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760-858-1135

Community Center
760-858-5103

Conservation
760-464-7457

Cultural Center
760-858-1115

Education Center
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

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760-858-4564

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760-858-5100

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760-858-4219

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**Tribal Council
Regular Meeting
Saturday,
September 28, 2024
9:00 a.m.**



CHEMEHUEVI INDIAN TRIBE
Regular Monthly Tribal Council Meeting

Saturday September 28, 2024, 9:00 am

Tribal Administration

1990 Palo Verde Dr. Chemehuevi Valley, CA 92363

MEETING RULES

- (1) To provide for the efficient operation of the Tribal Government, the Council has adopted **Ordinance No. 8-26-01-A, "An Ordinance of the Tribal Council of the Chemehuevi Indian Tribe Enacting a Tribal Code"** (the "**Tribal Code**").
- (2) **Tribal Code § 2.02.030, Open to the Public: Exception.** All regular and special meetings of the Council shall be open to members of the Tribe, spouses of members, and invited guests of the Council; provided, however, the Council may hold executive sessions during a regular or special meeting, from which all members of the public may be excluded, for the purpose of considering the matters set forth.
- (3) **Tribal Code § 2.02.050, Presiding Officer.** The Chairman shall be the presiding officer at all meetings of the Council. In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman shall preside. In the absence of both the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman, the Secretary of the Council shall call the Council to order, whereupon a temporary presiding officer shall be elected by the Council members present to serve until the arrival of the Chairman or Vice-Chairman or until adjournment.
- (4) **Tribal Code, § 2.02.070, Agenda.** All reports, communications, ordinances, resolutions, contract documents, or other matters to be submitted to the Council at a regular meeting shall be delivered to the Tribal Secretary not later than ten (10) days preceding the meeting. The Secretary of the Council shall prepare the agenda of all such matters. The agenda and supporting documents shall be delivered to the Secretary-Treasurer by 12:00 p.m. on the Friday, six (6) business days prior to any regularly scheduled meeting to which the agenda pertains and it shall be made available to Tribal members for inspection and copying at least two (2) days prior to the regularly scheduled meeting to which the agenda pertains. Any employee of the Tribe, other than the Executive Committee, wishing to place an item on the agenda shall complete a "Tribal Council Agenda Summary" form setting forth: (1) a brief summary of the issue to be presented; (2) an estimated time for presentation; (3) the recommended solution; and (4) a recommended motion. The Tribal Council Agenda Summary shall be in a form adopted from time-to-time by Council resolution. Any item or supporting documentation submitted to the Secretary-Treasurer for inclusion on the agenda after the time periods set forth in this Section shall not be included on the agenda but shall be placed on the agenda for the next meeting, provided, however, if the Secretary-Treasurer determines that the item constitutes an emergency item then the item will be added to the agenda but will only be considered if the Council, by a majority vote, votes to hear the item. An item is considered an "emergency item" when there is a great public calamity; there is an immediate need to prepare for national or local emergency; there is a breakdown in machinery or essential service which requires the immediate procurement of supplies and equipment to protect the public health, welfare, or safety; or an essential departmental operation affecting the public health, welfare, or safety would be greatly hampered if the prescribed purchase would cause an undue delay in procurement of the needed item. When it is in the best interests of the Tribe or its members, agenda items may be added at any time at the request of any Council member, the Chairman, Tribal Administrator, or Tribal Attorney.
- (5) **Tribal Code, § 2.02.080, Order of Business.** The business of the Council and the order of its agenda shall be in such form as the Council may from time to time adopt by resolution.
- (6) **Tribal Code, § 2.02.160, Rules of Decorum for Council and Staff.** (1) While the Council is in session, the Council members shall preserve order and decorum, and a Council member shall neither, by conversation or otherwise, delay or interrupt the proceedings or the peace of the

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Council, nor disturb any Council while speaking, nor refuse to obey the orders of the Chairman. Council members shall not leave the meeting while it is in session without first obtaining the permission of the Chairman. (2) Tribal staff and employees shall observe the same rules of order and decorum as are applicable to the Council; (3) any person making impertinent, slanderous, or profane remarks or who becomes boisterous while addressing the Council shall be called to order by the Chairman and, if such conduct continues, may, at the direction of the Chairman, upon approval of the Council, be ordered to leave the audience and Council Chambers for the duration of that Council meeting; (4) any such persons in the audience who engages in disorderly conduct, such as clapping of the hands, stomping of the feet, whistling, using profane language, yelling, or similar demonstrations which conduct disturbs the peace and good order of the meeting, or who refuses to comply with the lawful orders of the Chairman, upon instructions from the Chairman, with the approval of the Tribal Council, shall be requested to leave. If the person refuses, the Council shall recess, and the Chairman shall call the Sheriff to have the person removed from the meeting room.

