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Hopi Tutuveni Staff and Editorial Board wishes all a very happy and fulfilled 2025!

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HOPI TRIBAL COUNCIL

4th Quarter Session

MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2024

AGENDA – AMENDMENT #1 RE-PUBLICATION

Hopi Tutuveni Managing Editor’s Note at January 2, 2025: Hopi Tutuveni has been contacted by readers inquiring about any updated Hopi Tribal Council Agendaa. Hopi Tutuveni staff has encouraged readers to contact the Hopi Tribal Secretary’s Office at 928-734-3131 and their Hopi Tribal Council Representatives to express the need for the public information to be shared with the one and only Hopi Tribal newspaper.

As of late November 2024, for the sake of transparency and democracy, Hopi Tutuveni has requested updated Hopi Tribal Council Agendas and lists of new HTC Representatives directly from Dwayne Secakuku, newly appointed Secretary and his staff, and on three separate occasions.

The requests for the public information have gone unanswered with no apparent reasons listed for not providing updated information about actions being taken by the Hopi Tribal Council, which impacts all Hopi Tribal members, the public and employees residing on the Hopi reservation and its lands held in trust, as of January 2, 2025.

Therefore, the following is the last received Agenda and information about actions presented, heard and acted upon by Hopi Tribal Council in late 2024.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. CERTIFICATIONS OF COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

1. **Oath of Office** – Maude Yoyhoeoma, Tribal Council Representative, Village of Sipaulovi

III. ROLL CALL

IV. INVOCATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS / RECOGNITION OF DIGNITARIES OR GUESTS

VI. CORRESPONDENCE

VII. CALENDAR PLANNING

1. Land Commission
2. Water/Energy Committee
3. Transportation Committee
4. Law & Order Committee
5. Investment Committee
6. Health/Education Committee
7. Hopi Gaming Committee

VIII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

IX. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

XI. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Discussion & Possible Action** – Letter dated September 24, 2024 RE: Council Appointment to the Hopi Benefits Committee. From Jim Davis, Finance Director **Tabled to December 1, 2024**
2. **Action Item #059-2024** – to modify Ordinance #36 Education Code. Author Fred Lomayesva, General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel **Time Certain - November 26, 2024 @ 9:00 a.m.**
3. **Action Item #062-2024** – to rescind partially H-057-2022 Orayvi Well 3-phase power to replace HUC and pass through the money directly to the Village of Orayvi. Author Sarah Abney, Water Re

sources Manager - **Approved on November 6, 2024**

4. **Action Item #063-2024** – to approve Resolution in support for the protection of cultural resources and sacred sites on public lands for the Great Sage Plain and “The Lands Between” – Author/Alfred Lomaquahu, Registrar, Hopi Elections Office **Approved on November 6, 2024**
5. **Action Item #066-2024** – to join the Avi Kwa Ame National Monument Advisory Committee – Stewart B. Koyiyumptewa, Historical Preservation Officer, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, Office of the Chairman
6. **Action Item #067-2024** – to approve a Lease of Real Property with Verizon Wireless – Author/LeRoy N. Shingoitewa, Tribal Council Representative, Hopi Tribe - **Request OGC & Representatives from Realty and HTI to be present.**
• **Tabled on Nov. 6, 2024- Rescheduled with time certain for November 25, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.**
7. **Action Item #068-2024** - to approve an Amendment to the OGC’s Budget - Author/Fred Lomayesva, General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel **AI Withdrawn by General Counsel Fred Lomayesva**
8. **Action Item #069-2024** - to approve applicants for membership in the Hopi Tribe - Author/LouEllen Nutumya, Enrollment Coordinator, Hopi Tribe Enrollment Office **Approved November 5, 2024**
9. **Action Item #070-2024** - to accept award for grant PLAZFVPS from the Department of Health and Human Services for the next five years - Author/Theron Honyumptewa, Victim Advocate Interim Director, Hopi Domestic Violence Office **Program to Amend Action Item & resubmit**
10. **Action Item #073-2024** - to approve engineering consultant, ARDURRA, to enter into a contract with the Hopi Tribe to perform construction management services on Project No. HIR 2(12)-Kachina Point Road-Phase 1 for the Hopi Department of Transportation - Author/Leonard Scott, Civil Engineer Technician, Hopi Department of Transportation **AI - Withdrawn**
11. **Action Item #074-2024** - to withdraw the Village of Mishongnovi’s carry over funds for the years 2005-2020 - Author/Malinda Andrews, Chairperson, Village of Mishongnovi Board of Directors **Approved Nov. 5, 2024**
12. **Added - Action Item #076-2024** - to authorize up to \$25 million for land acquisition pursuant 1996 Settlement Act - Author Leroy Shingoitewa, Water/Energy Chairman and HTC Representative, UVM - **Approved on Nov. 7, 2024**
13. **Action Item #077-2024** - to request for Special Revolving Account for Water Resources Program - Author/Carrie Joseph
14. Moenkopi Day School, Basic Financial Statement and Single Audit Reports, Year ended June 30, 2023 - Steven Toglia, CSA Moenkopi Day School - **Request to present in December 2024**
15. **Presentation:** Research on Native Deaf Communities & ...**Continued pg. 5**



