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SRPMIC Officially Becomes a Purple Heart Community

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On March 21, the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community officially became a Purple Heart Community and celebrated with a ceremony at the USS Arizona Memorial Gardens at Salt River. Many gathered for the special event, including military veterans and SRPMIC officials, to witness the unveiling of the Purple Heart Community sign, the distribution of certificates of appreciation, and the Purple Heart recipients' roll call.

Council Member Tom Largo kicked off the event with an opening prayer, and American Legion Bushmasters Post #114 posted the colors. Former Miss Salt River Isabella Dockerty sang the national anthem in O'dham, and current Miss Salt River Sistine Lewis conducted the Pledge of Allegiance.

"Welcome to the Community, this is the home of the Pima-Maricopa tribe," said SRPMIC President Martin Harvier as he welcomed the guests. "I wanted to point out that there are two distinct cultures here in our Community, but I can tell you both tribes are represented very well as veterans of the wars that have happened in the world."

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Former Miss Salt River Isabella Dockerty, Vice President Ricardo Leonard, National Legislative Director Charles Byers, Department of Arizona Commander John Moore, Miss Salt River Sistine Lewis, President Martin Harvier and Council Representative Tom Largo gather together for a picture in front of the Purple Heart Community sign.

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Mountain View High School Senior Marches Down Disneyland's Main Street U.S.A. on Presidents Day



Mountain View High School senior Kennise McGertt marches down Disneyland's Main Street U.S.A. along with the Toros Marching Band on Presidents Day. Photo Courtesy of Bryce McGertt

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Mountain View High School senior Kennise McGertt marched down Disneyland's Main Street U.S.A. on Presidents Day as a member of the color guard with the award-winning Mountain View Toro marching band. McGertt has been with the color guard for all four years of her high school career after being inspired and encouraged by her older brother, Bryce McGertt.

"I could tell Kennise had the natural talent and performance quality to be an outstanding color guard member," said Bryce, who

is a former Toro color guard member. "Watching her march down Disneyland's Main Street made me emotional, because you could see her four years of hard work paying off and you could see how much she loved it. It's amazing to go from seeing her in the stands supporting me in this activity to now being on the other side watching her become the amazing performer she is in the same activity."

McGertt made it into the top eight for the 2021 Arizona Band and Orchestra Directors Association State Championships

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River People Health Center Opens to Community Members



The River People Health Center, located at 10901 E. McDowell Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85256, is now fully open to Community members.

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The River People Health Center (RPHC) is now fully open to Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community members, all other tribal enrollees and their family members under the age of 18.

All services are now open, including primary care (family practice, pediatrics and internal medicine) as well as dental, optometry, podiatry and physical therapy.

"The only department that is not open currently is imaging,

where we do mammography, radiology, X-rays and ultrasound," said SRPMIC Health and Human Services Director Joe Remitera. "Community members can go to the Phoenix Indian Medical Center or a local provider such as SimonMed for those services."

The RPHC had a soft opening on March 14 and plans a grand opening in the future.

"With our grand opening, we want to make sure we can do it safely for a large group of people," said Remitera. "There

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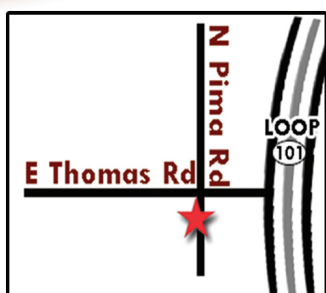
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Harvier explained that in his research on the Purple Heart he learned that there are more than 10,000 Purple Heart recipients who reside in Arizona.

“It makes me feel grateful for the freedoms that we have. I know that many paid [the ultimate sacrifice], but many in our state received a Purple Heart for being [combat] wounded. Looking out in the audience, I just really want to say thank you personally,” said Harvier to all the guests who have received the Purple Heart. “There’s wars and rumors of wars, so there’s always going to be wars. There’s going to be individuals that are going to be asked to step up, and there’s always going to be individuals that are going to get wounded or hurt in action or pay the ultimate sacrifice. So today this is really a special day for us here in the Community.”

Harvier explained that Arizona became a Purple Heart State on May 9, 2016. Fifteen counties and more than 30 Arizona cities and towns have declared themselves Purple Heart communities.

“With support from many of our Community veterans, the Military Order of the Purple Heart of the U.S. Department of Arizona invited the Community to also become a Purple Heart community,” said Harvier. “The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community will be the first Native American community in the Southwest region of the United States to be proclaimed as a Purple Heart community. Council approved the resolution on February 2, 2022.”

The Purple Heart is the nation’s oldest military decoration. The resolution read in part: “The Purple Heart is a combat decoration awarded to members of the United States Armed Forces who have been wounded or have died by an instrument of war in the hands of the nation’s enemies. It is the Community’s heartfelt intent to recognize, honor, and to declare our appreciation for the sacrifices that our Purple Heart recipients have made while serving to protect and defend the freedoms enjoyed by the Community and this nation.”

National Legislative Director Charles Byers delivered the message from the Military Order of the Purple Heart.

“We started this journey over two years ago to try to make a first Purple Heart community with an Indian community. I made the presentation and we worked with Council members, and finally, this all came together,” said Byers. “It’s important because of what the Purple Heart stands for; as we know, it is the oldest medal, the first military badge of merit. It’s only fitting that we’re here today at the USS Arizona Memorial, because we lost over 1,700 members that went down on the Arizona and they’ve all received the Purple Heart. It’s important that we recognize the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community as a Purple Heart entity.”

Byers and Department of Arizona Commander John Moore presented coins and certificates to those who received a certificate of appreciation.

The first certificate was given to President Harvier; Vice-President Ricardo Leonard; Council Members Tom Largo, Diane Enos, Wi-bwa Grey, Cheryl Doka, Deanna Scabby, Michael Dallas and David Anton; Community Manager Bryan Meyers and Assistant Community Managers Carla Banuelos, Lena Jackson, Doran Dalton and Blessing McAnlis-Vasquez; Veterans Representatives Amanda White, Tory Truax, and Sierra Malin; Administration Director Glen Law; and Timothy Carson accepted the certificate on behalf of



National Legislative Director Charles Byers and SRPMIC Vice President Ricardo Leonard unveiled the Purple Heart Community sign.



Public Works Civil Engineering/Roads Department.

The certificate reads: “To all who shall see these presents, greetings, be it known that this certificate of appreciation is presented to the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community. Please accept our sincere gratitude for the support you have provided to the veteran community in Arizona. Efforts such as becoming a Purple Heart Community and creating this wonderful USS Arizona Memorial Gardens have made veterans feel welcome in their Community. Your business, Community and tribal support on behalf of veterans has led to veterans obtaining help for disabilities, PTSD issues, traumatic brain injury, financial problems and homelessness. Thank you to your Community for helping veterans and their families during their time of need.”

Two other certificates were given to two SRPMIC members who are Purple Heart recipients: Larson Enos, Sr. (U.S. Army) and Cameron Grey Sr. (U.S. Marine Corps). Their certificates read: “Please accept our sincere gratitude for your service and sacrifice to our nation, to our citizens, to the United States Army/United States Marine Corps, and most importantly to your fellow soldiers. As a recipient of one of our nation’s most respected medals, you represent an extraordinary group of citizens that have shared blood in defense of our nation. Our entire nation can be proud of your sacrifice when you were wounded while serving in the military. We hope that you and your family will reflect with pride on your service, memories you have made and the lives that you touched.”

Byers and Vice-President Leonard unveiled the SRPMIC Welcome Purple Heart Community sign. Following the sign unveiling, Malin read the names of the Community’s Purple Heart recipients.

“The SRPMIC would like to recognize, honor and declare our appreciation for the sacrifices that our Purple Heart recipients have made while serving to protect and defend our freedoms enjoyed by the Community and this nation,” Malin said.

Vice-President Leonard closed the ceremony with some remarks and a prayer.

