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760-858-1135

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760-858-5103

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760-401-4207

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760-858-1115 -760.858.1126

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760-858-1063

Environmental Department
760-858-1140

Diabetes Department
760-858-4240

Gaming Surveillance
760-858-4045

Head Start
760-858-4918

Health & Wellness
760-858-5426

Housing Department
760-858-4564

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www.chemehuevi.org

Tribal Council
Regular Meeting
Friday April 24, 2026
9:00 a.m.

Annual Meeting
Saturday,
April 25, 2026
9:00 a.m.



Chemehuevi Indian Tribe

Chemehuevi Election Board P.O. Box 2095 Havasu Lake, CA 92363 (760) 858-4219

3/13/2026

To: Chemehuevi Tribal Membership
From: Chemehuevi Election Board

RE: Special Election

The special election for the Chemehuevi Indian Tribe is hereby notified that the Chemehuevi Election Board was in receipt of one (1) nomination petition for the remaining term until April 2028:

1. June Leivas

Per Election Ordinance Section 2.06.030 Candidates SS 2. Nomination for Tribal Council (a)

"If only one nomination petition is submitted for each position for which the election is to be held, the Election Board shall not hold the election, but instead shall declare the candidate(s) who files said petition(s) the winner(s) of the election, but will in such cases where the terms vary, require the candidates to draw straws to determine who will serve the longest term(s)."

Thank you

Posted at the following locations:

Tribal Administration Office
Havasu Lake Post Office
Tribal Housing Office
Published in the Tribal Newsletter

Havasu Landing Casino
Havasu Landing Market
Havasu Landing Admin. Office



Chemehuevi Indian Tribe

PO Box 1976 · Havasu Lake, California 92363 · Phone: (760) 858-4219 · fax: (760) 858-5401

March 24, 2026



To All Chemehuevi Tribal Members
From: Tribal Chairman
Re: Announcement of Annual Membership Meeting

Maikwas, this notice is to announce the 2026 Annual General Membership Meeting & is to take place at the following:

- **Saturday April 25, 2026**
- **9:00 am (PST)**
- **Tribal Gymnasium 1960 Palo Verde Dr. Havasu Lake, CA 92363**

To all who plan to travel to the Reservation, safe travels.

Mawk,
(Thank you)

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Daniel Leivas". The signature is stylized with a large loop at the end.

Daniel Leivas
Chairman of the Chemehuevi Indian Tribe



CHEMEHUEVI INDIAN TRIBE

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enrollment@cit-nsn.gov

website: chemehuevi.org

ATTENTION

MEMORANDUM

To: Chemehuevi Tribal Members
From: Chemehuevi Enrollment Department
Date: 2/10/2026
Subject: Availability of Tribal Identification Cards

Please be advised that the Enrollment Department will not be issuing tribal identification cards at the Annual Membership Meeting on April 24 - 25th, 2026. This is due to Enrollment Department staff fulfilling official duties in service to the Tribal Council.

Tribal identification cards will be available by appointment from April 20 through April 23, 2026, from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm PST.

To ensure timely service, please call the Enrollment Department at (760) 858-4219 to schedule an appointment during the available dates.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Maikwas! My name is Vanessa Tafoya enrollment #713 daughter of Joe Tafoya #184 and great granddaughter of Marie Devilla #158. I grew up here on my reservation till I was 11 years old and my father took me to Carson; CA. I started 5th grade at Stephen White Middle School out there and went through to 12th grade at Carson Senior High School year 2007. I took a year of psychology classes at Harbor College in Harbor City, CA then ventured on to get a job in an accounting position in 2012, which I have carried on in the same field of work to this day. I have 14 years' experience in accounting and a continued open mind for learning more. I came back here to our reservation in 2023 to build a life for my daughter and I. I have been working for our tribal accounting department for 3 years now, working with accounts payable, accounts receivable, payroll, and per capita. Coming back to the homeland and now raising my daughter here is a blessing, I love the feeling of helping our tribe. Living here for 3 years has opened my eyes to amazing things and also things that need change. Some of my concerns involve equal opportunity for the disabled and disabled elderly, we need more of this. Not everyone who is disabled is elderly and that seriously needs to be recognized more. Another main focus of mine is unity and respect. Respect for our land, our people, and our culture. I love to see everyone come together to help with events that benefit one another. I take pride in being engaged in my community and involved with our tribe. I am the chairwomen on the Enrollment Board which I have been a part of for 3 years. I am also the chairwoman on the Education Board which I have been a part of for going on a year this April. I make myself available to give a helping hand and participate where it's needed. I am running for a seat on my tribal council to be heard, not just seen in the meetings in the membership crowd. We all have opinions and certain strengths that deserve to be shown. We need more time spent on the growth and building of our reservation for our present and future generations. Above all we need unity within our membership! If I am appointed to a council seat it would be an honor to help serve with our membership's thoughts and concerns. Thank you for taking the time to read my letter and considering me to help with the leadership of our tribe. It is greatly appreciated.



