

# COMMUNITY UPDATE

## Division of Community Development Newsletter

### Newsletter

This is the October 2016 issue of the DCD newsletter. The newsletter is meant to be a resource for DCD employees to stay informed on DCD events, issues, and resources.

### Did You Know...

#### Scenic Navajo Land

At least 12 movies have been shot in Monument Valley alone, including Back to the Future Part III and Forrest Gump, not to mention all those Westerns from the 1940s and 1950s.

Read more at: <http://indiancountrytodaymedianetwork.com/2014/07/24/10-things-you-need-know-about-navajos-155993>

### Upcoming Events

**October 1:** Start of New Fiscal Year

**Oct. 26-28:** NM Infrastructure Finance Conference-Ruidoso, NM

**November 8:** General Election

**November 11:** Veteran's Day

**November 14-17:** "2016 IT Summit" - Albuquerque, NM

**November 24:** Thanksgiving

**November 25:** Navajo Nation Family Day



## DCD Continues Supporting President's Community Projects Initiative in Lupton and Tse Bonito

On September 27, DCD helped work on the home of a single parent in the community of Lupton. The Office of the President and Vice-President and DCD provided the work force and materials to do the repairs. The house is a small, 2-bedroom house that had just the outer shell up when the team arrived. The DCD team began installing sheetrock and insulation for the ceiling

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and made great progress. Another team came in later to install drywall for walls, to do the drywall taping, and to do the final painting.

The project trailer in Tse Bonito belongs to an elderly member of the community whose home badly needed repairs to the siding. The old siding had succumbed to water damage in several places and lacked skirting around the bottom. The team helped to install a frame for the skirting, and then began installing a special, durable siding product called HardiePlank™ from the James Hardie corporation. This product should keep the weather elements away from the trailer for many years to come.

Again, many thanks to all who helped with these projects!

## DCD HELPS REPAIR ROOF FOR ELDERLY VETERAN IN TWIN LAKES

On Friday, October 7, 2016, in connection with President Begaye's community projects initiative, the DCD team of MC Baldwin, Norbert Nez, and Casey Begay helped repair a badly damaged roof to an elderly veteran's home in Twin Lakes. The team helped strip the old roofing material and roof cladding off and install a new underlayment, felt paper, and roofing material.

Other people from NDOT and local ministries helped to do the work. Thanks go out to Mr. Arbin Mitchell and Michele Crank from the Office of the President and Vice-President and the home-owners for providing lunch and water for the work crews!