- (7) **Tribal Code, § 2.02.170 (1), Rules of Decorum for Public: Manner.** Each person desiring to address the Council shall state their name for the record, state the subject they wish to discuss, state whom they are representing if they represent an organization or other person(s), and, unless further time is granted by a majority vote of the Council, shall limit their remarks to three (3) minutes. All remarks shall be addressed to the Council as a whole and not to any member thereof. No question shall be asked of a Council member or a member of the Tribe's staff without being recognized by the Chairman.
- (8) **Tribal Code, § 2.02.170 (3), Rules of Decorum for Public: After Motions Are Made and Hearings Are Closed.** After a motion has been made or a public hearing has been closed, no member of the public shall address the Council from the audience on the matter under consideration without first securing permission to do so by a majority vote of the Council.
- (9) **Tribal Code § 2.02.040, Executive Sessions.**
 - The Council may exclude all persons from a meeting and hold a closed session to discuss or consider any of the following: (1) whether, based on existing facts and circumstances, a closed session is necessary or authorized by the Tribal Code; (2) the appointment, employment, evaluation, performance, disciplinary action or dismissal of a Tribal employee or to hear complaints or charges brought against such employee by another person or employee; (3) to confer with its negotiator prior to the purchase, sale, exchange, or lease of real property, including property held in trust for the Tribe, and to give instructions to its negotiator regarding the price and terms of payment for the purchase, sale, exchange, or lease (provided, however, that prior to the closed session, the Council shall hold an open and public meeting in which it discloses that it is meeting with its negotiator to purchase, sell, exchange, or lease real property, or properties, and the person(s) who will be negotiating on behalf of the Tribe); (4) to confer with its attorney regarding the introduction of pending legislation or to confer with or receive advice from its attorney regarding pending or threatened litigation; (5) to confer with federal, state, or Tribal law enforcement personnel to discuss an ongoing criminal investigation or to discuss matters posing a threat to the security of Tribal lands, buildings, or a threat to the public right of access to public services or public facilities; (6) to confer with its attorney or insurance agent/adjuster to discuss a pending or threatened administrative claim for the payment of private and public liability losses or workers compensation liability or an unemployment claim; (7) to confer with its negotiator over the terms and conditions of any contract proposed by any developer for the financing, construction, or operation of any economic development project proposed for the Reservation; and/or (8) to confer with the Tribe's designated representative and/or chief negotiator regarding the salaries, salary schedules, or compensation paid in the form of fringe benefits of its union or other

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represented and unrepresented employees and for represented employees any other matter within the scope of representation provided for in the Tribe's Tribal Labor Relations Ordinance.

- No member of the Council, employee of the Tribe, or any other person present during an executive session of the Council shall disclose to any person the content or substance of any discussion which took place during such executive session unless the Council shall, by a majority vote, authorize the disclosure of such information.
- The Council shall have the right during all executive sessions to have legal counsel present for the purposes of obtaining legal advice on any item discussed in executive session, and any employee of the Tribe if the employee's expertise is necessary to assist the Council in reaching a decision on the issue that prompted the holding of the executive session.
- The Council shall announce publicly any of the following actions taken in an executive session and the vote or abstention on each issue: (1) any fiscal approval of any agreement concluding real estate negotiations; (2) any final approval given to its legal counsel to defend or initiate litigation or seek or refrain from seeking appellate review or relief, or to enter a case as an amicus curiae or to settle pending or threatened litigation; (3) any final approval of any personnel action resulting in the exoneration, discipline, or termination of an employee; and (4) any final approval of any union or personnel contracts.

(10) Zoom Attendance. Meetings are available via Zoom for viewing only. Tribal members wishing to attend via Zoom must register with the Tribal Administrator in advance by contacting administrator@cit-nsn.gov. If a Tribal member has not used Zoom, they will be asked to create an account. After a Tribal member has been approved, they will receive information to attend.

(11) Public Comments.

- Regular monthly Council meetings are for the Council to conduct the Tribe's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. This is an opportunity for Tribal members to make suggestions and identify concerns about matters on the agenda or other Tribal related matters.
 - Each Tribal member desiring to address the Council must fill out a "Public Comment Notice" pertaining to items specific to the agenda, PRIOR to the approval of the agenda. During that item on the agenda, Tribal members will be recognized to speak on that item in the order that their Public Comment Notices were received.
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AGENDA

(1) Roll Call/Quorum

(2) Meeting Rules Reminder/Housekeeping Announcements

(3) Last Call for Public Comment Notices

If you wish to address the Council on any item on the agenda (aside from "Comments from the Audience"), please complete a **Public Comment Notice**, and return to the Secretary-Treasurer **PRIOR** to this portion of the meeting.