Mawk Respectfully,

Vanessa Tafoya

Hagaruyu, Chemehuevi Membership,



My name is Isac Ochoa, and I am formally announcing my candidacy for a position on the Tribal Council at the 2026 Annual General Membership Meeting on April 25, 2026.

I am the great-grandson of Margaret Leivas Chavez and the grandson of the late Lydia Ochoa. I am a devoted father of 5 children and proud member of our Tribe. I have resided on our beautiful reservation, Siwa'vaats, for 31 of my 33 years. I was raised learning our culture, language, and songs, and I carry forward the strength of our Nuwuvi customs and traditions. I currently serve as the Community Center Director, where I work closely with our youth and community by creating and implementing cultural, educational, and engaging indoor and outdoor activities. I also represent our Tribe by traveling throughout Southern California to teach cultural activities and games, and I participate in Salt Song ceremonies on the reservation and amongst our 14 Southern Paiute Bands.

Our children are our future—and our culture is our foundation.

I am committed to ensuring our traditions are passed down and that our youth are supported, guided, and given opportunities to succeed.

Growing up on the reservation, I have seen the separation among families and witnessed firsthand the effects of generational trauma and political division. I believe it is time for change. We must come together as one family, support one another, and move forward in unity for the strength of our Tribe.

As a candidate for Tribal Council, my priorities are:

- Strengthening unity among our families
- Supporting and investing in our youth
- Preserving and promoting Nuwuvi culture and traditions
- Being a voice for all membership

I respectfully ask for your vote and your support. I am ready to serve our Tribe with pride, respect, and dedication.

Let's move forward together—as one family.

Mawk,
Isac Ochoa

Maikwas Relatives,

It is an honor to speak from the heart about my commitment to the Chemehuevi Indian Tribe. I am proud to be part of a community that values its culture, its sovereignty, and its future.

I am a wife and mother to five beautiful children. I was born here and raised here until I was in my teens. I returned to raise my family here in Chemehuevi Valley years ago because I wanted my children to learn pride in their culture. Allowing my children to make that connection to their family, community, and land.

I have been employed as Enrollment Clerk since September 2023. A position I enjoy because I can connect to and help all our membership, on and off the reservation. Over the years, I have also worked in various positions throughout our Tribe and its enterprises, including the Casino, Resort, Surveillance and Realty Department.



I always dedicated my time to serving our Tribe through boards, committees and public events. Currently I serve on the Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO) Committee. I have been a vocal opponent against the Cadiz Inc. water project, which would have a devastating effect on ground water and natural springs, harming wildlife in our culturally significant areas. I worked with Native American Land Conservancy (NALC) to pass the Western Joshua Tree Act that protects Joshua Trees from removal due to development. In this historical event, this is the first time California tribes have worked together with California Fish and Wildlife to come to a co-management agreement with a permitting process in place.

As many of you know, I have been serving on Tribal Council for the past few months, stepping up to fulfill responsibilities to you as the membership. During this time, I have worked to listen, learn, and serve with integrity. This experience has strengthened my understanding of the challenges we face and the opportunities ahead. It deepened my commitment to continue serving our people with honesty, accountability, and respect.

I am running for Tribal Council again because I believe in the strength of our community and the importance of leadership that is open, transparent, and responsive. Our tribal government must work for the people (Nūwū). That means clear communication, ethical decision-making, and ensuring that every tribal member has a voice. I will continue to advocate for leadership that listens and acts in the best interest of our community, in line with our cultural values.

