



First Mesa Consolidated Villages Newsletter

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UYISMUYA

Planting Moon
Month of planting

Summer Solstice

This Month in Hopi History

AD 1—700:

Hopi Ancestors cultivated corn, beans, squash, cotton and turkeys

6/10/1920:

Villagers forcibly dipped in de-lousing chemicals

6/2/1924:

Native Americans granted US citizenship

6/20/20

Summer Begins

6/21/20

Fathers Day

First Mesa Village Pastor Cleans and Disinfects Village Offices

FEATURE STORY

The First Mesa Consolidated Villages Admin Office, the Community building, the Post Office and Ponsi Hall recently received a good cleaning and wipe down by First Mesa Baptist Church Pastor Reverend Taeil Lim.

Pastor Lim contacted FMCV stating he received professional disinfecting supplies from Elder Pyung Kang from a church in California and offered to disinfect and sanitize the FMCV buildings. Pastor Lim was trained and equipped with protective clothing to give the buildings a thorough spraying and wipe down.

Amidst his full-time ministry, the Pastor is a very busy man in the community. Almost on a daily basis you will see the Village Pastor riding on his white tractor through the village to help the community with their gardening or

landscaping projects. If not out in the community, he is at the Church, working on completing a new kitchen addition.

Pastor is a skilled gardener and carpenter and after completing the new Baptist Church Sanctuary, he could not put down his hammer and nails and continued building projects.

During this pandemic, the Pastor cancelled all physical church services and reverted to on-line worship. The on-line attendance has been very good and has a high attendance each Sunday and Wednesday evening. Church members enjoy listening and singing from the Hopi Hymnal with Pastor, who is articulate in Hopi hymns along with his children who play piano, the drum and violin.

Pastor continues to receive visits and calls for help and prayer, and is



on call 24 hours a day. The Lim's have also been serving lunch to villagers on the mesa, but due to temporary closure of Ponsi Hall have not served for two weeks.

Pastor, his wife Eunhee and children Daniel, Jacob, Grace and Thomas (born in Flagstaff, AZ)

are from South Korea but have resided in First Mesa since 2008.

Lim was adopted into the Tewa Sand Clan, and given the name **Povi Enu'** (male flower) by his late mother.

Next time you see Pastor Lim, thank him for his services.

Message to First Mesa Village Members, Community Members and Residents *from First Mesa Traditional Leadership*

Recently, We, the traditional leadership has been asked to support and to help alleviate community concerns in regards to the overall health, wellness and safety of all village members, community members and residents of First Mesa, that have arisen due to the global COVID-19 pandemic. As leaders, we have met several times to discuss necessary steps that needed to be taken to best protect our community. Per Resolutions FMCV01-2020 and FMCV02-2020, it is at this time a curfew, as well as safety reminders, deemed necessary.

As traditional leaders, we first and foremost provide guidance, expectations, as well as identify and warn of consequences if established guidelines are not adhered to in regards to traditional customs. However, in this instance, as a result of heightened concern for the safety and health of the First Mesa community, and in response to community requests, We, the traditional leaders of First Mesa are requesting the support of all First Mesa members, community members and residents to adhere to and practice the guidelines below:

- Practice social distancing and refrain from socializing and gathering, as you are taking an unnecessary risk of exposure to COVID-19. In the case of an emergency, if you need to speak to an individual, please utilize and exhaust all efforts to communicate via phone call, text, or email and take all precautions to maintain a physical distance if in person contact is warranted.
- Limit your trips outside of the community for essential supplies only. If support is needed, please contact one of the village offices or HERT to inquire about food distribution services, medical supplies or other necessities (see contact numbers below). If there is no answer, leave messages and continue calling until your question/concern is addressed.
- Report ALL suspicious and illegal activity to FMCV Public Safety Officers or to Hopi Law Enforcement Services (see contact numbers below). We are all responsible for the safety and oversight in our community, and we ALL have the first responsibility to discourage negative behaviors in our homes as well as enforce any necessary corrections.

- Continue to practice good hygiene and safe sanitary practices (including wearing face masks), especially when leaving your homes to conduct essential business, work, or engage in outdoor farming/ranching activities.

There shouldn't be questions of how enforcement of the curfew will take place, but rather we should collectively agree to abide by the above directives, as well as support all our community offices that are providing services. Lastly, as the Leaders vested with responsibilities of upholding our ceremonial customs, we will continue to do so in manners we deem suitable. However, we also understand that the support and inclusion of all our village members brings more strength, prosperity and well-being for all. By following the guidelines, we will be able to overcome this challenge and it is our hope that we can all come together to uphold our customs and traditions. Be cautious, be disciplined, and be respectful.