(4) Approval of Agenda

The Council may approve the agenda as is or with changes, as needed.

(5) Approval of Minutes

#2 August 24, 2024, RCM Minutes Draft

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- (6) **Presentations**
#4 2021 Audit from Rob Snyder, Snyder and Brown
- (7) **Executive Committee Reports:**
(A) Chairman's Report
(B) Vice Chairman's Report #12
(C) Secretary-Treasurer's Report #3
- (8) **Council Members' Reports**
- (9) **Tribal Administrator's Report**
- (10) **Staff Monthly Report/Financial**
a. #Tribal Administration
b. #9 Resort
c. # Casino
d. #24 Hotel & Restaurant
- (11) **Board/Committee Reports/Vacancies/Applications**
- (12) **Consent Calendar**
a. Attorney Invoices
#26 Lester Marston September Invoice
#31 Williams and Cochrane LLP
b. Phone Polls
#27 Draft Resolution to Direct Pacific Premiere to open a minor trust fund account for a minor who was enrolled on August 27,2022. Approved by phone poll conducted on August 30,2024
#28 Final Approval of the Administration budget (100) and The Reality and Planning Budget (219) by phone poll on September 4, 2024, after 30 days posted. No comments were received.
- (13) **Action Items**
#1 HLH/HLC Board (Gaming and Promotions)
The HLH/HLC Board does not audit any machine data, which is done by the Gaming Commission and auditors. The board has never approved promotions. Games and promotions are approved by the Gaming Commission. The Commission has stated that because of the badge we should be excluded, yet the council members have been able to gamble.
The HLH/HLC Board recommends the Council resend the recommendation from the Gaming Commission Council approved in the January 2024 Council meeting session.
#10 Amendments to the Business License Code Ordinance 9-12-19-B & Fee Schedule.
Per Business License Ordinance, "Whenever the Tribal Council finds it desirable to consider an amendment of the business license fees a notice of the new fees and the effective date thereof, shall be posted 14 days prior to the tribal council meeting at which changes to the fee schedule will be considered. "Schedule was posted on 9/12/24 in the Tribal office. The Business License Ordinance is needing to be

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updated and increase the fee schedule. Amendments to the Business License Ordinance will assist the Reality & Planning Department in managing and distributing business licenses on the Reservation. Vice Chairwoman recommends approving the amendments to Ordinance and approve the fee schedule presented.

#11 Regulating Initial Review of Development Projects

Amending Title 15 of the Chemehuevi Tribal Code to add chapter 86 Regulating Initial Review of Development Projects and Enforcement of Agreements and Laws to Development Projects. The purpose of a development plan Review is to provide review of the business plan for the use, Development and review of Tribal Lands selected for a project, architectural plans, Specification's and drawings, including but not limited to a site plan, building elevations, landscape plan, Preliminary grading, Drainage plans, Materials and color samples, Structures and Signs proposed for the project. A Development Plan provides a plan of development supported by technical construction specification documents as necessary to encourage, protect, and enhance the functional and attractive appearance of the Tribal Lands and the Reservation.

Vice Chairwoman recommends approval to adopt Chapter 86 to Title 15.

#20 Approval of The Department of Housing's 2024 Budget

The Housing Director Susie Hidalgo presents budget #421 and recommends approval.

#21 Draft Gaming Ordinance

Draft Gaming Ordinance that is needed under the New Secretarial Procedures.

Vice Chairwoman Recommends approval with additions or deletions from Tribal Council.

#22 Native American Heritage Month Parade Saturday November 9, 2024

Matt Leivas requested the THPO Committee support and go to the event in Sacramento, California on November 9,2024 to attend the Parade along with bird singers. Requests Flight, Hotel, Per diem and mileage.

The committee recommends the Tribal Council approve the requests for funding. The THPO department does not have the funding within its budget. Recommends finding funding to accomplish this request.

#23 THPO Request for Contract with Anthropologist

THPO Committee approved the request to enter into a contract with Tom Gate, an Anthropologist. The purpose is to help with reviewing Solar Development projects, assist with setting up the THPO department and providing training.

The Committee recommends the Tribal Council approve the requests to have the tribe's attorney develop a one-year contract for service. The THPO budget has \$6,800 for contract services.

#25 Enrollment Board Recommendations for Approval of Applicants

The Chemehuevi Enrollment Board met on Thursday September 12, 2024, and has reviewed the listed application (4), which have met the following requirements. The board members recommend to Council of approving the application(s) by resolution.

