

Wak Newsletter



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SAN XAVIER DISTRICT

November 2025

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

The San Xavier District Health and Wellness Committee appreciates your support this year with our Community Swap Meets. There will be no swap meet for November & December. We will be back in January 2026.



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Report & Highlights

OCTOBER 2025	
10/1/25 – Chaired the SXD, SXAA, and Attorneys meeting regarding the Asarco Long-Term Water Storage Credits Revenue Sharing. -Provided a community overview to Kazakhstani visitors. 10/3/25 – St. Francis of Assisi Feast Day – Holiday	10/4/25 – Attended the International Indian Treaty Council (IITC) to provide a land welcome to the attendees. Apache tribal members reported on their struggle to protect the sacred Oak Flats land from mining destruction.
10/6/25 – Met with the staff Health & Wellness committee to review and plan upcoming wellness activities and coordinate HOPP events.	10/7/25 – Attended the All-Staff meeting (12 – 4pm). -Chaired the SXD Council meeting.
10/9/25 – Met with TOLC Budget & Finance Committee virtually regarding FY2024 San Xavier District Single Audit; the Committee recommended approval and will be forwarded for final approval to the full TON Legislative Council.	10/10/25 – Vice Chair presented along with the Coop Farm staff to students from the Mochic Ranch Youth Employment & Training Initiative. Their goal was to learn about how Indigenous communities developed their own farms, integrate agricultural job training, and about traditional crop production and sales.
10/13/25 – Indigenous People’s Day - Holiday 10/14/25 – Staff planning committee met to prepare for the holiday events (Halloween, Community Thanksgiving and Christmas).	10/15/25 – Chairman traveled to San Lucy Farms for the presentation of SXD FY2024 Audit; TON Council approved it, and our Finance Director submitted the final audit to the Federal Audit Clearinghouse.
10/16/25 – Executive Team presented a 5-Year Service Award to Ms. Anna Butler – <i>Congratulations Anna!</i> -Held virtual update meeting with the ARPA Team.	10/17/25 – Provided a welcome to the attendees at this year’s Wa:k Cekşan Taş royalty pageant. Congratulations to the newly crowned court!
10/18/25 – SXD staff participated in the Wa:k Cekşan Taş Parade to the theme of "Celebrating the legacy of our strong O’odham women." -Chairman conducted a Ground Blessing and Ribbon Cutting for The Homing Project which received a grant from the TON benefiting unhoused individuals.	10/21/25 – Chaired SXD Council meeting. 10/22/25 – Breast Cancer Awareness Walk hosted by the TON Cancer Prevention Program and SXD Health & Education Committee.
10/23/25 – Annual Cemetery Cleanup by Staff and Community with lunch provided and sponsored by the Natural Resources and Ranger Depts. -Chaired monthly Community Meeting.	10/30/25 – Awards for SXD staff Haunted Halls Contest. 10/31/25 – Assisted Senior Services Dept. with handing out treats for SXM School & HeadStart. <i>Happy Halloween!</i>

