

# COMMUNITY UPDATE

Division of Community Development Newsletter

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## Did You Know...

On November 21, 2022, President Joe Biden pardoned two turkeys named "Chocolate" and "Chip" at a formal ceremony on the South Lawn of the White House. (<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/speeches-remarks/2022/11/21/remarks-by-president-biden-at-pardoning-of-the-national-turkey/>)

## Events:-

### November: Níłch'its'ósí - "Slender Winds"

November 11: Veterans Day

November 24: Thanksgiving

November 25: Navajo Nation Family Day

### December: Níłch'itsoh - "Big Winds"

December 6: Human Rights Day

December 21: Winter Solstice

December 24: Christmas Eve

December 25: Christmas Day

December 31: New Year's Eve

## Thanksgiving Message from the 24th Navajo Nation Council



WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – Speaker Otto Tso and the 24th Navajo Nation Council provide the following statement to commemorate the Thanksgiving Holiday:

*Today, we encourage our Navajo people to reflect, give thanks, and express their gratitude to our Diyin Dine'é for all they continue to provide. Over the past year, our people have faced many challenges, but through song and prayer we continue to maintain balance and move forward as a Nation.*

*The spirit of giving thanks has always remained an integral part of who we are as people, and we invite the public to not only take the time to reflect on the blessings shown this year, but to pray for those who are underprivileged and less fortunate.*

*Despite the pandemic, we thank our frontline workers, doctors, nurses, and first responders for keeping our Nation safe. We honor all those who we have lost and will never forget the sacrifices made.*

*We as council humbly remind everyone to stay safe, respect one another, and to continue to honor the teachings and traditions of our elders and medicine people.*

*May the Creator continue to watch over the people of the Navajo Nation and provide us guidance into another prosperous year.*

*Ahééh Hwiindzin Binahji' Níł Hózhóó Le' Baa Hózhóogo Késhmish Yázhí Adííleel*

(<http://bit.ly/3EVht6p>)

November 2022

# Heavy Equipment Updates

Heavy Equipment Policies and Procedures now available on [nndcd.org](http://nndcd.org) website and you can click--> [HERE](#)