Secretary Treasurer recommends Approval

- (14) **Old Business (Non-Action Items)**
- (15) **New Business (Non-Action Items)**
- (16) **Comments from the Audience**

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- (17) Executive Session**
- (18) Public Announcement Post-Executive Session**
- (19) Adjournment**

BOARDS & COMMITTEES

VACANCIES

Boards or Committees? (LIMIT 3)

HLH/HLC BOARD (1) Vacancy

Gaming Board (1) Vacancy

Enrollment Board (2) Vacancies

Housing Board (2) Vacancies

Health Board (2) Vacancies

Obtain your application on-line or
contact the Tribal Office
760-858-4219

Interested in serving on one or more



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Come Apply:

Contact HR Monica McGovern ,

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

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

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

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**

COMMUNITY CENTER

OCTOBER ACTIVITIES

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1. FAMILY GAME NIGHT 4:30-6PM	2. OPEN GYM 12:30-5PM	3. ARCHERY COMPETITION 4:00-5PM	4. ARTS & CRAFTS	5. GAME ROOM
7. ARTS & CRAFTS	8. PUMPKIN PATCH OREOS 4:00-5PM	9. OPEN GYM 12:30-5PM	10. SCARY SIDEWALK CHALK ART CONTEST 3:30-5:30PM	11. BOARD GAMES	12. GAME ROOM
14. CLOSED INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY	15. MASK DECORATING 3:00-6PM	16. OPEN GYM 12:30-5PM	17. ARTS & CRAFTS	18. GAME ROOM	19. CLOSED
21. PUMPKIN PAINTING 3:00-6PM	22. PUMPKIN PAINTING 3:00-6PM	23. HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL 5-9PM	24. BOARD GAMES	25. GAME ROOM	26. CLOSED
28. ARTS & CRAFTS	29. BOARD GAMES	30. A GHOULS NIGHT OUT ZOMBIE WALK 5:00- 6PM	31. HALLOWEEN		

COMMUNITY CENTER HOURS — MONDAY — SATURDAY 9:30AM — 6PM

SNACK @3:00 SUPPER @5:00 MONDAY — SATURDAY

FOR QUESTIONS OR INFO CALL 760 858 — 5103

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK FOR UPDATES & FLIERS

Community Center Welcomes Youth for Fun!



San Manuel Tribal Youth Gathering



Havasus Palms Field Trip

Indian Days 2024



**CHEMEHUEVI COMMUNITY CENTER
+ DIABETES DEPARTMENT**

A GHOULS NIGHT OUT

3:30 MEET @ COM.CTR FOR
MAKE UP
4:30 MEET @ PARKING LOT
OF HOTEL
5:00 WALK WILL PROCEED
THROUGH CAMPGROUND

OCT. 30TH

FIRST 50 PARTICIPANTS WILL RECEIVE
"A GHOULS NIGHT OUT" T-SHIRT

Made with PosterMyWall.com FOR INFO CONTACT THOMAS PENCILLE 760-858-5103



CHEMEHUEVI COMMUNITY CENTER

HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL

**WEDNESDAY
OCT. 23RD
5 - 9PM**

**GAMES
PRIZES
SCARY
FUN**

**COSTUME CONTEST
PUMPKIN JUDGING
CAKE WALK
BOUNCE HOUSE
SNACK BAR**

HAUNTED HOUSE 7-9

FOR INFO CALL THOMAS PENCILLE 760-858-5103



Chemehuevi Community Center

Temporary Staffing Hours

Monday -Friday: 9:00am-7:00pm

Wednesday: 9:00am – 7:00pm

Saturdays: 9:00am-6:00pm

(760) 858-5103

Summer Break Hours: 9am-7:00pm

The weight room is open for community members. All participants will need to sign the Weight Room Consent & Acknowledgement Waiver. Youth ages 16 and up with a waiver on file are required to check in with staff before using the weight room. To use the weight room, all participants need to sign in.

Weight Room will remain locked at all times. All patrons of the weight room will need to check in with a Building Staff Member for access.

- Weight room has a limit of 2 teens at a time.
- No one under 16 years of age is permitted into the weight room.

The Community Center provides free meals for all youth and teens Mondays-Saturdays. Snack is served at 3:00pm and Supper is served at 5:00pm.

September Events & Fundraisers

- Indian Days vending and competitions
- Slime Party
- 18+ corn hole event & snack bar
- Movie night

October Events & Fundraisers

- **Pumpkin Patch Oreos**
- **Mask Decorating**
- **Pumpkin painting**
- **Halloween Carnival**
- **A Ghouls Night Out Zombie Walk**

The Community Center has started the trial-development of the Youth Community Assistance Program where youth can gain an activity point for their participation. This program was designed to teach youth how to be a helpful hand in their community by helping out their neighbors and elders with yard clean-up, recycling take out, watering plants and other projects around their home. If you are interested in this service, please stop in to fill out a community survey. Parent and community surveys are available at the Community Center, your feedback is appreciated.