November District Events

WED
5
6 PM - 8 PM
Family Stem Night
Education Center

THURS
6
9 AM - 3 PM
T.O.N Diabetes Health
Fair

MON
10
5:30 PM-7:30 PM
Basketry Class
Education Center

TUES
11
8AM-5PM
District Offices Closed
Veteran's Day

THURS
13
5:30 PM
T.O.N Ki:Ki Information
Presentation
COUNCIL CHAMBER

MON & TUES
17-18
5:30 PM-7:30 PM
Basketry Class
EDUCATION CENTER

THURS
20
4 PM- 7 PM
Community
Thanksgiving Luncheon
Community Building

MON & TUES
24-25
5:30 PM- 7:30 PM
Basketry Class
EDUCATION CENTER

SAT & SUN
29-30
9 AM-5 PM
Thanksgiving Arts &
Crafts Market



November

**SXDC Committee Vacancies
Culture and Natural Resources (2)
Finance (1)**

**SXDC/TOLC Vacancies
TOLC Alternate (1)
SXD Council Alternate (1)**

2025

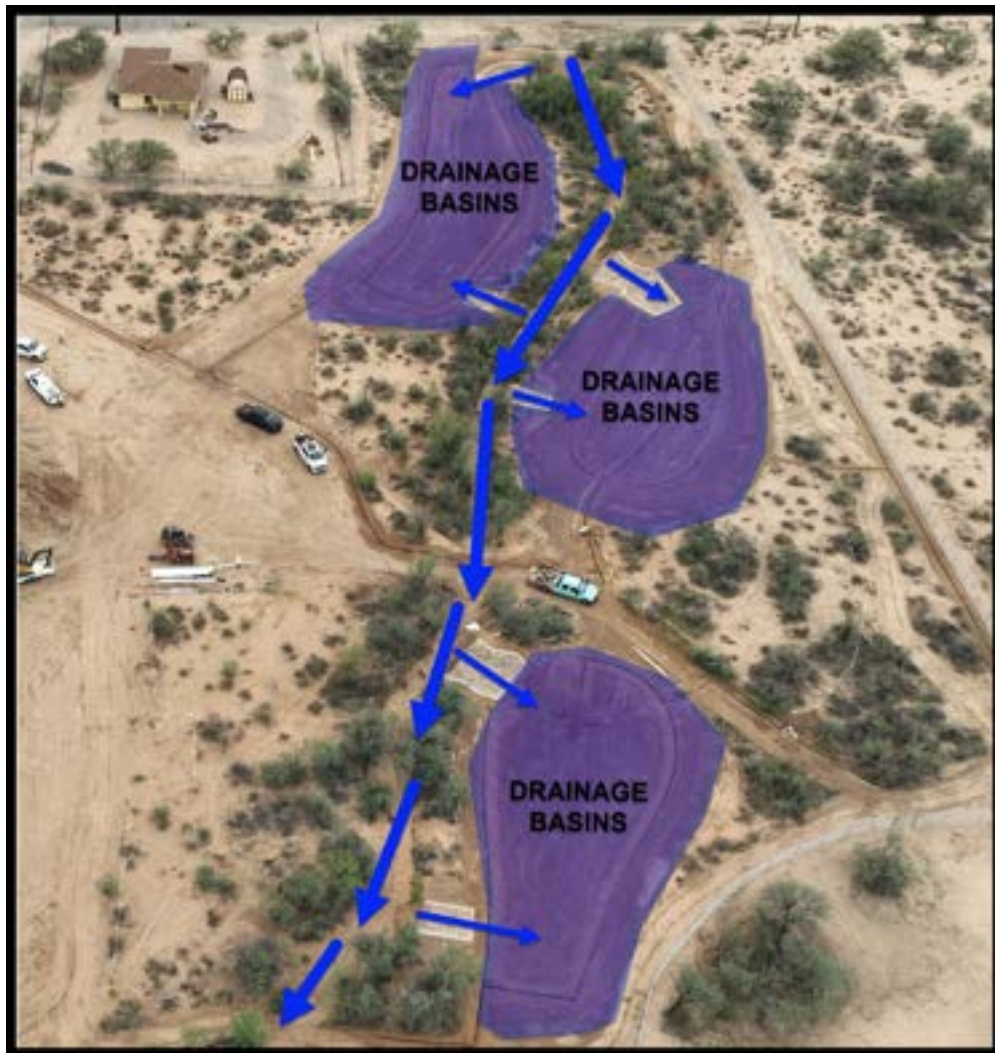
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PLANNING *Department*

The Planning Department is pleased to update the community on a project designed to improve roadways. The San Xavier District realizes the importance of having primary dirt roads paved and streamlined for safer passage. Currently, the Wa:k Ln and Go:k Ka:waulk road paving project is in the design phase, which will include land surveying, geotechnical testing, and biological/archeological field surveys. Our department recognizes the importance of paved roadways in the interest of both safety and the road-going comfort of drivers and pedestrians. Many community members have raised concerns about the lack of adequate design and roadway conditions. This project will be a step in the right direction. The community can expect ongoing updates on this project in the months ahead, and we will continue to monitor its progress closely.



Above is a photo of the SXD Planning Department on a recent field visit with the TON Planning Department on the road paving project.



Wa:k Community Park will help mitigate flooding along Little Nogales Rd!

Not only will Wa:k Community Park serve as a gathering place for the community, the drainage basins designed on-site will capture and help retain floodwater flows during heavy rain events. This will assist with minimizing the impact of excess flow that occurs along Little Nogales Road when storms occur. The drainage basins will have irrigation and also be landscaped so they can be a beautiful amenity to the park, when not serving as a functional retention structure!