First Mesa Traditional Leaders:

/s/ Mr. James Tewaguna, Kikmongwi

/s/ Mr. Leo Lacapa, Soyal Mongwi

/s/ Mr. Samuel Tenakhongva, Katsinmongwi

Dated June 18, 2020

Villages Contact Numbers:

First Mesa Consolidated Villages: 737-2670

Walpi Community Office: 737-9556

Sichomovi Community Office: 737-1258

Tewa Community Office: 737-2254

Emergency Contact Numbers:

Hopi Emergency Response Team (HERT): 734-3661

FMCV Security: 737-2670

Hopi Law Enforcement Services: 734-7340

Hopi Fire: 738-2233

Hopi Health Care Center Emergency Room: 737-6240

First Mesa CURFEW Declaration Order

The coronavirus pandemic has become a serious threat to the health, safety and welfare of the Hopi/Tewa people and is now aggressively spreading in First Mesa. Among all Villages and Communities, First Mesa has the highest rate of positive cases, and is rapidly climbing. All Residents are now in imminent danger of becoming infected with the deadly virus. Unfortunately, several members of First Mesa have succumbed to the Virus.

The First Mesa Consolidated Villages (FMCV) remains under the traditional governance, since time immemorial, and is documented in the Constitution and By-laws of the Hopi Tribe. This aboriginal traditional governance is under the Village Leadership of the Kikmongwi and supported by the Traditional Religious Leaders. The governance provides full authorities and responsibilities for the health and general welfare of its Village Members.

It is, therefore, the directive of the Traditional Leadership that the FMCV Administrator take all measures to, immediately, impose this Curfew, to limit traffic and interaction among residents in the evening and night hours; until further notice.

CURFEW HOURS

**Monday – Sunday
8pm – 5am**

First Mesa Leaders Deem Curfew Necessary

With the alarming rate at which the coronavirus is spreading and the tragic impacts on families in the First Mesa Consolidated Villages (FMCV) and communities, the traditional Leaders met to discuss the devastating impacts of the virus and possible ways to help slow the spread of the deadly virus.

The traditional leaders issued a Statement (P2) and directed FMCV Administrator Ivan Sidney, to take all necessary measures to impose a CURFEW in First Mesa, *in accordance with* FMCV Resolutions: FMCV01-2020 Emergency Action Plan and FMCV02-2020 Village Restrictions & Remain-At-Home Order.

Condolences to All Who Have Lost Loved Ones

*from First Mesa
Religious Leaders*

Our deepest condolences to those who have lost loved ones.

We are thinking of each one of you during this sad time and pray you will heal from this hurt quickly.

We care about each one of you and pray each day, for good health, safety, prosperity and long lives.

You may contact the First Mesa Consolidated Villages Office at 737-2670 if you have any questions and/or need assistance.

You may also call the First Mesa Village Pastor at 928-401-1485 (cell phone) for prayers or just to talk.

**Pray for yourselves,
Pray for your families,
Pray for your Communities.**

Naawakinpi sa pas mohpeq

**Goodbyes hurt the most,
when the story was not
finished.....**

FMCV Resolution 03-2020

Approves Public Safety Program

Whereas, the Sovereign Leadership of First Mesa Consolidated Villages consisting of Walpi, Sichomovi, and Tewa are heirs to a Covenant with the Creator (Massau) which gives them the responsibility and the authority to perpetuate the purpose of Hopi for all time and for all humanity, and

Whereas, the Constitution and By-laws of the Hopi Tribe (December 19, 1936) attests to this "Self-Governing" powers of the Hopi Villages and acknowledges the traditional Hopi form of governance, notwithstanding any other form of organization, with the traditional Kikmongwi as its recognized leader of First Mesa Consolidated Villages,

Whereas, Hopi Tribal Council Resolution, H-12-76 further acknowledges that the Hopi Tribal Courts shall defer to the custom, traditions and culture of the Hopi Tribe in matters of both substance and procedure, and

Whereas, our traditional leaders must continue to adhere to their traditional vows to provide for the needs for protection of their children, and

Whereas, FMCV Resolution 02-2016 declared all religious springs, shrines, religious trails and ruins off limits to all individuals unless proper authority is granted, and

Whereas, the use and illegal sales of drugs and alcohol are at rampage and contributing to criminal activities and now the village members request from its Traditional Leadership the need for more protection of life and property, and

