



First Mesa Consolidated Villages Newsletter

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Tala'kyelmuya

Going Home Moon
Katsina are going
home

Summer Solstice

This Month in Hopi History

AD1540: Pedro de Tovar, First Spanish contact with Hopi at Awatovi

July 20, 1942: Hopi Potter Nampeyo died

1958: Healing vs Jones case

KEEP SAFE

**Wear a Mask
Wash hands often
Distance at 6' apart
No physical contact**

**FMCV CURFEW
8pm-5am
No Visitors allowed
into Villages**



Hopi Fire and Rescue Team arrived too late to save residential unit at IHS housing before roof collapsed and interior was completely destroyed

Within the past two weeks, the First Mesa Community has had three fires requiring the assistance of the Hopi Fire and Rescue Department. Unfortunately, due to amount of response time, major damages to the interior and roofing of an Indian Health Services (IHS) residential home in Keams Canyon occurred, before the fire truck arrived.

Earlier in the week an abandoned home was set on fire requiring the assistance of the Fire Department. Again, because of the distance and time, the fire was doused before the truck arrived. Upon arrival, the fire rescue truck became stuck in soft sand and had to be rescued by the First Mesa Village Pastor who pulled the truck out with his tractor.

Also, despite warnings and Executive Order from the Hopi Tribe prohibiting all fireworks and burns, the night sky was filled with fireworks on July 4th, one of which ignited a brush fire and burned just inches from a traditional home. Distance, from Kykotsmovi to Polacca and Keams Canyon was a major factor in the response time.

On March 26, 2014, the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Hopi Agency notified the Hopi Tribe they

would no longer provide structural fire services to the Hopi community, per BIA regulations. Shortly thereafter, the Hopi Tribe began discussions on contracting the emergency Fire services from the BIA. Through Resolution H-015-2015 the Hopi Tribal Council established a Structural Fire & Rescue Department on February 2, 2015. The Fire Protection Response services was secured through a *Memorandum of Understanding of Mutual and Automatic Aid Involving Fire Protection Response* on February 18, 2015. A year later on Feb. 2, 2016, a Supplemental Memorandum of Agreement for Equipment Use was signed between the Hopi Tribe and BIA.

"Several years earlier, the BIA constructed a Fire Station at Kykotsmovi for its Wildland Fire Program," said FMCV Administrator Ivan Sidney. "The fire trucks are currently housed in Kykotsmovi from where they respond to fires. Most of the Schools, Federal Housing, Health Care, High School, Federal and Tribal offices are located in Keams Canyon and First and Second Mesa Communities. There is estimated to be over nine hundred homes from Keams Canyon to Second Mesa."

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PUBLIC NOTICE

First Mesa Consolidated Villages Hours of Operation

Due to the aggressive increase in COVID-19 cases in First Mesa, the **FMCV Office will remain OPEN for BUSINESS BY TELEPHONE ONLY**. Staff hours are limited and will operate under the following practical Guidelines:

- **TELEPHONE SERVICE ONLY #928-737-2670**
Hours Open* : 9am-12pm and 1pm-4pm
Building Closed — no physical contact
- **PUBLIC SAFETY: Contact # 928-737-2670**
- **WATER PAYMENTS ACCEPTED BY MAIL, CREDIT CARD OR BILL PAY, ONLY.**

MONEY ORDER PAYMENTS, Mail to:
FMCV Water Dep, PO Box 260, Polacca, AZ

NO Personal Checks / NO Cash payments

CREDIT CARD Customers, call during open hours*

BILL PAY Customers, arrangements continual

Public Safety Officers Report

FMCV Public Safety Officers continue to receive and respond to calls for assistance throughout the day and during the evenings. Although most calls involved teens and young adults, it was also reported that calls were received on minor children, either violating curfew orders and/or other incidences, due to lack of parental supervision.

More and more occurrences upon First Mesa seem to be drug and alcohol related and has become a safety issue for villagers.