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- Request to Distribute Survey to Hopi Community - Dr. Malanie Mckay-Cody, Assistant Professor, UofA
16. **Presentation:** 2024 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) - Brian Cole, Building Communities & Andrew Gashwazra, Director, OCPED/LIS **Completed - Nov. 6, 2024**
 17. **Discussion & Possible Action** – Letter of Interest for Hopi Election Regular/Alternate member position from Meredith Qotswiswima
Time Certain - November 25, 2024 @ 2:00 p.m.
 18. Letter dated August 7, 2024 RE: Hopi Tribe Pandemic Recovery Committee from Samuel R. Shingoitewa Jr.
 19. **Discussion & Possible Action** - Letter dated August 23, 2024 From Fred Lomayesva, General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel. RE: Memorandum from Virgilyn Talas dated August 16, 2024.
 20. **Discussion & Possible Action** - Email dated August 29, 2024 From Fred Lomayesva, General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel Re: ANDREWS NA AND LETTER 8.29.2024.
 21. **Discussion & Possible Action** - Letter dated September 18, 2024 RE: Letter of interest in serving on the Hopi Elections Committee. From Timothy Randolph - Chairman Nuvangyaoma **Time Certain - November 25, 2024 @ 2:30 p.m.**
 22. **Discussion & Possible Action** - Email dated September 25, 2024 From Fred Lomayesva, General Counsel RE: Justice Sekaquaptewa, Notice of Disclosure
 23. **Discussion & Possible Action** - Letter dated September 30, 2024 From Wendell Honanie Sr., Kykotsmovi Tribal Representative RE: Resignation from the Pro Tem Designation - Hopi Tribal Council **Completed**
 24. **Discussion & Possible Action - Letter dated October 14, 2024** RE: Suspension of Vice Chairman Craig Andrews and Councilman Norman Honanie. From Leroy Shingoitewa, Upper Village of Moenkopi HTC Representative
 25. **Discussion & Possible Action** - Letter dated October 23, 2024 RE: Solid Waste Program bill and other matters. From Dale Siquah, FMCV/HTC Representative
 26. **Letter dated October 4, 2024** - Request fro Time Certain Date with Hopi Tribal Council. From Eugene Talas, Chairperson, BOT - HTC proposed time certain for October 23, 2024 - 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. - **2nd Request received for November 4, 2024 time certain - Completed on Nov. 4, 2024**
 27. **Discussion & Possible Action** - Letters from Angeline Joseph dated October 3, 2024 RE: Grievance & Discharge with no due process.
 28. **Discussion & Possible Action** - Letter dated October 15, 2024 from Wilber Kay, Village Administrator, FMCV RE: Request for copy of HUC’s approval to construct HAMP and BIA water lines within ADOT’s Rights-of-way. - Dale Siquah
 29. **Discussion & Possible Action** - Letter dated November 1, 2024 from Selwyn Sekaquaptewa, Water Utility General Manager, HUC RE: Village wholesale Water Agreements Presentation- Selwyn Sekaquaptewa
 30. **Discussion & Possible Action** - Letter dated October 24, 2024 from Todd Honyoama Sr.’s request for a Public Forum on Ordinance 36 - Chairman Nuvangyaoma
 31. Letter of Interest for Hopi Tribal Secretary dated October 30, 2024 from Lamar Keevama- Interview Time Certain for November 25, 2024@ 1:00 p.m.
 32. Letter of Interest for Hopi Tribal Secretary dated November 8, 2024 from Dwayne Secakuku - Interview Time Certain for November 25, 2024@ 1:30 p.m.