## ASC Planners Transition to the New CPMD Department

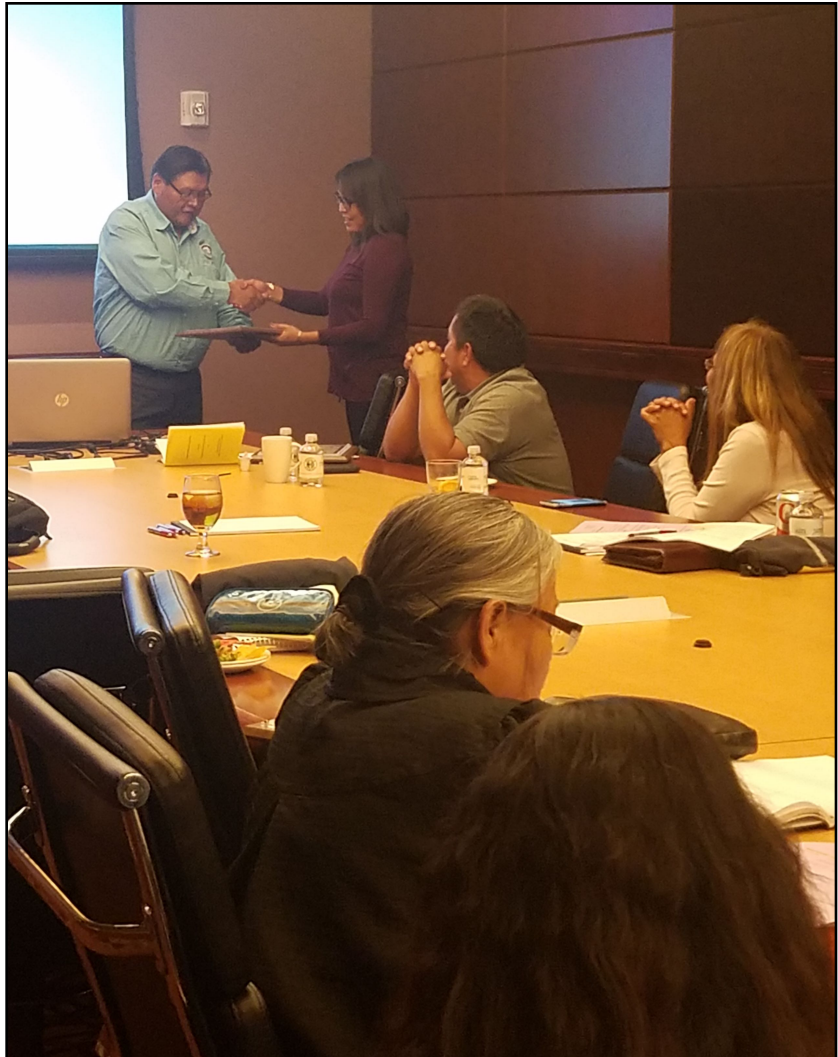


An ASC Meeting took place at Twin Arrows Casino & Resort on September 15- 16, 2016. The ASC Administration, Planners, Accountants, Division Director Mr. Carl Smith and Mr. Leonard Chee with OPVP were all in attendance. The first day commenced with a Sexual Harassment Training by Genevieve Westbrook, Associate Human Resources Analyst with Navajo Nation Department of Personnel Management. The training covered a lot of interesting information including how to handle certain situations in the work place. That was our morning session until noon and the staff was engaged the whole time asking questions. Mr. Rodriguez Morris spoke briefly as well regarding regulations with ethics and rules.



After the training took place the staff and Mr. Leonard Chee went into the banquet room to have a south of the border luncheon. Everyone ate and enjoyed each other's company and the food was delicious. After lunch everyone went back to the conference room and settled in for the 2nd session. Mr. Leonard Chee was the guest speaker and really encouraged staff to keep doing what they do and continue to be humble people working with the chapters. He told everyone a very touching story and it brought everyone closer together. He spoke words of encouragement and motivated the staff to not give up and keep striving for your goals. It was what the staff needed after everything they have been through.

The United Mine Workers of America did a small presentation to the staff explaining that they are sent from the President's Office to inform staff of their program and how staff can benefit off of them by signing up under the union.



Mr. Carl Smith, Division Director was next in line on the agenda to talk to the staff about the new restructuring plan that DCD is undergoing for the Fiscal Year 2017. The planners are no longer going to be under ASC and are going to a new department, Capital Projects Management Department, that is being created within the Division. The restructuring was very interesting as well. A lot of positive changes are happening to the Division to give the planners an opportunity to really reach their potential with their planning activities with the Navajo Nation Chapters.