“These uncalled for parties have been very disturbing to families who reside in the (Tewa) plaza area which include unnecessary violence, increased foot traffic related to drug and alcohol and no parental guidance to involved minors,” said a Tewa Village elder. “These wild and loud parties have to stop due to disruption of peaceful nights. The disrespect shown in a sacred area will not be tolerated. It is very scary to the elderly who are in harm’s way of those that are under the influence of drugs and alcohol and no doubt defenseless. We will not tolerate such misbehavior and thus recommend these people be removed immediately from the village. We have already had an incident where a village member was attacked which left a bruise on her face.”

Since the last publication, several new requests asking for home security checks, especially on the Mesa, have been received.

The Public Safety Officers also responded to domestic violence assistance as well as two fire calls. A few reminders on CURFEW orders were also issued.

The Officers and FMCV traditional leaders, request everyone respect one another and obey all safety Orders for the safety of your families and your community. Keep Praying. We are all in this together.



Fire set to Abandoned Home of Wesley and Cecilia Lesso (deceased)

Two individuals were seen running from the burning house. The structure is unsafe and has long been a concern for local residents who say it appears to be a gathering place for young adults and teenagers.

<p>Top 2 Photos courtesy of Pam Namingha Right 2 Photos courtesy of Tael Lim</p>
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“About four years ago, the First Mesa Consolidated Villages (FMCV) submitted a grant proposal to the Hopi Tribal Housing Authority (HTHA), for a Fire Station, Dialysis Center, Veteran Housing, Elderly Center, a Treatment Center; to mention a few. However, the application lacked the necessary documentation; thus, grant was not approved.”

A second grant proposal was submitted a few months ago; and although it was approved

by the HTHA Board of Commissioners by majority vote, it also failed because staff did not complete the required resolution within the required time.”

“Currently two BIA Fire Trucks remain housed at the Hopi Agency Fire Department Building. FMCV will immediately seek funds with community support to establish a Fire Department for the Eastern part of our Reservation. Perhaps BIA will be willing to discuss a partnership.”

FMCV ORDERS:

Remain at Home, Limit Travel and Curfew



July 4th Fireworks sparked blaze in dry brush



Lesso Home after fire was doused



Pastor Lim rescued the Fire Rescue Truck from being stuck in soft sand

First Mesa Consolidated Villages Hopi Tribal Council Representatives Report

Report By: Wallace Youvella, Jr.
FMCV Council Representative

Investment Committee Member Report:

- The Investment Committee sponsored an Action Item and Resolution to have the Hopi Tribe Economic Development Corporation (HTEDC) report its financial status to the Hopi Tribal Council (HTC). The HTC approved the Action Item with Resolution and directed the Hopi Tribe Economic Development Corporation to report and release financial information.
- As the COVID-19 pandemic has severely impacted the entire hotel industry, the Investment Committee is also closely monitoring two hotel properties, owned by the Hopi Tribe, in Galveston, TX.

Transportation Committee:

- The Hopi Sinom Transit will restart services, when permissible, and will have Safety Precautions in place to protect the public and the employees. The following precautions will be implemented (but not limited to): Limited number of passengers, everyone MUST WEAR A FACEMASK, and plastic shields will be put in place inside the vehicles, etc.
- An assessment has just been completed on Route 10 (Spider Springs) behind First Mesa. At this point, the design is 80% complete. A scoping meeting will be held, when allowable, to update residents of First Mesa. It is projected (however, not exact), that funding will hopefully become available in 2021 or 2022.

- Route 60 (Low Mtn. Road) is still in the discussion stages. The Route 60 project, should it come to fruition, will need outside funding resources (federal, state, or county) because of the projected cost, which is between \$30 to \$32 million.

Other HTC Session legislative business: Action Items acted on during the week of June 22:

Action Item #023-2020: APPROVED by HTC, directs various Hopi Tribal entities to address the meth problem in Villages.

Action Item #038-2020: APPROVED by HTC to enter into a contract with Walker & Armstrong for FY2019 Accounting Services

Action Item #041-2020: APPROVED by HTC to issue a Lease for a Cell One LTE tower (Lower Moencopi)

Action Item #044-2020: APPROVED Cooperative Agreement between the Hopi Tribe and DNA for FY 2020 legal services.

Action Item #045-2020: APPROVED by the HTC directs the Hopi Tribe Economic Development Corporation to Report and Release Financial Information.