I believe strongly in balancing our cultural responsibility with sustainable economic development of our lands. We can pursue growth and opportunity while honoring our traditions and protecting what has been entrusted to us. Developing and updating our land use master plan for the reservation has been a step in the right direction. Thoughtful, responsible development will allow us to provide for our people today without compromising the needs of future generations.

One of my top priorities is economic development. We need to focus on making money for our Tribe in smart, responsible ways. That means creating jobs, planning for housing, supporting tribal businesses, and finding new opportunities that bring revenue back to our community. We cannot rely on limited resources—we must build and grow our own. We must invest in ourselves!

I stand before you not just as a candidate, but as someone who is already committed to serving you. I have stepped in when needed, and I am ready to continue that work with your support. Together, we can strengthen our government, protect our sovereignty, preserve our culture, and build a better future for the Chemehuevi Indian Tribe.

I humbly ask for your vote and your trust. I look forward to serving you in the future. If you want to talk or have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Pikayum punikaimpa

Mawk. (Thank you.)
Arlene King-Escobar #446

arlene.escobar@cit-nsn.gov
Ph: 760-903-6666

56TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING



CIT TRIBAL MEMBER YOUTH 13+ WELCOME IN THE MEETING!

NEEDLES HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS NEEDED
Earn your community service hours for graduation requirements! Sign up with Jasmine Lynch @ Tribal Administration Office.760-284-3791 exec.sec@cit-nsn.gov

Reserve your room at the Casino (760)858-6325



PLEASE RESERVE YOUR ROOM BY APRIL 16TH 2026

The Chemehuevi Indian Tribe is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged property. For more information, contact Tribal Administration at (760)858-4219

Donated Raffle Items Welcomed!!

The Chemehuevi Indian Tribe Operates on CA (Pacific time)

"THIS IS A DRUG AND ALCOHOL FREE EVENT"

ENROLLMENT ID CARD'S WILL ONLY BE AVAILABLE FROM 9:30am -3:30pm APRIL 20TH - APRIL 23RD

FRIDAY APRIL 24TH 2026

Administration building
1990 Palo Verde Dr.
Havasus Lake, CA 92363

**8:00am - 3:30pm
Early Registration**

Tribal Gymnasium
101 Palo Verde Dr.
Havasus Lake, CA 92363

**9:00am
Regular Council meeting**

SATURDAY APRIL 25TH 2026

Realty and Planning Office
1980 Palo Verde Dr.
Havasus Lake, CA 92363

**8:00am - 5:00pm
Voting Polls
(must have identification)**

8:00am Continental Breakfast

8:00am - 2:00pm Registration (must have identification)

9:01am General Membership Meeting Roll Call

12:30pm - 1:30pm Lunch on your own (Vendors welcomed)

5:00pm Dinner (Elders and seniors first, members in attendance of meeting, then all

Head Start Building
1987 Palo Verde Dr.
Havasus Lake, Ca 92363

**9:00am - 4:30am
Activities for child(ren) age 3-4
must be signed in & out by
adult parent/guardian.**

Education Building
1985 Palo Verde Dr.
Havasus Lake, CA 92363

**9:00am - 4:30pm
Activities for child(ren) age 5-6
must be signed in & out by
adult parent/guardian.**

Community Center
1978 Valley mesa rd.
havasus lake, ca 92363

**9:00am - 4:30pm
Activities for child(ren) age 6+
must be signed in & out by adult
parent/guardian.**



56th Annual General Membership Meeting

April 25th
2026

Call For
VENDORS



Food Vendors

CONTACT US:

Mark or Jasmine
(760)858-4219



recp.acct@cit-nsn.gov

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Memo

To: Gaming Commission

From: Cori Merryman

CC: General Manager - Richard Larsen & Vicky Yount

Hotel Director - Veronica Medina, Casino Security & Jessica Alatorre

CFO - David Hare & Casino, IT Kevin Allen & Nick Gordon

Tribal Executives & Casino HLH HLC Board & Casino Cage

Date: April 4, 2026

Re: Chemehuevi Indian Tribe Annual Plinko game in Hotel Lobby

The following event is planned for the CIT annual meeting.

1. **PLINKO:** Hosting on Saturday April 25, 2026 & Sunday April 26, 2026 Plinko days only in Hotel lobby. Hours of participation 10:00am – 10:00pm on both days. No extensions to participate.

