

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year



The Village Crier

First Mesa Consolidated Villages

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Kyaamuya
Soyalang
Moon of Respect
Beginning of the
Hopi New Year

THIS MONTH IN HOPI HISTORY

1780, 1840, 1853-54 and 1897-98:

Deadly Smallpox virus took the lives of many Hopi people.

1882:

US President Chester A. Arthur signed Executive Order, designating the Hopi Reservation.

1890:

Hopi Children captured by force and sent to school

1936:

Hopi Constitution adopted, which established the Hopi Tribal Council.

Winter Solstice Begins

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Jesse Thompson Retires after Serving Six Terms as District II County Supervisor



Jesse Thompson, District II Supervisor

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the Village Crier

After serving 28 years on the Navajo County Board of Supervisors, Jesse Thompson retired from the Board as District II Supervisor. Thompson was first elected to the Navajo County Board of Supervisors in 1992 and served as District II Supervisor, covering the entire Hopi Reservation, a part of the Navajo Reservation and most of the City of Winslow.

Thompson's priorities included Reservation school bus route road improvements on the Hopi Reservation and Navajo Nation, veterans' affairs, senior centers, and education for youth.

"Jesse was a special individual dedicated to his responsibilities and provided support to address our village needs," said FMCV Administrator Ivan Sid-

ney. "I've come to know Jesse as a very respectful person who had a personal commitment to help our people. I will always appreciate and remember him and only hope he would have stayed longer to help us with our efforts, but I'm happy he is retiring to spend time with his family. We wish him all the best in his retirement."

Supervisor Thompson served on the following committees:

National Association of Counties (NACo) - Transportation Steering Committee.

Northern Arizona Council of Governments (NACOG).

Economic Development Council Tourism Committee.

NACOG Transportation Advisory Committee, Tribal Government Representative.

North Region Advisory Committee (NRAC) for Homeland Security.

Office of the Navajo Nation's, Navajo-Hopi Land Commission.

Past member of the Little Colorado River Plateau Resource Conservation and Development (LCR RC&D).

County Supervisors Association (CSA).

Arizona Association of Counties (AACo).

Past Chairman of the Arizona North Eastern Economic Development (ANEED) Committee.

Past member of the Tri County-State Elected Officials group.

Arizona State Transportation Board.

Hopi Sinom Say No to Gaming

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The Hopi Tribal Council Gaming Committee has posted a "Tribal Member Feedback Survey" on KUYI's social media page asking the Hopi Sinom to complete the survey on how they feel about a proposed gaming development agreement with the Tonto Apache Tribe to develop and manage the first Hopi casino for a period of 5-7 years, to be located at the Hopi Indian Trust Lands near Winslow.

Several responses to the Survey reminded the Gaming Committee of the past, 2 failed Referendums where the Hopi Sinom already expressed their disapproval of Gaming and voted down a Hopi Casino.

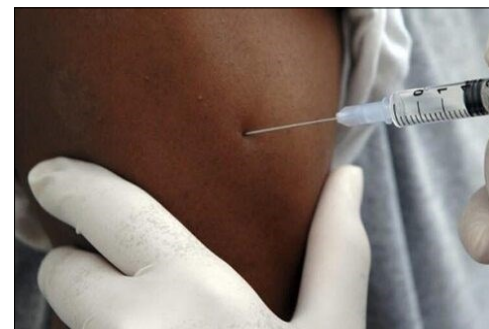
Two weeks ago, the Tribal Council enter-

tained Action Item #002-2021 to approve a Gaming Development Project with the Tonto Apache Tribe; and also defeated the Action Item by majority vote.

People now question the motive behind the "Survey" when they already voiced their decisions against gaming, twice, and Council Reps also recently voted against.

Further, the Survey asks personal information be sent over the internet including Name, Village Affiliation, and Tribal Census #. Several red flags were automatically raised: Identity Protection, Who will collect the information, and Why is this information being requested when Gaming is not a viable option by the Hopi Sinom.

Hopi Health Care Center receives Covid-19 Vaccine



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In a confirmed report by Tribal Officials, the Hopi Health Care Center recently received an initial shipment of 150 doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech coronavirus vaccine. 400 doses of the Moderna vaccine are expected to arrive later, when approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

The first coronavirus vaccine is referred to as the Phase I priority group. The vaccines will require a second dose approximately three to four weeks after the first vaccine.

Health care workers and long-term care facilities will be the first to receive the treatment.

Beginning of the Hopi New Year During the Pandemic

By Ivan Sidney
First Mesa Consolidated Villages Administrator
Former Hopi Tribal Chairman

The First Mesa Consolidated Villages Traditional (FMCV) Leaders completed the annual Soyal Ceremony, a ritual that is very critical to the beginning of the Hopi New Year. This religious ceremony was brought to Walpi by the descendants of the Water/Corn Clan, thousands of years ago, during the migration. After being allowed entrance into Walpi Village, this ceremony is necessary for a renewed prosperous life. This ceremony is more important today due to our daily existence facing Covid19.

Since March 2020, we have engaged in daily health practices to minimize our exposure to the virus. Our Village Leaders approved the FMCV Emergency Action Plan on March 16, 2020 directing our villages to take all precautionary measures and other practices to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 and recovery from the illness (See Resolution #1-2020 Emergency Action Plan on P7).

According to Hopi history, our people have endured similar foreign diseases but managed to survive by working in unity and respect for one another. This unity is even more important today due to our limited resources and the lack of critical medical care and support facilities. It is the remoteness and our isolated location which creates a challenge as we have attempted to bring better services to our village.