Action Item #047-2020: APPROVED by HTC to issue a Development Permit for residential use, HTHA. (Bacavi)

Action Item #051-2020: APPROVED by the HTC to create a Hopi CARES Act Committee to address the CARES Act funds to be expended by Dec. 30, 2020.

Action Item #057-2020: TABLED by HTC to hire McCabe Consulting firm to assist the Hopi Tribe with CARES Act funding.

Everyone PLEASE BE SAFE.

Respectfully submitted,

Wallace Youvella, Jr.

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 Hopi Tribal Council Representatives Report

Report By: Dale Siquah , FMCV Council Representative

Action Item, authored by Dale Siquah to Award Consulting Contract to McCabe CPA & Consulting Group, LLC to manage Hopi CARES Act Fund Expenditure Plan

In response to the coronavirus pandemic, the Federal Government on March 27, enacted the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) PL 116-136, from which the Hopi Tribe received approximately \$89.0 million (60% of its first allocation) through the Coronavirus Relief Fund (Title V CRF).

The Hopi Tribal Council (HTC) approved acceptance of the Award, and through Resolution H-032-2020, also approved a Hopi CARES Act Committee to create a Budget, a Budget Justification and Budget Appropriations Language for use of the Funds. The Committee was also given directive to ensure accountability for the purpose and use of the CARES funding in accordance with Federal restrictions and Hopi Tribal Policies.

The Council has held many sessions and discussions on

establishing budget priorities of how to expand the funds and budget amounts. These discussions prompted First Mesa Council Representative Dale Siquah, to submit Action Item # 057-2020 to the HTC to offer a Sole Source contract to McCabe CPA & Consulting Group, LLC, with oversight by the Hopi Tribal Council's CARES Act Task Team, to help carry out and manage the Fund allocation pursuant to the Hopi Tribe CARES Act Fund Expenditure Plan.

The Action Item was authored by FMCV Representative Dale Siquah and supported by certain Representatives representing the Villages of Mishongnovi, Sipaulovi, Bacavi, Kykotsmovi and Moenkopi Villages and endorsed by FMCV Council Rep. Wallace Youvella, Sr.

Hopi Land Team Committee Member Report

Due to the emergency pandemic, the Hopi Land Team has not been able to meet regularly but was able to meet via teleconferencing on June 18.

The Land Team addressed Correspondence from a husband and wife interested in purchasing a section of land, located on Hopi Cibola property. The Team discussed the proposal but did not take any action. Research will need to be done and determine what would be in the best interest of the Tribe.

An application for residential and agricultural land assignment on Hopi Partitioned Lands (HPL) was received from a Hopi Tribal member, and briefly discussed by the Land Team. The applicant submitted a request in 2018 and 2019; however, no formal denial or approval has been issued and the Land Team did not take any action at the meeting, since the applicant was unavailable. Another application received was from a Navajo home site; however, the area has been identified as an eagle/prey area.

First Mesa Consolidated Villages Hopi Tribal Council Representatives Report

Report By: Wallace Youvella, Sr., FMCV Council Representative

Request to Approve Charter of Incorporation for Tawa’ovi Development Corporation, to Establish a Federally Chartered Corporation

After several years, and millions of dollars spent, to bring the Tawa’ovi Community to fruition, the Tawa’ovi Community Development Team submitted Action Item 026-2020 to the Hopi Tribal Council (HTC) to approve the Charter of Incorporation for the Tawa’ovi Community Development Corporation (TCDC).

Historically, the Council had approved Resolution H-43-91, creating the “Turquoise Community” area in Hopi Partition Lands by issuance of a Special Use Land Assignment.

Resolution H-055-99 created a master plan for the new Hopi Community, known as the Turquoise Community, near Hardrock, along the Turquoise Trail road, on the Hopi Reservation.

Subsequently, the HTC approved Resolution H-44-2001 adopting a Tawa’ovi Community Master Plan and a Tawa’ovi Community Development Team to oversee implementation of the Community plan and authorized expenditures to finance the Project.