Regulations: Tribal Enrollment has provided Richard and Vicky with a Tribal membership list as I requested the list from Tribal enrollment. Richard and Vicky were provided with the list of the Chemehuevi Tribal members who are 21+ to participate in the game. Any Tribal member that is enrolled with valid Tribal member ID and on the list that is provided by Tribal Gaming and is 21+ years of age can participate. As in years past, the game is always played in the Hotel lobby so all Tribal members including those who work for the Casino can participate in the annual event as it is not through Casino Trac or hosted in the Casino are preventing some of the members the ability to participate. The Plinko board will be brought out and on display with different monetary amounts in the Hotel lobby. The Tribal member will go to the Hotel counter as staff will be provided the enrollment list. Each participating Tribal member will have their name highlighted that they participated if they do. One coin will be handed to the Tribal member and dropped into one of the 13 slots at the top and whatever monetary amount it lands on at the bottom of the board, will be the monetary amount issued by money certificate to the Tribal member. The amount will be logged by Hotel staff on the enrollment sheet next to the name that was highlighted that the Tribal member participated. The Tribal members name and enrollment number will be written on the back of the monetary amount certificate and taken to the cage to be redeemed. Once received the cage after issuing the monetary amount. will stamp void on it as to not be used again and for validation that the money was redeemed. After the event I will collect the list of participants from the Hotel staff and provide the General Manager and Gaming with a copy for their records. The list will be matched up with the cage after the last day of the event on Monday to cross compare with the money listed on the highlighted enrollment sheet completed by the Hotel staff. Casino General Manager, David Hare and Gaming will be notified of the final amount. Any unused event Certificate money at closing on Sunday night, will be turned over to Casino Security to secure until Hare, Jessica or I can reclaim the certificate money that is left. There are 6 monetary amounts \$10, \$20, \$30, \$40, \$50, \$100. There will be two stickers for each amount but 3 \$50's will be on the bottom of the Plinko board as there are 13 slots.

BOARDS & COMMITTEES

VACANCIES:

Water Board (1) Vacancy

Health Board (2) Vacancies

HLH/HLC Board (3) Vacancies

Health Board email
health.board@cit-nsn.gov

Tribal Members can submit questions,
comments or concerns.

Interested in serving on one or more
Boards or Committees? (LIMIT 3)

Obtain your application on-line or
contact the Tribal Office
760-284-3781
exec.sec@cit-nsn.gov

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE TURNED IN ON April.15th
BEFORE 12pm NOON.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES Come Apply:

Contact Info,

TO APPLY FOR RESORT OPENINGS CONTACT HR DEPARTMENT @ 760-858-4592
Ext.108

TO APPLY FOR CASINO OPENINGS CONTACT HR DEPARTMENT @ 760-858-4593
Ext. 301

TO APPLY FOR TRIBAL OPENINGS CONTACT TERO OFFICER @ 760-858-5100.



SAVE THE DATE

Missing Murdered
Indigenous People
AWARENESS WALK

WALKING FOR
JUSTICE, HEALING, AND OUR MISSING RELATIVES

MAY

13

2026

MORE DETAILS TO COME

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL
AUTUMN CRAIG 760.284.3929



Health & Wellness Presents



Family Mobility & Motion Night

Please join us for some family fun with stretching, playing music, dancing & good ol' fun!

Tuesday
April 21st
4:30PM - 6PM
@Community
Center

Snacks will be provided to all who participate

Did you know that April is alcohol awareness month? Join & support our challenge to spread awareness about alcohol.

Alcohol - Free April Challenge

30 days no alcohol. Lets highlight this to our community & to the youth by participating

Whether it's for yourself or to support a friend or family member, let's practice wellness together!