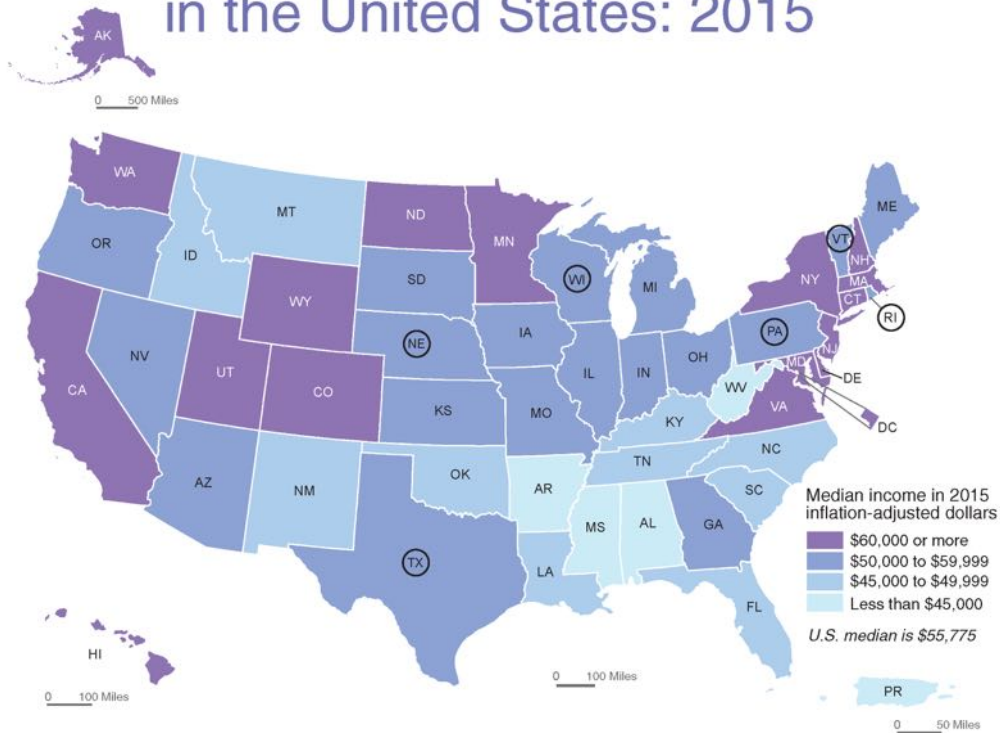


After the restructuring presentation, the staff were awarded certificates of appreciation for working with ASC. Mr. Carl Smith and Mr. Robert Begay handed out each certificate to show appreciation for everyone's hard work and to wish good luck in everyone's future endeavors. It was a nice experience and all the staff were ecstatic about their certificates. That was the end to the first day of the meeting.

The second day commenced with a staff work session. All the ASC staff were in attendance and got together to talk about the future and what it might bring for everyone. Mr. Robert Begay encouraged everyone to remain positive and keep doing what they do in a positive matter. The staff got to express their opinions on everything that is happening.

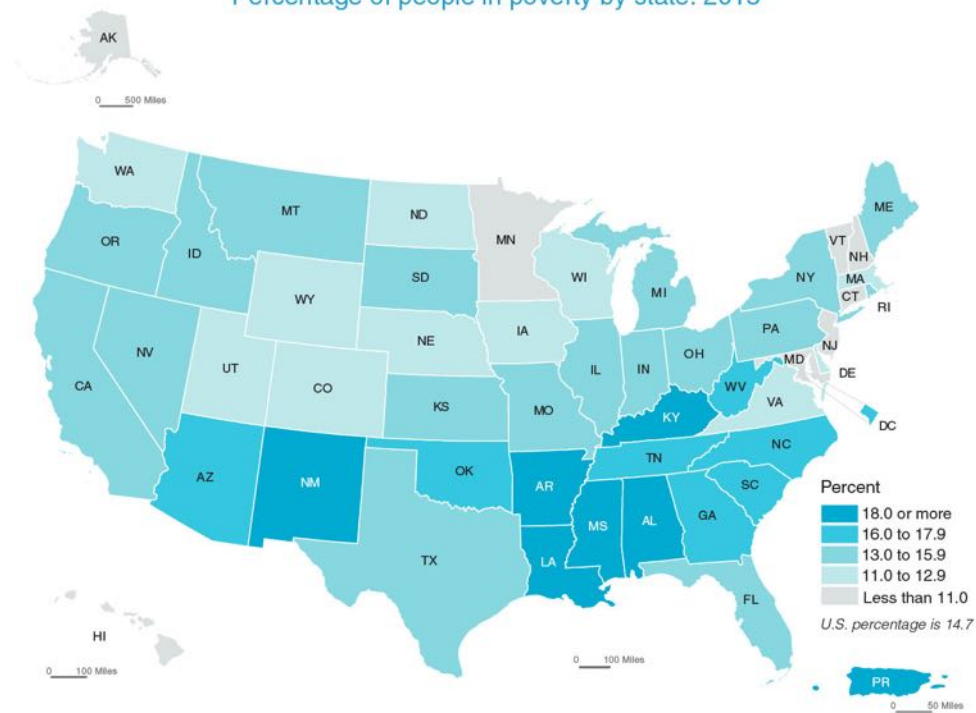
Binders were handed out to staff to make their comments on the new restructuring. It was a nice thing to see the whole ASC staff working together as a department. The work session lasted until noon and staff were excused. The staff meeting was very informative and a good chance for everyone to spend time together before the restructuring occurs. It was nice working closely with the planners and ASC wishes them nothing but the best within their newly created department.