Our Hopi way of life teaches and instructs us to plant, harvest and prepare our crops to store for future use. Our forefathers planted and harvested the crop which was then prepared and stored by our mothers to provide food for winter months and during hardships. Today, our lives are progressive and have shaped our dependence on food purchases from grocery stores miles away. For these items, we travel from our village contrary to recommendations by our health professions and village leaders, to Remain at Home.

30 years ago, the First Mesa Traditional Leaders approved a par-

cel of land with all the necessary infrastructure (water & sewer, electricity, etc.,) for a business enterprise; however, was challenged by the lack of funding and nonsupport from our tribal government. Several grant applications for this development failed due to no tribal resolution support as required by the funding agency.

This business development included a gas station, grocery store, laundromat, fast food and other proposals including apartments, post office, fire station, childcare, community facility, and an elder & veterans center. If these developments were constructed, today we would have been better prepared to cope with the continued threat of Covid19 and the stay-at-home orders. These developments remain important for our future and especially for our children and grandchildren. The Hopi Tribe faces a bleak financial future and localized businesses will be a critical need; not to mention, these businesses will bring much needed for jobs for our Hopi people.

Hopi High School is the only school where visiting schools must bring their own sack lunches during sports and activities due to no fast-food services. Our High School and the Health Care Center are examples of the continued need for these services. We lack the preplanning to prepare for these developments necessary to bring the best professionals.

The Hopi Health Care Center (HHCC) was approved as an ambulatory care facility due to the Hopi Tribe lacking the population to support an inpatient care hospital. During the time the Keams Canyon Hospital was still in operation, it not only served the Hopi people but the surrounding Navajo residents. The Navajo Tribe no longer allows the Navajo population numbers to be counted by Hopi, which severely impacted the status of our new Hopi Health Care facility; yet 50% of Navajo patients use the HHCC today. At

the time the new Hopi health facility was approved, it was accepted by the Hopi Tribe on several agreements by the Indian Health Services. These included, dedicated beds at nearby hospitals, increases for contract health care, structural additions to facility, an airport; all included in existing files at FMCV. Yet the Hopi people must now compete and wait on available beds at nearby and far away hospitals. First Mesa approved the land for the Hopi Health Care Center, Walpi Housing and the Airport (closed), so who is failing to demand the lack of services our people suffer. Our Tribal Government and Officials have always had this elected responsibility and must now be challenged.

The Federal Government with foresight and accepting their responsibility to the people created the CARES Act Funding which was distributed to Federal, State and Tribal governments. For tribal allocation, it was based on tribal members living on the reservation and obviously in our villages. These funds were specifically for the prevention of Covid19 and to care for recovery from the virus. Like most villages, we were never contacted by the Hopi Tribe to survey our needs and especially how we are impacted by our limited resources. The First Mesa Consolidated Villages Administration office remains with no contact from the Tribal Chairman and continues to not be recognized as a village. We have asked how the Cares Act funds are being allocated since we only hear and see the development of Tawaovi next to the Navajo Hardrock Chapter and Mission and now see some villages purchasing equipment and facilities. We asked this question to our First Mesa Tribal Council Representatives and they are also unaware of these funding expenditures. The Cares Act Committee must have all the authority to expend the funds.

Not being recognized as a village, contrary to the Hopi constitution

and thereby not receiving village allocations for over twenty (20) years, we will prevail as a village by working together. We remain as a self-governing traditional village and must continue to maintain our reverence in our beliefs. Our recent Soyal Ceremony is all that we have today to support the survival of the first people in this country. Our Traditions and Religion remain to maintain our existence to the protection of our Native Sovereignty according to our ancestral instructions.

The First Mesa Consolidated Villages encourages all people to live in harmony, unity, respect and faithful prayers. The Creator gave us life for a certain number of days and for a purpose on earth. Take care and be safe with your families during these perilous times.

During this pandemic, please refrain from gathering for celebrations, dinners and parties. Be safe and remain at home with your families. Once the pandemic passes, we can get back to socializing and visiting with one another again.

THIS IS YOUR VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

If you have news or information to post for the Community to read, please forward articles to the FMCV Office, Attn: Newsletter.

During this time of Distant Socialization, we would like to share your news, announcements and stories.

First Mesa Tribal Council Reports

By AT Siquah
December, 2020 HTC Report

GAMING:

The Hopi Tribal Council's Gaming Committee is presently holding workshops to provide information on options related to our efforts in gaming.

Subject areas are primarily focused on a Location for the facility, Size of the facility and Cost of the facility.

The HTC Gaming Committee will be participating in a workshop on December 16, as the effort continues.

This is a major project being considered by Council, as a way to generate revenue and support the Tribe in providing services to its Tribal Members.

In previous years, the Hopi Tribe held two Referendum votes to allow Tribal Members to voice their opinions and determine our participation in gaming.

On both occasions, Gaming was voted down. These votes demonstrated the Hopi people did not wish to become involved in gaming.

I support the voice of the Hopi people in their decisions. I believe the people should make the decision, not the Council.

EDUCATION:

The Reservation wide Education effort to establish a Comprehensive and Unified Hopi School System continues.

The purpose of the Hopi School System is to:

1.2.A Establish a comprehensive and unified Hopi School System which shall promote collaboration, consistency, and accountability among all schools and educational programs on the Hopi Reservation;

1.2.B Set forth Hopi educational priorities and the authorities and procedures for implementing those priorities; and

1.2.C Provide an educational foundation that will prepare Hopi students for all stages of learning from pre-school to college, vocational education, At present, we are working to identify a Governing Board. (NOTE: We continue to seek candidates to run for the School Board).