“The military at this time has always been and always will be a brotherhood. Army, Marines, Navy, Coast Guard, Air Force—we’re all veterans,” said Leonard as he reminisced about Community veterans. “We’re all brothers and sisters, and [we] fight for this country to keep it free. I hope one day that the rest of the world can understand this, the rest of the United States can understand this.”



Bushmasters Post #114 post the colors.



Moore and Byers presented coins and certificates to those who received a certificate of appreciation.



SRPMIC members and veterans Delroy Manuel, Sr. and Robert “Bob” Aguilar view the list of SRPMIC Purple Heart recipients.



Visitors and guests take part in the National Anthem and Pledge of Allegiance.



Miss Salt River Sistine Lewis and former Miss Salt River Isabella Dockerty take a photo with the Bushmasters Post #114 after the Purple Heart Community event.

Mountain View High School Senior Marches Down Disneyland's Main Street U.S.A. on Presidents Day



The Mountain View Toro Marching Band 2021-2022 spent two days visiting Disney's two California Parks as they performed on Presidents Day. Photo Courtesy of Bryce McGertt

back in November 2021. Following high school, she aspires to audition for The Academy Drum & Bugle Corps, the Arizona State University Sun Devil Colorguard, and ASU's FeniX Independent Winter Guard.

McGertt recalls starting to learn flag in the eighth grade. She began with the rifle to develop her strength to toss the six-foot flagpole.

"Tossing a six-foot pole up the air was like an amazing compliment," said McGertt. "Over the years I've been trying to make sure that I can master the tosses that are done in drum corps, winter guard and FeniX Independent."

During her trip to California, McGertt and her team were able to spend two days at Disney parks and enjoy dinner and a show at Medieval Times in Anaheim.

"It was really fun. As we marched down Main Street, it was cool to see little kids looking up at me," said McGertt. "The kids would say, 'Oh my gosh, Mom, look, there's a flag, she's so pretty.' They were looking at us like they do with Disney characters, like they want to be like that when they grow up."

McGertt hopes to continue doing flag in college. She is planning to attend Scottsdale Community College and hopefully transfer to a school in Rochester, New York.

"Our family is ready to be in the stands cheering her on as she continues her color guard career," said brother Bryce. "I'm incredibly proud of her and extremely grateful to be have been there for her last parade as a high school senior."



McGertt marches down Disneyland Mainstreet U.S.A. to a Frozen medley. Photo Courtesy of Bryce McGertt



McGertt's Toro Marching Band photo. Photo Courtesy of Bryce McGertt



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Circus Celebration Drive-Up Event for Child Abuse Prevention Month

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sexual assault. The FAC often deals with cases of child sexual abuse.

"I think there's a lot of confusion that often happens with children [who know a child who is a victim of sexual abuse or are victims of sexual abuse themselves]. They don't know if they should say something or not, because they don't know if anyone would believe them. Also, the abuser could be a family member, and they don't want to blow the whistle because they don't want auntie or uncle to [go to jail or] be living on the streets."

The FAC has created a 5-by-7-inch card that is designed to act as a healing tool for families to keep in their home and use as a visualization. For example, it can be posted on their wall to give the family ideas on activities they can do together in a positive way and how to self-regulate emotions.

"Sometimes there is a lot of anger or unresolved trauma that could be impacting the way somebody is parenting, or it could be generational," said Colmenero. "Neglect and sexual abuse are probably the most pressing issues that we see through the Family Advocacy Center. And I think the conversations are often difficult. So we're trying to use books and other materials to provide ideas for how parents can discipline their children in a healthier way, or how to have a safe dialogue with family members about good touch/bad touch."

Families were able to sign up for a raffle to win one of three gift baskets, and the first 500 people at the event received a free T-shirt and other swag.

To help increase awareness and prevent child abuse, the Family Advocacy Center (FAC) and multiple Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community departments held a Circus Celebration Drive-Up event on Friday, April 1, to kick off Child Abuse Prevention Month.

"We are very excited about this event. We got circus performers and 12 booths that were decorated by different departments and [provided] circus-themed treats and activities, such as hot dogs, cotton candy and carnival games," said FAC Director Carol Colmenero. "But the whole theme behind it is to really help end the silence of child abuse and break that cycle here in the Community."

At the event, cars could drive up to receive information, prizes, treats and a number of fun carnival items.

Colmenero saw it as a good opportunity to get out information on the sensitive topic of child abuse "by putting a spin on it and providing an event that gives families the opportunity to come together, rather than talking about the nitty-gritty of child abuse. It's really just a time to celebrate families."

Each department provided information in the form of pamphlets, activity books, flyers and other printed items geared around child abuse prevention.

Colmenero said that the event was correlated with the Start By Believing campaign, whose goal is to transform the way society responds to victims of



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TRIBAL GOVERNMENT SERVICE OPERATIONS PHASE 3.5

The SRPMIC Tribal Government service operations have transitioned to a modified Phase 3.5 effective March 24, 2022. Masks are still in effect and required while visiting a Community office building. SRPMIC will continue to monitor its transition and the defined Trigger Points during Phase 3.5 to guide decisions to modify restrictions.

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Emergency Management Highlight: Stay Prepared with Your Community Emergency Response Team



Battalion Chief Nelson Wood, SR-CERT instructor, demonstrates cribbing techniques to support extraction of individuals trapped under large objects.

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The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (SRPMIC) is recruiting volunteers to join the Salt River Community Emergency Response Team (SR-CERT). The CERT program is designed to help citizens prepare themselves and their families for disasters or large-scale emergencies. The program prepares its volunteer members to assist first responders during large-scale emergencies or when special assistance is needed for an incident or event.

Membership is open to Community members, SRPMIC employees and Enterprise employees who are 18 or older.

SR-CERT courses teach Community members serving in a volunteer capacity about disaster preparedness, fire suppression, light medical operations, light search and rescue, and disaster psychology and team organization.

Upcoming classes will be scheduled to accommodate work schedules when the SRPMIC allows for in-person training to ensure participant safety in the COVID-19 environment.

For more information on the SR-CERT and how to get involved in disaster volunteer opportunities, contact SRPMIC Emergency Management at (480) 362-7929 or email Terry.Nelson@srpmic-nsn.gov.

Debbie Nez-Manuel Receives Voice of Women Award

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On March 17, the Arizona Foundation for Women (AFW) held its annual fundraising event at the Chateau Luxe in Phoenix. The event, called the Silver Soirée, honored national and local women changemakers. This year, musical icon Sheila E. received the Sandra Day O'Connor Lifetime Achievement Award in recognition of her contributions through her music, advocacy and philanthropy. The group also honored Dr. Candace Lew with the Marilyn R. Seymann award, and SRPMIC resident and spouse to the late Royce Manuel, Debbie Nez-Manuel, received the Voice of Women award.

In addition to recognizing the honorees, the Silver Soirée raised funds in support of programs and services in women's leadership development, community education and financial empowerment.

"AFW is immensely proud to recognize these trailblazing women for their dedication to communities far and wide," said Mesha Davis, CEO of Arizona Foundation for Women. "Sheila E., Debbie and Candace are exemplary individuals who have dedicated their lives to ensuring the safety, health and economic empowerment of all women."

The AFW said Nez-Manuel's community leadership and activism led to her recognition, particularly her understanding of the complexities surrounding the victimization of Native American women and girls.

Nez-Manuel was instrumental in the unanimous passage in the Arizona Senate and House of HB 2570, the leg-



Debbie Nez-Manuel Receiving the Arizona Foundation for Women's Voice of Women award. Photo courtesy of Pictures in Pixels Photography/Arizona Foundation For Women

islation that established a 21-member Study Committee on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls.

The Voice of Women award made Nez-Manuel think about the sacrifices that her family made while she was out serving in tribal communities, especially at the SRPMIC.