For further questions or comments, please contact Principal Planner, John Baskett at (520) 573-4075 or jbaskett@waknet.org

2025 THANKSGIVING NATIVE AMERICAN ARTS & CRAFTS MARKET

30 + YEARS OF TRADITION IS BACK

November

29TH - 30TH

9am - 5pm

Vendor Registration



This event has been a cherished tradition for over 30 years. It's the perfect place to shop for unique gifts, enjoy lively entertainment, and savor delicious food. Bring along your visiting relatives for the holidays or simply stop by to experience the festivities. Interested vendors must be tribal members, limited space available, while supplies last.



520-573-4006

1959 San Xavier Rd.,
Tucson AZ 85746

EVENT SCHEDULE

29 NOVEMBER, 2025
11AM - 12PM

O'odham Pacola

29 NOVEMBER, 2025
2PM - 5PM

Lopez Band

30 NOVEMBER, 2025
3PM - 4PM

Kwaliya Group

30 NOVEMBER, 2025
2PM - 5PM

Carl & Buddies

Community Food Vendors Only FOR THANKSGIVING ARTS & CRAFTS MARKET



10x10 by wide
Booths
Saturday -\$75.00
Sunday-\$100.00

November 29th & 30th
9:00 am to 5:00 pm



Solid Waste Management Program

Will be closed
November 3, 2025



Sorry We're
CLOSED

Trash Services will
be provided
Tuesday,
November 4, 2025

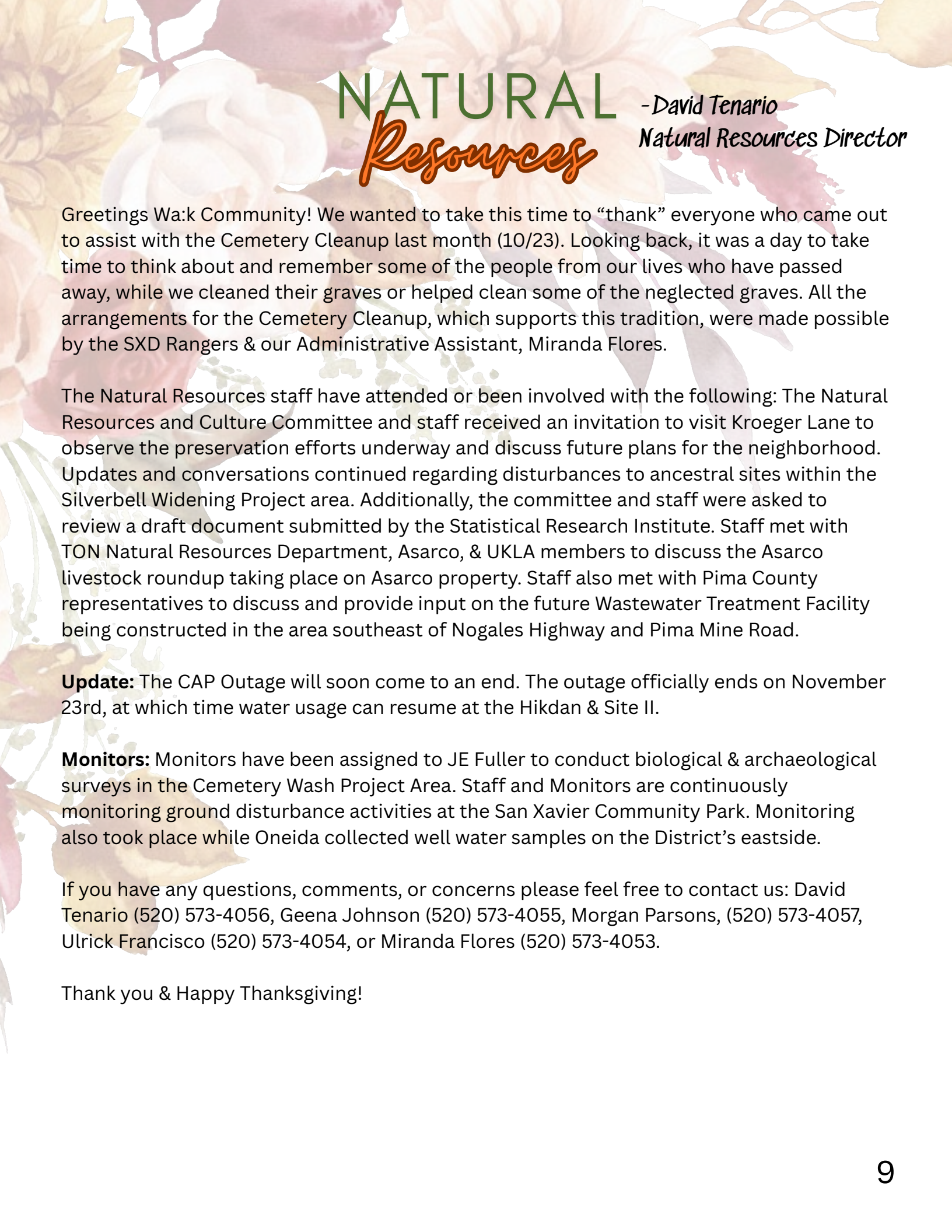
If you have, any questions please call

(520)383-4765

Your feedback and review
are important to us!



Help shape future training and
job opportunities in our
community. Take our short survey
online at Waknet.org/admin
or simply scan the QR Code to
share your input. Your feedback
will directly guide programs that
support employability and
encourage economic growth.



NATURAL *Resources*

-David Tenario
Natural Resources Director

Greetings Wack Community! We wanted to take this time to “thank” everyone who came out to assist with the Cemetery Cleanup last month (10/23). Looking back, it was a day to take time to think about and remember some of the people from our lives who have passed away, while we cleaned their graves or helped clean some of the neglected graves. All the arrangements for the Cemetery Cleanup, which supports this tradition, were made possible by the SXD Rangers & our Administrative Assistant, Miranda Flores.

The Natural Resources staff have attended or been involved with the following: The Natural Resources and Culture Committee and staff received an invitation to visit Kroeger Lane to observe the preservation efforts underway and discuss future plans for the neighborhood. Updates and conversations continued regarding disturbances to ancestral sites within the Silverbell Widening Project area. Additionally, the committee and staff were asked to review a draft document submitted by the Statistical Research Institute. Staff met with TON Natural Resources Department, Asarco, & UKLA members to discuss the Asarco livestock roundup taking place on Asarco property. Staff also met with Pima County representatives to discuss and provide input on the future Wastewater Treatment Facility being constructed in the area southeast of Nogales Highway and Pima Mine Road.