It has been determined that the Central Offices of this system will be located at the site of the Hopi Jr. Sr. High School.

The Traditional Leadership of First Mesa Consolidated Villages approved and designated 880+ acres of land for educational use.

Temporary buildings will be installed across the street from the Northland Pioneer College facilities to house the Central Hopi Education Office and Staff, prior to the construction of permanent buildings.

HOPI TRIBAL HOUSING AUTHORITY (HTHA)

Due to Covid 19, the program is providing limited construction projects and services throughout the reservation.

Stanley Pahe was hired as the new Hopi Housing Authority Executive Director. Pahe previously served as Project Director for HTHA.

The Housing Authority has provided assistance throughout the communities by issuing cleaning & disinfecting supplies, food, and funding to Villages for Security Services.

Most recently the Interim Hopi Housing Board of Commissioners approved the 2021 HTHA Annual Budget in the amount of \$2,961,662.00.

TO: Members and Residents of First Mesa Villages and Polacca and Keams Canyon

In our traditional system, this is a solemn time in our lives; the end of the old year and beginning of a new year.

I PRAY,

That all goes well for our people,
That we will see better times ahead,
That we respect one another,
That we respect our environment,
That we receive moisture to nourish our lands and nurture our fields,
That we maintain and teach our youth our Hopi Way of Life,
That our Youth may study and learn so they may lead us in the future.

A. T. Siquah

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Effective immediately and until further notice, the Hopi Law Enforcement Services will have limited **administrative** services available to the public. The HLES facility will be vacated and Patrol and Dispatch will be working out of the main administrative building at the Hopi Tribe (no public access).

The following services are impacted:

- Property & Evidence—NO services
- Records and request for Information—NO services
- HSORT (SORNA—NO services)

Beginning Monday, December 21 at 6am, telephone lines to reach HLES will be limited to:

- 911
- 928-734-7340 and 734-7341

We anticipate the return of all services by Monday, January 4, 2021. Please continue to follow the CDC guidelines, practice social distancing, wear a mask and wash your hands often. HLES wishes you a safe, happy and peaceful holiday season.

/S/ Virgil Pinto, Chief

By Wallace Youvella, Jr.
December, 2020 HTC Report

HOPI TRIBAL COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS- Dec. 2020

- Action Item #091-2020 - To approve Clause Law LLC as the Hopi Tribe's Lobbyist for one (1) year. PASSED

- Action Item #026-2020 - To approve the Charter of Incorporation for the Tawa'ovi Community Development Corp. to establish a federally chartered corporation. RESCINDED by the author.

- Action Item #061-2020 - To approve the settlement agreement in the Hopi Tribe v. United States of America, No. 06-0941 (Fed. Ct of Claims). TABLED by the author.

- Action Item #092-2020 - To approve a HUC water well for Moenkopi using CARES Act Funds. PASSED

- Action Item #001-2021 - To approve a Grant of Easement/Right-of-Way Utility Corridor for the Navajo Tribal Utility Authority in the Moenkopi District of Hopi Tribal Trust Lands, Coconino County, Arizona. PASSED

- Action Item #002-2021 - To approve the Gaming Development Project with the Tonto Apache Tribe. DEFEATED

- Action Item #003-2021 - To authorize the Hopi Tribe's intervention into the ongoing APS Electric Rate Case. PASSED

- Action Item #004-2021 - To authorize the Hopi Tribe's formal participation in the ongoing VW Settlement with the United States of America. PASSED

- Action Item #005-2021 - To approve the Termination of Jeremy Braveheart's Employment Contract. PASSED

- Action Item #006-2021 - To approve the appointment of Paula Pakkala as Chief Prosecutor. PASSED

INVESTMENT COMMITTEE: No meeting scheduled.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE: No meetings scheduled.

Update on H-10 Road in Polacca.

Hopi Department of Transportation Director Michael Lomayaktewa and First Mesa Rep. Wallace Youvella, Jr. continue to work on getting the H-10 road project into construction. A Zoom Meeting has been approved by the funding source, to meet the Public Meeting requirement. We will attempt to schedule the meeting the second or third week of January, if permitted. The Zoom meeting link will be provided to Polacca residents, as well as a phone number for call in. Information regarding the Zoom Meeting will be posted at various locations in the Polacca community. It is hopeful that should we fulfill this meeting requirement in January 2021, HDOT can begin construction in the Spring or Summer of 2021.

Thank you for taking the time to read this report. Please be safe and take all precautions necessary during this pandemic. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Kwah'Kway.

Respectfully,
Wallace Youvella, Jr.,
Representing First Mesa Consolidated Villages

Hopi Education and Distant Learning Technology

By Ivan Sidney
 First Mesa Consolidated Villages Administrator
 Former Hopi Tribal Chairman

Included in Hopi History is the opening of our very own Hopi Jr./Sr High School in 1987. The Hopi People long sought this reality to bring our student's back home to attend school. The departure for obtaining an education at off-reservation BIA Boarding Schools was having negative impacts on our tribe. It was for this reason that our elders, parents, tribal leaders and Hopi Tribal Council untiringly sought funding for our own high school.

First Mesa provided 880 acres of land for educational purposes on which the school was built. There was a major issue, like the Hopi Health Care Center during planning, on student population. The original plans were to build a separate Junior High School and Sr. High School projecting future student growth. The Navajo Tribe would not allow its student population count; although being a federally funded school, nearby Navajo students would have to be allowed attendance at Hopi. This resulted in a combined Hopi Jr. Sr. High School facility.