Whereas, there is no presence of random village Police patrols and including untimely response to calls for assistance and limited incarceration due to inadequate detention holding facilities, and

Whereas, at the inception of the First Mesa Security Program was to maintain peace and order at the First Mesa Villages during ceremonies, protection of religious sites, assist Tour Program and protection of homes and village offices, and

Whereas, there is a need for an expanded and improved Public Safety Program that includes the responsibility and authority of the Village Public Safety Officers, and

Whereas, the Public Safety Program will be immediately provided with updated Policies and Guidelines.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved:

We approve the new designated FMCV Public Safety program and therefore assign the Village Administrator to rewrite and approve the new job descriptions for our Public Safety Officers and including the update of our Policy and Guidelines.

We assign the village Administrator with the assistance of the First Mesa Tribal Council Representatives to seek grants and other available funds for the new program all for improved services to our village members.

The FMCV Public Safety Officers are appointed as Village Officials and delegated the authority and responsibility to enforce traditional and customary laws to protect the lives and property of our people.

We authorize the FMCV Public Safety program to request the assistance of Law Enforcement Agencies and respond to assist Law Enforcement and other Hopi Village Security.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the First Mesa Leadership to provide for the protection of Life and Property on this 9th day in June of 2020.

/s/ James M. Tewayguna, Kikmongwi

Attested:

/s/ Samuel Tenakhongva, Katsin Mongwi

/s/ Leo Lacapa, Jr., Soyol Mongwi

PUBLIC SAFETY

It is who we are, It is who we serve. Together, we share a commitment to help build safe, strong, and thriving communities

First Mesa Consolidated Villages Public Safety Officers



FMCV Security Guards Joshua Huma and Ramone Howato recently had their positions upgraded to Public Safety Officers, by approval of Resolution 03-2020 by FMCV Traditional Leadership.

Due to the increased safety issues and the types of calls the Officers are called to respond to, the FMCV leaders reassessed the Job Descriptions and determined the need for an expanded and improved Public Safety Program; including the responsibility and authority of the Village Public Safety Officers.

The Public Safety Officers are considered appointed village officials and delegated to enforce traditional and customary laws to protect the lives and property of the people within the jurisdiction of First Mesa.

With the increase in traffic in First Mesa, it is quickly being realized that an additional Public Safety Officer may be needed. The Program has proven to be vital and quite effective with the amount of calls for assistance and the number of responses each day. The Officers will continue to receive all required trainings and certifications for their new roles as Public Safety Officers.

A big *Thank You* to Officer Huma and Officer Howato for your commitment and loyalty to the Program and the thankless job you are tasked with!

With your dedication and commitment, Together, we can **help build a safe, strong, and thriving First Mesa Community.**

Good Job Officers!

FMCV VIRTUAL HOURS OF OPERATION

The FMCV Office is now open—operating under the following practicable guidelines, effective immediately:

- **OPEN 8am-12n and 1pm-5pm for telephone business communications only**
- **NO Physical Contact with customers**
- **NO Water Payments Accepted at the Office**
- **MAIL Money Order or check payments to: FMCV Water Dept PO Box 260, Polacca, AZ 86042. Receipt will be mailed**
- **CREDIT CARD customers, call the Office during open hours to make payment**
- **ON-LINE Bill Pay and Pay Pal customers, continue with present set-up**

Tribal Council Representatives Monthly Reports

The FMCV Traditional Leaders requested that a section be reserved in the FMCV Newsletter for the First Mesa Hopi Tribal Council Representatives' Monthly Reports. Four pages (Council's Corner) have been reserved in the Newsletter template for the Council Reps. Look for interesting Council reports in the July edition.

COUNCIL'S CORNER

June Report: None
Albert Siquah

June Report: None
Dale Siquah

June Report: None
Wally Youvella, Sr

June Report: None
Wally Youvella, Jr.

STAFF:

Ivan Sidney
Village Administrator

Brannon Sidney
Accountant

Merideth Qotsiwiswma
Staff Assistant

Sharon Grover
Water Clerk

Alphonso Sakeva, Jr
Water Operator

Jack Pashano
Water Operator

Joshua Huma
Public Safety Officer

Ramon Howato
Public Safety Officer

TRADITIONAL LEADERS

James Tewayguna
Kikmongwi

Dickson Silas
Spokesman

Leo Lacapa
Soyal Mongwi

Sam Tenakhongva
Katsin Mongwi

**HOPI TRIBAL COUNCIL
REPRESENTATIVES**

Albert Siquah
Dale Siquah
Wally Youvella, Sr.
Wally Youvella, Jr.