The Community Center encourages parent and youth participation in fundraisers to work towards our goals. We would like to take field trips and are beginning our planning process. If there is anything you would like to see from us or would like to assist with, please stop in and let us know. We also encourage you to stop in and say hi and to join us in our activities! All events are open to our community members and families.

[Follow us on Facebook!](#)
Chemehuevi Community Center
Nuwuvi Rocks

A vertical poster for the Chemehuevi Community Center's Youth Community Assistance Program. The background is a desert landscape with mountains at sunset. A large blue arrow points from the top left towards the center. The Chemehuevi Community Center logo is in the top right corner. Text is overlaid on the poster, including a list of activities, sign-up information, and a quote.

**Chemehuevi
Community Center**

**Youth
Community
Assistance
Program**

- ♦ Yard Clean-up
- ♦ Water Plants
- ♦ Recycle take out
- ♦ And more!

Let us know how we
can help you!

Sign-up at the Community Center!
Youth participation gains youth an activity point!
(760) 858-5103

**"Who you are tomorrow begins
with what you do today."**

Chemehuevi Tribe Education Center

OCTOBER 2024

		1 CTEC HHP 2:30 - 6:00pm TEEN STUDY HALL 4-6 PM,	2 CTEC HHP 12:30 - 6:00pm TEEN STUDY HALL 2-6 PM,	3 CTEC HHP 2:30 - 6:00pm TEEN STUDY HALL 4-6 PM,	4 MOVIE DAY FOR HHP NACHO FRIDAY FOR TSH	5
6 CTEC BUILDING CLOSED FOR TRAINING CONFERENCE 10-7/10-9	7	8	9	10 CTEC HHP 2:30 - 6:00pm TEEN STUDY HALL 4-6 PM	11 FREESTYLE PAINT FOR HHP SLIDER FRIDAY FOR TSH	12
13 CTEC BUILDING CLOSED FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY 10-14	14	15 NUSD Fall Break Stem Program 10am-4pm	16	17	18 Tuesday - Friday	19
20	21 CTEC HHP 2:30 - 6:00pm TEEN STUDY HALL 4-6 PM	22 CTEC HHP 2:30 - 6:00pm TEEN STUDY HALL 4-6 PM,	23 HALLOWEEN PARTY COLLAB WITH THE C.C.	24 CTEC HHP 2:30 - 6:00pm TEEN STUDY HALL 4-6 PM	25 HALLOWEEN MOVIE AND POPCRON NACHO FRIDAY FOR TSH	26
27	28 CTEC HHP 2:30 - 6:00pm TEEN STUDY HALL 4-6 PM,	29 CTEC HHP 2:30 - 6:00pm TEEN STUDY HALL 4-6 PM,	30 CTEC HHP 12:30 - 6:00pm TEEN STUDY HALL 2-6 PM,	31 HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST AND FOOD		



TEEN STUDY HALL

OPEN MON - FRI 4-6PM



WEDNESDAYS 2-6PM

JOIN US AT THE ED FOR OUR
TEEN STUDY HALL PROGRAM

NEW AND EXCITING INCENTIVE AWARDS FOR
ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS AND IMPROVEMENTS
COMING VERY SOON.



JOIN US EVERY FRIDAY FOR SPECIAL TREATS

 WWW.CHEMEHUEVI.ORG/EDUCATION  760-858-1063



JOIN CTEC FOR A COSTUME CONTEST OCTOBER 31ST.
WE WILL HAVE WINNERS IN EACH GRADE LEVEL.
PRIZES WILL BE DETERMINED. JUDGING WILL BEGIN
AT 330 PM.
FOLLOWED BY THIRSTY THURSDAYS

COSTUME PARTY



**CTEC BUILDING WILL BE
CLOSED
DUE TO STAFF OUT OF
OFFICE FOR TRAINING
CONFERENCE 10/7-10/9**

**RESUMING 10-10
HOURS OF OPERATION
8:30AM-6:00PM**

**THANKS-
CTEC STAFF**

ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL 760-858-1063





Department of Housing

Housing office hours are 7:30-4:00 p.m.

Maintenance office hours are 6:00-2:30 p.m.

Contact 760 858-4564 Recp.hsg@cit-nsn.gov

1-4 bedroom homes are available to low-income Chemehuevi Tribal Members and other Native Americans. Quail Trail 1-2 bedroom 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 is posted in the Housing lobby.