## November Delivery:

11/22 Tsayatoh Chapter - Heavy Equipment Accessories/Needed items

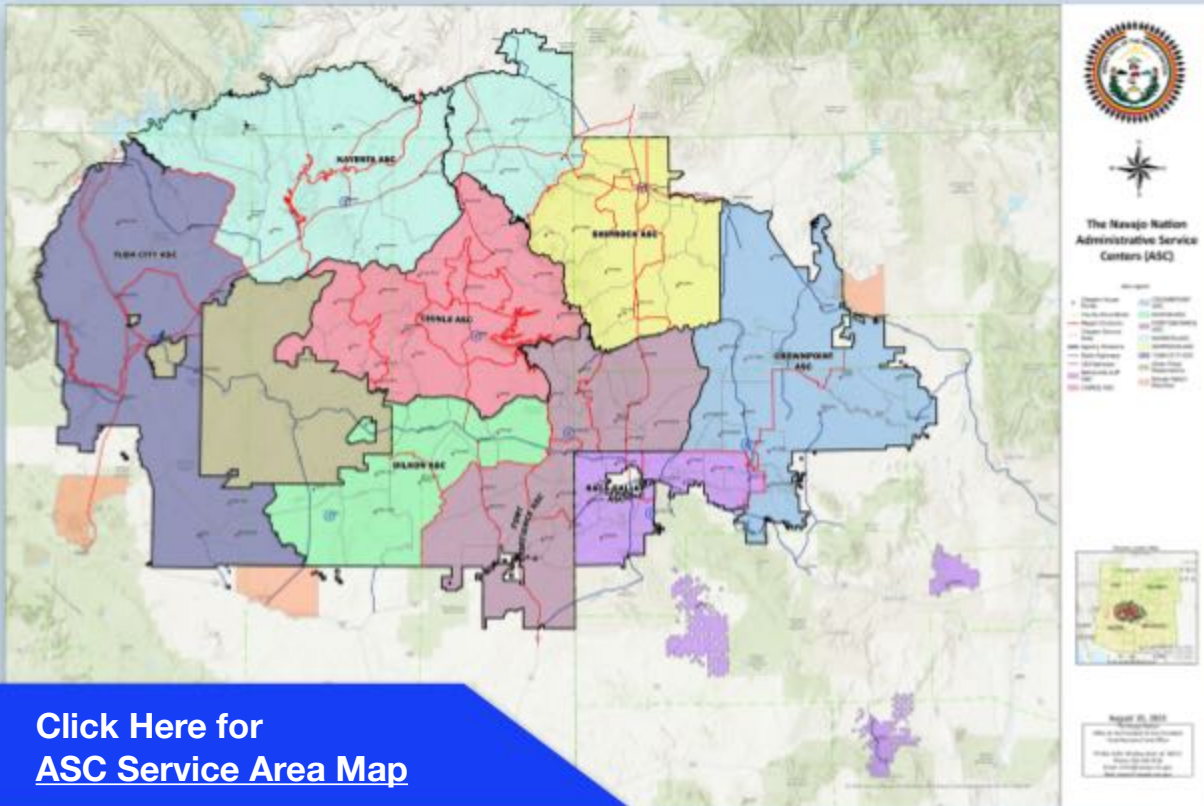


*Congratulations on  
your purchase  
Tsayatoh!*

# ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE CENTERS (ASC)

## Service Area Map, Effective 10/01/2022

The primary purposes of the Administrative Services Center (ASC) Department is to provide technical assistance and training to all political subdivisions of the Navajo Nation. In regards to non-governance certified Chapters, the ASC Department provides administrative support and assists Chapters in becoming governance certified. For governance certified Chapters that gain more local autonomy, the ASC's role is reduced but the ASC continues to monitor funds appropriated by the Navajo Nation Council. Another purpose of the ASC Department is to serve as a communication nexus between the political subdivisions and any Navajo Nation governmental entity. The overall purpose of the ASC is to help all political subdivisions to become successful self-sustaining community governments.



[Click Here for  
ASC Service Area Map](#)

With that, the ASC Department has been undergoing internal management and administrative change to support and promote overall effective program operations by realigning with Agency and Council Delegate District service areas. Transitions have begun for 22 Navajo Chapters with new ASC Offices. The 110 Navajo Chapters can contact the lead ASC staff for the following Agencies.

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**Administrative Service Centers**

## 5 Wellness Breaks

You can start  
Today.

*almost everything  
will work if you*

# Unplug

*it for a few minutes*  
**INCLUDING YOU**



**TAKE A 3 TO 5 MINUTE  
MINDFULNESS MEDITATION  
BREAK**



**TAKE A WALKING  
BREAK**



**TAKE A SOCIALIZING BREAK  
-PREFERABLE WITH SOMEONE  
WHO MAKES YOU SMILE**



**TAKE AN APPRECIATION BREAK  
-WRITE A THANK YOU NOTE!**



**TAKE A STRETCHING BREAK  
-YOUR BODY WILL THANK YOU!**



*Click Below for Public  
Health Resources for  
Wellness:*

Navajo Nation Health  
Education Program

Navajo Nation  
Department of Health

Navajo Nation Special  
Diabetes Program

NavajoFamilies.org  
Wellness Programs page

# Bulletin Board

## Mariano Lake celebrates the completion of new bridge and paving of community road

MARIANO LAKE, N.M. – On Tuesday, Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez, Council Delegate Edmund Yazzie, and Navajo Nation Division of Transportation Director Garret Silversmith joined community members in Mariano Lake, N.M., as they recognized construction workers and local leaders for the completion of a new bridge and pavement along N11, which serves as a primary route for residents, school buses, Navajo Technical University students, and first responders.

In January, President Nez signed off on the construction contract with Navajo Engineering and Construction Authority for the road project, which included new pavement for approximately 3.7 miles of the road to help address safety concerns and improve access for school, work, commerce, health, and emergency response. The project, funded by the Federal Highway Administration Tribal Transportation Program, also included grading, subgrade treatment, drainage structures, fencing, cattle guards, gates, and new signage. The roadway accommodates an average of 250 vehicles per day.

"This project represents progress and change for the Mariano Lake community and the Navajo Nation.

Change takes time and it doesn't happen overnight, but with the persistence of local leaders and many partners we continue to move road projects forward to completion. The Navajo Division of Transportation and NECA have completed many road improvements together, but we understand that there is much more that remains to be done and we are committed to securing the resources to do much more in our communities. We congratulate the Mariano Lake community and thank our past and present leaders for their support," said President Nez.

In 2019, President Nez led the effort to purchase the Navajo Nation's very first gravel pit near the community of Dilkon, Ariz., to reduce the costs of transporting materials for road projects and making resources available closer to communities on the Navajo Nation.

During Tuesday's ceremony, Mariano Lake Chapter President James R. DeGroat thanked President Nez and Mariano Chapter officials for supporting the project. He also called for a moment of silence to honor and remember former Navajo Nation Vice Chairman and Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council,



Edward T. Begay, who passed away in June. Prior to serving in those positions, Begay served as the Vice President of Mariano Lake Chapter. On behalf of the Mariano Lake Chapter, President DeGroat presented a hand drawn portrait of Edward T. Begay to President Nez in appreciation of his support for the community. DeGroat, who also designed the official Navajo Nation flag, drew the portrait in honor of his friend, the late former Vice Chairman and Speaker.

READ MORE AT: <https://bit.ly/30MrK9v>

## Buttigieg gets an earful about tribal roads during trip to Southwest



ALBUQUERQUE. – Tribal leaders in New Mexico had a simple message to U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg: Give us money to fix roads, and patch up the broken agreement the federal government has failed to maintain.

"The so-called federal responsibility is not met for these tribes," Ron Shutiva told Buttigieg during his stop in Albuquerque Nov. 16. "That federal responsibility, our great white father, is supposed to be taking care of all of our needs within Indian Country because they took the land that we have away from us."

Shutiva, the tribal liaison for the New Mexico Department of Transportation, is from Acoma Pueblo and has seen firsthand for decades the problem-solving tribal nations

have to do in order to fix and repair roads using a funding formula stretched between multiple government sources.

"We always have to deal with that white tape. I call it white tape. A lot of people call it red tape, but I call it white tape, because it's somebody else making those regulations for us," Shutiva said.