"I worked with victims of domestic violence and sexual assault through Human Services. There were many times I worked closely with the police department through crisis and referrals, and I responded to victims, going to their homes and checking on the victims of the situations and providing services," said Nez-Manuel.

"Sometimes when women decided to leave relationships, we acted then and there, and that often meant that not going home right at 5 p.m. when everybody else was. You stayed until the work was done. Some of that work was very challenging in many ways for a young mom. So when I think about the sacrifice it takes for any responder to [answer] any of these types of calls, your family takes the brunt of that."

Washington Oks 1st Statewide Missing Indigenous People Alert

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Associated Press

TULALIP, Wash. (AP) — Washington Gov. Jay Inslee on Thursday signed into law a bill that creates a first-in-the-nation statewide alert system for missing Indigenous people, to help address a silent crisis that has plagued Indian Country in this state and nationwide.

The law sets up a system similar to Amber Alerts and so-called silver alerts, which are used respectively for missing children and vulnerable adults in many states. It was spearheaded by Democratic Rep. Debra Lekanoff, the only Native American lawmaker currently serving in the Washington state Legislature, and championed by Indigenous leaders statewide.

"I am proud to say that the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women's and People's Alert System came from the voices of our Native American leaders," said Lekanoff, a member of the Tlingit tribe and the bill's chief sponsor. "It's not just an Indian issue, it's not just an Indian responsibility. Our sisters, our aunts, our grandmothers are going missing every day ... and it's been going on for far too long."

Tribal leaders, many of them women, wore traditional hats woven from cedar as they gathered around Inslee for the signing on the Tulalip

Reservation, north of Seattle. Afterward they gifted him with a handmade traditional ribbon shirt and several multicolored woven blankets.

The law attempts to address a crisis of missing Indigenous people — particularly women — in Washington and across the United States. While it includes missing men, women and children, a summary of public testimony on the legislation notes that "the crisis began as a women's issue, and it remains primarily a women's issue."

Besides notifying law enforcement when there's a report of a missing Indigenous person, the new alert system will place messages on highway reader boards and on the radio and social media, and provide information to the news media.

The legislation was paired with another bill Inslee, a Democrat, signed Thursday that requires county coroners or medical examiners to take steps to identify and notify family members of murdered Indigenous people and return their remains. That new law also establishes two grant funds for Indigenous survivors of human trafficking.

This piece of the crisis is important because in many cases, murdered Indigenous women are mistakenly recorded as white or Hispanic by coroners' offices, they're never identified, or their remains never repatri-

ated.

A 2021 report by the non-partisan Government Accountability Office found the true number of missing and murdered Indigenous women in the U.S. is unknown due to reporting problems, distrust of law enforcement and jurisdictional conflicts. But Native American women face murder rates almost three times those of white women overall — and up to 10 times the national average in certain locations, according to a 2021 summary of the existing research by the National Congress of American Indians. More than 80% have experienced violence.

In Washington, more than four times as many Indigenous women go missing than white women, according to research conducted by the Urban Indian Health Institute in Seattle, but many such cases receive little or no media attention.

The bill signing began with a traditional welcome song passed down by Harriette Shelton Dover, a cherished cultural leader and storyteller. Dover recovered and shared many traditions and songs from tribes along Washington's northern Pacific Coast and worked with linguists before her death in 1991 to preserve her language, Lushootseed, from extinction. Women performed an honor song after the event.

Tulalip Tribes of Washington Chairwoman Teri Gobin said

Washington and Montana are the two states with the most missing Indigenous people in the U.S. Nearly four dozen Native people are currently missing in Seattle alone, she said.

"What's the most important thing is bringing them home, whether they've been trafficked, whether they've been stolen or murdered," she said. "It's a wound that stays open, and it's something that we pray with (for) each person, we can bring them home."

Investigations into missing Indigenous people, particularly women, have been plagued by many issues for decades.

When a person goes missing on a reservation, there are often there are jurisdictional conflicts between tribal police and local and state law enforcement. A lack of staff and police resources, and the rural nature of many reservations, compound those problems. And many times, families of tribal members distrust non-Native law enforcement or don't know where to report news of a missing loved one.

An alert system will help mitigate some of those problems by allowing better communication and coordination between tribal and non-tribal law enforcement and creating a way for law enforcement to flag such cases for other agencies. The law expands the definition of "missing endangered person" to include Indigenous

people, as well as children and vulnerable adults with disabilities or memory or cognitive issues.

The law takes effect June 9 and some details are still being worked out. For example, it's unclear what criteria law enforcement will use to positively identify a missing person as Native American and how the information will be disseminated in rural areas, including on some reservations, where highways lack electronic reader boards — or where there aren't highways at all.

The measure is the latest step Washington has taken to address the issue. The Washington State Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and People Task Force is working to coordinate a statewide response and had its first meeting in December. Its first report is expected in August.

Many states from Arizona to Oregon to Wisconsin have taken recent action to address the crisis of murdered and missing Indigenous women. Efforts include funding for better resources for tribal police to the creation of new databases specifically targeting missing tribal members. Tribal police agencies that use Amber Alerts for missing Indigenous children include the Hopi and Las Vegas Paiute.

Pow Wow Regalia Stolen From Indigenous Enterprise Performers

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While in Los Angeles for a photo shoot on March 5, some members of the Phoenix-based dance troupe Indigenous Enterprise had their pow-wow regalia (outfits) stolen from their vehicle.

The regalia included beadwork, feathers, bustles, aprons, moccasins, head roaches and arm bustles, all of which hold significant cultural meaning to each member.

Performer and designer Tyrenn Lodgepole (Diné) was one of those whose regalia was stolen.

“Everything went smoothly and the photo shoot was beautiful, and we were doing that to showcase our culture in a positive way in a more modern sense as a younger generation,” said Lodgepole.

“On the last day of the shoot, our car unfortunately was broken into, and my regalia, as well as another dancer’s, was taken. I was left in shock. You don’t expect these kinds of things to happen. Our regalia, that’s the last thing [on your] mind. It unfortunately happens more often than not.”

Lodgepole said that the troupe has had a huge support system backing the performers since the day the incident happened.

Regalia can be very expensive, so Indigenous Enterprise started a Go Fund Me fundraiser with a goal of \$10,000—which they met within seven days.

“Thankfully, a lot of people—not just locally in our communities, but in many communities around the



Tyrenn Lodgepole wearing the regalia that was stolen in March. Photo courtesy of Tyrenn Lodgepole

world—saw what was going on and offered donations and words. It’s been a beautiful moment. Everything is coming together. It’s what’s keeping me up. It’s a super-bad situation and there is a lot of unease about it, but I’m keeping an optimistic mindset that something good will come from it too,” said Lodgepole.

“Talking to some elders and hearing different stories and teachings behind the beadwork, [the regalia’s meaning] is a lot deeper than just something you put on and dance with. There are a lot of prayers that go into it and a lot of teachings that go into each color and design.”

Many people have reached out to Lodgepole to lend a hand with providing regalia, and in the meantime, one of his friends is lending a regalia for him to use in upcoming performances.

Indigenous Enterprise also includes Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community member Jorge Gonzales.

Senior Services Recreation Celebrates Curbside St. Patrick’s Day



Senior Services Recreation staff give away St. Patrick’s Day-themed items to Community members in cars lined up around the block.

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Senior Services Recreation celebrated St. Patrick’s Day by serving more than 380 seniors on March 16 for their monthly giveaway.

The seniors were able to try their luck in receiving a golden ticket to claim a prize, green beads, a St. Patrick’s Day-themed mask and a delicious bakery treat.

The curbside event was held simultaneously at the Salt River Senior Center, where many cars lined up early, and at the Lehi Community Center. Homebound seniors received their items separately.

“Homebound seniors are our clients who are not able to make it to us. So, we do our best to always involve them,” said Senior Services Recreation Supervisor Douglas Cooper.