Text your name &
"Count Me In"
to 760-302-4076

Open to ALL
of the
community



For more info & questions call/text Gylene
760-302-4076

Chemehuevi Health & Wellness Center
We are here for you

Health & Wellness Center

April 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Questions, Call 760-858-5426			1 Youth GONA 8am-6pm	2 Elder's Gathering 11am	3 Book Club 11:30-12:15pm Relapse Prevention 6:30pm	4
5 AA Meeting Topock @6pm	6 Celebrate Recovery 5:30pm AA Firehouse 5:30pm	7 FMIT Women's Meeting 7pm	8 Talking Circle 9am	9 Art & Alcohol Awareness 4-6pm Comm. Center FMIT CoEd Book Study 7pm	10	11
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26	27 AA Firehouse 5:30pm	28 FMIT Women's Meeting 7pm	29 Talking Circle 9am	30 Art & Alcohol Awareness 4-6pm Comm. Center FMIT CoEd Book Study 7pm	CHR MEDS Mondays & Wednesdays	GAS CARDS Tues & Thurs 8-12pm/1-4pm

TO SCHEDULE A DELIVERY

PLEASE CALL



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**APRIL
17TH**

**ALL DELIVERIES ARE C.O.D OR
PREPAY ONLY**

CHEMEHUEVI COMMUNITY CENTER APRIL ACTIVITIES 2026

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
MONDAY-SATURDAY 10AM - 7PM SNACK @3PM DINNER @5PM FOR QUESTIONS OR INFO CALL 760-858-5103		1. G.O.N.A 8-8PM @GYM T.E.R.O Entrepreneurship 10-4pm	2. DYING EGGS -BUNNY CHALK ART CONTEST W/ED CTR.	3. SETTING UP FOR EASTER & COMMUNITY OUTING	4. COM.CTR EGG HUNT & COMMUNITY OUTING 9 - 5 pm
6. LAKE DAY @NUWUVI PARK -MAKING PIZZAS W/ED CTR.	7. A.S.A.P FAMILY GAME NIGHT 4:30-6pm	8. OPEN GYM 12:30-5:30pm	9. WATER BALLOON BATTLE	10. COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP 8am-12pm	11. FIELD DAY 12-6pm
13. ARTS & CRAFTS -ROCK PAINTING FOR EARTH DAY	14. GAME ROOM	15. OPEN GYM 12:30-5:30pm	16. LIMBO CHALLENGE 4:30-6pm	17. 18+ CORN HOLE TOURNAMENT 5-8pm	18. CAR WASH FUNDRAISER @ COM.CTR 9am-2pm
20. COOKING CLASS WITH VAL AND ELENA	21. ARTS & CRAFTS BOARD GAMES	22. EARTH DAY PLANTING TREES WITH ED. DEPT. & E.P.A	23. SAC RACES 4:00-5pm	24. GAME ROOM	25. ANNUAL MEETING COM.CTR OPEN
27. GAME ROOM	28. BOARD GAMES	29. OPEN GYM 12:30-5:30pm	30. ARCHERY COMPETITION 5-6:30pm	 FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK FOR UPDATES AND FLYERS	

CALENDAR AND EVENTS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

CHEMEHUEVI COMMUNITY CENTER

OPERATING BUSINESS HOURS

MONDAY	10AM-7PM
TUESDAY	10AM-7PM
WEDNESDAY	10AM-7PM
THURSDAY	10AM-7PM
FRIDAY	10AM-7PM
SATURDAY	10:30AM-7PM

SUNDAY'S CLOSED

FOR INFO CALL 760 858 5203 OR 760-858-5103



CHEMURUEVI
COMMUNITY CENTER
WITH EDUCATION CENTER



2026

MONDAY APRIL 6TH

12:30-2:30

NUWUVI PARK

**MUST HAVE SIGNED PERMISSION SLIP
PROPER SWIMMING ATTIRE
A TOWEL AND SHOES**



FOR INFO CALL 760-858-5103 OR 760 858-1063



COMMUNITY CENTER



CORNHOLE

FRIDAY
APRIL 17TH
5-8^{PM}

\$15

BUY IN
BLIND DRAW
DOUBLE ELIMINATION
50% WINNER
50% COM.CTR

@TRIBAL GYMNASIUM

115 PALO VERDE, HAVASU LAKE CA. 92363
FOR INFO OR SIGN UPS 760-858-5103
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



