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**Fort Yuma Indian Reservation – Quechan Indian Tribe  
Economic Development Administration Newsletter**

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## **Vendors Square Is Now OPEN!**

Per the Tribal Membership Notice of April 12, 2022, the Quechan Tribal Council decided to rescind the **Stay-at-Home Order** effective April 13, 2022, due to the declining rate of the positive Covid-19 cases in our area. The Notice includes Tribal members with current permits will be allowed to sell using the Food Vendor's area with a current Indian Health Services (IHS) Food Handler's Card. The IHS Office of Environmental Health and Engineering (OEHE) will soon announce the 2022 Food Handler Training schedule. This announcement will be made via the Quechan Tribe website.

### ***COMMERCIAL SPACE AVAILABLE***

The **Temporary Commercial Space** at [475 Quechan Drive](#) (see map) remains available for Daily Spaces and three Lot Spaces for longer-term businesses that wish to set up shop annually.

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Please keep in mind that the following pertains to the (Temporary) Commercial Space only:

- Please visit the EDA Office at [604 Picacho Road](#) (see map, Quechan Community Center), Suite 4, to reserve daily spaces using the "*Daily Space Reservation Application*" - **BEFORE** setting up any table and canopies; eligibility and availability must be determined.
- If you plan on reserving daily space on a Saturday, Sunday, or Holiday, please submit your application during the workweek, which is Monday through Friday, from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. Please do not wait until Friday, or the day before a Holiday, after 12:00 pm noon.
- There are four table and canopy vendor spaces daily.
- Space reservations are first-come-first-serve basis.
- Space reservations are intended for Quechan Tribal members. This policy does not include longer-term lot space; those are for Tribal members' use only. However, if space is available, reservations can be made available to non-Tribal member vendors and non-Native vendors.
- ~~\$10.00 per day, per space, per vendor.~~ **(this fee is currently waived!)**
- Electrical outlets, a water faucet, high visible traffic, and parking are available.
- A [Quechan Tribal Business Permit](#) (apply online!) is required to reserve daily space.
- An Indian Health Service (IHS) Food Handler's Card is required for all food vendors.

EDA provides signage announcing "*Food, Arts & Crafts*" alerts passing traffic (e.g., Paradise Casino patrons). Please let EDA know of any of your concerns with the space.

## **FOOD HANDLER CERTIFICATE TRAINING – FREE!**

Indian Health Services Office of Environmental Health and Engineering (OEHE) is responsible for conducting Food Handler training. The training is free to all who will operate food vendor businesses on the Reservations in California and Arizona and is valid for two years. [Food Vendors can use the on-demand service at IHS.gov/foodhandler to register and take an online version at any time.](#) When a 2022 Food Handler Training calendar is announced, we will inform all concerned. Please contact **Zachary Hargis** (OEHE) at (760) 572-4242.

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## **Business Permit Application Now Available to Complete Online**

Need to obtain or renew a Business Permit? Please [click here](#) to complete and submit your Business Permit Application online. However, we cannot process payments by credit/debit card or online. Also, we cannot accept cash payments; all business permit fees must be made by money order, certified check, or personal/business check. For additional details, please get in touch with us at [edaasstplanner@quechantribe.com](mailto:edaasstplanner@quechantribe.com)

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## **South Main Street / Maiden Lane Redevelopment Project**

In 2003, the Quechan Tribe purchased properties in the City of Yuma Main Street Historic District. The properties are located within one block south of Giss Parkway. Currently, the property renovations are nearly complete and will be lease-ready for small retail businesses

The **488 Maiden Lane** property is almost ready for lease by interested Tribal business owners. This retail or office leasing opportunity will offer VMEs the benefit of reaching markets beyond the Reservation, thus increasing their chances of operating successful ventures.

We want to hear from you if you are interested in leasing space at **488 Maiden Lane** by emailing [edaspecialist@quechantribe.com](mailto:edaspecialist@quechantribe.com)

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