While Shutiva's message came near the end of the Nov. 16 meeting, it echoed what tribal representatives from the Pueblos, Apache bands and Navajo Nation expressed regarding funding for new road projects, poorly maintained roads, and problems with federal grants that are excluding tribal nations from millions in investments under the Biden administration.

Buttigieg's first visit on Nov. 16 to the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center came after a stop with tribal leaders at the Southwest Indian Polytechnic Institute on the Westside of Albuquerque. After the event at the IPCC with the All-Pueblo Council of Governors, he headed to Arizona to meet with Hopi Chairman Timothy L. Nuvangyaoma and outgoing Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez. Buttigieg did also meet privately with Navajo President-Elect Buu Nygren in Albuquerque.

Buttigieg is visiting the Southwest to tout investments in local communities under President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law that was passed in 2021.

His listening session with Pueblo leaders highlighted

systemic problems creating the reality that more than 60% of tribal roads are unpaved, according to federal data.

Tribes said the federal government could help with even basic necessities, such as ground salt for icy roads and updated equipment that can assist with general maintenance.

Tribes also expressed concerns that planning and development of shovel-ready projects requires expertise they do not all have, so federal funding for such projects could skip tribal nations in New Mexico.

"The tribes are going to miss the boat because of infrastructure planning," said Chris Little, Mescalero Apache Tribe public works director.

Little said his tribe has lost out on funding opportunities by spending the time to line up engineers and other specialists to meet guidelines to apply for federal dollars, in turn missing deadlines. He'd like to see reform that guarantees money down the road if tribes are finalizing their road work plans.

"There's two years we lost with funding," he said. "So there would have to be some type of mechanism that when we start to process, we're going to be assured that the funding is going to be there."

READ MORE AT: <https://bit.ly/3AUIAx2>

# Bulletin Board

## Honorable Otto Tso elected as new Speaker of the 24th Navajo Nation Council

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – Today, the 24th Navajo Nation Council held a Special Session to elect and confirm a new Speaker of the 24th Navajo Nation Council for the remainder of the term. Members of the 24th Navajo Nation Council convened telephonically and in-person at the Navajo Nation Council Chamber in Window Rock, Ariz.

Sponsored by Hon. Eugene Tso (Chinle) and Co-Sponsored by Hon. Daniel E. Tso (Littlewater, Pueblo Pintado, Torreon, Whitehorse Lake, Baca/Prewitt, Casamero Lake, Ojo Encino, Counselor), Legislation No. 0219-22 was introduced to select and confirm the Speaker of the 24th Navajo Nation Council for the remainder of the term.

In accordance with Resolution No. CJA-03-11, the Navajo Nation Council shall be authorized to select a Speaker pursuant to its own process and procedures. The Navajo Nation Election Administration facilitated the election according to the Navajo Nation Code.

Madam Chief Justice JoAnn B. Jayne was also in attendance and administered the Oath of Office to Hon. Otto Tso as the newly elected Speaker of the 24th Navajo Nation Council. Speaker Tso is now the Branch Chief of the Navajo Nation Legislative Branch and will head all departments and programs within the branch.

Speaker Otto Tso is Naakai Dine'é born for Naaneesht'ezhi Tábaahá. His maternal grandparents are Lók'aa' Dine'é and paternal grandparents are Tsi'naajinii and proudly represents the community of Tó Nanees Dizi (Tuba City), Ariz. Speaker Tso previously served as the Vice Chairman of the Law & Order Committee and other notable committees of the 24th Navajo Nation Council.

READ MORE AT: <https://bit.ly/3gPpKAE>

## Navajo President-Elect Buu Nygren Won the Election by Running the Campaign His Way

He's half-Navajo, admits he has a funny name, chose a woman as his running mate and has never served as a council delegate, but challenging the status quo worked for Buu Nygren and his campaign because on Tuesday, he was elected Navajo Nation president.

Nygren and his running mate, Richelle Montoya, received an unofficial total of 34,568 votes, enough to upset popular incumbent President Jonathan Nez, who was running for a second term. Montoya will be the first woman to serve as Navajo vice president.

"Breaking that glass ceiling is pretty cool for a woman," said Nygren about his new vice president. "It's one step closer to becoming president and I think it showed last night."

Nygren's victory was a surprising turn of events in a race where many people believed Nez would easily win reelection. Nez and his vice president pick, Chad Abeyta, received 31,069 votes, according to the Navajo Nation Election Administration.

"I was very ambitious," said a tired Nygren on Wednesday. "I was a young candidate. A young candidate with a funny name and who chooses a female vice president. I think we put a lot before the Navajo people to take in."

"You've heard the stuff like I'm not Navajo. I'm half-Navajo. You know stuff like that, so there was a lot on the line last night on where the Navajo people stand on certain things. I think those results were very promising that the Navajo Nation at the end of the day were like how can we be the most efficient and effective way to help our people."

Nygren said he found inspiration from past Navajo leaders, including one who followed a similar path, finishing second in the primary election before winning.

READ MORE AT: <https://bit.ly/3H0ym2a>

## Sharaya Edgewater crowned 2022 Miss INFR

Sharaya Edgewater thought it was a long shot, but as the Covid-19 Pandemic restrictions slowly lifted, she was determined to do what she wanted in life.