# Median Household Income in the United States: 2015



# Poverty in the United States

Percentage of people in poverty by state: 2015



Note: U.S. percentage does not include data for Puerto Rico.

**United States**  
Census Bureau

U.S. Department of Commerce  
Economics and Statistics Administration  
U.S. CENSUS BUREAU  
[census.gov](http://census.gov)

Source: 2015 American Community Survey  
and 2015 Puerto Rico Community Survey  
[census.gov/acs](http://census.gov/acs)

## ST. MICHAELS CHAPTER FLOAT WINS AT NAVAJO NATION FAIR



The Navajo Nation Fair took place the week of September 6th through the 11th. The biggest event during the fair is the popular parade that occurs on the Saturday of the fair weekend. The parade had a lot of creative floats but the one that caught everyone's eye was our very own St. Michaels Chapter float which won the best float out of all of floats that participated. St. Michael's chapter staff included Mr. Edison Cowboy, Custodian; the PEP supervisor Nathan Begaye; the labor crew Ryle Castillo, Paul Begay Jr, Loren Watchman, Kee Yazzie, Durwin Yazzie, Carleton Joe, Jonah Begay, Delane Yazzie, and LRAC members Patricia Reed, supervisor, Erin Whitney, Cheryl Joe, Emery Nez, who all worked on the float as a team and the outcome was very positive. They all got together and came up with a very creative, colorful, and beautiful design.

Promotional items that were handed out to the community were pencils, pens, reusable bags, vinyl footballs, hula-hoops, and of course candy for the kids. Mr. Alfred Mike Sr., Chapter Vice-President and LRAC member, Ms. Erin Cleveland, lead the way for the float on separate horses. Mr. Loren Watchman, PEP Laborer was the driver with Ms. Teresa Tabaha on the passenger side. Walking with the float passing out goodies was the PEP workers Mr. Ryle Castillo, Mr. Delane Yazzie, Mr. Paul Begay Jr., Mr. Jared Burbank and Ms. Donna Whitehair, CSC. Mr. Burbank was a community volunteer. The other community volunteers who were assisting & organizing the freebies were Ms.





Natalie Boyd, Mrs. Tamela Boyd and Ms. Marteessa Billy who are both summer youth employment program participants. Ms. Donna Whitehair said “they wanted to give back to the community and show their presence as the chapter within Window Rock Community”. At many of the Navajo Nation parades, you don’t see chapters participating in parades, so as a chapter, they wanted to participate and give back a little token of appreciation to the community members. As the float went by, people were cheering “Hey that’s my chapter. Way to go St. Michaels!” They received so much positive feedback from everyone which left a really good feeling in the staff who participated. The community seemed to really enjoy the chapter knowing it was the only one who participated in the parade.

Ms. Donna Whitehair stated, “Our staff members and chapter officials were very excited we took First Place on Monday morning following the Navajo Nation parade. This was such a prestigious award to win so. to celebrate our win, on Thursday, September 29th, 2016, our chapter staff had a cookout to honor our accomplishment”.

Congratulations to St. Michaels Chapter for their participation and accomplishment. ASC is very proud to recognize such a hard working chapter that represents their community well and gives back to them. That is what motivated them to do such a great job.

Next year, we will be looking out for St. Michaels Chapter’s new, creative ideas for their next project. It could possibly get them another 1st place award in the Navajo Nation Parade.



## U.S. Census Bureau Visits the Navajo Nation



On Monday, September 19, 2016, several members of the U.S. Census Bureau including the U.S. Census Bureau Director, John Thompson; Denver Regional Director, Cathy Lacy; and Dee Alexander, U.S. Census Bureau Tribal Affairs Coordinator, met with members of the Navajo Nation for a tribal consultation session regarding the upcoming 2020 Census. Additionally several other staff from the Census Bureau headquarters in Washington and Denver offices also attended the meeting. Members representing the Navajo Nation included Vice-President Jonathan Nez, Speaker Lorenzo Bates, and several representatives from the Office of the President/Vice-President and various Navajo Nation Divisions and offices.