XII. REPORTS

1. Office of the Chairman
2. Office of the Vice Chairman
3. Office of Tribal Secretary
4. Office of the Treasurer
5. Office of the General Counsel
6. Land Commission
7. Water/Energy Committee
8. Transportation Committee
9. Law & Order Committee
 - a. Letter dated July 21, 2024 - Timothy NV. Nelson regarding resignation of Hopi Conflict Prosecutor. **Tabled - Pending Report from Law&Order Committee**
10. Investment Committee
11. Health/Education Committee

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

*Hopi Tribal Council may go into Executive Session on any agenda item

****Time Certain Requests**



Hopi Tribe Department of Health and Human Services Covid-19 Emergency Response - **Re-publication**

Submitted By: Joyce Hamilton, Director

Kykostmovi, Ariz. – June 26, 2024 Immunizations are your best defense against severe illness if you are diagnosed with the Flu, RSV and COVID-19. The season of germs and viruses will continue to be amongst us; the best protection to avoid severe illness and sickness is to get updated on your family's immunizations. You may have been hearing family discussing COVID-19 diagnosis being a result of large gatherings within the month of June. Gatherings with family during the summer season is common due to the ceremonial and cultural activities, graduation celebrations, birthday celebrations and planting parties.

The Hopi Health Care Center encourages and recommends the following:

1. Everyone 6 months and older, regardless of current vaccination status, should get an updated COVID-19 vaccine to protect against COVID-19 illness.
2. People with symptoms should still mask and get tested for COVID-19.

3. Those with confirmed or suspected COVID-19 illness should continue to follow current guidelines for isolation including staying home and wearing a mask around others for at least 5 days after their symptoms started or after a positive test if no symptoms.

4. Those exposed to COVID-19 should continue to follow recommendations including wearing a mask around others.

5. People may choose to wear a mask at any time based on personal preference, but may be required in other places by local authorities (i.e., individual villages, businesses, and schools).

Many individuals and family members have deterred from the practice of wiping down frequently touched surfaces and staying home when ill. Get back in the habit of wiping down frequently touched surfaces to eliminate germs to protect family from illness. Most important message is for one to stay home if you have flu like symptoms to avoid getting others ill.

For questions regarding services you may contact the Department of Health and Human Services at Jhamilton@hopi.nsn.us

Hopi Tribe Department of Health and Human Services - 2024 Year in Review

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

By: Joyce Hamilton, Director

Kykotsmovi, Ariz — January 2, 2025, Time flies when you are having fun and enjoying work for the Hopi public in health promotion/disease prevention. The Hopi Tribe Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is made up of programs which offer a variety of programs and services to enhance the quality of life, a better understanding of preventable diseases and to assist with lifestyle changes for a healthier life.

The Hopi Tribe DHHS **Hopi Medical Transportation Program** has provided safe transportation to health care facilities; over 4,254 riders in the first three quarters of the year. The need for medical transportation keeps the drivers on their feet to ensure they meet appointment times for patients.

The **Hopi Community Health Representatives (CHR)** kept busy with their home visits to clients in areas of health screenings. CHRs are assigned to each village from Moencopi to Spider Mound and Winslow, Ariz. to offer home visiting for clients interested in CHR services; services include health screening of blood pressure, blood sugar and health education. CHR services is open to any community member who is in need of in-person home visits. The CHR program was successful in reaching over 300 individuals in July at the Wellness Day held in Kykotsmovi for the public. This day provided an opportunity to connect with health resources available in the surrounding area and the National CHR Director, Michelle Archuletta, was in attendance and addressed those in attendance and acknowledge the work of the CHR workforce.