“These events have been going on since the pandemic started. We needed

a new way to still be involved with our Community and our seniors,” Cooper added. “Over the past two years we have given so many cool things away, and we hope to see many more seniors involved, as we have a lot more events like this coming up in the near future. I would like to send out a big thank-you to our Senior Recreation team for all they do.”



Senior Services Recreation employees at the Lehi Community Center. Left to right: Tara Kisto, Byron Silversmith.

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Indigenous Chef Pyet DeSpain Wins ‘Next Level Chef’

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Indigenous chef Pyet DeSpain (Prairie Band of Potawatomi/Mexican) recently made her mark on the culinary world by winning Fox’s latest cooking show competition, “Next Level Chef.”

In the show, 15 contestants from around the country went all in with their cooking skills on three levels of kitchens, each level with its own degree of difficulty, to compete for a \$250,000 prize. The contestants were mentored by established chefs Gordon Ramsay, Nyesha Arrington and Richard Blais.

The season finale showcased the three finalists’ three-course meals, and DeSpain came out on top, propelling her into a household name overnight across Indian Country and the U.S.

DeSpain talked with *O’odham Action News* about her journey, from her first experiences with Indigenous food to winning “Next Level Chef,” and beyond.

“Next Level Chef” was a joyride. It was great, and as nerve-racking as it was—and it gave us anxiety going into all the challenges—it was so much fun. It’s kind of one of those environments that’s like a pressure cooker. It helps you develop those strong skillsets in a short amount of time,” said DeSpain.

DeSpain spent part of her childhood on the Osage Indian Reservation, then lived in Kansas City, Kansas, and is currently a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation living in Los Angeles, California.

She attended L’Ecole Culinaire to pursue a culinary education and started a personal chef business in 2016 called “Pyet’s Plate” to promote a passion for wellness, nutrition and quality food to the public.

“I grew up in two different cultures that really value food that brings the community together,”

said Pyet DeSpain.



Chef Pyet DeSpain cooking Photo courtesy of Pyet DeSpain.



Chef Pyet DeSpain won Fox’s cooking show competition, Next Level Chef. From left to right: Nyesha Arrington, Pyet DeSpain, Gordon Ramsay, Richard Blais. Photo courtesy of Pyet DeSpain.

around food and plate offerings, with family coming together during powwow season and having the elders cook for the dancers and the families. Having that background alone inspires you to cherish food and really use it as a way to express your feelings and your love and passion for each other. I found my identity through food. I realized that cooking is not just about feeding yourself or going to a restaurant; there is a lot more that goes into this. Culture, tradition, knowledge, technique, passion—all of these things go into one dish.”

Her grandmother passed down her family’s recipe for corn soup and frybread, which DeSpain said brought her closer to understanding the history of her heritage.

“One thing that I learned about corn soup recipes is that there are different tribes and regions that had access to different ingredients, such as wild game, seeds and berries. The way that they would cook [corn soup] would be based on their environment. With frybread, there are some people that use buttermilk or warm water or regular milk. Some people roll the dough out, and some people flatten it with their hands. There are so many different ways that you can make it.”

While being proud and honored to represent Indian Country on national television, DeSpain said that most importantly, this is an opportunity for the world to see how dynamic the Indigenous culture is here in America.

“It’s very rare these days that you find people my age that are full-blooded Native. A lot of us are mixed with other cultures and weren’t raised knowing traditional ways. There are a lot of people still fighting to find their identity in the world and in their own communities, where they are representing two different cultures. I grew up not feeling Mexican enough, and I also grew up not feeling Native enough. It wasn’t until I was older that I realized that it’s okay to be proud of both and not know what the full definition of being those things is. The definition is what you make it.”

DeSpain’s inspiring win on “Next Level Chef” resonates with aspiring Indigenous chefs, culinary entrepreneurs, and SRPMIC members such as Ernesto Lopez, who owns Ernie’s Catering Business.

Lopez, who is currently working on a recipe for a superfood cookie geared



Ernesto Lopez, who owns Ernie’s Catering Business. OAN Archives

toward athletes that uses foods grown in the Community, said that DeSpain’s win means the world to him.

“I wouldn’t mind being in her position one of these days,” Lopez said with a smile.

“As Indigenous people, we don’t get recognized too often. And to put yourself in that position and level of expertise, whether it’s a chef, IT work or construction work, to me, it’s a big accomplishment.”

SRPMIC member Kenneth Young, co-owner of the Dirty Bros food truck, said that he is full of Native pride for DeSpain’s win.



Brothers (L-R) Kenneth and Joseph Young start their own food truck business, Dirty Bros. OAN Archives

“I’m excited and happy that it was someone who is Native who got on the show and had the stomach to compete and place first. It’s awesome to see other people have a passion for cooking. The fact that you’re able to go through the competition and come out a winner, that takes some dedication. It’s a huge thing to see Native people on television,” said Young.

Dirty Bros also has plans to use more foods traditionally consumed by the O’odham and other local Indigenous communities, such as sourcing freshwater fish and using traditional grains for a fine-dining experience.



Chef Pyet DeSpain showing a dish that she prepared. Photo courtesy of Pyet DeSpain.

Before her professional career took off, DeSpain’s passion for cooking developed as a child while helping family in the kitchen. Coming from both a Native American and Mexican heritage, DeSpain had a unique understanding of what food means to family and community.

“I grew up in two different cultures that really value food that brings the community together,” said DeSpain.

“With my Native American side, a lot of the traditions we have revolve



River People Health Center Opens to Community Members

have been a lot of people who have been a part of opening this huge center—the Community, former Council members and business partners out in the Community—so we'd like to have a large event, but we'd like to do it safely. We don't have a date as of yet."

When patients and guests walk into the RPHC, a Community member from the Ambassador program will greet them and help them get wherever they need to go at the facility.

Remitera said that the RPHC wants to be known as the provider of choice in the Valley for Community members.

"We want to offer one-stop care in a fast, friendly and dependable manner. We also want to be respectful and compassionate in the delivery of our services," said Remitera.

"Not only are we going to be taking care of people for their medical, dental and specialty care, but there are also social services, such as WIC. We also have benefit coordinators in case patients need to [access] outside care. Our goal is to create an experience of caring and compassion so that they want to come back and get on the road to health and wellness."

The 200,000-square-foot facility is currently serving 6,000 unique patients, with an expectation of serving about 20,000 unique patients in the future. Of the more than 300 employees at the RPHC, 108 are Community members. Between three and five years from now, they hope to have more than 700 people working within Health and Human Services (HHS).

HHS is looking to hire 300 to 400 people within the next two to three years, and they hope to be able to draw many of those employees from the Community.

"Because the bedrock of our culture is the Community, who better to serve the Community than Community members themselves?" said Remitera.

RPHC is currently open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. After a month or two, the facility plans to expand hours into the evenings and on weekends.

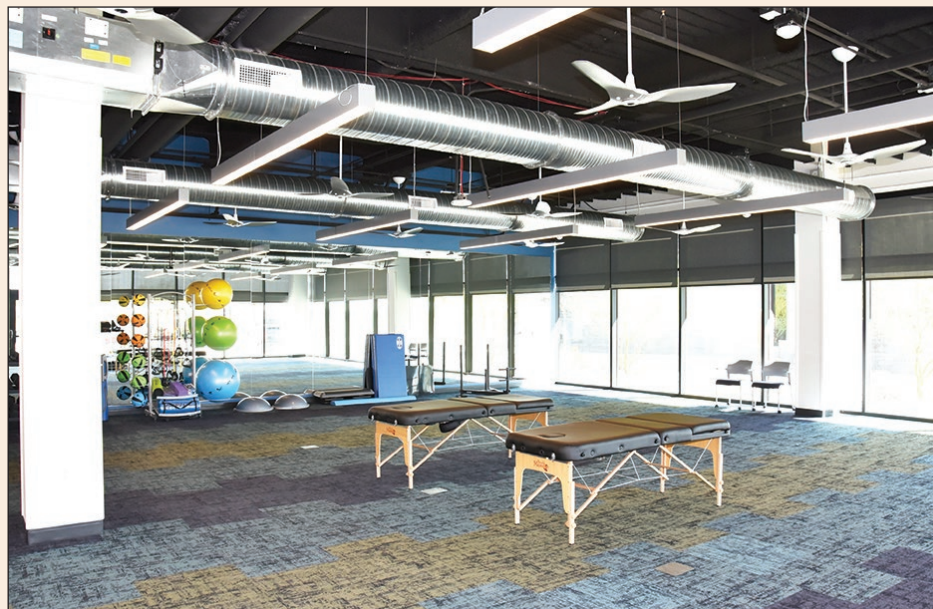
For more information, head to the RPHC website at www.rphc.org.



