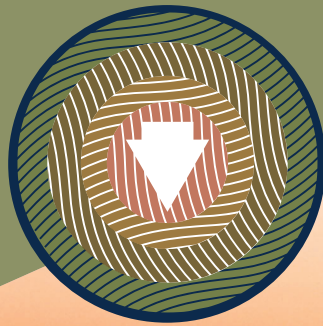


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YUHA AVIATAM
OF SAN MANUEL NATION

Housing Support Rooted in Community

The Yuhaaviatam of San Manuel Nation's commitment to community well-being is grounded in a longstanding tradition of stewardship, partnership and service. Working alongside the city of San Bernardino, county, law enforcement agencies, healthcare providers and nonprofit organizations, the Tribe supports a coordinated approach that helps connect individuals and families experiencing homelessness with shelter, housing, healthcare and other essential services.

Recent collaborative efforts include support for San Bernardino County's Pacific Village Campus, located approximately three miles west of the neighborhood, and the conversion of the former Days Inn motel on Highland Avenue into interim housing. The Tribe also partners with the County's HOPE Team (Homeless Outreach and Proactive Enforcement) and the San Bernardino Police Department to provide outreach, engagement and connections to housing and supportive services. Tribal funding has further expanded dedicated outreach and neighborhood patrol efforts, strengthening community response, public safety and access to assistance.

Through its philanthropic investments, the Tribe has partnered with 36 nonprofit and community-based organizations working to address homelessness and housing insecurity throughout the region. Among these longstanding partners are The Salvation Army, which provides shelter, food assistance and case management services; Mary's Mercy Center, which offers food assistance, shelter services and supportive programs for individuals and families experiencing homelessness; and the Community Action Partnership of San Bernardino County, which helps residents overcome barriers and achieve greater self-sufficiency through a range of community programs.

Neighbors also play an important role in maintaining safe and healthy neighborhoods. Community members are encouraged to report code violations, illegal dumping and potential fire hazards through city and county service request systems (see information elsewhere in this newsletter). Together, the Tribe, local governments, nonprofit partners and residents are creating pathways to stability, strengthening neighborhoods and improving the quality of life throughout the region.



Thank You, Lt. Luna

For many years, Lt. Ernie Luna served as the San Bernardino Police Department's Eastern District Commander, overseeing public safety operations in north San Bernardino and managing the enhanced patrol contract that provided dedicated patrol and traffic enforcement services to local neighborhoods. As he transitions to a new administrative and investigative leadership role, we thank Lt. Luna for his service and commitment to the community. We also welcome Lt. Matt Block, a 23-year SBPD veteran, who will lead the new North District under the department's upcoming patrol reorganization.

Origins of The Reservation

Scan the QR code to watch "Origins of the Reservation," a short video exploring how the Yuhaaviatam of San Manuel Nation was displaced from much of its ancestral homeland as American settlement expanded across the region. Confined to a small area through federal policies and circumstances beyond its control, the Tribe drew upon its resilience to rebuild its community, create opportunity and develop a thriving economy on the Reservation while maintaining its connection to more than 7.5 million acres of ancestral lands—its' Čahuun (Shared Heart). As surrounding cities and neighborhoods developed around the Reservation, a shared future emerged. Understanding this history provides important context for the Nation's enduring relationship with neighboring communities and the region we all call home.



Working Together for a Safer Community

The Tribe's Department of Public Safety conducts regular patrols and communicates with the San Bernardino Police Department, which is responsible for policing and supporting emergency service calls.

If you see something suspicious or have a concern, call the SBPD Non-Emergency Dispatch at 909-383-5311.

When the area of suspicious activity is in a county area, the dispatcher will connect you with the right contact.

You can report non-emergency matters in the Eastern District—which includes the Kiika' neighborhood—through the Go SB City mobile app, available on the Apple App Store and Google Play:



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**Residents can report issues, including graffiti and illegal dumping.
To do so:**

1. Select "City of San Bernardino" on the GO SB City app homepage
2. Scroll to "Police"
3. Click "Contact Eastern District Commander"
4. Report Issue

AS ALWAYS, IN AN EMERGENCY, CALL 9-1-1.



WE VALUE YOUR COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS.

Call the neighborhood hotline number/email:

(909) 425-3483 | Neighborhood@sanmanuel.com.