FY 2024 Income Limits Documentation System

California

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

**Indian Days 2024 Gather to Give
September 13-14, 2024**

CONTEST WINNERS

Water balloon toss

10-15 ages

1st John & Parker

6-9 ages

1st Kayden & Landon



Watermelon eating

6-9 ages

1st Vanessa

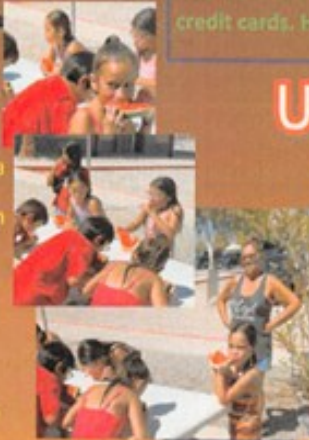
2nd Landon

10-15 ages

1st River

2nd Winka

3rd Rainee



NOTICE: If you are not feeling well, please call Housing personnel rather than visiting the office. If you prefer not to visit the Housing office with your payments, Vanessa or Housing administrative Employees can process electronic phone payments with debit or credit cards. Housing Drop-box is also available at the front door.

Up Coming Events

Community (IHP) Meeting

Indian Housing Plan

October 3, 2024 5pm-7pm

Join us at the Community Center

Home Improvement Workshop & prizes

Dinner will be provided

American Rescue Plan. Although we are currently not accepting new applications Housing continues to work on this program.

HEAP Applications: Care Act funding available. Housing has received the new 2024 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 your social security cards for household members and proof of income. Funding for 2024 year is running out.

A & B Propane: If you are interested in their service, please give Housing Department a call, or you can call them direct @ 928-854-4099. Their next scheduled delivery is September 20, 2024.

Ferrellgas: Is still offering propane, an account must be created first. All deliveries will not be charged taxes or other fees. Please contact Ferrellgas 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@ferrellgas.com

Maintenance Scare House

**Volunteers needed for
the scare house, con-
tact Housing to sign
up. More information
at a later date**

Employment

Community Center
Director needed

TERO DEPT



The EEOC

TRIBAL NATION PSA

EEOC is pleased to share that with the help of some very talented people (both on and off camera), have produced a Tribal Nations PSA to help ensure that tribal members know about the EEOC and how to contact us. The full video has been placed on the EEOC's Tribal Programs webpage at

www.eeoc.gov/tribal-programs

You can also access it on YouTube at

[Tribal Nations PSA \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)

Chemehuevi Indian Tribe
Realty Department Newsletter
September 2024



The Realty Department collected over \$361,000.00 in sales commissions and Transfer fees thru August 30 , 2024.

Realty has 8 listings available and 2 open escrows. Due to the current economy and the rise in home interest rates the activity level of buyer interest has fallen substantially. Realty has now assumed all sales activity at the Oasis at the Palms. So far Realty has closed 3 escrows at the Oasis.

The Oasis at the Palms has broken ground on the New Bar and Restaurant and addition of new docks and fuel station. The new Bar, Ghost Mine Saloon, is scheduled to open on Thanksgiving weekend 2024, Bands have been booked. The Restaurant is scheduled to open May of 2025.

Realty is currently working on the following projects:

Realty now has addresses for all buildings on the Reservation and has placed all addresses with San Bernardino County in CommFire . Please contact the Realty Office to find your address.

Realty has several projects in the planning and construction document stage with site plans and proposals to complete the final Planning. Engineering and construction documents for 5th street modular home park are now under 3rd party review before being sent for construction bid. Once complete and approved Realty will seek construction bids to build this project. The final lot design has 92 new residential lots. Phase two of the 5th street project will eliminate the campground for new modular home park. Realty will set up a model complex for buyers to select their floor plan. The Tribe will place a profit load on the new modular and act as the Real Estate Broker and collect a profit on the modular and a sale and Transfer fee.

The Oasis at the Palms has major improvements to the Resort, elimination of the trash required in excess of 68 large roll off dumpsters at a cost of over \$85,000.00. Oasis still has many abandoned trailers, watercraft and boats that they are in the process of eliminating from the site. The entrance road has been relocated and substantially improved. New docks are on site and waiting for the Fed permit to be installed. New electronic gates with a new fence are being installed at the storage area along with an expansion of the area.

Summer of 2025 Oasis will begin to build homes ranging in size from 1400 SF to 1650 SF to be sold to tenants and ground leased by the Tribe.

The Barstow project continues to move forward with the full support of the City of Barstow.

Realty is reviewing methods and financing to increase the cash flow available to Realty. Tribal Realty is pursuing private Capital Partnership with the Tribe to bring needed Capital to the Projects being planned. Preliminary contacts have been made by Realty.

Realty continues to review methods and projects that will increase Tribal cash flow and net income.

