GRICUA News & Updates



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GRICUA 2021 District Days CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE DUE TO COVID-19

GRICUA will be at the Public Health Resource Center (433 W. Seedfarm Rd. in Sacaton) on the following days to accept payments from 10:00AM to 3:00PM.

TBD

GRICUA will also be at District 1 and 2 Service Centers on the following days from 9:00AM - 12:00PM:

TBD







Dewey Newton



Congratulations to Dewey Newton on his promotion to Utility Technician. Dewey began his career at GRICUA as a participant in the Technical Training Program in March 2020. Over the past year, Dewey has been working with GRICUA Staff while completing the technical training curriculum, which included design and meter tech training. Dewey will now begin solar tech training with Harmon Electric and will work on GRICUA's future solar development. Congratulations Dewey!!

Rohian Blackwater

GRICUA would like to welcome Rohian Blackwater back to the Technical Training Program. Rohian had an unfortunate injury a few months ago and had to leave the program. Now he is back and feeling better than ever. Welcome back to GRICUA Ro!



GRICUA's Plan to Resolve Past Due Balances

GRICUA has been actively in contact with its customers advising them on their balances and working payment arrangements for those that have fallen behind due to COVID. GRICUA will continue to work with its customers to develop a payment plan to avoid disconnecting the customer's service once the Executive Orders are lifted. GRICUA would seek to recover the past due amounts over a period of 6-12 months, depending on each circumstance. For some customers, GRICUA may require or they may elect to go onto GRICUA's Pre-Paid Metering Program (PPM Program). A customer on the PPM Program would have a portion of the amount paid go towards the past due amount, while the rest would go toward the customers current electricity usage. The PPM Program is a pay-as-you-go energy solution. The customer chooses when, where and how often to pay for the energy to be used - prepaying for their electricity. It is similar to putting gas in your car. Below are some examples of how past due amounts could be recovered. Note: customers receiving Community assistance must first bring any outstanding balances current before joining the PPM Program.

- Example 1, a customer has a \$300 past due balance. The customer requests to pay the balance over 2 months. Therefore, in addition to their normal monthly payment, they would make additional monthly payments of \$150 for the next two months.
- <u>Example 2</u>, a customer has a past due balance of \$200. The customer goes on the PPM Program.
 - The customer makes a payment of \$100, with \$50 going towards the past due amount and \$50 available for current electricity usage. The new past due balance would be \$150.
 - The customer then makes a payment of \$150 dollars, with \$75 going towards the past due amount and \$75 available for current electricity usage. The new past due balance would be \$75.
 - The customer then makes a payment of \$150 dollars, with \$75 going towards the past due amount and \$75 available for current electricity usage. The new past due balance would be \$0. Going forward 100% of the customer's payment would be available for current electricity usage.

Virtual STEAAAM Program

We are excited to announce that Boeing has teamed with GRICUA to provide the activities for Quarter 3 and will be adding to the prize package that will be sent in July. The GRICUA Virtual STEAAM



Program is open to GRIC enrolled Kindergarten - 8th grade students, regardless of where they reside. GRICUA's STEAAAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Architecture, Agriculture, Art and Math) Summer Program provides students in the K - 8th grade with STEAAAM based activities that they are able to complete right at home using household items. Each month GRICUA will post an activity on Facebook and its website. Students who complete all 3 projects in a quarter will earn a free STEAAAM activity kit, a \$25 gift card and 4 general admission tickets to the Arizona Science Center. Registration is open all year. Please visit our website for more information.