Above: Ambassadors greet guests and patients as they enter the main entrance of the River People Health Center.

Right: The Wellness wing on the first floor of the River People Health Center, which includes Physical Therapy and Registered Dietician Services. Rooms where patients are seen are called "Healing Rooms."

Below: The W.I.C. (Women, Infants and Children) wing of the River People Health Center. W.I.C. has its own separate entrance.



Above: The Physical Therapy room at River People Health Center.

Left: A hallway with artwork on the wall that leads to Wellness, Primary Care and Women's Health and Prenatal Care.

Right: An exam room in the Laboratory wing of the River People Health Center near the Pharmacy on the first floor.



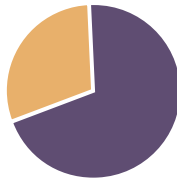
THE FUTURE OF SRPMIC HOUSING SURVEY SUMMARY



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Total Responses

10.3% of all eligible survey takers



529 survey takers looking to move in the future

70% of all survey takers

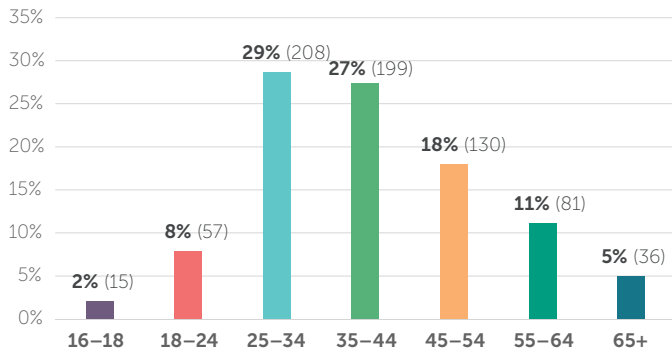


187 (24%) live within the Community but would look at moving in the future

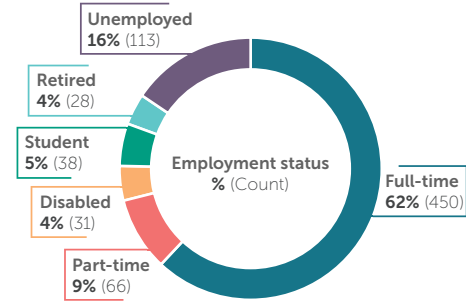
318 (42%) live outside the Community and would like to move back

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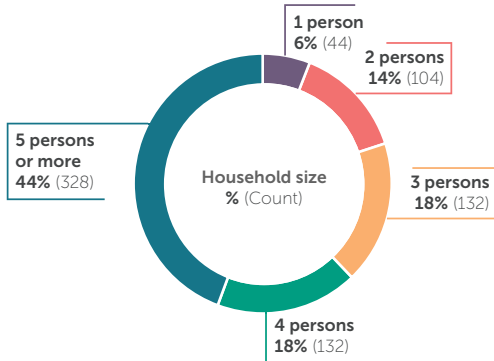
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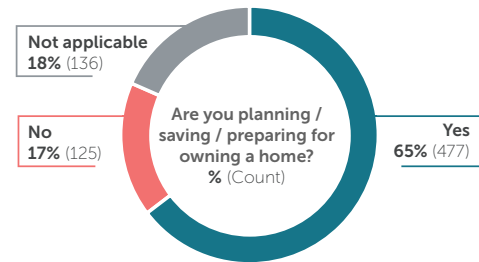
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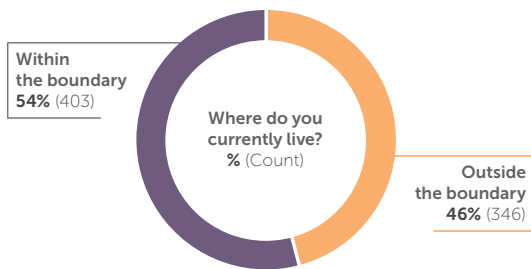
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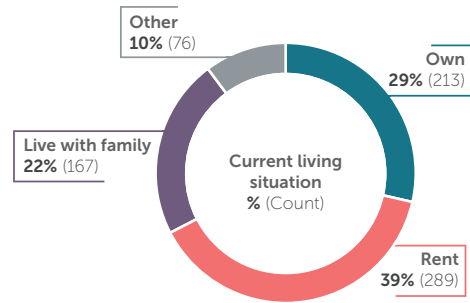
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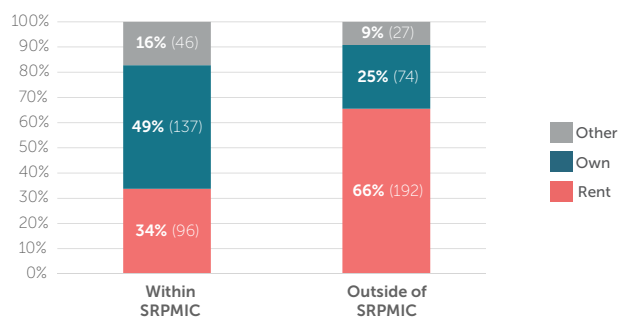
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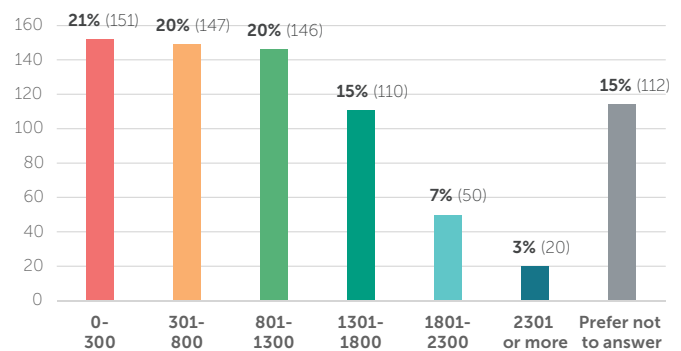
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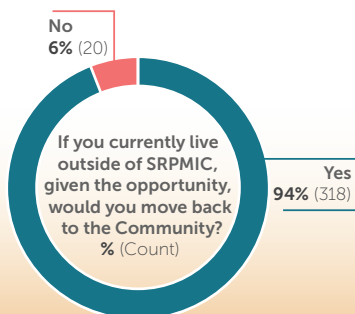


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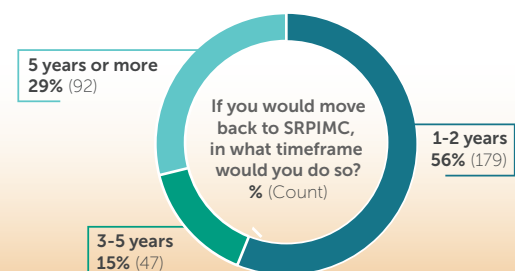


HOUSING NEEDS

DESIRE TO MOVE BACK TO SRPMIC



TIMEFRAME OF MOVE BACK TO SRPMIC



Tribal Council would like to thank all Community Members who took the Future of SRPMIC Housing Survey. The online survey took place between November 15, 2021 and January 17, 2022. The goal of this online survey was to determine the housing needs, wants, and expectations of Community Members. The data collected will assist in tailoring future housing options to meet the needs of Community Members, and fulfill the need in ways that best suit the Community and future generations. Please explore the infographics below to view a sampling of the data that was collected during the survey process. Full survey results can be found at www.srpmic-nsn.gov/housingsurvey or by scanning the QR code below.