The **Hopi Wellness Center/Hopi Veterans Memorial Center** maintained a steady stream of Fitness Center users, 100 Mile Summer Walk/Run Series participation, support at the Hopi Health Care Centers' Diabetes Clinic, Family Fun Nights, Lifestyle Change Program, Hiking Series, Basketball Camp, Running Camp, and pop-up health fairs. Programs are designed to support, educate, encourage and motivate the community to increase healthy behaviors and incorporate physical fitness in activities of daily

living.

The **Office of Public Health Compliance** provided more than 200 members with Food Handlers cards, over a dozen Food Services Sanitation permits and Institutional Environmental Health Surveys which is for the health and safety of food establishments and ensuring safe handling of food. The goal is to educate the public in safe handling of food and ensuring food establishments are in compliance with the U.S. Food & Drug Administration (FDA). The program has a strong partnership and collaboration with the Indian Health Service Office of Environmental Health to perform inspections and surveys. In the works is the revision of Ordinance #12. The purpose of Ordinance #12 is to safeguard public health and assure that food is provided in a safe, unadulterated, and reliably-presented manner on the Hopi Reservation. It is to establish reasonable rules and regulation for the sanitary and safe maintenance and operation of food establishments on the Hopi Reservation.

The **Hopi Women, Infant and Children (WIC) program** has provided food supplemental vouchers to expecting moms and children up to age five. The program has a monthly goal to provide services to 200 women month-to-month. A huge part of the programs goal is to support breastfeeding to mothers by providing education and one-to-one support as breastmilk is healthy for a newborn. Success of the program is supported by Hopi Health Care Center Outpatient Department for prenatal referrals. A satellite clinic is offered in the Moencopi area to support mothers in the upper and lower village.

The **Office of Aging and Adult Services** supports tribal members enrolled in the Arizona Long Term Care Services (ALTCS) with case management. Case Managers keep busy with ALTCS enrolled members by provided home visiting ensuring clients are receiving the care and support by their providers. Services to over 120 members receive support quarterly as well as visits to long term facilities in border towns and the city. Nutritional meals are provided at the Kykotsmovi Nutrition Center and Moencopi Senior Center for the Senior population. Hot meals are provided Monday through

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Thursday and breakfast is served on Friday mornings at both centers.

The **Hopi Cancer Support Services** has been successful in hosting mammography clinics at their Kykostmovi office. A contract between Assured Imaging and the Hopi Cancer Support Services program allows for on-site mammography clinic month-to-month. Partnership with Indian Health Services for referrals for screening services of cervical cancer screening occurs monthly at the Hopi Health Care Center. The annual Climb the Mesa held in October was a success with almost 200 participants. The annual event generates fiscal support to aid and support cancer patients traveling to off reservation clinics for medical appointments.

Make it a goal to tap into services offered by the Hopi Tribe Department of Health and Human Services programs. Your health is your greatest wealth and by committing to making behavioral and lifestyle changes you will feel more energized, increase your self-esteem, add years to your life and deter chronic health conditions. Make this your year to be selfish with your time by adding exercise to your daily routine, encourage family and friends to join you in your health journey.

Contact the Hopi Department of Health and Human Services at (928)734-3402 if you have questions about any of the services offered.

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PAID PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

IN THE HOPI CHILDREN'S COURT, HOPI JURISDICTION
KEAMS CANYON, ARIZONA

IN THE MATTER OF:)	
D. M.)	Case No. 2020-CC-0023
DOB: 04/09/2010)	
Minor Child,)	NOTICE BY PUBLICATION OF FILING OF PETITION FOR PERMANENT GUARDIANSHIP; AND NOTICE OF INITIAL APPEARANCE-PERMANENT GUARDIANSHIP HEARING
The Hopi Tribe, and)	
Hopi Tribe Social Services Department,)	
Petitioners,)	
AND CONCERNING:)	
Sharon Mansfield,)	
Parent/Respondent.)	