Prepared by Tribal Realty Specialist on September 23, 2024



CHEMEHUEVI
ENVIRONMENTAL DEPARTMENT

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Maikwas, this month our department has continued working on removing the invasive Salt Cedar and Mexican Fan Palm from the 16.8 acres of land at Catfish Bay, Cottonwood Wash, and Willy Boy Wash. I am pleased to announce that our NPS (non-Point Source) crew has completed eradicating the last patch of salt cedar trees Aswell as planted several willow cuttings in our Willie Boy Wash site. In our Cotton Wood Wash site the NPS crew has removed all Salt Cedar trees north, south, and west of the big willow tree on site. Unfortunately, the remaining salt Cedar trees in the site are right above the water table and would be impossible to reach safely or efficiently without proper equipment. As for our Catfish Bay site our crew created a new access road into south Catfish Bay, Aswell as making way for our next project coming up in October of 2024 to October of 2025.

Other than our routine work our department takes pride in being able to help the community any way we can. This month we help in the set up for our Indian Days celebration on the Chemehuevi reservation. Our crew cleaned up the park Aswell as created the parking lot used for the event and work the parking stand for the event. Our director got hands on and fixed the roads and added soft sand into the volleyball pit for the games with our backhoe. Our crew also helped the water department with raising the new WIFI tower. We were asked to stand by with our backhoe to aid in anything they might need and together we were able to successfully lift the tower

Finally, we are pleased to announce that after several interviews and tough decisions we have finally filled the positions for Water Quality and Environmental Outreach Coordinator. Our new Water Quality Technician is Salina Rodriguez and our Environmental Outreach Coordinator is Cruz Regla. I am pleased to update everyone with this information and thank you for your interest in our department!

From our new hires:

Hello, my name is Cruz Regla and I am the new Educational Outreach Coordinator here at the Chemehuevi Environmental Department. I will be coordinating with the community and other departments to plan events and activities. My office number is (760)-302-4057 please feel free to give me a call my office hours are Monday through Friday 7:30 A.M to 4:00 P.M. I am looking forward to planning outreach activities for our community to enjoy.

Hi, my name is Salina Rodriguez and I'm the new Water Quality Technician for the Chemehuevi Environmental Department. I will be surveying the water quality all throughout the lake and making sure it's safe for everyone to enjoy. My desk number is (760)-284-3909, you can give me a call anytime with questions Monday through Friday 7:30 A.M to 4:00 P.M. I look forward to working with the environmental department on maintaining our water quality



SEPTEMBER 2024

TRIBAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE LOCATED IN THE CULTURAL CENTER

IS LOOKING FOR A FEW TRIBAL MEMBERS WHO WOULD LIKE TO BE TRAINED TO BE A TRIBAL MONITOR FOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECT WITHIN THE TRIBAL TERRITORY OF THE CHEMEHUEVI TRIBE. YOU CAN SIGN UP AT THE TERO DEPARTMENT. YOU MUST BE ABLE TO STAND LONG PERIODS OF TIME, WRITE LEGIBLE, WITHSTAND HEAT, COLD AND WINDY CONDITIONS. ALSO, MUST POSSESSES A VALID STATE ISSUED DRIVERS LICENSE AND QUALIFY UNDER THE TRIBE'S DRUG FREE WORKPLACE REQUIREMENTS. WE ARE LOOKING TO START MONITOR TRAINING SOON HERE AT THE CULTURAL CENTER. FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT THE THPO AT 1-760-858-1126.



Head Start Happenings

Chemehuevi Head Start / October 2024 Addition of Monthly Newsletter

WHAT HAPPENED IN SEPTEMBER:



-Head Start was glad a part of Chemehuevi Indian Days. We held a booth for all children to participate in. We had painting, coloring sheets of animals, native to this region, a fishing pond for color sorting and number identification and a ring toss. Individual bubbles were given out to children and all who participated enjoy themselves. (Ms. Lydia is featured in this picture).

-Head Start also conducted their first fire drill of the year. This can be a traumatic event for the students, but with the guidance of the Head Start teaching staff and the calm way it was explained, the children were able to follow the rules and expectations of their teachers and performed with no trouble. This is a state requirement and practiced monthly.

-Our 2024-2025 School Year Open House will be held tomorrow evening at our Head Start center from 4:30-6:00 pm.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OCTOBER:

-First Policy Council meeting - Friday, October 4 at 1030 am.

-Fall Break for Head Start children - October 14-18/ School will resume Monday, October 21st.

-Department Trick-O-Treating Event – Wednesday, October 30th (Tentative per Policy Council meeting).





How a change in thoughts can lead to a change in life.