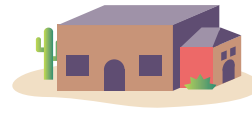
94 survey takers are planning to rent their next home

77 survey takers would move to a multi-family residence if it was available on the Community



447 survey takers are currently preparing for owning a home

only **52%** have access to a home site on allotted land

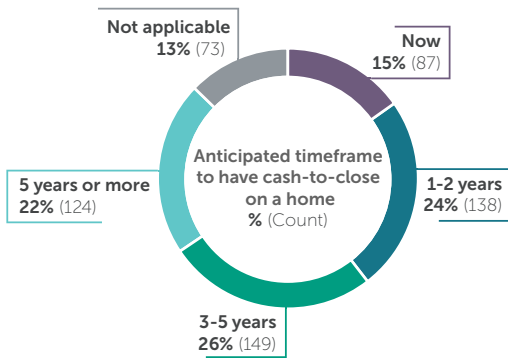


3 bed/2 bath was the most common floor plan of interest (143)

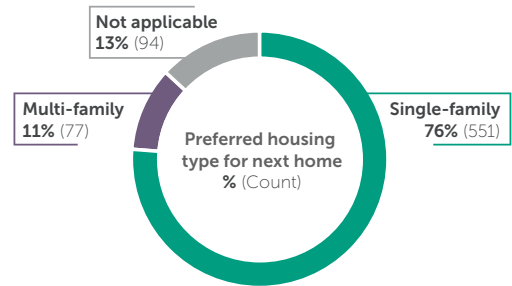
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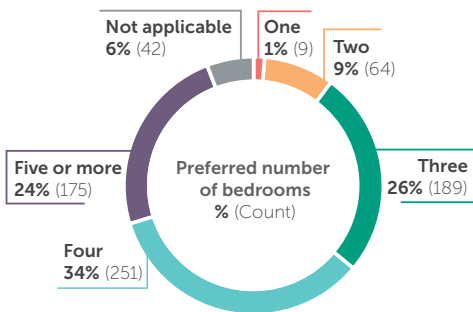
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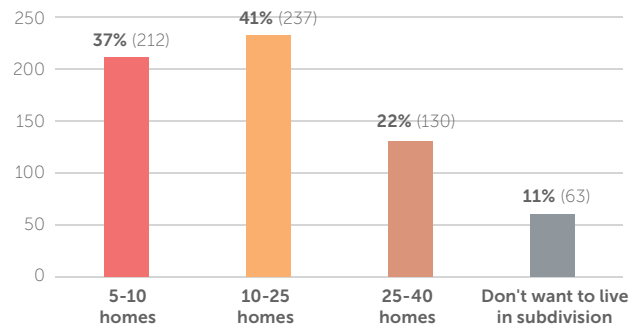
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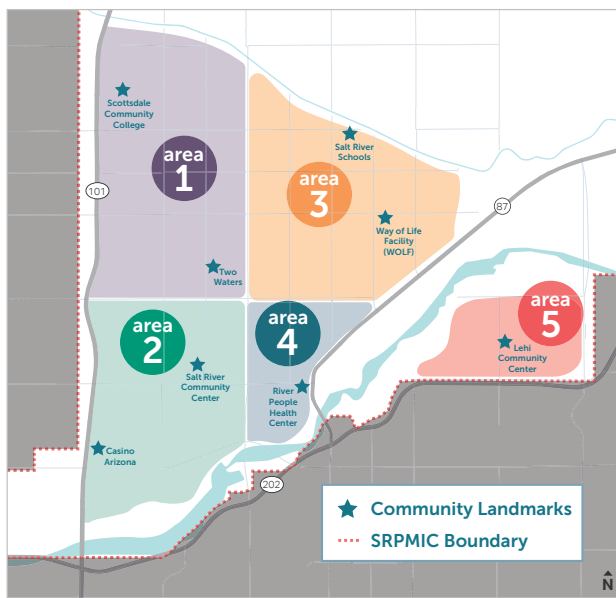
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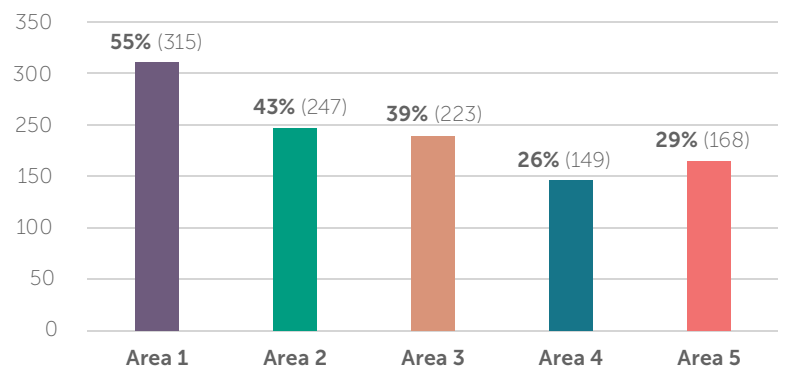


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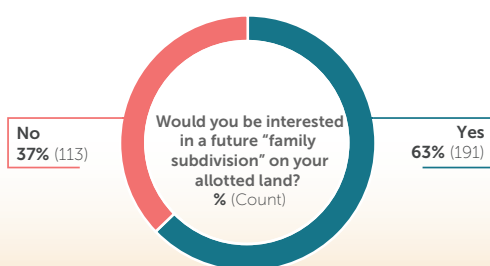
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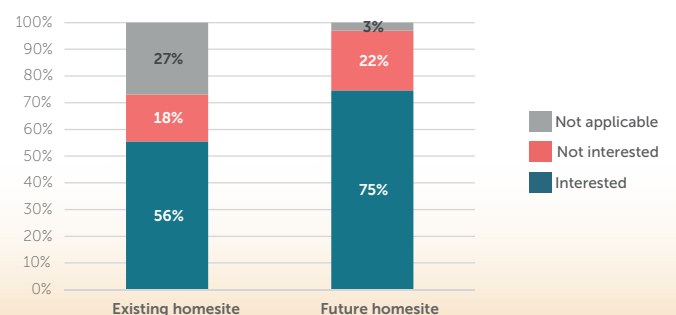


ADDITIONAL FINDINGS

INTEREST IN FAMILY SUBDIVISION



INTEREST IN ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS ON HOMESITE



The full survey findings can be found at www.srpmic-nsn.gov/housingsurvey or by scanning the QR Code

For Salt River Financial Services (SRFSI) or housing-related questions, please contact:

Email: HousingInfo@SRPMIC-nsn.gov
Phone: (480) 362-7600





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What is LIHEAP?

- * LIHEAP is a federal grant that offers energy assistance to the residents of SRPMIC. Assistance is available to enrolled and non-enrolled community members. However, the applicant must reside within the boundaries of SRPMIC.
- * Additional funding may be available to applicants that are senior citizens (55+), disabled, and children under 6 years old in the household.
- * Under the LIHEAP grant appliances, (water heater, range or refrigerator) are available under the crisis assistance.
- * Limit one per household and on a first come first serve basis.