THE HOPI TRIBE TO SHARON MANSFIELD, BIOLOGICAL PARENT OF THE ABOVE-NAMED MINOR CHILD:

PETITIONER, THE HOPI TRIBE, has filed, pursuant to the Hopi Children's Code, Chapter IV § B, a Petition for Permanent Guardianship of D.M., a Minor Child, to adjudge the minor child in need of permanent stability.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that said Petition for Permanent Guardianship is set for **Initial Appearance-Petition for Permanent Guardianship Hearing on the 16th day of January 2025, at 01:30 p.m. (MST)** in the Hopi Children's Court, Courtroom II, Keams Canyon, Arizona 86034; for the purpose of determining whether said parent contests the allegations contained in the Petition and to provide testimony.

A COPY OF THE PETITION may be obtained by submitting a request in writing to the Office of the Hopi Prosecutor, PO Box 306, Keams Canyon, Arizona 86034; by telephone at (928) 738-2245 or 738-2246; or by fax at (928) 738-2203.

FAILURE TO APPEAR at the **Initial Appearance-Permanent Guardianship Hearing** or to otherwise notify the Court in writing of good cause for inability to appear prior to the date of the hearing will result in default being entered against the Parent. This means that the Parent's rights to legal and physical custody of the child may be vested with the Hopi Tribe Social Services Department.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 04 day of December 2024.

HOPI CHILDREN'S COURT

Carol Dvach
Chief/Deputy Court Clerk
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Keams Canyon, Arizona 86034
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HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR

MESSAGE FROM THE HOPI WELLNESS CENTER

By: **Andrea Siow - Andrea Siow, Physical Fitness Coordinator - Hopi Wellness Center**

Kykotsmovi, Ariz. – January 2, 2025 As we begin a new year, we are presented with the perfect opportunity to embrace growth, health, and prosperity. This is a time to set our intentions and take meaningful steps toward creating the lives we want for ourselves and our families.

At the heart of this transformation lies two powerful tools: education and fitness.

Education is the key to unlocking opportunities, gaining new skills, and expanding your horizons. Whether it's learning something new, pursuing a degree, or simply reading more on health & wellness. Investing in your mind will pay off in ways you can't yet imagine.

Fitness is just as essential. Taking care of your body through regular physical activity not only improves your physical health, but also strengthens your mental well-being. It can give you the energy and resilience you need to tackle life's challenges with confidence.

Together, these two priorities can help you build a foundation for a brighter, healthier, and more successful future.

We encourage you to reflect on how you can incorporate these practices into your life this year. Start small if you need to: take a daily walk, set aside time to learn something new, or set a simple goal to work toward. Each step, no matter how small, is a step in the right direction.

QUOTES TO INSPIRE YOU!

As you embark on this journey, here are some words to guide and motivate you:

1. Do something today that your future self will thank you for.
2. Let your past make you better, not bitter. Don't give your past the power to define your future.
3. You will never regret being kind.
4. Old ways won't open new doors—nothing changes if nothing changes!
5. If it's important to you, you'll find a way. If not, you'll find an excuse.
6. What you focus on, grows!

Let these quotes be your guiding light as you strive for greatness this year. We believe in you and your ability to achieve amazing things in 2025. Let's make this year one of health, growth, and prosperity!

With encouragement -Hopi Wellness Center Team

United States and Arizona File to Effect Transfer of Land to Be Held in Trust for the Hopi Tribe

Filing is First of Anticipated Series to Ultimately Transfer 110,000 Acres

PRESS RELEASE

By: Office of Public Affairs - ENRED Land Acquisition Section

Washington, DC. - December 20, 2024 The Justice Department, the Department of the Interior (DOI), the State of Arizona and the Hopi Tribe today announced the filing of a “friendly condemnation” to effect the historic transfer of more than 20,000 acres of land from Arizona to the United States to be held in trust for the Hopi Tribe. Upon the deposit by the Hopi Tribe of \$3.9 million, which serves as an estimate of just compensation for the benefit of the State of Arizona, into the Registry of the U.S. District Court for the District of Arizona, these lands will be owned by the United States and then immediately placed into trust for the Hopi Tribe. The lands being transferred are interspersed with Hopi-owned lands and have long been leased to the Hopi Tribe for ranching purposes.