The Hopi Tribal Council designated the high school as a major priority and directed the attainment of construction funding. Along with the priority was the final settlement of the portioning of the former Hopi/Navajo Joint-use-Area. *Our supports in Washington D.C. were the late Senator Barry Goldwater and President Reagan. Toward the end of the late Senator's retirement. The Senator requested to meet at his home on Camelback in Phoenix. His comment at the time was, "Chairman Sidney, I want you to know I have long fought for the Hopi People for no political gain. Your tribe have no money and no influence in elections, I only supported your people because you are right" He continued to say, "Chairman Sidney, continue to help your people and especially your children. I have come to know Hopi children as very intelligent and will need the support and help". It was encouraging that day to hear these comments and was challenging to seek for the betterment of our schools.*



Historic archived file photos show early collaborative efforts between the State of Arizona, the Federal Government and Tribes. Above L-R: Navajo Nation President Peterson Zah, Hopi Chairman Ivan Sidney, Evonne Sidney and AZ State Senator Barry Goldwater. Across L-R: NN President Zah, President Ronald Reagan and Chairman Sidney.

Hopi Jr./Sr. High School has made considerable strides including a record enrollment of students. The school was approved as a State Charter School, equal to a State Public School. Included was Northern Arizona University's distant learning center which expanded college classes at the high school. Northland Pioneer College followed by building the NPC Hopi Center with distant learning. The distance learning technology was by use of microwave communications connections. First Mesa Leaders approved land to construct the microwave towers which included a radio tower for KUYI, without a fee. KUYI was allowed use of the land for educational purposes. Our students attended NPC and NAU on site. Little was known at the time that someday Distant Learning technology would be critical and essential for our children.

During this time, the Hopi Tribe purchased Century Telephone Company based out of Colorado which operated the land lines on the reservation. The take over of the company included office facilities located in Keams Canyon and the rights-of-way for telephone cables buried on First Mesa lands.

In early 1990's, Federal Communications Commission announced a lottery for the rights for wireless communications in Northeastern Arizona. The late Mr. Smith Baggely formed Cellular One and was awarded the wireless rights for Navajo and Apache Counties. At the time, no other wireless companies were seriously interested in establishing on the Hopi Reservation due to its remoteness. Wireless services would require considerable costs for towers to provide the necessary signals for cellular phone use. Cellular One immediately contacted First Mesa as a possible tower site due for its population and a potential growth area. This resulted in the approval of a cellular tower on Antelope Mesa and the approval of a lease. This expanded to cellular sites at Keams Can-

yon, Second Mesa and Hotevilla. Keams Canyon was an expense to Cellular One but it was constructed to improve the signal for the community and especially the Keams Canyon School. All sites currently provide revenue to the villages for use of land by an approved lease. The microwave system was state of art for communications at the time, but it had limitations such as signal capacity and being in isolated areas requiring microwave to microwave connections. Most importantly, the Hopi people were able to own and use cellular phones like the rest of the country.

As always in America, better communications are continually being developed, including Fiber Optics. This fiber has almost no limit of its use referred to as "bandwidth". Wireless companies announce their services as having the capacity for faster internet and wireless connections. Again, when will this new technology reach our Reservation? President announced the Obama Stimulus Bill to jump start our economy. Shortly thereafter, Federal Communication Commission announced grant funds for Indian Country who are under served or not provided services. The Navajo Tribe (NTUA) invited Cellular One as a business partner to lobby Washington D.C. and justify the need for the grant funds. FMCV a business partner was invited by Cellular One to provide testimony. The Hopi Tribally owned Hopi Telecommunications, Inc representatives were also present. The grant for Navajo and Hopi Tribe was approved and the two tribes would be awarded to construct the fiber optic cables which would be available for all communications need.

Cellular One immediately engineered its communications by having fiber optic lines to replace the now ancient micro wave dishes. Cellular One applied to HTI for fiber optic connections but have been waiting for several years. It is unknown the reason for delay or denial. The HTI fiber was funded by a federal grant and was to be shared by other users and with a service fee to HTI. HTI already provided connections to other cellular carriers at its sites.

It is now evident that HTI's objective is to be the sole source of communications, based on its tribal ownership. The Hopi People should never be subjected to a business monopoly and allow the people their choice of which company will serve their needs. The tribe may claim the ownership of HTI but in reality, it's the Hopi People. Are Hopi People aware of how their tribal businesses are operating? We can honestly say no because of no accountability. Cellular One has already been connected to fiber optic lines on the Navajo Reservation and have commendable and professional business relations with NTUA Wireless.

The Hopi Tribal Council is to be commended for its recent approval of a right-of-way including wavier for payment for NTUA's fiber optic cable from Kayenta to Tuba City. This will eventually serve the Villages of Moencopi and its elementary school. The renewal of lease for the Hotevilla Cellular Tower has been on hold for years. This delay is causing replacement of needed communications equipment for improved services and is now impacting the Hotevilla School.



It is a fact today that online education for our children will remain for some time and into the future due to the COVID19. It also remains a fact that there were preparations for improved communications services but was due to a lack of priority by our tribal government. Our Traditional Leaders have provided for the use of lands and still advocate for our people and especially our children. In the words of our late Senator Goldwater, our child is the best and deserve our attention for bettering our education. Our dedicated educators need and deserve the best teaching instruments to teach our children during these challenging times. Is education still our Hopi priority?



FMCV Public Safety Program Report

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Water Operator

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Public Safety Officer

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Kikmongwi Spokesman

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TRIBAL COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

Albert Siquah

Dale Siquah

Wallace Youvella, Sr.

Wallace Youvella, Jr.

FMCV Village Crier Staff

The First Mesa Consolidated Villages Public Safety Officers continue to receive calls from Village and Community Members for security checks and emergency needs.