Pursuant to the approval of Resolution H-67-2011, the Council assigned 463.75 acres for the new community development. On 3/19/14 the BIA had issued a Finding of

No Significant Impact (FONSI) after NEPA review.

The Tribal Council in the past disapproved three Action Items for the Tawa’ovi Project:

AI 138-2015, Request for utility Construction Funds, AI 013-2016 to establish a Federal Charter for the TCDC, AI 034-2016 to obtain Tribal Council’s commitment to the Tawa’ovi Project and support the Tiger Grant. At the time, disapproval indicated lack of support and/or commitment for the Tawa’ovi development.

Moving forward, a draft Charter of Incorporation for Tawa’ovi and AI 026-2020 has been submitted to the HTC for review and approval of a Resolution.

The Community Project will need a Hopi business corporation to finance, develop and manage the Tawa’ovi Community. It also requires the Treasurer of the Hopi Tribe to transfer all funding, previously approved by Council, and any balances of the Tawa’ovi Chart of Accounts to the current Tawa’ovi Community Development Corporation.

Action Item #026- authored by Andrew Gashwazra on behalf of the Tawa’ovi Community Development Team.

10 things to manage COVID-19 symptoms at home

1. Stay home from work and school and away from other public places. If you must go out, avoid sharing rides.
2. Monitor symptoms carefully. If your symptoms get worse, call the Health Care.
3. Get rest and stay hydrated.
4. If you have a medical appointment, call the healthcare ahead of time and tell them you may have COVID-19.
5. For emergencies, call 911
6. Cover your cough and sneezes.
7. Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or clean hands with hand sanitizer that contains 60% alcohol.
8. Isolate in a room away from others. Use separate bathroom, if available. If around others, wear facemask
9. Avoid sharing personal items: dishes, towels, bedding.
10. Clean counters, tabletops, door-knobs, etc. with disinfectant.

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
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Letter to Editor

Dear Editor,

I would like to acknowledge and thank First Mesa Consolidated Villages Administrator Ivan Sidney, Sr., and staff for always stepping up and checking on us and seeing to it that food and cleaning supplies are met. We at Tewa Village on First Mesa greatly appreciate it.

Mrs. Judy Youvella, resident of Sichomovi Village also checks on us periodically to just say hello and see that everyone is okay. This contact shows that someone cares about our community members.

Thank you also goes to Pastor Lim from First Mesa Baptist Church, St. Mary's Food Bank, LDS Church, and others who have contributed food and supplies to us.

We truly appreciate these concerns and support during this "stay-at-home" order.

/S/
Evangeline Nuvayestewa
Tewa Village

Quarantine vs Isolation

QUARANTINE– Someone who comes in Contact with a person with the virus, is required to stay away from others for at least 14 days after last contact.

ISOLATION- Someone who Tested Positive for the virus, is required to stay away from others, even in their own home and take all safety/sanitary measures.

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Hopi Tribal Government Shutdown Extended through July 31

The Hopi Chairman, Vice Chairman and Executive Director, issued a memo on June 30 to all Tribal Employees, informing them of an Extension to the Tribal Government Shutdown through July 31.

“The Hopi Health Care Center has made data available to the Hopi Tribe that reflects COVID-19 cases in Hopi villages have

significantly and steadily increased. This community spread of the COVID-19 virus continues to present an immediate threat to the health and safety of the general Hopi public, including our government workforce.”

“Extension of the Tribal Government Shutdown is necessary to contain the community spread through

increased isolation and quarantine support, public health awareness and education, ongoing case tracking and monitoring and other mitigation matters.

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.

Kiva Institute Offers Webinars on CARES Act Funding

In response to numerous requests and inquiries about the “CARES Act Overview”, Kiva Institute hosted a *free* webinar on July 3, focusing on Title V of the CARES Act, as it relates to special funding set-aside for Tribes.

KIVA has another, more detailed webinar, called “Managing CARES Act Title Awards: Administration, Compliance, Enforcement” that it offers for a fee.

This webinar will provide detailed information on US Treasury rules, OMB Exceptions to Uniform Administrative Requirements, Audit Compliance Requirements; and suggestions on Accounting for CARES

Act Funds.