Courtesy photo | Derrick Yazzie

Sharaya Edgewater of Greasewood Springs, Ariz., enters her first rodeo pageant at the Indian National Finals Rodeo. Later she was crowned the association's queen.

One such thing was to enter the Miss INFR Pageant, even if she had never done such an event before.

But through her dedication, hard work, and help from her family, she won her first rodeo pageant in the national competition for Miss INFR.

"It's very exciting," Edgewater said. "It's something I wanted to pursue, not exactly the INFR Miss Indian Rodeo title, but just something I wanted to try to do when I was younger, like running for a rodeo queen. So, getting this (title) at this level, I'm very proud that I was able to do it. And it makes me very happy that I'm able to represent the Navajo Nation."

Edgewater is from the Greasewood Springs, Arizona. She is Tósohnií born for Ma'íi Deeshgiizhinií.

### Five-time qualifier

All her life, she grew up around rodeo, traveling with her family, and growing a love for horses. She was in the second grade when she first started competing in barrel racing. Years later, she'd become a five-time qualifier for the INFR barrel racing competition and won other achievements like Year End Champion for several different associations.

For Edgewater, rodeo helped build relationships among people, making it like a family, and she enjoys spending time with the horses and other animals. Rodeo also taught her responsibility, patience, and other virtues she carries with her when out of the arena.

After graduating, she went to college: first to Central Arizona College, where she was part of the college's rodeo team before transferring to Arizona State University. During this time, she decided to put all her focus into her college studies and took a break from rodeo.

However, this break went longer than intended when Covid occurred, and many businesses and activities were closed. It was nearly two years until restrictions started to lift and, in that time, Edgewater was determined to pursue her goals and dreams before life passed her by.

That included qualifying for the INFR barrel racing

competition again and trying out for the Miss INFR pageant.

### Source of inspiration

Her aunt, Charmaine Edgewater, is the former Miss INFR of 2006 and a source of inspiration for Edgewater wanting to try out for the pageant. When she was younger, she always wanted to try out for a rodeo pageant, and when she saw a chance to compete for the Miss INFR title, she took it.

Despite being an underdog in the competition, her aunt helped her prepare for the pageant, giving over questions that may be asked, helping her practice for the horsemanship competition, and doing the traditional presentation of Navajo clothing, history, and culture.

Edgewater was nervous as she went through the competition, especially when she compared herself to her competitors. Almost all of them had experience in rodeo pageants, and Edgewater was among the few to compete in the pageant and rodeo events.

Despite that, Edgewater soon garnered enough points to put her ahead in the pageant, with horsemanship being her best category.

After four days of the pageant and on the final night of the rodeo, Edgewater was crowned the 2022 Miss INFR.

"It was definitely a shock," Edgewater said. "I think not only shocked to myself and my family and the people in the rodeo community because it's not very common for people who participate in rodeo to also pursue rodeo queening."

For Edgewater, one of the challenging parts of the pageant was also one of her favorites. That was when she stood before an international crowd and represented the Navajo tribe. Before other tribal members from across the U.S and Canada, she shared Navajo traditions and beliefs.

READ MORE AT: <https://bit.ly/3iwbm00>

# Bulletin Board

## Triathlon athlete represents Diné at Ironman World Championships

By David Smith | Nov 10, 2022

On October 8, Denten Robinson competed in the 2022 Ironman World Championship.



Courtesy photo

Diné triathlon athlete Denten Robinson competed in the 2022 Ironman World Championship in Kona, Hawaii in early October. Robinson finished the grueling competition in about 15 hours.

The Diné athlete from Phoenix swam for 2.4 miles, biked for 112 miles and ran for 26.22 miles in one day.

He is possibly the first Diné ever to compete and finish the Championship race.

Robinson is originally from Tohatchi and is Táá'áá, born for his Bilagáana relatives.

Robinson traveled to Kona, Hawaii, and completed the course in about 15 hours. Robinson was a little disappointed by his completed time as he averaged about 12 hours in his previous races.

Still, he felt great having completed the course and having competed against some of the world's best athletes.

"The overall experience was amazing, to be with all of those top athletes from around the world in that environment," Robinson said. "They hadn't had the race in Hawaii, because of Covid in three years, I believe, so it was pretty special. The environment's great, the water was awesome, just the beauty of Hawaii. But the course is difficult ... It's a difficult location for a race because of the heat and the humidity."

Robinson has been competing in Ironman competitions since 2009. He was inspired to give the triathlon event a try after watching videos of past championships and thinking it looked like a cool competition to be in. He wasn't confident in his athletics abilities at the time, but he met a few local Ironman competitors near his home who'd encourage him to give it a try.

Even though Robinson didn't think he was a fast swimmer or an endurance runner or bicyclist, he competed in the 2009 Arizona Ironman Competition and was able to finish the race.

"When I'm out there racing, I never feel more alive than when I'm out there doing these events. And it's something that once you do it, you can get addicted to it. People ask me that all the time, 'Why do you keep doing this to your body?'"

"It's a challenge; a physical challenge, mental challenge, spiritual challenge, like everything into one," he added. "I've often told people that it's the only event or activity that I can think of where during that race, every emotion that you could feel, you feel."