CKEMEKUEVI

COMMUNITY CENTER

CARWASH

FUNDRAISER

\$15
SATURDAY
APRIL 18TH
9AM - 2PM



IN THE COMMUNITY CENTER PARKING LOT

1978 VALLEY MESA, HAVASU LAKE CA. 92363

YOUTH THAT PARTICIPATE WILL EARN 2 ACTIVITY POINT

YOUTH WILL NEED 5 ACTIVITY POINTS TO GO ON END OF SUMMER FIELD TRIP



FOR INFO CALL 760-858-5103



Chemehuevi Diabetes
Department

Lunch & Learn

Topic: Diabetes and Alcohol

By: I.H.S Dietitian Brenda
Bourn & Jean Golding

When: April 21, 2026

Time: 11am-12pm

Where: Chemehuevi
Community Center

Registration is
required by
04/10/2026

Questions? contact Anna Drum-Lynch
760.858.4240



CHEMEHUEVI DIABETES
DEPARTMENT

Healthy Cooking Class



Mesquite lemon/poppy scones

April 28, 2026

10:00 am - 11:00 am

COMMUNITY CENTER

Class size is limited, You must register by April 10, 2026 to participate.

Participants receive a fruit and vegetable voucher to the HLR Market

For more information or to sign up, please call
Anna Drum-Lynch 760.858.4240

**CHEMEHUEVI DIABETES
DEPARTMENT**

**CHEMEHUEVI
AG/FARM**

**JOIN US TO TOUR THE HOOP
HOUSES AND EXPLORE WHAT
WE CAN GROW TOGETHER.**

Bring your seeds or come as you are.



April 15, 2026 at 9:00 AM

featuring Farm Manager
JOSEPH JIMENEZ.



Chemehuevi Department of Housing **NEWSLETTER**

APRIL 2026

**Housing Office hours are 7:30
A.M.—4:00 P.M.
Maintenance Office hours are 6:00
A.M.—2:30 P.M.
Phone: 760-858-4564 Email:
recp.hsg@cit-nsn.gov**

1-4 bedroom homes are soon to be available to low-income Chemehuevi Tribal Members and other Native Americans. Quail Trail 1-2 bedrooms apartments are available for qualified low-income families regardless of race. If interested contact Housing for an application or you can stop by and pick one up. Keep in mind Housing does have waiting lists for both programs. Tribal list posted in the Housing lobby.

FY 2026 INCOME LIMITS DOCUMENTATION SYSTEM FOR CALIFORNIA



2026 Health Fair

Extremely Low Income Limits

1 Person	2 Persons	3 Persons	4 Persons	5 Persons	6 Persons	7 Persons	8 Persons
\$35,900	\$41,000	\$46,100	\$51,250	\$55,350	\$59,450	\$63,550	\$67,650

NOTICE: If you aren't feeling well, please call Housing personnel rather than visiting the office. If you prefer not to visit the Housing office with your payments Chrissy or Housing Administrative employees can process electronic payments with debit or credit cards. Housing Drop-box is also available at the front door.

Senior Information & Assistance

The Department of Aging 7 Adult Services' Senior Information & Assistance Program staff will be available to answer questions and provide information about programs and services available to you!
PLEASE JOIN US! Every 4th Wednesday of the month 10:00 A.M.—12:00 P.M.

PEST CONTROL
Bug Emergency was out to spray March 12th & 26th. Be advised they do spray backyards if gate is unlocked.
NEXT SPRAY
Will be March 9th & 23rd of March 2026.



American Rescue Plan. Project starting soon. Installing 5 more generators for our elders, to complete ARP grant.
HEAP Applications: Care Act Funding available. Housing has received the new 2025 applications. Please contact Housing if you would like an application or if you need any assistance completing the forms. You will need to bring all pages of your current electric bill and propane. Receipt, valid identification, also bring our social security cards for household members and proof of income.

A&B Propane: If you interested in their service, please give Housing Department a call, or you can call them direct @ 928-854-4099. Their next scheduled delivery January 2025. Ferreligas: Is still offering propane, an account must be created first. All deliveries will not be charged taxes or other fees. Please contact Ferreligas directly and let them know you are paying with a credit card or debit card to be considered for an upcoming delivery. To make arrangements, please contact: Katy Rankin, Customer Service Specialist, phone number is 928-445-3940. Her email address is KatyRankin@ferreligas.com



**Chemehuevi Indian Tribe
Code Enforcement
P.O. Box 1976
Havasu Lake Ca. 92363
(760)401-4207
aco@cit-nsn.gov**



Hello Tribal Members,

The weather here is confusing. One week were hitting 105-110 degrees. The next were hitting a high of 80 degrees. I prefer the cooler weather. Which makes for some nice rides to work. Birds churping, humming birds looking for nectar, and the cool breeze across your face.