“The federal government is in the process of developing specific rules on accounting for the CRF, reporting and special audit requirements,” said Ben Nuvamsa, President/CEO of Kiva Institute, LLC. “Already, a special Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number has been assigned, so expect that there will be federal oversight and monitoring. We have amassed quite a library of CARES Act information and expanded our knowledge of this Act.”

For information on arranging a special webinar, call 1-866-202-5482(KIVA) or by email: info@kivainstitute.com

**Hopi COVID-19 Reported Cases by Hopi Health Care Center Cases*
July 2, 2020**

	Number Tested Today	Cumulative Number Positive	Cumulative Number Negative	Total Number in Process	Total Tested
	82	309**	2,114	32	2,508

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 July 2, 2020	Reported by HHCC	Reported by Tuba City Regional Healthcare Corporation	Total
Kiqötsmovi	7	2	9
Orayvi	7		7
Polacca (Walpi-Sitsom'ovi-Tewa)	108	1	109+
Musangnuvi	4		4
Supawlavi	14		14+
Söngoopavi	62		62
Yuwelu-paki	5		5
Paaqavi	2		2
Hotvela	7	3	10
Keams Canyon	8	1	9
Upper Munqapi		7	7
Lower Munqapi		9	9
Phoenix	1		1
Winslow	4		4
TOTAL	229	23	252

Hopi Arsenic Mitigation Project Environmental Assessment On-Line Public Information Meeting Tuesday, July 14 3pm-5pm

To participate in this public meeting, see computer log-in and telephone call-in instructions

Purpose: The Indian Health Service (IHS) and Hopi Tribe propose to develop the Hopi Arsenic Mitigation Project (HAMP) that will improve the quality of the water supplied to the Hopi Villages at First Mesa and Second Mesa by providing water that is naturally low in arsenic and meets other US Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) water quality standards. The purpose of the HAMP is to provide drinking water to the First and Second Mesa regions that meets the USEPA's 10 parts per billion (PPB) arsenic standard. Water systems in the Hopi Reservation's First and Second Mesa regions do not meet the USEPA's 10 ppb arsenic standard. Arsenic concentrations in this area range from 15ppb to 40ppb.

Meeting Overview and Agenda: Due to COVID-19 restrictions, this public meeting will be held on-line; however, you can participate by phone. Project Team Members will discuss the HAMP project and environmental assessment (EA). Introductions will begin at 3pm followed by a presentation at 3:10pm with questions and comments at 4:00pm. To participate in this public meeting, see attached computer log-in or telephone call-in instructions. For more information, send an email to eric.johnson@nv5.com or call Eric Johnson at (505) 898-8848.

ADA: To request Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) related accommodations for the meeting, contact Eric Johnson at 505-898-8848 or at eric.johnson@nv5.com at least three days before the meeting.

Background: In 2012, the IHS prepared a Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) that described the HAMP. The PER described the current water situation, analyzed alternatives and recommended a preferred alternative. Information from the PER was incorporated into the original EA that was issued in August, 2014. The EA described HAMP alternatives, affected environment, and anticipated environmental impacts. Since publication of the August, 2014 EA, IHS Eastern Arizona District Office engineering staff, in consultation with the Hopi Tribe, reviewed the Inverted-Y layout proposed for the HAMP based on hydraulic, economic, constructability and cultural considerations. The review determined that construction and operational pumping cost concerns could be addressed through alternative pipeline routing designs. The IHS Eastern Arizona District Office prepared a HAMP 10% Design Update Summary Report that presented and evaluated the following three alternatives: Inverted-Y, J-Hook, and Hybrid. The report compared the three alternatives and recommended the Hybrid Alternative. The Hybrid Alternative is a variation of the Inverted-Y alternative (Revised Alternative A) discussed in the 2014 EA.

IHS prepared an amended EA this year. Environmental impacts of the Hybrid Alternative and No Action Alternative are evaluated in this amended EA. Biological and cultural resource field surveys were conducted within the revised project area. Information on existing environmental conditions was collected and impacts evaluated.

HAMP Public Meeting

Log-in: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/891528829>

Call-in: 1-872-240-3412 Access Code: 891 528 829