This is the first of an anticipated series of condemnation actions to ultimately transfer approximately 110,000 acres from Arizona to the United States in trust for the Hopi Tribe. As with subsequent actions, today’s condemnation is filed with the concurrence of Arizona and authorized by the Navajo-Hopi Land Dispute Settlement Act of 1996, which ratified a 1995 resolution to a long-running land dispute in northeastern Arizona between the Hopi Tribe, the Navajo Tribe and the United States. When the title is transferred to the United States, DOI will take the lands into trust for the Hopi Tribe.

“Today’s filing starts the process of eliminating the interspersed ownership that characterizes much of the lands the Hopi Tribe uses for ranching in northeast Arizona, as was envisioned by the Settlement Act of 1996,” said Assistant Attorney General Todd Kim of the Justice Department’s Environment and Natural Resources Division (ENRD). “Arizona will receive just compensation for the land, and the Hopi Tribe will no longer have to deal with checkerboarded ownership, which will help improve its use for ranching and other agriculture activities.”

“Today’s filing could initiate historic transfer of more than 20,000 acres back into Hopi Tribe ownership, a first step in the process to transfer an overall 110,000 acres into trust for the Tribes,” said Solicitor Bob Anderson of the Department of the Interior. “All parties stand to benefit, as the State of Arizona will receive just compensation and the Hopi Tribe will take on cohesive ownership across lands that hold sacred and economic significance and will support ranching and agricultural activities of their communities.”

“After nearly three decades of the Hopi fighting for their rights, I’m proud to enter into this historic agreement,” said Arizona Governor Katie Hobbs. “Every Arizonan should have an opportunity to thrive and a space to call home, and this agreement takes us one step closer to making those Arizona values a reality. While politicians of the past refused to hear the voices of tribal communities in our state, I’m so glad to work side-by-side with them as we build a state that gives every family opportunity. I look forward to continued partnership with Chairman Nuvangyaoma and the 22 tribal governments across our state.”

“Today is not only a historic day, it is also a day of celebration for the Hopi Tribe. The 1996 Hopi-Navajo Land Settlement Act is being fulfilled; the Hopi Tribe signed the settlement with the United States 30 years ago,” said Chairman Timothy L. Nuvangyaoma of the Hopi Tribe. “I am grateful to everyone who worked on making this a reality; I want to acknowledge the hard-working staff at the Governor’s office, the Arizona State Land Commission, the Department of the Interior and the Department of Justice. A special thank you to Governor Hobbs, Secretary Haaland and Commissioner Sahid for their leadership, collaboration and dedication to this effort. Within Hopi, it is our time of the Soy’ang ceremony — the start of the New Year and the revitalization of life. It is fitting that this historic moment coincides with such an important time.”

The acquisition includes all appurtenant water and mineral rights owned by Arizona. However, it is subject to, and will not affect, existing easements and rights of way for public highways and utilities and similar encumbrances.

Attorneys from ENRD’s Land Acquisition Section are handling the matter.



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Press releases must be submitted on official letterhead and include the name of the organization, contact person, telephone number and email address. Press releases should not exceed 500 words and submissions may be edited for length and clarity at the discretion of the Managing Editor.

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CIRCULATION

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Opinion Editorial

To The Editor:

This article is written to the Hopi/Tewa Senom concerning several horror stories circulating within our own backyards. These stories relate to corruption and dysfunctional government operations at the Hopi Tribal Government level.

On October 10, 2024, Ms. Nada Talayumtewa called a village meeting to seek answers to her letters written to the Kykotsmovi Village administration and its governing board.