#1 "The day is what you make it! So why not make it a great one?" ~ Steve Schulte

#2 "Write it on your heart that every day is the best day in the year." ~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

#3 "Being miserable is a habit; being happy is a habit; and the choice is yours." ~ Tom Hopkins

#4 "You cannot tailor-make the situations in life but you can tailor-make the attitudes to fit those situations." ~ Zig Ziglar

#5 "Things turn out best for the people who make the best of the way things turn out." ~ John Wooden

#6 "We can't escape pain; we can't escape the essential nature of our lives. But we do have a choice. We can give in and relent, or we can fight, persevere, and create a life worth living, a noble life. Pain is a fact; our evaluation of it is a choice." ~ Jacob Held

#7 "Each problem has hidden in it an opportunity so powerful that it literally dwarfs the problem. The greatest success stories were created by people who recognized a problem and turned it into an opportunity." ~ Joseph Sugarman

#8 "The greatest discovery of all time is that a person can change his future by merely changing his attitude." ~ Oprah Winfrey

#9 "Optimism is the most important human trait, because it allows us to evolve our ideas, to improve our situation, and to hope for a better tomorrow." ~ Seth Godin

#10 "I have for many years endeavored to make this vital truth clear; and still people marvel when I tell them that I am happy. They imagine that my limitations weigh heavily upon my spirit, and chain me to the rock of despair. Yet, it seems to me, happiness has very little to do with the senses. If we make up our minds that this is a drab and purposeless universe, it will be that, and nothing else. On the other hand, if we believe that the earth is ours, and that the sun and moon hang in the sky for our delight, there will be joy upon the hills and gladness in the fields because the Artist in our souls glorifies creation. Surely, it gives dignity to life to believe that we are born into this world for noble ends, and that we have a higher destiny than can be accomplished within the narrow limits of this physical life." ~ Helen Keller

#11 "Nothing truly stops you. Nothing truly holds you back. For your own will is always within your control. Sickness may challenge your body. But are you merely your body? Lameness may impede your legs. But you are not merely your legs. Your will is bigger than your legs. Your will needn't be affected by an incident unless you let it." ~ Epictetus

#12 "Beliefs have the power to create and the power to destroy. Human beings have the awesome ability to take any experience of their lives and create a meaning that disempowers them or one that can literally save their lives." ~ Anthony Robbins

#13 "Each morning when I open my eyes I say to myself: I, not events, have the power to make me happy or unhappy today. I can choose which it shall be. Yesterday is dead, tomorrow hasn't arrived yet. I have just one day, today, and I'm going to be happy in it." ~ Groucho Marx

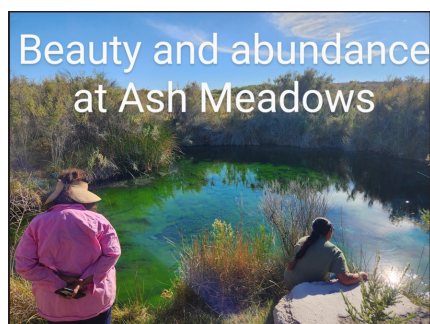
#14 "Man often becomes what he believes himself to be. If I keep on saying to myself that I cannot do a certain thing, it is possible that I may end by really becoming incapable of doing it. On the contrary, if I have the belief that I can do it, I shall surely acquire the capacity to do it even if I may not have it at the beginning." ~ Mahatma Gandhi

#15 "Welcome every morning with a smile. Look on the new day as another special gift from your Creator, another golden opportunity to complete what you were unable to finish yesterday. Be a self-starter. Let your first hour set the theme of success and positive action that is certain to echo through your entire day. Today will never happen again. Don't waste it with a false start or no start at all. You were not born to fail." ~ Og Mandino



Cultural Committee and Tribal Historic Preservation Office

This month we attended the Gathering for our Mountains which happens every year on the second weekend in September. This is a magical, three-day campout of all Southern Paiutes at the place of our creation story. Old friends, cultural demonstrations, camping, dancing and pine nut harvest were all a part of this year's gathering. Many thanks to those who were in attendance to represent Chemehuevi, including Tito Smith Sr. who has attended every gathering for eleven years, Alicia who taught Tule work and jewelry making as well as the THPO Director Ron Escobar who received an award for 11 years of attendance and funding. Put it on your calendar now for next year. It is indeed a very special opportunity. Our dedicated committee never misses a meeting and even broadcast the meeting from Mt. Charleston. Your presence is always requested at each meeting which happens via Zoom and in hybrid form from the Cultural Center (as available).



Attention Chemehuevi Water Department Account Holder's

It is getting close to Per Capital distribution time and the Chemehuevi Water Department would like to remind you that outstanding balances will be sent for deductions. The Chemehuevi Water Department has decided to submit account holder's who owe fifty dollars (\$50.00) or more on their account, which is half of a delinquency notice. If the account is under fifty dollars (\$50.00) and the account holder would like for their outstanding amount to be deducted from their Per Cap, please call the CWD @ (760)858-5370. The deadline for the 2024 Per Capital withdrawals is Friday, October 18th 2024.

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