There were several important issues raised including: the need for a census office to be situated in Window Rock and for Navajos to work during the Census count due to the size of the territory to be counted and the unique issues that are faced in remote areas; possible steps to deal with the undercount in the checker-board area in Eastern Navajo; and possible steps to deal with the undercount of Navajo youth who are away at college and who get counted at their school's location. The Census team was very attentive and took many notes which will be made part of the record of these consultation sessions.

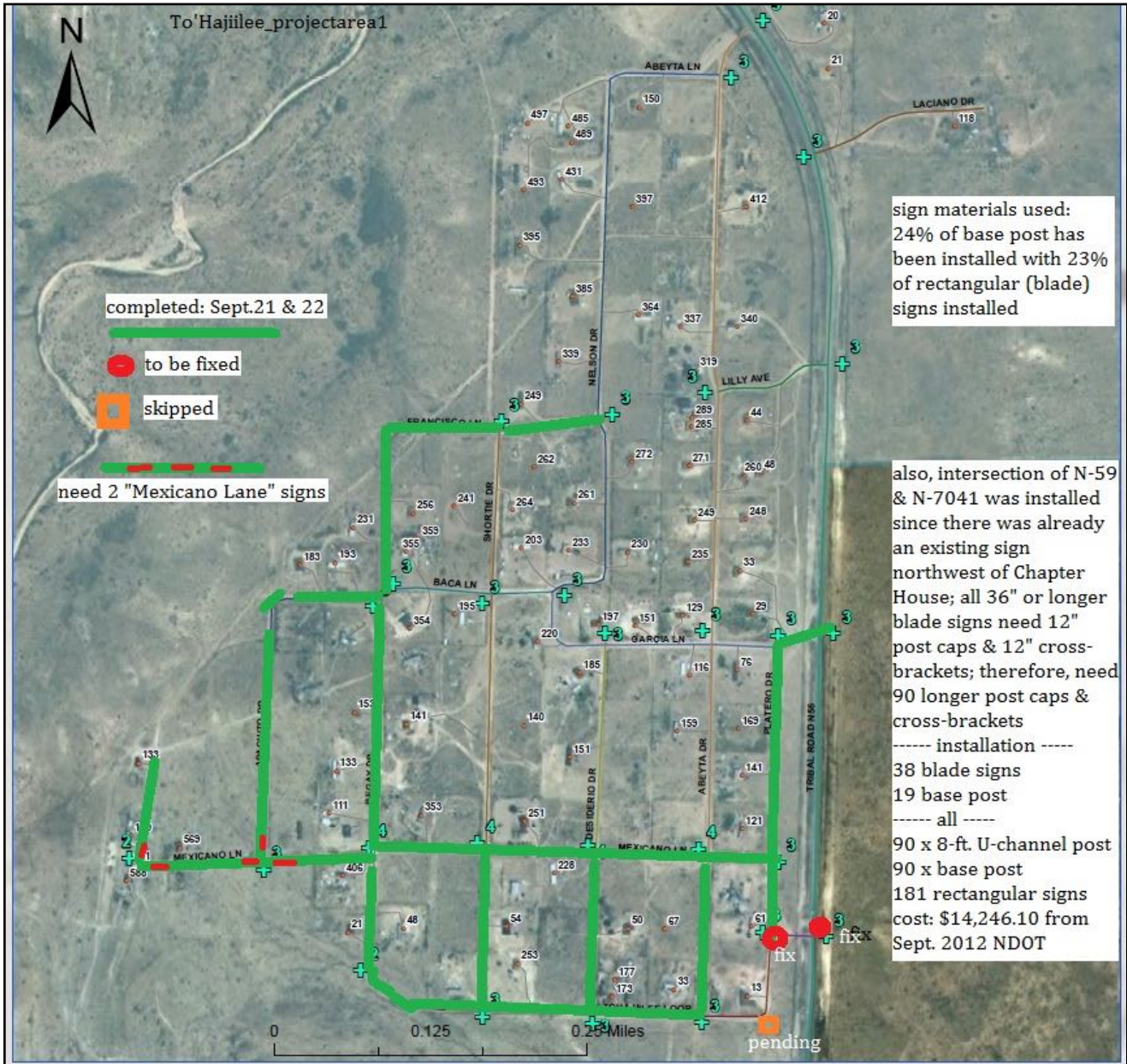
This meeting is key because the Navajo Nation is getting the direct attention of the Census Bureau and listening directly to the leadership on what issues the Navajo Nation faces for the Census count.