Apparently a Kykotsmovi Village Council Representative has been alleged to have engaged in sexual harassment misconduct and placed on suspension with pay, pending an outcome of the investigation. While suspended, he returned to attend Tribal Council meetings to achieve a quorum of the Council.

It had been made clear, that the alleged suspect and the victim are both elected Hopi Tribal Council Representatives. Common sense indicates that the alleged suspect must immediately separate himself from his victim until an investigation is completed, allowing the process to take its course. A person alleged of a crime is innocent until proven guilty.

During the village meeting, Kykotsmovi members heard from its Council Representative and village members. A majority acknowledged that sexual harassment is "KaHopi". It is clear that the recent alleged sexual harassment misconduct had many members angry and caused embarrassment to our village and the Hopi/Tewa Senom. This type of disrespect for women will not be tolerated.

The current Vice Chairman is also to have alleged in sexual misconduct as well. Letters dated October 9, 2024, written to the Hopi Tribal Council by the Chairman and Vice Chairman is only propaganda to attempt to manipulate their actions. Telling the Council they did not do anything wrong. We know the Chairman and Vice Chairman have limited support from dictators and instigators of the Council.

The damage has been done when politicians abuse their power and oath of office. It is alarming to hear the Chairman of the Hopi Tribe has been absent from duly called meetings of the Tribal Council due to being sick and unable to perform his duties. Without any leadership, it appears that the Hopi Government has

turned into a big circus creating its own "Days of our Lives."

Remember, the Hopi Tribal Council does not have an approved Code of Conduct to police themselves. We can no longer make a mockery of our multimillion-dollar government.

What the Hopi/Tewa Senom need is good leadership, accountability, good communication skills, commitment and providing reports instead of self-serving.

Pursuant to Article VI - Powers of the Tribal Council, Section 1 (a) "To represent and speak for the Hopi Tribe in all matters for the welfare of the tribe, and to negotiate with the Federal, State, and local governments, and with the councils or governments of other tribes." (I) "To delegate any of the powers of the Council to committees or officers, keeping the right to review any action taken."

By-laws of the Hopi Tribe Article I - DUTIES AND QUALIFICATIONS OF OFFICERS, Section I speaks to the Chairman and Section 2 outlines the Vice Chairman's duties. Both Chairman and Vice Chairman have limited duties, only the Tribal Council can delegate authority under its powers.

It is in the best interest of our Hopi/Tewa Senom that the Chairman of the Hopi Tribe and the Vice Chairman resign from their current positions as elected by the Hopi/Tewa Senom. During the Nuvamsa/Honyaoma Administration both the Chairman and Vice Chairman resigned from office.

Our forefathers and elders have cautioned us that someday our lifestyle will change drastically due to our behavior, greed, power, and control especially disrespecting our values and the Hopi way of life. It is said that these changes will occur either during our time, during your children's time, or their children's time because of the crazy world we're living in.

The bulldozing and destruction of a Hopi Shrine at the Turquoise Well/Tawa'ovi site is a perfect example of money and greed. No one has accepted responsibility.

The current administration has not improved law enforcement services ever since it contracted the program from the BIA several years ago. What a disgrace!

Signed: Phillip R. Qochytewa - January 2, 2025

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT - LIVESTOCK INSPECTIONS

By: Hopi Law Enforcement Services

Kykotsmovi, Ariz. - January 2, 2025 Effective December 30, 2024 Hopi Law Enforcement Service no longer has Police Range Assistants. Any questions, inquiries or concerns regarding but not limited to: Livestock inspections, impoundments, trespass cattle, or cut fence lines may be directed to the Office of Range Management. The direct line to Office of Range Management is (928) 734-3701.

Effective January 5, 2025 ORM will be conducting livestock inspections. Livestock inspections will be held every Wednesday from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM at Hopi Law Enforcement Complex and Hopi Veterinary Clinic. A prepaid brand inspection fee card must be obtained by contacting the Hopi Tribal Treasurers Office at (928) 734-3122. All other requested times for inspections must be completed by appointment. You may contact Veronica Silas at (928) 734-3602 to set up an appointment.