Officers, however, have reported that criminal related activity has lessened but there has been a noticeable increase in activity related to intoxication and drug use. Officers were informed by community members that individuals are using their Hopi CARES funds to purchase alcohol and drugs.

A community member said “ bootleggers are quite busy with their sales. There are about 10 houses in First Mesa that bootleg alcohol and/or drugs.”

Officer Howato and Officer Huma were first to respond to an alcohol related, one vehicle accident where the driver ran off the road into a stop sign. No one was injured in the accident. HLES later arrived on scene and took over. The HLES officer thanked the FMCV Public Safety Officers for “doing a good job” and said to “keep up the good work.”

Off duty Officer Howato recently assisted an intoxicated woman laying on

highway 264. Howato got her off the road, gave her PPE and got her safely back to her home since the weather was cold and it was late at night.

During recent COVID related tragedies, the FMCV officers have assisted in traffic control and have been fully equipped with PPE.

Officers said Curfew violators are few with more people now adhering to the Curfew orders and usually in their homes when the sun goes down; although there are still a few individuals who need to be reminded.

Offices observed that when the Polacca store was closing at 3pm, vehicle traffic was low, but now that the store is open later, traffic is up again.

Recently, Officer Huma was a witness to a domestic violence incident and was on standby to lend assistance. HLES responded to the incident.

The Public Safety Officers thank everyone for their cooperation and encourage You to be safe— Mask Up & Social Distance if you must be out, Wash Hands Frequently or use hand sanitizers.

FMCV Hours of Operation and limited Business Services

Due to the sharp increase in Covid-19 cases, the FMCV Admin Office is open for Business by Telephone only at 928-737-2670, Monday— Friday, 9am-4pm (closed 12-1).

Outside Drop Box:: Push buzzer at the door and Staf will assist you via intercom to drop off correspondence in Drop Box.

Water Payments: Pay by telephone using a debit/credit card. Payments may also be made by money order and mailed to: FMCV, PO Box 260, Polacca, AZ 86042. No personal checks.

Business Services and Staff hours are limited. No copy service and No fax service.

Water Operations are a high priority and Operators are on-call 24//7. There will not be any porta-pumping during this time and No Portable toilets available for rent.

For information call the office Monday-Friday between the hours of 9am—12n and 1pm-4pm.



Public Safety Officer Ramon Howato

Public Safety Officer Joshua Huma

Condolences

Condolences to those who have recently lost loved ones. During the week of Dec. 6-15, we have lost six members of our community, either to the coronavirus or from other health complications.

Please take care of yourselves and your families during these trying times. One death is way too many.

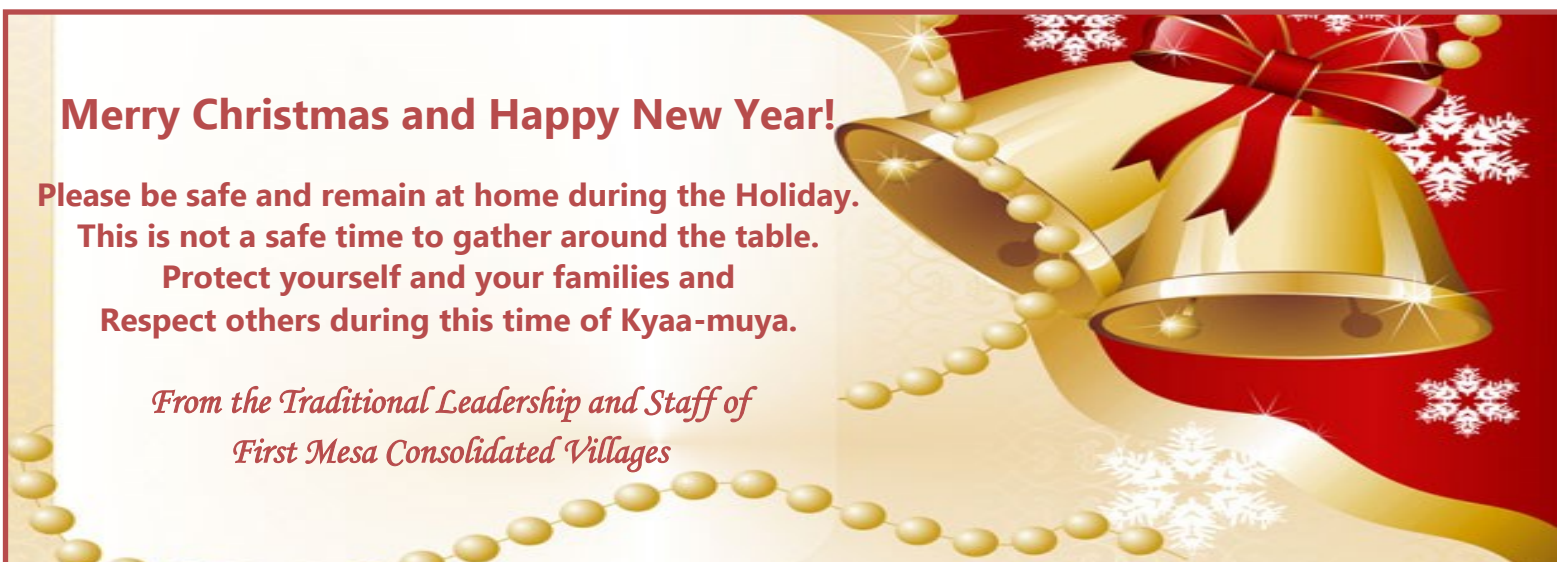


Drop Box installed for correspondence drop-off

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Please be safe and remain at home during the Holiday.
This is not a safe time to gather around the table.
Protect yourself and your families and
Respect others during this time of Kyaa-muya.