# DCD Road Sign Installations at Tohajiilee Chapter

By Rachele Silver-Tagaban

On Tuesday, September 20th a team of DCD staff from DCD Administration, Rural Addressing, Community Housing and Infrastructure Department, Administrative Service Center, and Solid Waste Management Program began working on sign installations near the 3rd intersection of Tohajiilee chapter service area (Garcia Ln & Tribal Road N56).



DCD staff who participated were: MC Baldwin, Rachele Silver-Tagaban, Brenda Holgate, Robert Begay, James Benally, Marlon Stevens, and SWMP Temps Jeremy Jesus and Keith Spencer.

The team first measured where the 3-foot U-channel base post will be installed and in which direction, taking note of whether that centerline is continuous and the orientation of the opening of the U-channel.

Next, driving a base post into the ground requires a couple of strong men, each with a sledge hammer, to swing away at the top of the pounding cap placed at the top of the u-channel post. A gas-powered post pounder would be more efficient because swinging at a post with a heavy sledge hammer is a very tiresome and exhausting task and is slow-going.



At break or rest times, measurements are made with a level to make sure the post is going in straight. If not, a rope is tied to the post and pulled in the opposite direction when pounding resumes. The post pounders keep driving the base post into the ground until at least 4-5" still visible from the ground.

Assembly break-away brackets are next assembled and attached to the 3-foot 6-inch base post. While a group is driving the base post into the ground, others put the post-cap, the cross-bracket, and sign blade onto the 8-foot post.

Once the sign is in place, the 8-foot post with sign assembly are installed to the base post with nuts and bolts.



This procedure repeats at every intersection.

There are still many signs and post yet to be installed throughout Tohajiilee Chapter. On this day, our small crew was able to complete the process of installing several signs by 5:00 P.M. Even though the crew only completed 5% of all the work needed to finish installation of road signs in Tohajiilee, we sure appreciate the staff that came to help us.

When all the street/road signs get



installed, this will definitely help all Public Safety personnel navigate more safely and faster to places where emergency service is needed.

The community has already been addressed and enhanced for 9-1-1. The 9-1-1 database MSAG (Master Street Addressing Guide) is housed within the Bernalillo County 9-1-1 PSAP (Public Safety Answering Point) in Albuquerque, NM. Any of the Tohajiilee residents who call 9-1-1 for help, will definitely get the public safety assistance that they need.







**NEW CPMD DEPARTMENT AND OFFICE TRANSITIONS**

With the creation of the CPMD Department, several departments will be transitioning to the new department including Design & Engineering Services, Capital Improvements Office, and Solid Waste Management Program. Mr. Casey Begay is the point of contact for the CPMD program until a permanent Department Manager is hired.

**AMENDMENTS TO HOMESITE LEASING REGULATIONS PASSED BY RDC**

On Tuesday, October 4, 2016, the Resources and Development Committee approved amendments to the homesite leasing regulations. The new amendments make clarifications to several issues regarding homesite leases. The Committee voted 3-2 to pass the new amendments.

**ADMIN 1 & 2 PARKING LOTS BEING RESURFACED**

The parking lots of Administration Buildings 1 & 2 were under construction from Monday, October 10 to Thursday October 13. Construction crews milled and resurfaced the parking lot. This was a welcome event as the numerous potholes were becoming a source of frustration for commuters.

