

# Upcoming Events:

**Tribal Earth Week**  
April 17-21, 2017  
Earth Day April 22nd

**Tribal Plan and Project Review (TPPR) meetings**  
every 3rd Tuesdays of each month

**SAVE the DATE**  
"Safety at your Workplace" training  
**MAY 9, 2017**

## Community Action Revitalization (CARP) Program



The Community Action and Revitalization Program (CARP) was first initiated through the Tribal Permanent Land Restoration Fund. Currently, there are over 140 abandoned building structures such as homes and mobile homes on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation. The CARP program is designed to beautify and revitalize the Tribe through small and large scale cleanup projects of abandoned structures such as homes and mobile homes lost through fire, homes that may pose an environmental health risk, and building structures that Tribal members/owners want demolished.

### CARP benefits to our communities:

- Helps keep our Tribal lands clean and free of unsafe structures.
- Reduce any illegal activities within these abandoned structures.
- Reduction of vacant properties.
- Revitalizing these sites may increase interest for future development in each community.

If you need more information on the CARP program, please contact Tribal Environmental Protection Office (EPO) at (928) 338-4325.

### Procedures:

- One-on-one meeting with EPO staff
- Removal Permit must be signed by owner(s) and provide proof of ownership.
- Cost of demolition depends on size of building structure.
- EPO will conduct Cleanup Plan and Close-out Report for each site

CARP is a joint effort by EPO, Tribal Public Works Department, and Tribal Fire and Rescue Department.

CARP is fully funded by the Tribal Land Restoration Fund.

Abandoned mobile home in Whiteriver—illegal dumping site, close proximity to the public and Highway 73. BEFORE and AFTER cleanup by Tribal Public Works under the CARP program.



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### EPO Programs

- ⇒ Environmental Policy Program
- ⇒ Air Quality Program
- ⇒ Solid Waste Regulatory Program
- ⇒ Underground Storage Tanks Regulatory Program
- ⇒ Brownfields—Tribal Response Program
- ⇒ CARP Program



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Apache elders making Bird Feeders during Earth Day Fair.

## Highlights of 2016 for Tribal Environmental Protection Office

The Tribal Environmental Protection Office (EPO) had a great 2016 and we are looking forward to another great year!

The new program added on to EPO is CARP (more information on page 4). Thanks to Public Works Department and Land Restoration Fund, the CARP program was a success!

The month of April every year is a busy month for our office. During Tribal Earth Week 2016, our office conducted a "Ride for Mother Earth" bike race, Earth Day Fair, "Compost Class" by our Tribal Farm staff, roadside cleanups by Tribal programs, school presentations by EPO staff, and others.



Winners of "Ride for Mother Earth" bike race—Brian Quintero, Sr. (Overall Male) and Bernyna Begay (Overall Female)



Water Resources Program booth during the Earth Day Fair.



# Environmental Outreach and Activities

EPO understands the first line of defense in protecting the Tribe's natural resources is providing extensive outreach and education. By providing a variety of education at every level, EPO can improve the success of WMAT's natural resources management and protection efforts.

- EPO conducts a biweekly "Environmental Hour" at KNNB on Mondays at 9:00 am.
- School, employee, and community presentations available upon request.
- Check out our website!

## HIGHLIGHTS OF 2016 CONT...

Earth Day 2016...

Thank you to Child Find Program, Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community Environmental Office, Tribal Historic Preservation Office, Game and Fish - Wolf Program, Hopi Tribe Environmental Office, Institute for Environmental Professionals NAU, Whiteriver's Popcorn Business, Fort Apache Fire Prevention, Water Resources Program, Diabetes Prevention Program, Inter Tribal Council of Arizona Environmental Program, and Canyon Day Junior High Apache Crown dancers Group for making our Earth Day Fair 2016 a HUGE success!