CONSULTANTS

Louella Furcap
Public Information
Chester Carl
Special Projects

Hopi Tribal Government Shutdown Extended through July 3

The Hopi Chairman, Vice Chairman and Executive Director, issued a memo on June 16 to all Tribal Employees, informing them of an Extension to the Tribal Government Shutdown.

The memo states "the directive issued on May 27 for all employees, except essential staff, to continue to telework," has

been extended through July 3.

Data from the Hopi Health Care shows that COVID-19 cases in Hopi villages has surged from 40 positive cases on June 1, to 143 positive cases on June 16.

"Extension of the Tribal Government Shutdown is necessary to contain the community spread through ongoing case tracking and

increased testing while work continues on advisories and protocols on preventive precautions within the workplace."

All employees will be paid during the extension and must be available during regular work days and be able to report to work within an hour of notification.



Hopi Law Enforcement Services (HLES) facilities remain closed to public

HLES Emergency services not impacted

**Emergency Phone Numbers:
734-7340, 734-7341 & 911**
until 6am, Sunday 6/21.

Requests for reports, property release
& SORNA (sex offender registration)
info will not be available until
Monday 6/22)

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT Donated Sheep

The donated sheep accepted by the Hopi Tribe will be issued out on a lottery basis. Contact the Treasurer's Office at 928-734-3121 or Gaseoma@hopi.nsn.us with your name, address, phone number and Hopi Tribal enrollment number, before 12 noon on Friday, June 26. You must be 18 years or older and a tribal enrolled member to be eligible. You will be contacted if your name is drawn with more information.

Contact Clayton Honyumptewa at 928-205-1290 for more information.

Hopi COVID-19 Case Report by Hopi Health Care Center as of June 17

	Number Tested Today	Cumulative Number Positive	Cumulative Number Negative	Total Number in Process	Total Tested
	35	204**	1,569	83	1,862

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 June 17, 2020	Reported by HHCC	Reported by Tuba City Regional Healthcare Corporation	Total
Kiqötsmovi	4	1	5
Orayvi	5		5
Polacca (Walpi-Sitsom'ovi-Tewa)	59		59
Musangnuvi			
Supawlavi	11		11
Söngoopavi	37		37
Yuwelu-paki	5		5
Paaqavi	1		1
Hotvela	5	3	8
Keams Canyon	3		3
Upper Munqapi		7	7
Lower Munqapi		9	9
Phoenix	1		1
Winslow	1		1
TOTAL	132	20	152

KIVA Institute Announces a Webinar on Overview of Public Law 116-136 Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act)

June 16, 2020 (9 a.m. – 12 p.m.)

June 18, 2020 (1 p.m. – 3 p.m.)

June 23, 2020 (9 a.m. – 12 p.m.)

June 25, 2020 (1 p.m. – 3 p.m.)

June 30, 2020 (9 a.m. – 12 p.m.)

July 02, 2020 (1 p.m. – 3 p.m.)

The outbreak of Coronavirus (COVID-19) had a direct and devastating impact on the health, safety, welfare and lives of people all over the world. People lost their loved ones to the pandemic. The federal government, state governments and tribal governments closed down to reduce the threat of the spread of the virus. Companies and businesses shut down. People were laid off, furloughed, or lost their jobs. Hospitals were filled to capacity and front-line workers worked endlessly to attend to those affected by the virus. The hardest populations are our Indian tribes.

On March 27, 2020, the U.S. Congress passed an historic \$2.0 trillion funding bill, Pub. L. 116-136, Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES) to respond to the Coronavirus Pandemic. The CARES Act provides for \$10.0 billion in special funding set-asides for tribal governments for health, education, welfare, and nutrition to respond to the public health emergency. Tribes must determine how to best use the one-time funds; and stay in compliance with federal rules that accompany the funding allocations. Indian tribes will be receiving substantial amounts of funds; and must develop projects that comply with the CARES Act and U.S. Treasury rules. Most of the Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF) have limited life; and any funds not used will be withdrawn by the federal government.

KIVA has carefully studied the CARES Act and the rules that apply to all funding sectors of the Act. KIVA with its expertise in federal contract and grant rules, federal appropriations laws is offering this webinar to familiarize tribal governments on the CARES Act so they can become better prepared to plan on how they can use the funds. This three-hour webinar is available as public sessions; and as customized sessions for tribes.