From the Traditional Leadership and Staff of
First Mesa Consolidated Villages



FMCV Water Department Notice

Water Operations will continue to be a priority; however, due to limited staff during this time, the FMCV Water Department will not be doing any porta-pumping. No Portas are available for rent at this time.

2021 First Mesa Consolidated Villages Water Payment Due Date Schedule

MONTH	DUE DATE (\$10.00 Late Fee Assessed After)	DATE PAYMENT MADE
JANUARY	Wednesday, February 10, 2021	
FEBRUARY	Wednesday, March 10, 2021	
MARCH	Monday, April 12, 2021	
APRIL	Monday, May 10, 2021	
MAY	Thursday, June 10, 2021	
JUNE	Monday, July 12, 2021	
JULY	Tuesday, August 10, 2021	
AUGUST	Friday, Sept. 10, 2021	
SEPTEMBER	Monday, October 11, 2021	
OCTOBER	Wednesday, November 10, 2021	
NOVEMBER	Friday, December 10, 2021	
DECEMBER	Monday, January 10, 2022	

UPDATED PUBLIC INFORMATION FROM THE HOPI JUDICIAL BRANCH

Effective November 2, 2020 through December 21, 2020, the Court Administration Building aka: Courtroom II, will be closed temporarily. All business and Court operations will be conducted at the Main Court Building.

The exterior doors to the Court will remain closed to the public. Limited staff are in the offices to protect the public and our employees.

Office hours: Monday through Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and closed from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. The Court is Closed on Fridays.

All Court hearings will be conducted by telephone only. The telephone number is (928) 738-5171. Filings and motions can be emailed to hopicourtclerk@gmail.com or mailed to PO Hopi Trial Court, PO Box 156 Keams Canyon AZ 86034.

Criminal and Civil traffic fines may be paid online at WWW.CITEPAYUSA.COM OR mailed to: HOPI TRIAL COURTS, P.O. Box 156, Keams Canyon, AZ 86034.

Hearings involving children will be held by telephone according to court notices. Call the Court at 928-738-5171. Probation/Pre-Trial check-ins will continue through telephone contact at 928-205- 3742 or (928) 738-5171.

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www.firstmesaconsolidatedvillages.com

Tips to Keep Pipes from Freezing

Cold temperatures can cause water pipes to freeze. Freezing in a pipe creates a lot of pressure inside the pipe and can cause the pipe to burst and likely lead to serious flooding; especially when there's no one around to turn the water off.

Allow the Faucet to Drip

If you are afraid a pipe will freeze, you can open the faucet just enough so the faucet drips slightly. Allowing the faucet to be open like this relieves pressure in the system. If a pipe freezes, it is actually the pressure that is created between the blockage and the faucet that will cause the pipe to burst.

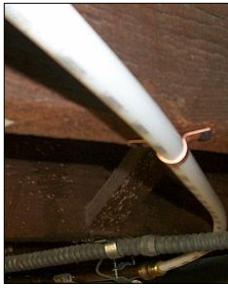
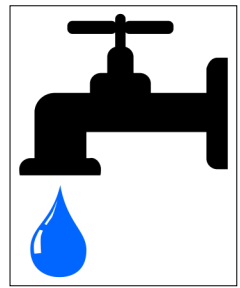
Apply Heating Tape

Heating tape works like an electric blanket for pipes, supplying heat directly to the pipe to keep it warm. This can be a good solution for short

sections of pipe that are at high risk for freezing and are easily accessible so you can install the tape and can monitor it for problems.

Add Extra Insulation

Pipes that are located in areas that do not have proper insulation, may need extra insulation to keep from freezing. Pipes can be fitted with foam rubber or fiberglass sleeves to help decrease the chances of freezing. Insulation can help keep a pipe closer to the temperature of the water inside the pipe, but it does not add heat to the pipe and will not prevent freezing if the pipe is exposed to prolonged freezing temperatures.



PUBLIC NOTICE

Due to the spike in coronavirus cases in First Mesa, the FMCV Administration Office will continue to operate by Telephone Business Only.

- OPEN for telephone service only:** 10am—12n & 1pm—3pm.
- OUTSIDE DROP BOX:** Push buzzer at door and Staff will assist you via intercom to drop off correspondence in the box
- WATER PAYMENTS:** Pay by phone using debit/credit card . Payments may also be made by money order and mailed to FMCV, PO Box 260, Polacca, AZ 86042. No personal checks accepted.
- WATER MAINTENANCE:** High Priority. Operators on call 24/7.



Keep telling the Christmas Story, singing the Christmas songs, and living the Christmas spirit; it can bring joy, happiness and peace into this world.



**Give Thanks to the Lord for He is good;
 His love endures forever.
 1Chronicles 16:34**

FMCV Resolution #1-2020

approves an Emergency Action Plan

WHEREAS, First Mesa Consolidated Villages remains under the traditional governance since time immemorial and which was included in the Constitution and By-laws of the Hopi Tribe in its enactment by the United States Department of Interior in 1936, and

WHEREAS, this traditional governance is under the Village Leadership of the Kikmongwi supported by the Traditional Religious leaders, and

WHEREAS, the FMCV Traditional Leaders are responsible for the health and welfare of the village members and including considering all people to be their children, and

WHEREAS, the world wide spread of Coronavirus (COVID – 19) is now within the United States and rapidly spreading throughout the country, and

WHEREAS, this virus is a serious threat to our people, leaders, cultural, religion, and

WHEREAS, President Trump declared “A State of Emergency in the United States” releasing 50 Billion dollars to develop testing and possible cure for the virus, and

WHEREAS, our FMCV conducted research and obtained various written documents by the Federal Government, State of Arizona, Navajo County and the Navajo Nation regarding their written emergency plans and instructions to the public with safe guards and protection measures, and

WHEREAS, the Hopi Tribal Chairman only restricted travels and provided statements on the local radio station KUYI and failed to have his administration provide written documented emergency plans and including providing any technical assistance to First Mesa Consolidated Villages,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

By this resolution, the attached First Mesa Consolidated Village’s Emergency Action Plan is hereby approved along with all attachments made referenced to and made a part of.