Hopi Tribal Council

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Arthur Batala Ronald Humeyestewa Marilyn Tewa

First Mesa Consolidated Villages

No Representatives Seated



January is National Codependency Awareness Month

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

By: Kristie Kewenvoyouma, HSAPC Mentor

Kykotsmovi, Ariz. – December 31, 2024 The month of January is Codependency Awareness Month. This campaign brings awareness to the unhealthy behaviors that are associated with a codependent relationship, these behaviors can occur in relationships with people suffering from Substance Use Disorder. The HOPI Substance Abuse Prevention Center (HSAPC) would like to bring attention to this topic, as it is one of the areas of Substance Use Disorder that is not always addressed.

“Codependency is a circular relationship in which one person requires the other, who in turn needs to be needed.” – Dr. Exelberg. (National Today, “Codependency Awareness Month.” Accessed Dec. 26, 2024)

Codependency has been linked to trauma during childhood experiences that include abuse and neglect by Caregivers. The Codependent person often suppresses their needs while addressing and trying to appease others’ self-destructive tendencies. This leads the Codependent person to neglect their well-being, leading to feelings of inadequacy, helplessness, low self-esteem, animosity, and a sense of abandonment. A 2018 research review revealed four themes associated with code-

pendent behavior, they included Self-sacrifice, the Tendency to focus on others, the need to control, and Difficulty recognizing and expressing emotion. (Recovery.com, 2023, August 24. Codependency and Addiction: Understand the Relationship and Get Help) These four themes affect all types of relationships not just ones that involve substance abuse and may affect how you relate to yourself. Do you think you have Codependent tendencies? Here are some signs to look out for:

- A deep-seated need for approval from others
 - Self-worth that depends on what others think about you
 - A habit of taking on more work than you can realistically handle, both to earn praise or to lighten a loved one’s burden.
 - Excessive concern about a loved one’s habits or behaviors
 - A mood that reflects how others feel rather than your own emotions
 - Guilt or anxiety when doing something for yourself
 - Doing things, you don’t want to do to make others happy
 - Idealizing partners or other loved ones, often to the point of maintaining relationships that leave you unfulfilled
 - Overwhelming fears of rejection or abandonment
 - Denial
- Some of the ways you can begin treating Codependency are as follows:
- Psychoeducation, which teaches someone with Codepen-

dependency where the behavior stems from, often going back to their childhood and reflecting.

- Cognitive Behavioral Treatment (CBT) helps codependents recognize the traits of their behavior and focuses on the emotions it stems from.
- Cognitive Restructuring
- Drawing Healthy boundaries can restore the dynamics to a healthier relationship.

As grant recipients of Arizona’s Governor’s Office of Youth, Faith, and Family’s/Trauma-informed Substance Abuse Prevention Program (Funds provided through SAMSHA), PIWIC (Prevention and Wellbeing, Improvement Collaborative), and Health First Foundation, the HSAPC mentors have the training and strategies in our services to help you work through the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual healing journey. Our mentors provide one-on-one mentoring services for youth and adults, Lifeskills classes, community presentations, preventative programs for our local schools, and cognitive restructuring for your journey to Recovery. As a part of The Hopi Foundation, a nonprofit organization, all services are free to the community. When you are ready you may contact our HSAPC mentors at 928-734-0300. For additional services call Hopi Behavioral Health Services at 928-737-6300 to schedule an appointment.

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MOENKOPI DEVELOPERS CORPORATION

NOW HIRING

MDC Board of Directors Vacancy

The Moenkopi Developers Corporation (MDC) is a tribally chartered non-profit 501c-3 organization that operates within the boundaries of the Hopi Reservation. The primary objective of the MDC Board of Directors is to enhance community stability and growth through increased employment and business development in the Upper Village of Moenkopi

Minimum Qualification Required: Resume
(3) Professional References
Letter of Interest

Email your resume and application to katrina.s@moenkopidevelopers.com
or mail to P.O. Box 100, Tuba City, AZ 86045
Closing Date: open until filled