## PERSONNEL NEWS

**OPEN POSITIONS WITHIN DCD****Administrative Service Center :**

Accountant, Region 3, Shiprock, New Mexico  
 Accountant, Region 4, Shiprock, New Mexico  
 Attorney, Window Rock, Arizona

**Capital Projects Management Department:**

Department Manager III, Window Rock, Arizona

**Weatherization Assistance Program:**

Senior Carpenter, Ft. Defiance, Arizona

**Chapter Community Services Coordinators:**

Hardrock, Arizona  
 Round Rock, Arizona  
 Coyote Canyon, New Mexico  
 Klagetoh, Arizona  
 Crystal, New Mexico  
 Oak Springs, Arizona  
 Whitecone, Arizona  
 Gadii'ahi, New Mexico  
 Shiprock, New Mexico  
 Coppermine, Arizona

**Chapter Accounts Maintenance Specialists:**

Rock Point, Arizona  
 Lukachukai, Arizona  
 Tsaile, Arizona  
 Forest Lake, Arizona  
 Alamo, New Mexico  
 Church Rock, New Mexico  
 Standing Rock, New Mexico  
 Whitehorse Lake, New Mexico  
 Lake Valley, New Mexico  
 Iyanbito, New Mexico  
 Jeddito, Arizona  
 Navajo Mountain, Arizona  
 Tolani Lake, Arizona

**Welcome to Judith Willoughby!**

A big welcome goes out to Ms. Judith Willoughby who is coming onboard as an Engineering Technician for the new Capital Projects Management Department. Ms. Willoughby is from Nakaibito, New Mexico. She was formerly employed by a private design company out of Gallup, NM and worked there for approximately 10 years. She brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the department.

*Welcome aboard*

*Judy!!!*





# Google Tips for the Month

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## **Become a Maps Master** - By Derek Walter, Greenbot

Google Maps is way more than just a digital replica of a paper map. You can get way more out of Maps by tapping into the more advanced features. Sure, you can use it like a map, but it's way more powerful if you learn how to save places offline, improve the information by adding details, taking advantage of navigation, and mastering other tricks.

### **1. Offline Maps**

Whether you're headed to an overseas adventure in Europe or up to the mountains to escape civilization, you don't need to leave behind the convenience of Google Maps. It's now pretty simple to download an offline map for those areas in the middle of nowhere.

Just head to the Settings > Offline areas and hit the plus button and pan your way through the globe to find the area you want to be available when you don't have a data connection.

### **2. Send directions to your phone**

You probably use Google Maps on the desktop as well as your Android phone. If so, there's no need to start over when you switch from the PC to mobile. Just use the Send to your phone tool, which is located in a venue's card. Your phone or tablet should appear under the list of available devices, assuming you signed into them with your Google account.

### **3. Keep your timeline**

Google Maps can keep tabs on everywhere you go. Now that may sound pretty creepy, but it's very useful at trying to figure out which new store you visited last week or to prove to a nosey relative where you were the other day. If you use Google Photos, Maps will also show which pictures you took at that specific location. But if you want to eliminate your tracks, you can just head to Timeline settings and delete your history or turn the feature off.

### **4. Be a Local Guide**

Google's Local Guides program is an effort to boost the number of reviews and details about all the places you find in Google Maps. In exchange for posting photos, submitting new restaurants, suggesting edits, and answering questions about where you've been, you'll eventually get freebies like Drive storage space and invites to preview beta features.

### **5. Search along your route**

You're bound to get the munchies or need to fill up the car during your next road trip. Google Maps has you covered, as when you're using navigation mode you can search along the route via voice or the floating action button. It pulls up specific suggestions so your passenger can perform this search while driving (we

have tips to keep your eyes on the road). You'll even get current gas prices so you can save a few dollars on your pit stop.

### **6. Get transit information**

If you travel to a major city with some type of transit system, Google Maps is essential for finding out when the next train is going to arrive. You even get the color-coded lines present in BART, Washington's Metro, and other cities that use this scheme.

### **7. Master navigation**

You don't always have to drive everywhere. When you're using the trip planning tool, Google Maps will find routes via transit, biking, or walking. You can also tell Maps to avoid highways, tolls, and ferries if you're trying to save a few bucks. As always, keep in mind that the specific route is more of a guide, so be prepared to change up your direction if there are unforeseen issues.

### **8. Take to the street**

Street View is still an innovation that puts Google Maps far above the rest of the competition. But it's not so obvious to launch on mobile.