Update: The CAP Outage will soon come to an end. The outage officially ends on November 23rd, at which time water usage can resume at the Hikdan & Site II.

Monitors: Monitors have been assigned to JE Fuller to conduct biological & archaeological surveys in the Cemetery Wash Project Area. Staff and Monitors are continuously monitoring ground disturbance activities at the San Xavier Community Park. Monitoring also took place while Oneida collected well water samples on the District’s eastside.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns please feel free to contact us: David Tenario (520) 573-4056, Geena Johnson (520) 573-4055, Morgan Parsons, (520) 573-4057, Ulrick Francisco (520) 573-4054, or Miranda Flores (520) 573-4053.

Thank you & Happy Thanksgiving!

Covid Department

 **November** 

Open Monday-Thursday, Closed Fridays

Covid Office Provides...

- **Covid Tests**
- **Covid Box (if you test positive)** *includes Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and cleaning supplies for your household.*
- **PPE for community events, funerals, and anniversaries, when requested.**

The Covid Office will be CLOSED...

Monday, November 3rd to Wednesday, November 5th. During this time, please call the SXD front desk for any assistance.

The Covid Office will reopen Thursday, November 6th at 10am and will be open Friday, November 7th

Covid News

According to the CDC Data, an increase in transmission of the new Stratus strain of Covid. This has been detected in Arizona and other western states. This is part of the end of summer uptick in Covid cases across the country. Hospitalizations due to Covid are on the rise for all age groups.

CDC recommends staying up to date on vaccines, these reduce risk and serious complications. The 2025-2026 Covid Vaccine is expected to be released this fall.

DIAPER & MENSTRUAL PRODUCT MONTHLY DISTRIBUTION

**November 10-26, 2025
Monday-Thursday**

For a Diaper Emergency outside of the giveaway dates, please call!

Items Available:

- Diapers
- Pull Ups
- Adult Incontinence Products (Diapers)
- Menstrual Products

For (children of) SXD members
Availability varies! Limit per month!

For any questions, reach out to the Covid Office:

520-573-4010 or covid@waknet.org



We're Hiring

Join the Wake Community!!!