Robinson said he's felt pain, sorrow, sadness and jubilation while competing.

"Every emotion that you could feel, you just feel during those events because there's just highs and lows, but then it's all worth it," he said. "Once you get to the finish line and you realize what you've just done."

The Ironman competitions has benefited his health, but he said the races also gave him a goal, something to reach for and accomplish. It also helps him to manage stress and negativity, making him a better person for his family, friends and colleagues.

Pros and cons

He's competed in Ironman events in Arizona, Utah, Texas, Florida and Maryland.

Robinson said you have to enjoy all three events of the competition if you want to compete, but for him personally his favorite of the events is the biking portion, then running, and then swimming. All three events have their pros and cons and he enjoys doing all three equally, but if he'd had to choose, bicycling is usually his favorite of the race.

Read more at: <https://bit.ly/3VsWvCY>

## Grad charted own course to social work, public affairs

'I will be the first social worker and first public administrator in my family'

November 29, 2022

As the youngest of five children, Ty'Lesha Yellowhair (Navajo, or Diné) had more than enough incentive to pursue her education. Not that there weren't challenges to overcome for it to happen. Portrait of Ty'Lesha Yellowhair, ASU fall 2022 outstanding graduate for the School of Public Affairs. Ty'Lesha Yellowhair (Navajo, or Diné), fall 2022 Outstanding Graduate in the School of Public Affairs, Watts College of Public Service and Community Solutions.

Following the example of their mother — who holds three master's degrees — all four of Yellowhair's siblings also earned degrees.

"It's been incredible to witness the strides they have all taken, for me to live up to the examples of my siblings and my mother," said Yellowhair, the fall 2022 Outstanding Graduate from Arizona State University's School of Public Affairs.

Today a Chandler, Arizona, resident, Yellowhair is of the Diné nation, originally from Kayenta, Arizona. She is Todíich'íinii (Bitter Water Clan) born for Tí'ááshchí'í (Red Bottom People Clan). Her maternal grandfather's clan is Naakai Dine'é, and her paternal grandfather's clan is Tó'áhaní (Near the Water Clan).

READ MORE AT: <https://bit.ly/3B0u4i>



# Bulletin Board

## Breaking Ground in Design: MBDA Helps Support New Indigenous Projects



and global competitiveness of minority business enterprises, Commerce's Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA) offers a number of tools, resources, and networks to support minority businesses and entrepreneurs through their network of Business Centers and projects.

One of these projects includes the Four Winds Diversified Project in the Southwest United States. With the assistance of MBDA, this project provides access to unlimited opportunities, access to capital, and access to resources and new markets for American Indian, Alaskan Native, Native Hawaiian and minority-owned businesses located on Southwest rural reservation lands and local community areas. The services provided by the project were especially helpful to Tamara Begay, President of Indigenous Design Studio and Architecture (IDS+A).

Tamara is breaking new ground in the architecture industry. With only 17% of registered architects being women and 0% being Native American, IDS+A continues to thrive and is the only architecture firm in the world to employ 100% indigenous staff.

Promoting design that is not only a reflection, but a true representation of Native culture and community is a top priority to IDS+A. Their focus is on using a "Charrette process" throughout their planning process. This process is used to explore possible solutions for challenging issues in a community, institution, facility, or neighborhood in a short period of time. This collaboration also allows community groups to contribute to creating a place that is responsive to their individual needs.

Indigenous Design Studio +Architecture came to the Four Winds Diversified Project MBDA Business Center about two years ago. The MBDA team assisted their

business in executing and pursuing the Small Business Administration 8(a) Certification and Women-Owned Certification Program, which has helped Ms. Begay and her team by opening more opportunities for projects in the area and by providing Federal, State, Local and Tribal opportunities, and referrals.

"Being Navajo is being proud of where you come from and being proud of who you are," said Tamara. That has really been instilled in me. I have a lot of strong females in my family. They always tell me, 'Don't ever forget where you came from.' I'm going to stand up for who I am, and I am going to stand up for the rights of my family, myself, and my people. We should be heard just like anybody else."

Because of MBDA's assistance, IDS+A's ground-breaking Indigenous projects are becoming a mainstay in the Southwest. Recent projects include the San Carlos Early Childhood Education Program Head Start Center, the Tse'bit'a'i' Justice Center, and the Navajo Technical University.

At the Department of Commerce, we recognize that America's diversity has always been our greatest strength. The Native American community is deeply rooted in the history of the United States and is an integral part of the rich fabric of our nation. True to our mission of creating the conditions for economic growth and opportunity—for all Americans—MBDA and the Commerce Department work every day to support and invest in the Native American business community.

Learn more about MBDA programs at [mbda.gov](https://mbda.gov)

READ MORE AT: <https://bit.ly/3EUvEIE>

In honor of Native American Heritage Month, the U.S. Department of Commerce has recognized the extensive impact of Native American innovators, entrepreneurs, and minority business enterprises throughout the nation. As the only federal agency solely dedicated to the growth

## TahNibaa Naataanii Navajo/Diné Textile Artist and Weaver and 2022 National Heritage Fellow

Navajo/Diné textile artist and weaver and 2022 National Heritage Fellow TahNibaa Naataanii talks about Navajo/Diné weaving, which is more than an art—it's a way of life. Naataanii raises sheep, shears them, dyes, cards, spins, and, finally, weaves their wool. She tells us the creation story of Diné weaving, and its deep spiritual connections to her everyday practices. We talk about the ways she honors Navajo traditional weaving while also expanding it artistically in various ways—from reworking traditional patterns to incorporating different fibers into her weaving. Finally, Naataanii talks about the impact of environmental degradation on the land and the challenges it poses for her and future generations. You can see a sample of Naataanii's work at [arts.gov](https://arts.gov) where you can also check out the documentary Roots of American Culture—a film about Naataanii and all of the 2022 National Heritage Fellows.