How to qualify:

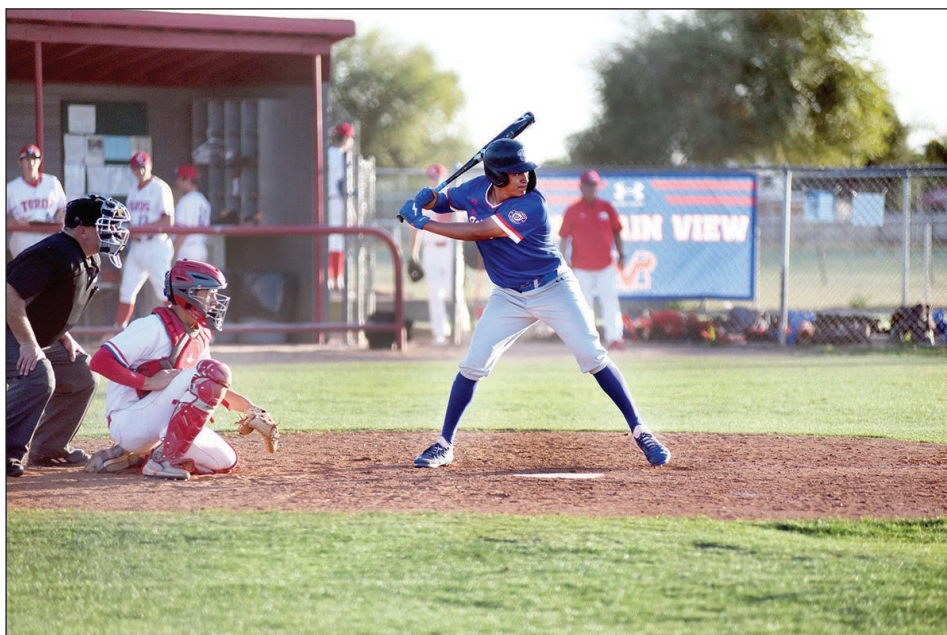
- * To qualify for the LIHEAP program, the applicant's annual income must fall at or below 150% of the federal program guidelines.

For information or to schedule an appointment, contact DHHS Prevention and Intervention Services Central Intake Center (480) 362-7350

Applicant Requirements:

- * State driver's license or identification card (state/tribal) for all adults in household.
- * Social security cards and/or birth certificates for all members in household including children.
- * Annual income verification for all household members 18 years of age or older. (per-capita, lease payouts, employment paystubs, social security, unemployment insurance, disability, self-employment income, etc.)
- * A copy of most current utility bill in the applicant's name.

Westwood High School Baseball Season Is Here



Westwood High School senior Nic Cortez is up to bat in a game against school rival Mountain View High School.



Westwood High School sophomore Marcus Lasiloo plays his second year on the junior varsity baseball team this season.

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The Westwood High School baseball season began at the end of February. This year, after playing on the team for four years, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Community member Nic Cortez will be playing his last year.

Cortez has been playing baseball for 12 years, starting out with club teams. One of his first teams was called Wild Fire, on which he played with other children from Gilbert, Mesa and Scottsdale. He played on the baseball team at Carson Junior High for two years before moving on to Westwood High.

The varsity Warriors had a record of eight wins, four losses and one tie as of mid-March.

"We've been doing good," said Cortez. "We're going pretty strong; we have a lot of good guys."

The team has six games left, with their last game at home against Skyline on Monday, April 25 at 3:45 p.m. (see sidebar for schedule).

Cortez has his sights on playing college ball. He said that he has enjoyed team bonding for the last four years. He also would like to thank his biggest supporter—his mother, Maxine Stifanos—for her support over all the years he's been playing baseball.

SRPMIC member Marcus Lasiloo is



Westwood High School senior Nic Cortez.

Westwood High Varsity Baseball Schedule

(Note: All games start at 3:45 p.m.)

Friday, April 8	Home	Red Mountain
Wednesday, April 13	Away	O'Connor
Thursday, April 14	Home	Mesa
Tuesday, April 19	Away	Mesa
Friday, April 22	Away	Skyline
Monday, April 25	Home	Skyline

17th Annual Earth Day Celebration Remains Virtual

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On April 23, the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community will hold its 17th annual Earth Day celebration, with one more year of virtual festivities due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"This year will be virtual again (hopefully the last time!)," said CDD/EPNR Environmental Specialist Carol Hibbard, who looks forward to next year's Earth Day being an in-person event.

"We'll have one more year of limited activities—no large service projects at this time. We'll be doing the giveaways in the Two Waters parking lot," she said.

There will be a household hazardous waste collection and paper-shredding event at the south end of the Two Waters parking lot again this year. The plan is to use the north end of the parking lot to give away Earth Day hats and promotional items, while supplies last.

For years, Scottsdale Community College's Center for Native and Urban Wildlife (CNUW) has grown native plants in their greenhouse for CDD/EPNR to use for various events and restoration projects.

CNUW is currently growing approximately 200 mesquite trees (all from local seed sources) for CDD/EPNR to give away for Earth Day. Visitors can pick up a tree near the exit of the parking lot. CDD/EPNR's hope is that Community members will plant these mesquites, which provide habitat for wildlife and have strong roots that stabilize the soil and help prevent erosion.

"As a Community member, [I feel that Earth Day] is the perfect chance to give back to our Community, whether



Disposing of paint at the Earth Day Hazardous Waste Event, 2021. OAN Archives

it's helping seniors with cleaning up their yards or beautifying their yards with garden boxes," said CDD/EPNR Senior Compliance Specialist Victor Gonzales. "The Earth Day service projects give me a sense of pride for my Community."

On Earth Day, Hibbard suggests that Community members work on a home-based service project such as a yard clean-up, landscape planting, litter clean-up in your neighborhood or a clean-up project for an elder.

To extend the spirit of Earth Day all year, Hibbard gave the following tip: "Leave places better than you found them. Commit to using less plastic, such as water bottles, straws and disposable dishes."



Disposing of waste from the trunk of a car at the Earth Day Hazardous Waste Event, 2021. OAN Archives

SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY

EARTH DAY 2022

Drive-through Event!



Saturday,
April 23, 2022
7am—1pm

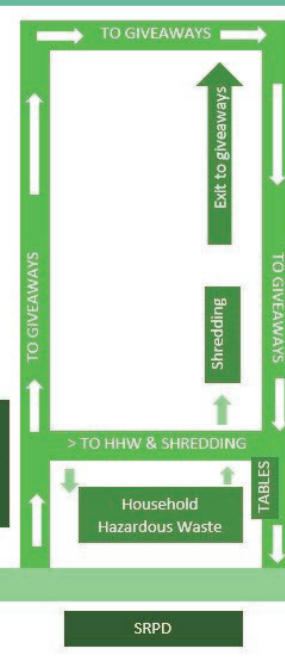
- ◆ Household Hazardous Waste Collection!
 - ◆ Paper Shredding!
 - ◆ Giveaways!
- While supplies last:
Hats • Promo Items • Mesquite Trees



Two Waters Employee Parking Lot

SRPMIC Justice Center

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SRPMIC Donates SWAT Equipment to Ukraine



Emergency Management Coordinator Kirsten VanDeventer, Warehouse Stock Clerk Terry Albin, Emergency Manager Cliff Puckett, SRPD Sargent Delvin Duong, SRPD Officer Michael Stahl and SRPD Officer Jared Kosina help load donated SWAT equipment to Ukraine.

BY TASHA SILVERHORN
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The Salt River Police Department, SRPMIC Emergency Management Department and Finance Warehouse Division have partnered on behalf of the Community to help gather and package outdated SWAT equipment to donate to fighters in Ukraine.

“The SWAT team gets new equipment every five years from the Capital Improvement Plan or grants,” said SRPD Sgt. Delvin Duong, “and every five years we get new ballistics because they expire.” These items, which include 24 sets of soft armor, 19 sets of hard plates and 21 helmets, are five

to six years old. “The equipment itself is outdated, and because we ordered so much of it, we have equipment to donate instead of disposing of it.”

The Arizona Department of Emergency and Military Affairs (DEMA) specifically stated that Ukraine soldiers do not need certified equipment, they are just requesting any sort of equipment to help protect them as they continue to fight the war against Russia.

DEMA is coordinating this for the state of Arizona. It will ship the donated items to either Chicago or Los Angeles to be combined with equipment donations from other states, and then all of it will be sent on to Ukraine.

Happy Mother's Day!

Wish your mom a Happy Mother's Day in the May 5 issue.