<u>Fulltime Positions</u>	<u>Hiring Pay Range</u>
Executive Assistant :	\$25.59 - \$31.99
Administrative Assistant :	\$18.04 - \$23.82
Hydrologist :	\$30.98 - \$38.00

Benefits

90% Employer-paid benefits (Medical, Dental, & Vision)

4% Employer match on 401k

Annual Leave, Sick Leave, & Wellness Leave available after probationary period

Applicants must submit an application, along with 3 recommendation letters, and two forms of ID. Applications are available at the SXD offices or on the SXD website.

ALL positions require a HS Diploma or GED and a valid Driver's License with no major traffic offenses in the past 3 years.

Contact the SXD HR office at (520) 573-4019/4016 regarding any questions.





Celebrate Community & Gratitude Together

Community Thanksgiving Luncheon

Thursday, November 20th, 2025

11 am - 2 pm

San Xavier District Community Building

Let's share the meal together.

In the spirit of community, please dine with us and make room for others who haven't eaten yet. We kindly ask that no to-go plates be taken so everyone may enjoy a meal.



HOSTED BY
SAN XAVIER DISTRICT

*Save
The
Date*

COMMUNITY
CHRISTMAS
PARTY

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR OUR
ANNUAL COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS
PARTY

Thursday, December 11th 2025

4pm-7pm

Community Building

Housing DEPARTMENT

The weather has been pleasant and is cooling down; we would like to take this opportunity to share some water-saving tips for your household. Acting on some of these tips can help lower your utility bill and prevent long term water damage. If you need any assistance or have any questions you may contact the SxD Housing Department at 520.573.4043 or 520.573.4044.

Outdoor Water-Saving Tips

- **Use a Broom:** Clean sidewalks, driveways, and patios with a broom instead of a hose.
- **Check for Leaks:** Inspect hoses and outdoor faucets for leaks and repair them promptly.

Indoor Water-Saving Tips

- **Fix Leaks:** Regularly check faucets and toilets for leaks and get them repaired, as a running toilet can waste thousands of gallons of water per year.
- **Run Full Loads:** Only run your dishwasher and washing machine when you have a full load to conserve water.
- **Shorten Showers:** Reduce your shower time, as even a minute or two less can save a significant amount of water.
- **Install Water-Efficient Fixtures:** Install faucet aerators and low-flow showerheads to save water every time you use them.
- **Turn Off the Tap:** Turn off the water while brushing your teeth or washing dishes to prevent unnecessary waste.
- **Store Drinking Water in the Fridge:** Keep a pitcher of water in the refrigerator to avoid running the tap until the water gets cold.
- **Install a High-Efficiency Toilet:** Consider installing a low-water use toilet for long-term water savings.
- **Insulate Water Pipes:** Insulating water pipes can make hot water reach the faucet faster, reducing the time you spend waiting for it to warm up.
- **Replace Grass with Water-Wise Plants:** Consider replacing some or all of your lawn with drought-tolerant plants to reduce watering needs.



LAND ASSIGNMENT POLICY

If you received a tribal land assignment more than one (1) year ago and have not yet utilized the assigned land, please reach out to the SXD Housing Department to discuss your next steps and available options. Due to a shortage of tribal land, the Housing Department will follow the procedures outlined in the Land Assignment Policy to revoke land assignments if construction has not begun within one year of the assignment. If you need an extension, please contact the Housing Department.

Land Assignment Policy: 3.0 – GENERAL PROVISION 3.3 – EXISTING SXD LAND ASSIGNMENTS SITES:

3.3.2 – Any existing, non-utilizing SXD Land Assignment Site that has been assigned for ONE year on or after the effective date of this policy shall be revoked and returned to the status of available tribal land. To avoid revocation, the assignee shall, within ninety days of written notification by the District, utilize the SXD Land Assignment Site by starting construction of any dwelling. If this is not possible, they may request an extension of their assignment through the **SXD Housing Department**.

3.4.8 – A SXD Land Assignment Site shall be utilized by the assignee within one year from the date of the approved SXDC Resolution by constructing a home or placing a dwelling on the SXD Land Assignment Site. If one year has passed, the applicant can request an extension through the Housing Manager via an official letter and be considered for a six-month extension, or otherwise withdraw land assignment, or the land assignment will revert back to SXD if no action has been taken.

Himdag

EVENTS COORDINATOR

Himdag Haicu 'A:ga
S-keg S-he:pjig Maşad
November

Pleasant cold month – When traditional games are played

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Coordinator. Here is some information to share. There
are many ways O'odham Himdag is shared and
understood. Let this be one source for you as you
read and even listen.