The new Code Enforcement boat is hands down the best boat the department has had. Makes for some enjoyable rides while working on the river. I almost forgot I was at work. Until it was time to clean a beach.

The Code Enforcement Department Office is coming along nicely. Thanks to Shai Black Wolf the departments Office/Field Officer. She has done an amazing job whipping the office into shape. Next time your getting gas, step in and take a peek. We are located next to the Hardware Store. Summer office hours are 6:30 AM-3:00 PM.

I couldn't forget to shout out Guy Barton the new Field Officer. He is catching on really quick and doing an awesome job. Guy has passed his 90 day probation period. Pretty soon you will see him all decked out in the departments finest uniforms. So when you see him around the reservation, give him a wave.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Frederick Rivera
Chief Code Enforcement Officer**



CHEMEHUEVI INDIAN TRIBAL COURT

What's New

New Court Rules

The Court is drafting new Court Rules to address e-filing protocols. For the time being, Court documents may be served electronically if stipulated or if the parties consent. Please contact the Court Clerk with any questions.

Court Renovation Notice

As of April 8th, 2026, the subflooring has been replaced and the Court building sports a new laminate floor.



RiteTrack

The new RiteTrack case management software has gone into live production, allowing Court staff to begin backing up case files digitally.

Regular Court Dates

- **April 22, 2026**
- **May 13, 2026**
- **June 24, 2026**
- **July 22, 2026**
- **August 26, 2026**
- **September 23, 2026**
- **October 14, 2026**
- **November 19, 2026**
- **December 9, 2026**

Contact Info

Email:

- court.clerk@cit-nsn.gov
- court@cit-nsn.gov

Phone: (760) 858-4219 ext. 122

Chemehuevi Tribal Members
Save the date!

Nuwuvi Days 2026

Are you ready?

June 5th 2026
17 mile Nukwi

Registration forms can be ordered by emailing
Anna Drum-Lynch at diabetes@cit-nsn.gov





CHEMEHUEVI INDIAN TRIBE

PUBLIC NOTICE

****FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****

January 26, 2026

Federal Court Orders Havasu Water Company to Stop Trespassing on Tribal Land

The Chemehuevi Indian Tribe ("Tribe") is informing Tribal Members and the Havasu Lake community about an important federal court order that affects Havasu Water Company ("HWC") and its facilities.

On January 8, 2026, a federal court ordered HWC to stop trespassing on the Tribe's reservation trust lands. The court confirmed that HWC has no legal right to be on Tribal land and must remove HWC's trespassing property or leave it behind.

Water service will not be shut off immediately. The Tribe has agreed to give HWC until June 15, 2026, to stop operating on the Tribe's land and to remove its infrastructure and equipment or abandon it. Beginning June 16, 2026, any HWC property still on Tribal land will be considered abandoned and may be removed by the Tribe. **Updates will be shared as more information becomes available.** At this time, the Tribe has chosen not to pursue financial damages to avoid adding costs that could affect HWC's customers.

The Tribe will work with regulators and responsible agencies as appropriate, while fully protecting Tribal sovereignty, to support access to dependable water services. The Tribe's goal is accountability, safety, and better access to clean water for the community. However, the Tribe is not responsible for any problems that HWC's customers may have experienced with HWC providing safe and reliable water service.

This order protects the Tribe's right to control its land and hopefully brings an end to almost twenty years of trespass by HWC against the Tribe. It is separate from the California Public Utility Commission's formal adjudicatory investigation into HWC.

HWC's permission to use the Tribe's land expired in 2006. Despite repeated warnings, years of attempted negotiations, and direction from federal agencies, HWC continued trespassing on the Tribe's land. During this time, HWC's water system seemed to experience boil water advisories, pressure loss, and ongoing regulatory issues.

The Tribe did everything possible to ensure no disruption to water services, including attempting to negotiate a settlement with HWC for years despite the ongoing trespass. After nearly two decades of these efforts, the Tribal Council determined that a clear court order was necessary to protect Tribal land, sovereignty, and community health.

Contact

For questions, Tribal Members may contact Tribal Administration.