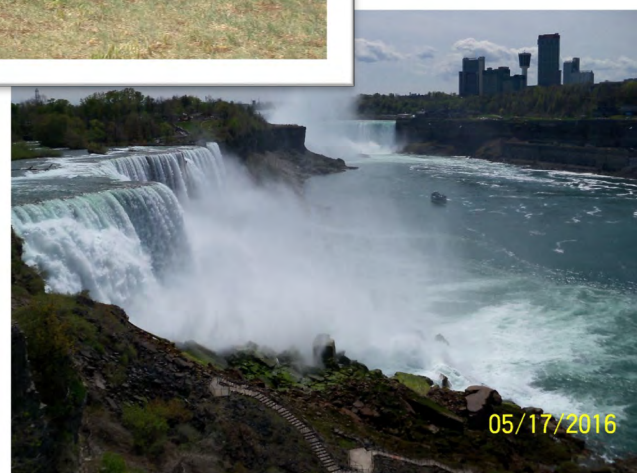


EPO staff and intern at the 2016 Health Fair.

EPO staff at their biweekly radio show at KNNB. "Environmental Hour" is every other Mondays at 9:00am to 10:00 am. Listen in and learn more about our program and the upcoming events.



The highlight of 2016 for Air Quality Program: Delbert Altaha, Jr., Air Quality Specialist, attended the "National Tribal Forum on Air Quality" conference which was held at Seneca Niagara Falls Resort and Casino in Niagara Falls, New York.



# "Keep Our Apache Land Beautiful" Solid Waste Regulatory Program

Our reservation is blessed with the four seasons; our higher mountains are covered in snow with the coming blessing of a good spring season where new growth and new life thrives. Our hearts are aching for the cool spring waters in Pacheta Falls area, our feet are longing for the trails at Reservation lake, and our eyes are yearning for the beautiful scenery of Hawley Lake.

With these many blessings we, as Apache people, have, we still come across many sites that are unpleasing to our eyes. Garbage along the highways, diapers and beer cans at your favorite swimming spot, an ugly couch sitting at your fishing area, or an old mattress along the backroads to Rock Creek. Why do we consider that as a norm among us? It doesn't bother most Tribal members when they come across sites like these. Why? Is this your land too? What can you do about it? Well, take back the pride as Apache people for our Apache lands. This is our land, let's take care of it!

Properly dispose of your garbage in the trash cans. Recycle as much as you can. Pick up trash on the ground. Teach your love ones to take care of our Apache lands.

Our office works to ensure compliance with environmental regulations by reducing risks associated with exposure to solid and hazardous waste and encourage source reduction and works to preserve natural resource through recycling and environmental stewardship. This program works closely with the Tribal Solid Waste Department to address solid waste issues such as recycling, illegal dumping incidents, and ensure the Tribal Geronimo Pass Landfill is in compliance with Federal regulations.

**Public Works Department**  
(928) 338-1504

**Tribal Landfill hours**—Mondays through Thursdays from 7:00 am to 4:00 pm. CLOSED on Fridays. Be sure to tie down your load.

**Stago Pit** accepts all green waste and construction waste. Do not take your trash to the site.

Residential weekly services available. Call PW for more information.



## UST IN THE NEWS



**Who regulates these tanks?** The US Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) regulates these tanks on the Reservation; they conduct compliance inspections on these tanks on a regular basis.

If the USTs are not in compliance or upgraded, the tanks may leak into the ground water, surface water, or surrounding soil causing harm to the public health and safety of the people and the environment.

More information on UST or possible trainings, call Terry Hill, Environmental Specialist I, at (928) 338-4325 extension 222.

### Underground Storage Tanks (UST) Program

**What is a UST?** A UST is a tank underground that is filled with fuel at a gas station.

There are 11 UST facilities on the reservation and these tanks are owned by Tribal and small businesses. Our office provides technical support to these facilities so they can stay in compliance with the Federal UST regulatory requirements.

Check out EPO website: [www.wmat.us/EPO](http://www.wmat.us/EPO)