O'odham Food Harvesting and Games

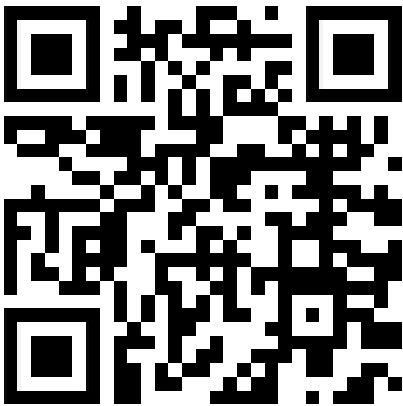
This month O'odham gather in different ways to keep many traditions. Some traditions have been kept for generations, and some are new.

During the fall time O'odham would harvest their fields of Huñ (corn) Ha:l (squash) Bawĩ (tepary beans) Gupĩ /melon (watermelon) Everything was gathered using the willow baskets, and when the harvest was complete the men would be given the empty willow baskets, and they would flip the baskets over onto the earth and use them for the beat of the drum during the singing and dancing. Long ago villages would gather to compete in O'odham games such as Toka (women's game), Şongiwul (men's game), Wo'poda (racing game), Gins (men's stick game), Ko'omai (women's stick game), and Wui'cuda (racing game).

O'odham Ñeñe kc Kelihina (Singing and Dancing)

During the Fall Season O'odham singing and dancing was done after the games were played. This would either happen every night until midnight, or at the very end when all the games ended. Communities have their own set of songs. Usally by region. For the Wa:k Community, we are known for the Morning Dove or the Thunderbird. There is alot of knowledge about this, but please be on the lookout for future gatherings and workshops.

Look up the link to learn more about O'odham games, food, and songs.



HIMDAG EVENTS COORDINATOR CONT'D

Ko'koi Ha-Taş All Souls Day celebrations

Usually this is done on two days, November 1 and November 2. For the Wa:k Community November 1st is known as the day of the Little Angels. This is when toys, cookies, and candy would be laid out for the souls of babies and young children that had passed away and did not become adults. November 2nd is the day of All Souls, and even pets. There are many ways families within the Wa:k Community choose to remember and celebrate the souls of loved ones. Keep in mind it is a great thing to keep tradition, and it is never too late to start.

Kwali:ya Story

There may be several versions of the story, but here is one to share.



In closing, as we approach another year to celebrate our community Feast Days which are December 2nd , 3rd , and 4th I encourage you to check-in if you have a family member that may be in the current Feast Committee and or Committee that will be coming in. Check-ins are always good. See how you can help your family members during the time of the Feast.

I look forward to creating and collaborating with you all in the near future in regard to cultural and community events and potential ideas. If you have any suggestions or questions, please feel free to reach out and send me an email to menis@waknet.org or phone call at (520) 573-4005. Pegi 'Oig.



Greetings Wa:k Community,

I hope all is well with you and your loved ones. In the midst of life's hustle and bustle I hope you're finding time to care for yourself—not just physically, but mentally and emotionally. One of the most powerful ways we can nurture ourselves is by reflecting on our thinking.

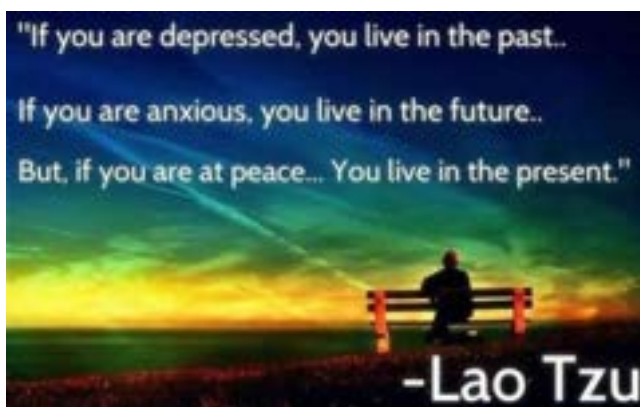
In Alcoholics Anonymous (AA), there's a concept known as "stinkin' thinkin'." It refers to the negative thought patterns that can trap us in cycles of worry, resentment, and self-doubt. Are you constantly worrying about things beyond your control? Do you struggle to let go of past hurts or future fears? These are signs of stinkin' thinkin', and it can quietly erode our peace of mind.