*Community Service Administrator for First Mesa Consolidated Villages is hereby authorized to work with all villages, tribes state and federal agencies to put into effect the Emergency Action Plan

*All agencies are humbly requested to assist FMCV with our emergency plan.

*FMCV Tribal Council Representatives are directed to ensure that the responsibility of the Executive Office is carried out to its fullest in cooperation and under the directives of the Hopi Tribal Council according to the Constitution.

*FMCV is authorized to approve use of village buildings, resources, additional staff and including use of our limited funds.

*The FMCV Water Services are placed on high alert to provide water and sewer services to our village and prioritize water to the Hopi Health Care Center and Dialysis.

*Report to our FMCV Leaders information received from the Indian Health Service, Phoenix Office, if necessary, regarding plans for testing, protection and treatment for Coronavirus.

I hereby certify that the forgoing resolution was duly considered by the FMCV Leadership to provide for the Emergency Management at a meeting at First Mesa, Polacca, Arizona on this 16th day in March, 2020.

/s/ James M. Tewayguna, Kikmongwi
First Mesa Consolidated Villages

First Mesa Consolidated Villages Emergency Action Plan

1. Authority: First Mesa Consolidated Villages is one of the villages included in the Constitution and By-laws as a Self-Governing Village remaining under the Hopi Traditional Governance. This self-governance provides for full authorities and responsibilities for the general welfare of its Village Members. The Hopi Tribal Council is designated as only the government to government representative thru its Village Tribal Council Representatives.

2. Purpose: This Emergency Action Plan is to provide for the organized structure to make assessments, prepare a plan of operation, identify resources (including funds), remedy obstacles and/or challenges, inventory supplies and buildings and make assignment of village staff.

3. Executive Summary: This plan is to provide for an organized structure to allow the Plan to be implemented effectively and efficiently. The Plan is also intended to allow for the justified use of resources and to accomplish immediate remedy to the challenges. Today, we are faced with a challenged from the growing spread of the coronavirus disease (COVID -19). President Trump has declared a State of National Emergency and released 50 billion dollars to combat this virus. Remaining a Hopi Village since time immemorial, this world wide disease is a serious threat to our Hopi People. This Plan is to

develop and implement immediate responses to provide for the protection and treatment of those that become exposed to the virus. We are completely surrounded by the State of Arizona and the Navajo Nation and we must attempt to work in cooperation to protect our Village from exposure to the virus.

4. Applicability and Scope:

Team Leader: Ivan Sidney 928-205-5504

Logistics/Supplies: Brannon Sidney 928-266-7809

Water: Alfonso Sakeva, Jr. 928-326-0703

Support: Sharon Grover and Meredith Qotswisiwma

Public Information: Louella Furcap: 928-326-7190

Buildings: Admin Bldg, Community Ctr & Ponsi.

5. Essential Functions:

a. Within responsibility and authority of FMCV: Access to WIFI for college students; Building space for virus testing and possible treatment; Security Services to monitor non-village members, elderly, public buildings, homes, businesses, churches, religious and ceremonial area, etc.; Informational response to village members; Coordination with Navajo County Emergency Services Office; Communications with FMCV Tribal Council Representatives; Closure of

Village entrance; Priority of Water Operations and complete 24/7 operational plan; FMCV’s closed office operations providing direct services; No social gathering of 10 or more people; Maintain coordination with HTI and Cellular One; Purchase and install two-way radio system; Establish an FMCV Advisory Team

b. Require cooperation and partnership; Identification and Distribution of possible medical supplies; Work with Tribal CHR Services to monitor Elderly; Determine the treatment, testing and readiness of the Indian Health Service; Evaluate all Tribal, Federal, Private and especially schools within the jurisdiction of FMCV; Self-quarantine; Request Assistance from Navajo County; Establish working partnership with Walpi, Sichomovi, and Tewa offices; Establish a partnership with Hopi Emergency Response Team; Coordinate daily village operations with Hopi Executive Offices.

6. Plan Evaluations: This operational Plan will be subject to an evaluation to identify its strengths as well as overall weakness. Outside emergency services will be requested to participate in this evaluation. However, without the technical assistance and leadership of the Hopi Tribal Emergency Services, we are limited with resources and technical support for the development and execution of this plan.

Hopi Tribe Department of Health Services COVID-19 Report

KYKOTSMOVI, AZ – December 14, 2020 — The Arizona Department of Health Services (AZDHS) reported 91% of all ICU beds and 90% of all inpatient beds in Arizona were in use Monday, with 49% of ICU beds and 43% of non-ICU beds occupied by COVID-19 patients. The number of patients hospitalized statewide for known or suspected COVID-19 cases was at 3,702 on Monday, a record high. The highest number of COVID-19 patients hospitalized in a single day during the summer surge was 3,517 on July 13. Arizona's average rate of new cases in the past week ranks among the highest in the nation, behind only Rhode Island, Tennessee, Ohio, Indiana and North Dakota, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

In general, the pandemic is worsening both statewide and nationally, and public health experts expect the virus to spread further because of Thanksgiving and upcoming holidays. A report released on November 19, 2020 by Arizona State University predicted that hospital capacity in Arizona will be exceeded in December and that, without additional public health measures, holiday gatherings are likely to cause 600 to 1,200 additional deaths from COVID-19 in Arizona by February 1 beyond current-scenario death projections. The state on Monday reported the second-highest daily tally of new cases since the start of the pandemic, with 11,795 new COVID-19 cases, shy only of last Tuesday's 12,314 reported cases. A team of University of Arizona researchers wrote in a memo to the state Health Department that a statewide shelter-in-place order could help avert a "catastrophe" in Arizona hospitals.

