



Yavapai-Apache Nation
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YAVAPAI-APACHE NATION

JUNE/JULY 2022 Newsletter

HISTORIC TRIBAL LAND ACQUISITION AGREEMENT



After several years of dedicated negotiations, the Town of Camp Verde, Arizona and the Yavapai-Apache Nation have reached a historic agreement to support the return of a small part of the Nation's ancestral lands located within the municipal boundaries of the Town of Camp Verde to the Nation.

Under the terms of the Agreement approved on June 16, 2022 by the governing councils for both the Town

and the Nation, U.S. Forest Service lands identified in the Agreement – if successfully exchanged with the Forest Service in the future – can be added to the Nation's existing reservation with the full support of the Town. The Agreement also cements the Nation's support for the Town's potential acquisition of up to 40 acres of land along General Crook Road to develop new public safety facilities to improve emergency response times.

"This Agreement reflects years of work by the Yavapai-Apache Nation and the Town of Camp Verde," says Jon Huey, Chairman of the Yavapai-Apache Nation. "Most of these lands in this Agreement were once part of our original reservation that was established in 1871 by President Grant," says Huey. "Having the opportunity to see a small part of these lands returned to us, and with the full cooperation of the Town of Camp Verde, is an amazing opportunity for the Nation, the Town, and the entire region."

Under the Agreement, the Town would receive retail sales tax revenue generated from future non-tribal developments on the lands added to the Nation's reservation. The Agreement also designates approximately 1,200 acres of Forest Service lands located at the intersection of Interstates-17 and the 260 Highway as the "Yavapai-Apache - Camp Verde Economic Development Corridor" for commercial development purposes, with the Nation agreeing to collect and pay 1% in retail sales to the Town from the Nation's future commercial developments in the corridor.

The Agreement also formalizes a process for continued cooperation between the Nation and Town on future development projects and makes clear that existing roads, utility, and other easements will be maintained on any lands added to the Nation's reservation to preserve historic access in the region.

COVID-19 RENTAL/UTILITY ASSISTANCE ENDING

The Covid-19 Rental/Utility Assistance Program is ending on **September 30, 2022**. Please submit your final application no later than **Friday, September 16, 2022**. Rent payments will be paid through September 2022 and utility payments will be paid through August 2022. September utility bills will not be eligible for payment. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Denese Montijo at Social Services at **928-649-7100** or by email dmontijo@yan-tribe.org.

GENERAL ELECTION INFORMATION



The 2022 General Election for Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Council Member is coming up on **September 17, 2022** at the following locations:

- Middle Verde – Social Services Building
- Clarkdale – Senior Center Building
- Camp Verde – Utility Authority Building (Old YANTH Building)
- Tunlii – Housing Authority

Please contact **928-567-1078** with any General Election questions.

ACTIVE RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions passed by Tribal Council in response to the Coronavirus (COVID-19):

- 50-20 Adopting Emergency Council Procedures During Coronavirus (COVID-19) Outbreak
- 60-20 Declaring a State of Emergency Due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Outbreak Authorizes the Executive Offices of the Chairman and Vice-Chairwoman (the "Executive") to coordinate emergency and disaster relief and seek assistance from federal, state, other tribal governments, and local and private agencies to address the public health emergency created by the Coronavirus.
- 95-20 Approving a Reopening of the Cliff Castle Casino and Hotel Under a Reopening Operations Plan and Requiring Implementation of Ongoing Coronavirus (COVID-19) Public Safety Measures
Approval to re-open Cliff Castle Casino Hotel on June 1, 2020 at 10am with safety measures implemented.
- 104-21 Adopting the revised Yavapai-Apache Nation COVID-19 Workplace Safety Policy, the Yavapai-Apache Nation Subordinate Economic Organization (SEO) COVID-19 Workplace Safety Plan, and the Yavapai-Apache Nation COVID-19 Safety Policy for Committees, Commissions, and Boards
Reduce face-to-face business where feasible. Employees who are not fully vaccinated must wear a mask when they are within 6 feet of other persons, unless there is a plexiglass partition between the employee and other persons. Employees must also ask their clients, vendors, and customers who are not fully vaccinated to wear a mask if they are within 6 feet of other persons.
- 98-21 Rescinding Tribal Council Resolutions Nos. 70-20, 84-20, and 214-20
The stay-at-home order, closure of the Yavapai-Apache Nation Reservation Lands, and the curfew are lifted, as well as the restrictions on social events within the Nation's Lands. The YAN COVID-19 Workplace Safety Policy, the YAN COVID-19 Safety Policy for Committees, Commissions, and Boards, and the YAN Subordinate Economic Organization Workplace Safety Policy remain in effect.
- 141-21 Revisions to the Yavapai-Apache Nation COVID-19 Workplace Safety Policy, Subordinate Economic Organization (SEO) COVID-19 Workplace Safety Policy, and COVID-19 Safety Policy for Tribal Council, Committees, Commissions, and Boards
The Tribal Council has reviewed and approved revisions to the above policies effective immediately except the COVID-19 testing requirement in the Yavapai-Apache Nation COVID-19 Workplace Safety Policy which is effective August 30, 2021.
- 207-21 Amendments to the COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance Program Policy
The COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance Program Policy now reflects Treasury guidance on the allowable uses of the assistance and documentation requirements to verify eligibility for assistance.

MAY/JUNE NEW HIRES AND PROMOTIONS

NEW HIRES

Whitehills Chevron: Albert Pusher (Cashier/Stocker), Melissa Elenes (Cashier/Stocker)
Public Works: Josephine Jackson (Custodian), Dexter Beauty (Road Worker)
Yavapai-Apache Police: Gabidson Boisrond (Police Officer), Kevin Waugh (Police Officer)
Yavapai-Apache Health Clinic: Ruth Preddy (Registered Nurse)
Market Place: Melissa Charley (Cashier/Stocker), Danielle Smith (Cashier/Stocker)
Yavapai-Apache Sand & Rock: Richard Langley (Heavy Equipment Operator)

PROMOTIONS/TRANSFERS

Attorney General's Office: Laurie Wathogoma (Office Manager)
Yavapai-Apache Police: Seth Hatfield (Police Officer)

YAVAPAI-APACHE NATION IS HIRING



The Yavapai-Apache Nation is hiring! Current job openings and applications can be found on our website at **yavapai-apache.org/employment**. The Yavapai-Apache Nation offers excellent benefits including: Medical, Dental, Vision, Short Term and Long Term Disability, and Life Insurance. Employees receive 10 days of PTO their first year and 15 days of PTO their second year.

Please email your application and resume (if available) to **churley@yan-tribe.org**.
Questions? Call **928-567-1062**.

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Food Bank	Brandy Gyce	928-649-7125
Tribal Housing	David Schreiner	928-567-7833
Medical Clinic	Trudy Clark	928-451-2005
Yavapai-Apache Police		928-649-7142
Camp Verde Dispatch	If unable to reach YAPD	928-554-8370
Senior Program	Bernadette Williams	928-451-4102

For our complete Contact List, please visit our website **yavapai-apache.org**.