The first step in AA is a profound one: "We admitted we were powerless over alcohol—that our lives had become unmanageable." This step isn't just about addiction. It's about surrendering, letting go of people, places, and things. It's about recognizing that control is often an illusion, and that healing begins when we stop trying to force outcomes and start accepting reality.

Letting go doesn't mean giving up—it means making space for clarity, growth, and grace. When we let go of the need to control everything, we open ourselves to new possibilities. We begin to trust the process, and we allow ourselves to be guided by something greater than our fears.

So today, take a moment to check in with your thoughts. Are they serving you, or sabotaging you? Are they rooted in truth, or tangled in fear? You deserve peace. You deserve freedom. And it starts with how you think. Choose faith over fear.

Respectfully,
Irma Tucker, Program Administrator





S-ke:g Taş!

A:ñi añ ap ce:gig Reyna Pablo. Añi gamai-gigi'iik ahidak. Ñe mashcmakud Ombudsman High school. Ñ-je'e 'o hab ce:gig Genna Pablo, Ñ-hu'ul 'o hab ce:gig Sally Pablo, Ñ-ka:k 'o hab ce:gig Patsy Ramon, Ñ-wosk 'o hab ce:gig Ervin Antone. Añi Miss Wa:k Ceksan First Attendant 2024-2025.

Good day!

My name is Reyna Pablo. I am 18 years old. My mother's name is Genna Pablo, my maternal grandmother is Sally Pablo, and my paternal grandparents are Patsy Ramon and Ervin Antone. I am the Miss Wa:k Ceksan First Attendant 2024-2025.

On July 27, 2025, I attended the WEWIN (Women Empowering Women in Indian Nations) National Conference, a multi-day event. The first day was a welcome reception and dinner, where all the women, including me, introduced ourselves, shared where we're from, and discussed what we do.

Monday, July 28th, Arianna and I wore red to recognize Missing & Murdered Indigenous Persons. The day started with breakfast and then our first workshop session, which was 'Honoring the Wisdom of My Ancestors' held by Trudy Rouillard Soole. She talked about her struggles with mental health and ways of healing. The second workshop session we went to was 'The Healing Power of Laughter for Native Women' held by Cecelia Fire Thunder. This session was different from the others, but in a good way. She discussed how laughter is like medicine, and how to let go of things you can't control. In a way, it guided me to a healing stage. Arianna and I joked around, saying she was our new grandma because every time we saw her, she would say, "The princesses are here." That was a memorable moment for us. That evening, there was a Night of Karaoke & Dance, where Arianna and I attended and danced to a few songs like the Cupid Shuffle and the Macarena. It was fun seeing some of the women sing their karaoke songs.

The next day started with breakfast and then our first session, which was 'A 7 Generation Plan for Family Coaching and Engaging Families to Set and Reach Their Goals,' held by the Economic Mobility Hub for American Indians. Different Family Coaches shared how their organization works and how they help families in Minnesota. Following this session, a luncheon was held to honor WEWIN board members and partners. Our session after lunch was led by Janice Richards and Ruth Cedar Face, who discussed "The Four Seasons of a Lakota Woman." They described the 4 Stages of Life from the moment you're born to the day you pass away. They also discussed how they utilize every part of the buffalo within their culture. That evening, Cecilia Thunder Fire held a women's healing circle that Arianna and I attended. This was a particularly impactful part of the conference for me because it provided a safe space to discuss.

On the last day of the session we attended, 'Your Story, Your Strength: Resumes & LinkedIn for the Whole You' was held by Wells Fargo Bank. This session was very informative about getting into the workforce and what employers look for. The details they shared about how to make a resume is something I obtained and will use in my personal life. The last session we attended was 'Making of the Modern Day Matriarch.' This session talked about the differences in worldviews between Western and Indigenous peoples. Following this session was the fashion show featuring the winners of a raffled makeover. Arianna and I were asked to assist in providing raffle winners with their prizes. Although we didn't win anything, the involvement in the conference was something I won't forget.

The agenda ended with a Goodbye Circle where we described the conference in one word, and I said "impactful". I would like to extend my gratitude to the TON Legislative Council, Tobacco Barn, the Coyote Store, our sponsors, and the community.

