sonia G. Laventure | 57. German Vargas |
| 28. Augie Lopez "Tilin" | 58. Josephine Vasquez Yrigolla |
| 29. Angelina Valencia Matus | 59. Peter Cruz Yucupicio |
| 30. Lucas F. Matus | 60. Peter S. Yucupicio |

PYT GOVERNMENT PRECAUTIONARY ACTION PLAN

In an effort to ensure the most effective response to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Pascua Yaqui Tribe has authorized all tribal departments to operate on a modified work schedule. Hours of operation and contact names and phone numbers are listed below. Information is subject to change. (as of 4/7/2020)



REDUCED WORKFORCE PERSONNEL AND SCHEDULES

Administration

Lori Cox
Tribal Administrator
520-879-6268
Mon - Fri, 8am - 5pm

Front Desk Rotating
520-883-5010
Mon - Fri, 8am - 5pm

Attorney General Office

Laura Berglan
520-490-6973

Naomi Mendoza
520-425-6136
Tues & Thur, 9am - 1pm

Economic and Community Development

Closed to walk-ins/public
520-305-1003

Community Development and VITA
Rebekah Lewis
NOTE: Contact to submit tax information through March 27.
VITA services suspended Mar 30 - Apr 13.
The IRS has extended the deadline.
520-603-6571

Tiwahe
No Personnel on-site
520-271-3031

KPYT Radio Station
Hector Youtsey
520-820-6277
Mon - Fri, 9am - 4pm

Land Dept
Rotating Staff
520-345-3376

TERO
Rotating Staff
520-404-4015

Enrollment
Closed to public

Tribal ID Cards
520-879-6242

Enhanced Tribal Cards
520-879-6275

Certificate Degree of Indian Blood
520-879-6242

Delayed Certificates of Birth
520-879-6242

Cultural Participant Program
520-975-3594
or 520-262-9746

Facilities Management

Closed to walk-ins/public
Ian Geitner
520-879-5935
Mon - Fri, 8am - 5pm

Administrative Support
Rotating
520-879-5938
Mon - Fri, 8am - 5pm

Custodial Services
Rotating
520-879-5938
Mon - Fri, 4am - 5pm

Community Support
Rotating
520-879-5938
Mon - Fri, 8am - 3pm

Inspectors
520-879-5938
As needed - construction inspections only.

Design and Construction Services
Rotating
520-879-5938
Mon - Fri, 8am - 5pm

Tool Crib
Rotating
520-879-5938
Mon - Fri, 8am - 5pm

Fleet
Rotating
520-879-5938
Mon - Fri, 8am - 5pm

Guadalupe Building Maintenance
Rotating
520-879-5938
Mon - Fri, 8am - 5pm

Guadalupe Custodial Service
Rotating
520-879-5938
Mon - Fri, 8am - 5pm

Finance
All staff
Rotating schedules
normal services
520-879-5276
Mon - Fri, 8am - 5pm

Health Department

All staff
Rotating schedules
normal services
520-879-6000
Mon - Fri, 8am - 12pm

Housing

Closed to public

Keith Gregory
520-879-5890
Mon & Fri, 8am - 5pm

Rolando Jaimez
520-879-5890
Tues & Thur, 8am - 5pm

Maintenance Staff
Rotating
520-879-5880
Mon - Fri, 8am - 5pm

Human Resources

Andrew Esposito
Executive Director
520-539-5040

Tucson
Rotating
Recruitment
Employee Benefits
Training
Employee Relations
520-883-5040

Guadalupe
Elizabeth Flores
602-247-6820
Mon - Fri, 8:00am - 5:00pm

Information Technology

Stephanie Alvarez
520-879-5817
Mon - Fri, 8am to 5pm

Mario Rodriguez
(week of March 23)
520-879-5800
Mon - Fri, 10am to 2pm

Benita Garcia
(week of March 30)
520-879-5899
Mon - Fri, 10am to 2pm

Internal Audit

Laura Ward
520-330-9543
Mon - Fri 9am - 4pm
520-879-6364

Legal Services
Closed to public -
by appointment only

Juan Bacalski
520-879-5750
Mon - Fri, 8am - 12pm
Assistance Outside of Modified Hours
520-879-5750

Police Department

Michael Valenzuela
Police Chief
520-609-4090
Normal 24/7 Availability

Hector Olivo
Assistant Chief
520-237-0901
Normal 24/7 Availability

Animal Control
520-879-5523
Mon, Wed. & Fri 8am - 12pm
emergencies as needed.

Patrol/Detention/Dispatch
520-879-5523
Normal 24/7 Availability

Security
520-879-5523
Daily 5am-10pm

Administration
Juanita Jones
Joe Ahumada
520-879-5523
Mon, Thur. & Fri 8am-12pm

Front Desk & Records/Evidence
Rotating
520-879-5523
Mon, Wed. & Fri 12pm-5pm
Tues & Thurs 1pm-3pm

Victim Services
Guadalupe
Elvira Osuna
Stephanie Matuz
Mon - Fri, 8am - 5pm
24-hour on call (Elvira Osuna)

Prosecutor's Office

Rotating Staff
520-879-6251
Mon - Fri, 10am - 2pm
Tribal Court Clerk
520-879-6276
Pretrial Services
520-879-6276
Probation Officers
520-879-6207
Court of Appeals & Court Matters
520-879-6288

Assistance Outside of Modified Hours
520-269-9969

Public Defender's Office

Melissa Acosta
Chief Public Defender
520-883-5083
Mon - Fri, 10:00am - 2:00pm

Annamarie Valdivia
Senior Staff Attorney
520-883-5012
Mon - Fri, 10:00am - 2:00pm

Tribal Gaming Office

Rotating Staff
520-838-6690
Daily 8am-3pm

Tribal Courts

Access to the court through probation entrance only.
Rotating Staff
520-879-6288
Mon - Fri, 10am - 2pm

THE TRIBE HAS ESTABLISHED A HOTLINE NUMBER

520-879-5708

AS WELL AS AN EMAIL,
COMMUNITYRESPONSE@PASCUAYAQUI-NSN.GOV
FOR MORE INFORMATION.

THE TRIBE WILL PROVIDE UPDATES



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KPYT Radio

You may also be receiving information directly to your email and/or text messaging system.

Thank you.