YOU WILL LEARN: • Overview of Pub. L. 116-136, Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES) • Funding Sectors Under the CARES Act: (a) Assistance for American Workers; (b) Preserving Jobs for American Industry; (c) Assistance for Small Businesses; (d) Assistance for States and Local Governments (Including Indian tribes) • Title V - COVID-19 Relief Funds (CRF) which provides funding set-asides for tribal governments in: (a) Economic Development & Employment; (b) Tribal Governance, Housing, Community Development; (c) Health, Education, Nutrition; (d) Department of Health & Human Services; (e) Department of Homeland Security; (f) Discretionary Grants • BIA, BIE, IHS, HUD Funding Allocations (Indian Self-Determination, Self-Governance, Indian Housing Block Grants, Indian Community Development Block Grants • CRF Funding Timelines (When Do Funds Expire?) • Funding Methodology used to Determine Tribal Allocations • Deploying CARES Act (Putting Funds into Federal Awards) • U.S. Treasury Rules on Use of Title V CRF (Allowable Uses/Ineligible Uses) • CARES Act Compliance & Oversight: (a) Pandemic Responsibility Committee (PRAC); (b) Special Inspector General for Pandemic Recovery (SIGPR), Congressional Oversight Committee • Single Audit Act Requirements • Tribal Actions to Plan, Implement CARES Act Projects.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND this Course? Tribal Council Members, School Boards, Health Boards, Tribal Emergency Response Teams, Program Directors, Managers; Tribal Administrative Staff Grants and Contracts Staff; Awarding Officials, AOTRs, Contracting Specialists & Officers.

REGISTRATION: Register online by visiting our website: www.kivainstitute.com Register early so we can email you the webinar link.

CUSTOMIZED TRAINING: Contact us for special, customized webinars, or onsite sessions: 1-866-202-5482

Food For Thought

Treat your parents with love, You will know their value when they are no longer here

A long time ago, there was a huge apple tree. A little boy loved to come and play around it everyday. He climbed to the treetop, ate the apples, and took a nap under the shadow.

He loved the tree and the tree loved to play with him. Time went by, the little boy had grown up and he no longer played around the tree every day. One day, the boy came back to the tree and he looked sad.

“Come and play with me”, the tree said to the boy.

“I am no longer a kid, I do not play around trees any more” the boy replied.

“I want toys. I need money to buy them.”

“Sorry, I do not have money, but you can pick all my apples and sell them. So, you will have money.”

The boy excitedly grabbed all the apples on the tree and left. The boy never came back after he picked the apples. The tree was sad.

One day, the boy who was a man now, returned and the tree was excited.

“Come and play with me” the tree said.

“I do not have time to play. I have to work for my family. We need a house for shelter. Can you help me?”

“Sorry, but I do not have any house. But you can chop off my branches to build your house.” So the man cut all the branches off the tree and left happily. The tree was happy to see him, but the man never came back. The tree was again lonely and sad.

One hot summer day, the man returned and the tree was delighted.

“Come and play with me,” the tree said.

“I am getting old. I want to go sailing to relax myself. Can you give me a boat?,” said the man.

“Use my trunk to build your boat. You can sail far away and be happy.”

So the man cut the tree trunk to make a boat. He went sailing and never showed up for a long time.

Finally, the man returned after many years. “Sorry, my boy. But I do not have anything for you anymore. No more apples for you”, the tree said.

“No problem, I do not have any teeth to bite” the man replied.

“No more trunk for you to climb on.” “I am too old for that now” the man said.

“I really cannot give you anything, the only thing left is my dying roots,” the tree said with tears.

“I do not need much now, just a place to rest. I am tired after all these years,” the man replied.

“Good! Old tree roots are the best place to lean on and rest, come sit down with me and rest.” The man sat down and the tree was glad and smiled with tears.

This is a story about everyone of us. The tree represents our parents. When we are young, we love to play with our mom and dad. When we grow up, we leave them and only come back when we need something — their love.

No matter the circumstance, parents will always be there and give everything they have to make us happy. Even if we make them feel sad, they love us unconditionally.

You may think the boy is cruel to the tree, but that is how many parents are treated today. We take them for granted and don't appreciate them for all they do for us—until it's too late.

Moral of the story: Treat your Parents kindly with love. You will realize their value and know how much they loved you, when they are no longer around.

Dads Hold Our Hands
for a Little While,
But Hold Our
Hearts Forever

*Happy Belated
Fathers Day
To All Dads*