Mas-p'o, Thank You

Wak Spirit

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S-ke:g Tas! Wa:k Community,

As we embark on another exciting month of learning and growth, we would like to highlight a simple yet powerful activity that can make a significant difference in your child's development: reading aloud together.

Why Reading Aloud Matters:

Reading aloud to children is more than just a bedtime ritual - it's a cornerstone of their cognitive, emotional, and social development. Research has consistently shown that this shared experience offers numerous benefits:

- **Cognitive Development**

Reading aloud helps children build crucial language skills, expand their vocabulary, and improve their comprehension. It exposes them to a diverse range of words, sentence structures, and ideas that they might not encounter in everyday conversation.

- **Emotional Bonding**

Spending quality time reading together strengthens the parent-child bond. It creates a warm, nurturing environment where children feel safe exploring new ideas and emotions.

- **Social Skills and Empathy**

Stories introduce children to diverse characters and situations, helping them develop empathy and understanding of others' experiences.

While early exposure to reading is ideal, it's important to note that reading aloud benefits children of all ages - even teenagers! It can serve as a valuable bonding experience and a way to tackle more complex topics together.

For this month, please join us for our fall "FAMILY STEM NIGHT" on Wednesday, November 5, 2025, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Education Center. FREE food, drinks & snacks will be provided for everyone and additional programs/events for SXD students.

I would like to wish all of the families a Happy Thanksgiving and a wonderful start to the Holiday Season.

As always, thank you for your commitment and supporting your child's education. We look forward to serving you and everyone else as you continue your education.

Carmen H. Martinez, Program Administrator

THE LEARNING CENTER

The library has been on an upswing with the After School Program, Head Start, and Infant/Toddler Program.

Everyone had a great time during Halloween, with our After School Program Halloween Party and our Haunted House.

Infant/Toddler Program is held every Tuesday from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.

Pima County Bookmobile is here every first Wednesday of the month from 3 pm - 4 pm.

For more information, call Gertie or Elissa at 520-807-8621.

CULTURAL *Language Teacher*

S-ke:g Taş Wesig 'Em Wui,

The After School Program (Kinder thru 6th grades), the students have been learning, the O'odham vowels, AEIOU, small conversations such as 'A:ñi añ ab ce:gig (my name); Api has ce:gig? (What is your name?), Has ce:gig 'i:da? (What is his/her name?). The students share the words to each other by having small conversation. Like anything, this takes practice, and for the students to get used to the vocal exercises by using their muscles in their jaws to move on the phonics. I also made O'odham flashcards for the vowels to practice with each other as learners. This is a fun exercise to help the students learn the O'odham language.

Upcoming Events:

- November Basketry Class (see attached flyer).
- Christmas Caroling Applications will be posted in November.

Education Outreach Coordinators CORNER



S-keg Tas Wa:k Community,

Each month, we're reminded of just how special this community truly is. This space is designed to keep us connected, allowing us to share stories, celebrate milestones, highlight essential updates, and shine a light on the wonderful things happening all around us.



Last month our After School Programs were kept busy keeping up with homework, creating crafts, and igniting new ways of thinking. The Voices of Our Youth (VOY) program dedicated their time and skills building a haunted house from scratch. They built the entire outline with PVC pipes, hung tarps from top to bottom, decorated, and took part in having a great Halloween event for all members of the community. The VOY Program also took part in learning the Wa:k Rain Dance & songs. We are proud of all the students!



As we enter the holiday season, we would like to take a moment to honor and thank the parents, families, and caregivers who make our programs so special. Your support, involvement, and trust mean so much to us. We are grateful for the opportunity to walk alongside you and your children, sharing traditions, stories, and values that strengthen our connection to one another.

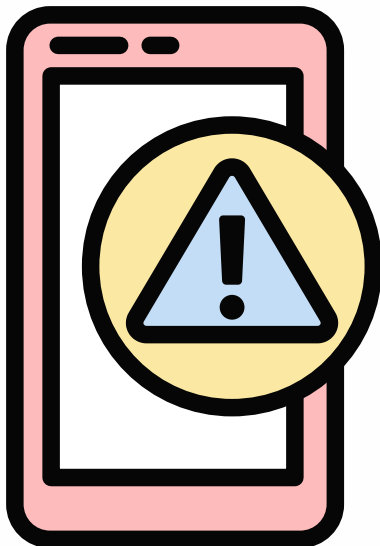




**San Xavier District of the
Tohono O'odham Nation
2018 W. San Xavier Road
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