READ MORE AT: <https://bit.ly/3XOBDr2>





## PERSONNEL NEWS -- DCD OPEN POSITIONS

POSITION TITLE	LOCATION	PAY RATE	CLOSING DATE
<b>Administrative Service Centers</b>			
Accounts Maintenance Specialist (S)	Forest Lake, AZ	27,519.84	OUF
Accounts Maintenance Specialist (S)	Rough Rock, AZ	27,519.84	OUF
Accounts Maintenance Specialist (S)	Alamo, NM	27,519.84	OUF
Accounts Maintenance Specialist (S)	Red Mesa, AZ	27,519.84	OUF
Accounts Maintenance Specialist (S)	Kaibeto, AZ	27,519.84	OUF
Accounts Maintenance Specialist (S)	Coalmine Mesa, AZ	27,519.84	OUF
Accounts Maintenance Specialist (S)	Navajo Mountain, AZ	27,519.84	OUF
Accounts Maintenance Specialist (S)	Tolani Lake, AZ	27,519.84	OUF
Community Service Coordinator (S)	Navajo Mountain, AZ	38,836.80	OUF
Accounts Maintenance Specialist (S)	Tecnospos, AZ	27,519.84	OUF
Accounts Maintenance Specialist (S)	Tohajiilee, NM	28,897.92	OUF

### Capital Projects Management Department

Registered Architect (S)	Window Rock, AZ	69,217.20	OUF
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### Housing Improvement Program

Eligibility Technician (S)	Ft. Defiance, AZ	28,897.92	OUF
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### Navajo Nation Fiscal Recovery Fund - Division of Community Development

Accountant (S) (3 Pos.)	Window Rock, AZ	45,555.68	OUF
Planner/Estimator (S)	Window Rock, AZ	51,782.12	12/12/2022

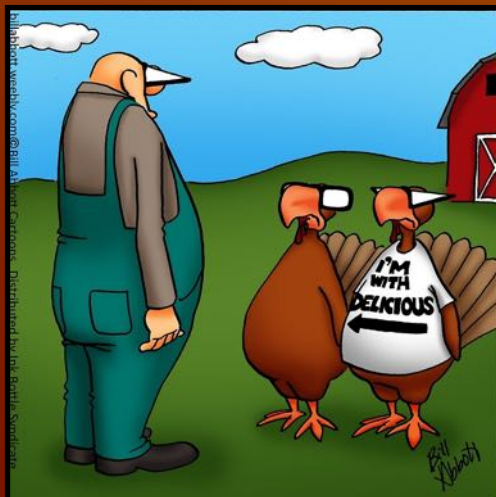
(OUF) Open Until Filled

(S) Sensitive Position (subject to background check)

Closing Dates may change due to temporary reduction in non-essential Navajo Nation government services

For the most up-to-date personnel info, please visit DPM's website at  
<http://www.dpm.navajo-nsn.gov/jobs.html>

### Comic of the Month



### Quote of the Month



# Navajo Nation Census Information Center News

## Veterans Day 2022: November 11

October 26, 2022

Press Release Number CB22-FF.11

Veterans Day originated as "Armistice Day" on Nov. 11, 1919, the first anniversary of the end of World War I. Congress passed a resolution in 1926 making it an annual observance, and it became a national holiday in 1938. Sixteen years later, then-President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed legislation changing the name to Veterans Day to honor all those who served their country during war or peacetime. On this day, the nation honors military veterans -- living and dead -- with parades and other observances across the country and a ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia.

The following facts are possible thanks to the invaluable responses to U.S. Census Bureau surveys. We appreciate the public's cooperation in helping us measure America's people, places and economy.

### Veteran Population

#### Did You Know?

#### 16.5 million

The number of military veterans in the United States in 2021.

Source: 2021 American Community Survey 1-year estimates

#### 1.7 million

The number of female veterans in the United States in 2021.

Source: 2021 American Community Survey 1-year estimates

#### 1.9%

The percentage of veterans in 2021 who were Asian American. Additionally, 73.0% of veterans were non-Hispanic White; 8.2% Hispanic or Latino (of any race); 12.3% African American; 0.7% American Indian or Alaska Native; 0.2% Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander; and 2.7% were Some Other Race. (The numbers include only those reporting a single race.)