Here is a quick overview of the COVID-19 statistics on a national, state, and local level:

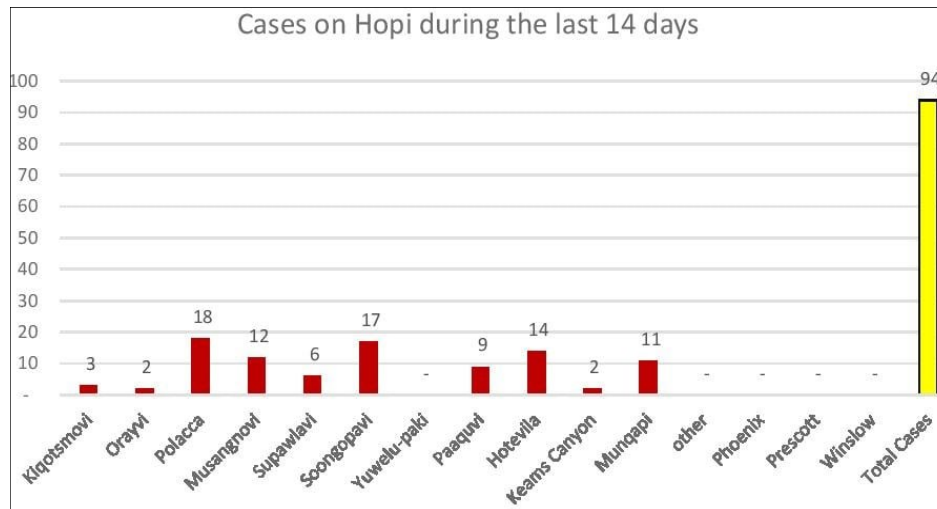
As of this date – December 14 2020

The United States now has approximately 16.32 million confirmed positive cases with 204,748 new cases and over 300,032 deaths reported.

Over 424,382 confirmed positive cases now exist in Arizona. Of those, close to 9,911 are in Navajo County alone.

The Hopi Health Care Center has tested over 6,396 patients to this date. Over 753 of those tests at Hopi Health Care Center came back positive with 504 from Hopi Tribal members. Tuba City Regional Health Care Corporation reported 104 positives for Hopi Villages with a combined number of 608 positive Hopi Tribal members.

The information below provides a glimpse of the current numbers in those respective villages.



This graph demonstrates the active cases and is stratified by village. Currently there are 94 active cases are defined as, persons that have had a positive test result or symptom onset in the last 14 days. In this graph, the Total cases bar is all villages combined and should be excluded from the remainder of the graph. This graph demonstrates that majority of the active cases reside inside of Polacca and Soongopavi; however, due to all villages having cases there is widespread community transmission. This graph is useful in isolating where the virus is most active at the current moment.

Hopi COVID-19 Reported Cases by Hopi Health Care Center Cases* December 14, 2020

	Number Tested Today	Cumulative Number Positive	Cumulative Number Negative	Total Number in Process	Total Tested
	6	753	5,584	24	6,396

Note: These data include newly added testing results from the Abbott ID NOW machine since April 20, 2020.

Number of Cases per Village as of December 14, 2020	Reported by HHCC	Reported by Tuba City Regional Healthcare Corporation	Total
Kiqötsmovi	30	6	36
Orayvi	11		11
Polacca (Walpi-Sitsom'ovi-Tewa)	196	7	203+
Musangnuvi	26		26
Supawlavi	24		24+
Söngoopavi	140		140+
Yuwelu-paki	6		6
Paaqavi	13		13
Hotveta	32	12	44(+)
Keams Canyon	19	6	25
Munqapi	1	73*	74*
Phoenix	1		1
Winslow	4		4
Prescott	1		1
TOTAL	504	104	608

* The information by villages presented above is released by the Hopi Department of Health & Human Services, and the data shown reflects patients tested at the Hopi Health Care Center and at the Tuba City Regional Health Care Corporation specifically on Hopi tribal members. The data from Lower and Upper Munqapi is consolidated until specific data can be re-verified. (+) number decreased due to individual being identified from another village. The community of residence for one Hopi Tribal member who tested positive at HHCC is in the Phoenix metropolitan area. The community of residence for four Hopi Tribal members who tested positive at HHCC is in Winslow. The data here does not include all state-wide data from other facilities such as Flagstaff, Winslow, Phoenix or other hospitals.

** A total of 608+ individuals who tested positive are members of the Hopi Tribe.

+ Includes Village member(s) retested positive



Prevention:
Watch for symptoms. People with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported – ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness.

Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. People with these symptoms or combinations of symptoms may have COVID-19:

- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Or at least two of these symptoms:
- Fever
- Chills
- Repeated shaking with chills
- Muscle pain
- Headache
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea
- New loss of taste or smell

Children have similar symptoms to adults and generally have mild illness.

This list is not all inclusive. Please consult your medical provider for any other symptoms that are severe or concerning to you.