To do so, press and hold with your finger to a specific location on the map. Then, you'll see a pin drop. Touch the preview image of Street View that appears at the bottom left of the screen. Then you can pan and zoom on the screen to virtually make your way through the streets and check out the view. There's a hint in the form of the navigation icon at the top of the screen, which launches a blue line to show you just where your virtual camera view can travel. You can then swipe along that route to see what has been captured by one of Google's cars or bicycles.

### **9. Find local favorites**

Google Maps has been morphing into more of a city guide the past couple of years with suggestions for places to visit and eat. Touch the Explore option from the slide-out menu and you'll be presented with lots of different choices for what's nearby. The Where the local go section is pretty good at sticking to non-chain restaurants if you want to find something that has some local flavor


### **10. Add labels**


You don't have to let Google do all the organization for you. You can create labels for different venues that you find, which you can then re-visit later from Your places. You're also able to label your home and work address, which helps Maps and Google Now give you estimated travel times when planning a route. The strength of using labels is that it can better organize some places that you might want to visit later without relying on search to find them every single time. It's also better than just adding a star to everywhere you like, as it's quite easy to clutter up your map with lots of stars (trust me, I've done this).

This method takes more work, but it will help build Maps out to be a more useful tool over time.

<http://www.greenbot.com/article/3078917/android/10-google-maps-tips-and-tricks-you-need-to-know.html#slide1>

# Local Governance Certified Chapters

Chapter	Agency	LGA Cert. Date		Chapter	Agency	LGA Cert. Date
1 Nahata Dziil	Ft. Defiance	8/16/02		1 Newcomb	Northern	6/18/04
2 Steamboat	Ft. Defiance	5/30/03		2 San Juan	Northern	3/7/07
3 Cornfields	Ft. Defiance	7/14/10		3 Tse'Daa'Kaan	Northern	6/21/07
4 Naschitti	Ft. Defiance	11/22/10		4 Sheepsprings	Northern	8/24/07
5 Lupton	Ft. Defiance	11/24/10		5 Tolikan	Northern	11/29/10
6 Dilkon	Ft. Defiance	12/21/10		6 Toadlena/Two Grey Hills	Northern	1/10/11
7 Greasewood Springs	Ft. Defiance	12/21/10		7 Burnham	Northern	7/11/11
8 Kinlichee	Ft. Defiance	12/29/10		8 Beclabito	Northern	1/10/12
9 Teesto	Ft. Defiance	7/11/11		9 Mexican Water	Northern	2/7/12
10 Ganado	Ft. Defiance	12/2/14		10 Upper Fruitland	Northern	2/28/12
11 Houck	Ft. Defiance	12/2/14		11 Aneth	Northern	3/31/15
12 Ft. Defiance	Ft. Defiance	1/15/16		12 Cove	Northern	4/5/15
<b>TOTAL: 12</b>				<b>TOTAL: 12</b>		

Chapter	Agency	LGA Cert. Date		Chapter	Agency	LGA Cert. Date
1 Shonto	Western	9/22/99		1 Chinle	Chinle	12/21/10
2 Tuba City	Western	12/27/04		2 Pinon	Chinle	2/21/12
3 Kayenta	Western	8/6/10		3 Whippoorwill Springs	Chinle	12/2/14
4 Bodaway/Gap	Western	12/21/10		4 Nazlini	Chinle	2/17/15
5 Birdsprings	Western	7/11/11		<b>TOTAL: 4</b>		
6 Chilchinbeto	Western	7/11/11				
7 Leupp	Western	7/11/11				
8 LeChee	Western	1/31/12				
9 Dennehotso	Western	2/14/12				
10 Tonalea	Western	12/2/14				
11 Ts'ah Bii' Kin	Western	6/24/16				
<b>TOTAL 11</b>						

Chapter	Agency	LGA Cert. Date
1 Littlewater	Eastern	11/15/07
2 Baahaali	Eastern	12/24/08
3 Whiterock	Eastern	12/21/10
4 Ojo Encino	Eastern	3/6/12
5 Baca/Prewitt	Eastern	12/22/14
6 Casamero Lake	Eastern	4/15/15
<b>TOTAL: 6</b>		

**TOTAL CERTIFICATION : 45**