Source: 2021 American Community Survey 1-year estimates

#### 24.4%

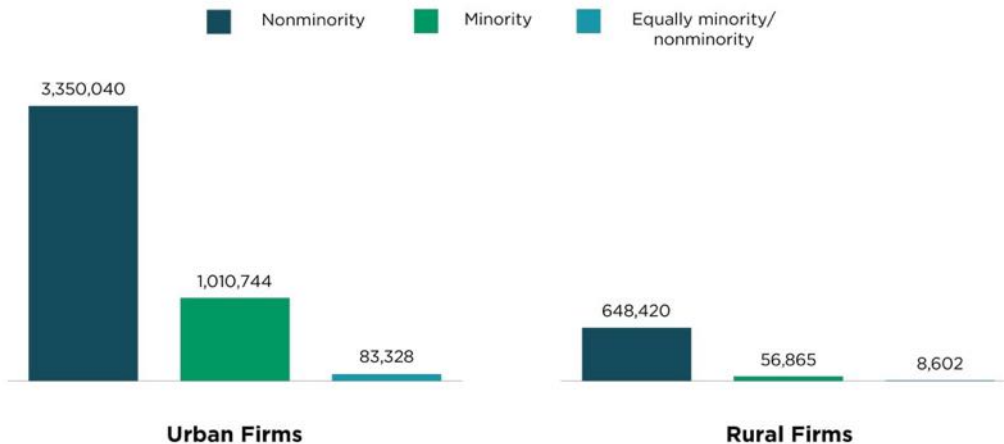
The percentage of veterans ages 75 and older in 2021. At the other end of the age spectrum, 8.2% of veterans were younger than age 35.

Source: 2015-2019 American Community Survey

READ MORE AT: <https://www.census.gov/newsroom/facts-for-features/2022/aian-month.html>

# From City to Countryside

Number of Urban and Rural Employer Firms by Minority Status



Note: Minority-owned firms are classified as any race and ethnicity combination other than non-Hispanic and White. Nonminority firms are classified as non-Hispanic and White. Firms are classified as urban or rural based on the population of the census block of its physical location or mailing address. Firms without an assigned census block are designated as "not classified." Firms with a physical location or mailing address on a census block with at least 2,500 inhabitants are classified as "urban." All other firms are classified as "rural." The Census Bureau has reviewed this data product for unauthorized disclosure of confidential information and has approved the disclosure avoidance practices applied. (Approval ID: CDBRB-FY22-308)

## Toys for the Holidays



Total **sales, value of shipments, or revenue** for hobby, toy, and game **stores** in the United States<sup>1</sup>



\$17.4B

Total **sales, value of shipments, or revenue** for dolls, toys, and game **manufacturing** in the United States<sup>1</sup>



\$1.4B

Total **value of U.S. imports** of toys, games, and sports equipment<sup>2</sup>



\$4.3B

Total **value of U.S. exports** of toys, games, and sports equipment<sup>2</sup>



\$0.5B



<sup>1</sup> Annual Business Survey data.

<sup>2</sup> USA Trade Online.



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## Community Land Use Planning Orientations & Trainings

### Topics

- Review the *Title 26 Local Governance Act - Zoning & Community Based Land Use Plans*
- Provide overview of Land-Use Planning for Navajo Chapters
- Review the CLUPC certification process
- Strategic Planning assistance
- Community assessment collection tools & methods
- Introduction of land use planning topics
- Technical Assistance
- Solid Waste Management