Water customers should contact Havasu Water Company for billing questions, the California Public Utilities Commission for rate and service concerns, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for drinking water quality issues.



DANIEL LEIVAS, TRIBAL CHAIRMAN



HAVASU LANDING
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BOAT SCHEDULE

**DAILY DEPARTURE TIMES
FROM LONDON BRIDGE
LAKE HAVASU CITY, AZ**

**DAILY DEPARTURE TIMES
FROM HAVASU LANDING
HAVASU LAKE, CA**

6:45AM

7:15AM

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Ferry will operate until 2:30AM on

Friday and Saturday only

WEATHER CONDITIONS MAY DELAY OR CANCEL FERRY
REGULARLY SCHEDULED DEPARTURES AND ARRIVALS

BOAT ALWAYS OPERATES ON ARIZONA TIME



Community Resource Guide & Links



Are you a residential Southern California Edison (SCE) customer looking for energy assistance? The Chemehuevi Indian Tribe is partnering with SCE to help connect community members with available energy assistance programs and resources.



Medical Baseline Allowance

<https://www.sce.com/save-money/rebates-financial-assistance/bill-assistance-programs/medical-baseline-allowance>



Energy Saving Assistance

<https://www.sce.com/save-money/income-qualified-programs/energy-savings-assistance-program>



Ca. Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE) & Family Electric Rate Assistance (FERA) Discounted Rates

<https://www.sce.com/save-money/income-qualified-programs/care-fera>



Take a survey to see if you're available for any of the programs listed above. Access & Functional Needs Self Identification Survey

<https://cloud.sce.com/afn-survey-tribal>

For more information, please visit www.sce.com

Enroll in TAX Exempt for your residential SCE bill if you are an enrolled Chemehuevi Tribal Member and a residential SCE Customer. Form is also available on www.chemehuevi.org, please return completed form to vice.chair@cit-nsn.gov.

**WE ARE
HIRING**

**JOIN OUR
TEAM!**

TERO

TRIBAL EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS OFFICE

WHAT DO WE DO?

1

The TERO program enforces tribally enacted American Indian preference law, which ensures American Indians gain their rightful share of employment, training, contracting, subcontracting, and business opportunities occurring on or near reservations.

2

The Chemehuevi Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO), by virtue of a contractual agreement with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), is authorized to interview and counsel individuals with potential employment discrimination charges. The TERO employees address draft charges of alleged violations of Title VII, file complaints with the EEOC and attempt to resolve the charge by mediation within 30 days.

3

Call the TERO Office if you are a youth worker 14 - 17 or an adult looking for a temporary job

OR



If you want to speak with someone about a discrimination issue

CONTACT

**VARNER ESCOBAR
TERO OFFICER**

**760-858-5100
DIR.TERO@CIT-NSN.GOV**



T.E.R.O.

HOURS OF OPERATION

MONDAY – FRIDAY

7:30AM – 4:00PM



2026 Monthly Tribal Council Meetings

1. Saturday, January 31, 2026
2. Saturday, February 28, 2026
3. Saturday, March 28, 2026
4. Friday, April 24, 2026
5. Saturday, April 25, 2026 (Annual Meeting)
6. Saturday, May 30, 2026
7. Saturday, June 27, 2026
8. Saturday, July 25, 2026
9. Saturday, August 29, 2026
10. Saturday, September 26, 2026
11. Saturday October 24, 2026
12. Saturday, November 21, 2026
13. Saturday, December 19, 2026



2026 TRIBAL HOLIDAY LIST

Thursday, January 1	New Year's Day (2026)
Monday, January 19	Martin Luther King Jr.'s Day
Monday, February 16	Presidents' Day
Monday, May 25	Memorial Day
Friday, June 12	Nüwüvi Days
Friday, June 19	Juneteenth
Friday, July 3	Independence Day
Monday, September 7	Labor Day
Friday, September 11	California Indian Days
Monday, October 12	Indigenous Peoples Day
Wednesday, November 11	Veterans Day
Wednesday, November 25	Half -Day
Thursday, November 26	Thanksgiving Day
Friday, November 27	Day After Thanksgiving
Thursday, December 24 - Half day	Christmas Eve
Friday, December 25	Christmas day
Thursday, December 31 - Half day	New Year's Eve
Friday, January 1	New Year's Day (2027)

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