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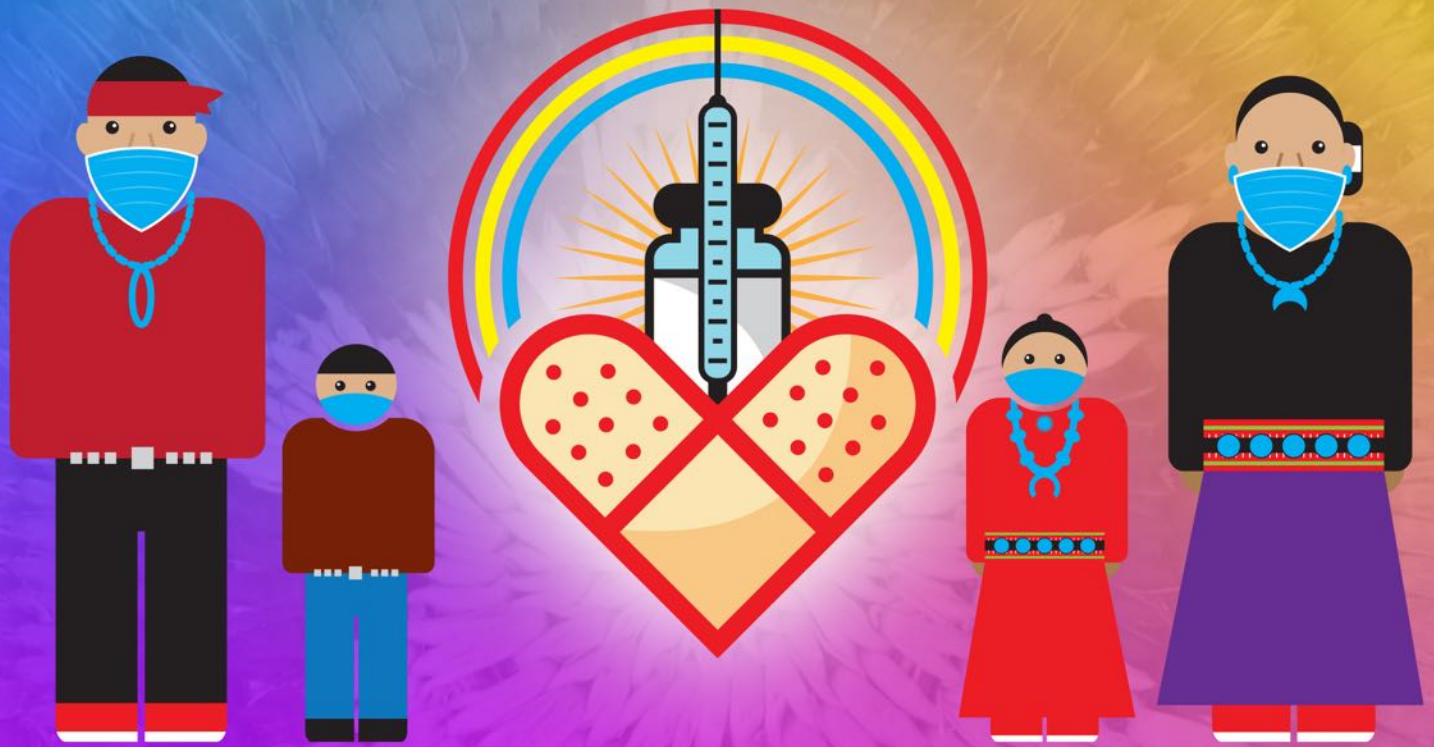
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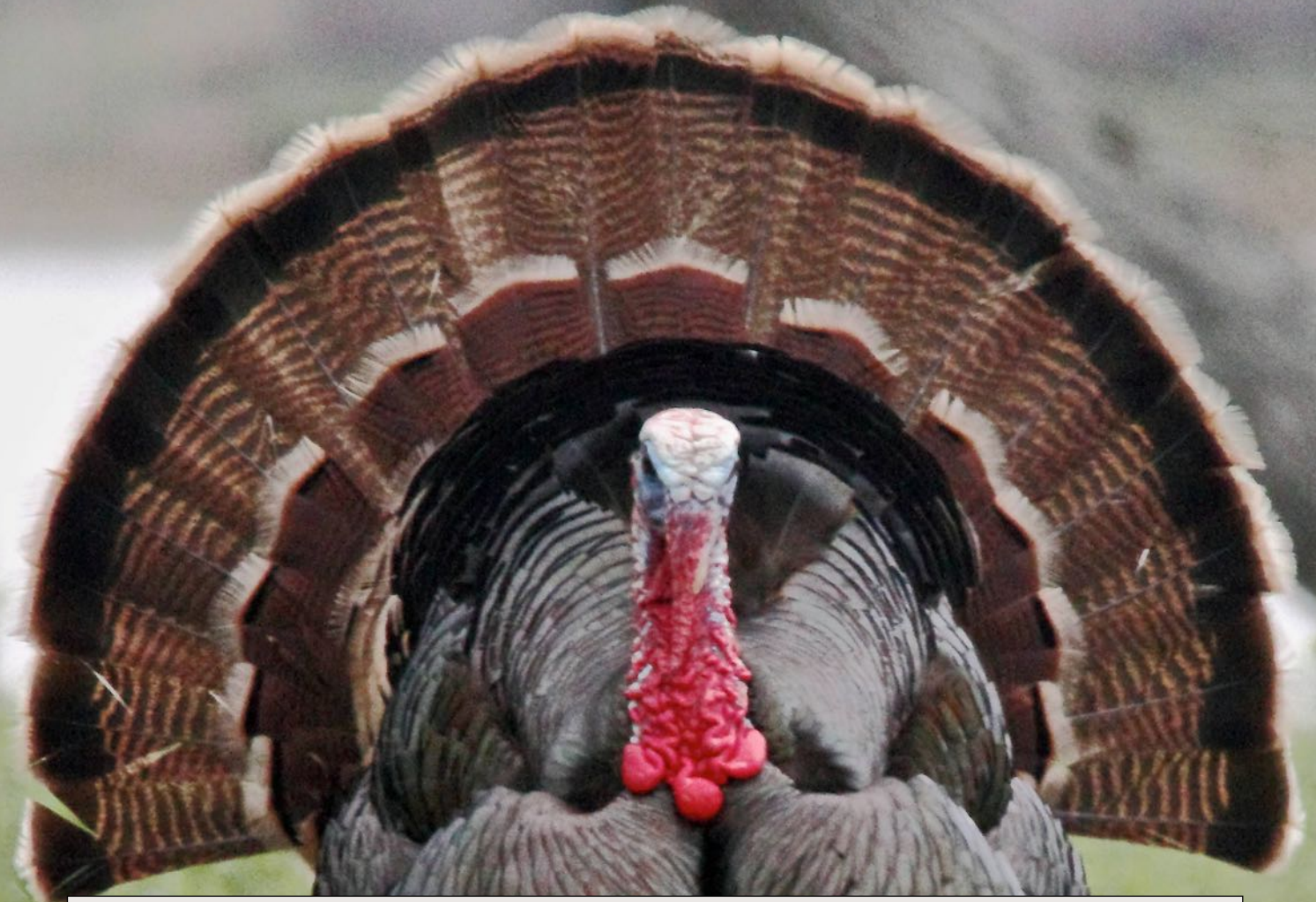
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