To Mom,
I want to thank you for everything you have done for me! I love you to the moon and back.
Your daughter,
XXXXX

It's simple, just email us a photo of your mom and a brief 25 word message to oodhamactionnews@srpmic-nsn.gov by April 22 at noon and we'll take it from there.

River People Health Center Nutrition Services



These appointments are intended as opportunities for providers to recommend to patients or clients who they think need an immediate nutrition intervention.

Self-referrals are also welcome to a 15-minute walk-in appointment.

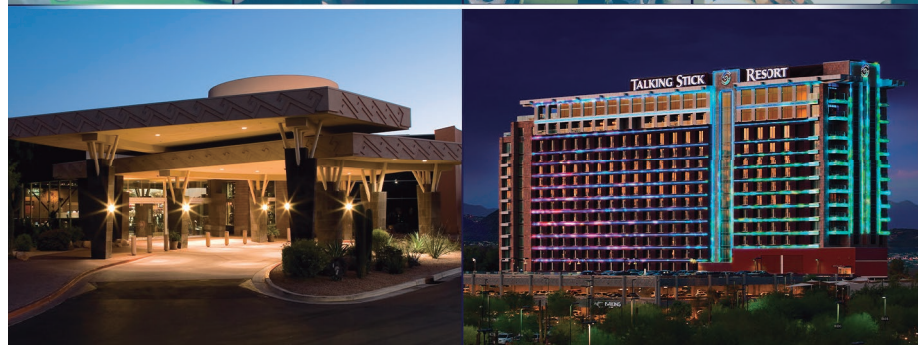
LIBBY BOUDREAU, MPH, RD, LDN
Mondays and Tuesdays, 2- 4 p.m.

KAT LATOUR, RDN
Tuesday and Thursdays, 9 - 11 a.m.

Check in at the Wellness Desk at the River People Health Center

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Good Life Nutrition Opens Storefront in Scottsdale

BY TASHA SILVERHORN
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Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community members Kevin Dalton, Veronica Ramirez and Ashley Fritz have opened a Scottsdale location for their business, Good Life Nutrition. Good Life Nutrition offers a number of healthy and nutritious Herbalife drinks including teas, coffee, shakes and energy drinks. The new storefront is located in Scottsdale on Miller and McDowell roads next to Peter Piper Pizza.

Since its opening in 2020, the Community member-owned small business has gradually grown, hiring more employees and now opening the new store, where they can expand their customer base and build more business.

In 2021, the Good Life Nutrition team decided to open the storefront to offer a larger space for their customers.

"I think we went through three or four different locations," said Dalton. "But this location actually kind of found us, which was really good. [It] kind of put our minds a little bit more at ease, because it's closer to the Community than the other places we were looking at. Our goal was to stay close to home and be in a good location where everybody is comfortable."

They gutted and remodeled an old H&R Block store, ripping out the carpet and repainting the walls to create an inviting space for their customers.

What really sold the team was the back of the store. It has access to the Scottsdale Greenbelt, where they can host group workouts and a walking club to encourage their customers to not only consume their healthy drinks, but also



Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Members small business Good Life Nutrition opens storefront in Scottsdale. Kevin Dalton, Veronica Ramirez, and Dorian Dalton who is learning how to start her own shop in Tucson sell Herbalife drinks from coffee, tea, shakes and energy drinks.

to participate in some physical activity.

"Veronica is really passionate about helping the other businesses in the Community. So hopefully in the future we can start hosting events for Community members and Community-owned businesses, just to kind of network and help each other out, just kind of help each other grow in a sense," said Dalton. "That's kind of more our goal, to help other people grow."

Good Life Nutrition opened the doors in January for a soft opening but has not yet had an official grand opening. When that happens, they will let everyone know through their social media pages.

A number of new customers have been popping into the shop for a drink,

joining the loyal customers who continue to show the Good Life team love and support.

"We have the Community and their support; now it's just [a matter of] expanding on that. Google Maps has been a big contributor to bring in new customers," said Dalton. "It just reaches a bigger audience, which is really good."

Good Life Nutrition would like to reach a point where they can hand over the store to their partners and open more locations in Native communities.

"I would like to thank our Community; they have been the biggest support," said Ramirez. "We really wouldn't have been able to open the doors, keep the lights on and have all the products here



if it wasn't for them enjoying the drinks and sharing our products."

Dalton expressed his gratitude to the

Community for being part of their business journey.

Since opening the shop, they have been able to extend their business hours. Currently they are open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday. They will deliver until 4 p.m. For more information on Good Life Nutrition, visit their Instagram page at www.instagram.com/goodlifefoodnutrition_az/.

SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY

HEALING & MEMORIAL TRIBUTE

A reflection in remembrance of our Community Members whose lives were lost during the pandemic

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, May 7, 2022 | 6:00pm

Salt River Ballfield

1839 N. Longmore Rd.

Emergency Management Highlight: “Ready, Set, Go!”

READY, SET, GO! Prepare now. Be alert. Evacuate!

First Step: Prepare Now

Assemble an emergency supplies kit and prepare your home. Write a family communication plan.



Second Step: Be Alert

Stay aware of significant danger in your area. Be prepared to grab your emergency supplies kit and relocate.



Third Step: Evacuate

Follow evacuation orders from your local Sheriff's Office. Stay on designated routes and avoid closures.



BY TERRY NELSON
SRPMIC Emergency Management Coordinator
Terry.Nelson@srpmic-nsn.gov

What is “Ready, Set, Go”? It’s a nationwide messaging tool utilized in Arizona to support communication to communities so that people who may be impacted within a geographic area are prepared to evacuate, if necessary, during unpredictable emergency situations, such as wildfires. During fire season, closures and evacuations may be necessary for first responders to conduct operations to preserve life and property.

The “Ready, Set, Go!” tool uses these three steps:

1. READY—Prepare Now

Be aware of the hazards that can threaten your community and take steps to prepare for a future evacuation, if necessary.

- Take steps now to prepare for seasonal threats.

- Register your phone with an emergency notification system. <https://maricoparegion911.onthealert.com/Terms>
- Make a family evacuation and communication plan.
- Build an emergency “go kit” with supplies for at least 72 hours.
- Check on your neighbors, family, friends and elders to ensure they are ready.
- Keep up to date on local news, weather watches, weather warnings and public health recommendations.

2. SET—Be Alert

Know there is significant danger in your area.

- Residents should consider voluntarily relocating to a shelter with family/friends outside the affected area.
- Grab your emergency go kit.
- Keep in mind unique needs for your family or special equipment for pets and livestock.

- Stay aware of the latest news and information from public safety and public health officials.

3. Go!—Evacuate

Danger in your area is imminent and life-threatening.

- Residents should evacuate immediately to a shelter or with family/friends outside of the affected area.
 - If you choose to ignore this advisement, you must understand that emergency services may not be able to assist you further.
 - Follow instructions from emergency personnel, stay on designated evacuation routes and avoid closed areas.
- To support individual and community resiliency, everyone should take these steps to prepare themselves and remain at a state of readiness as events evolve. For more information on “Ready, Set, Go!” contact SRPMIC Emergency Management at (480)362-7929 or email Terry.Nelson@srpmic-nsn.gov.

Arizona Sheriff's Association Guide to All-Hazard Evacuation

No matter where you live in the state, staying aware of hazards is important. Learn how you can prepare your family and home before an emergency. Taking action now can help you evacuate quickly before the threat reaches your doorstep.

READY – PREPARE NOW

Prepare for the hazards that can threaten your community.

- Register with your county/tribal emergency notification system.
- Connect with your Emergency Management/Sheriff's Office on social media.
- Take steps now to prepare for seasonal threats.
- Make a family communication plan that includes family phone numbers, out-of-town contacts and family meeting locations.
- Assemble an emergency supplies kit (Go Kit). Start with the five P's; people and pets, prescriptions, papers, personal needs and priceless items.

SET – BE ALERT

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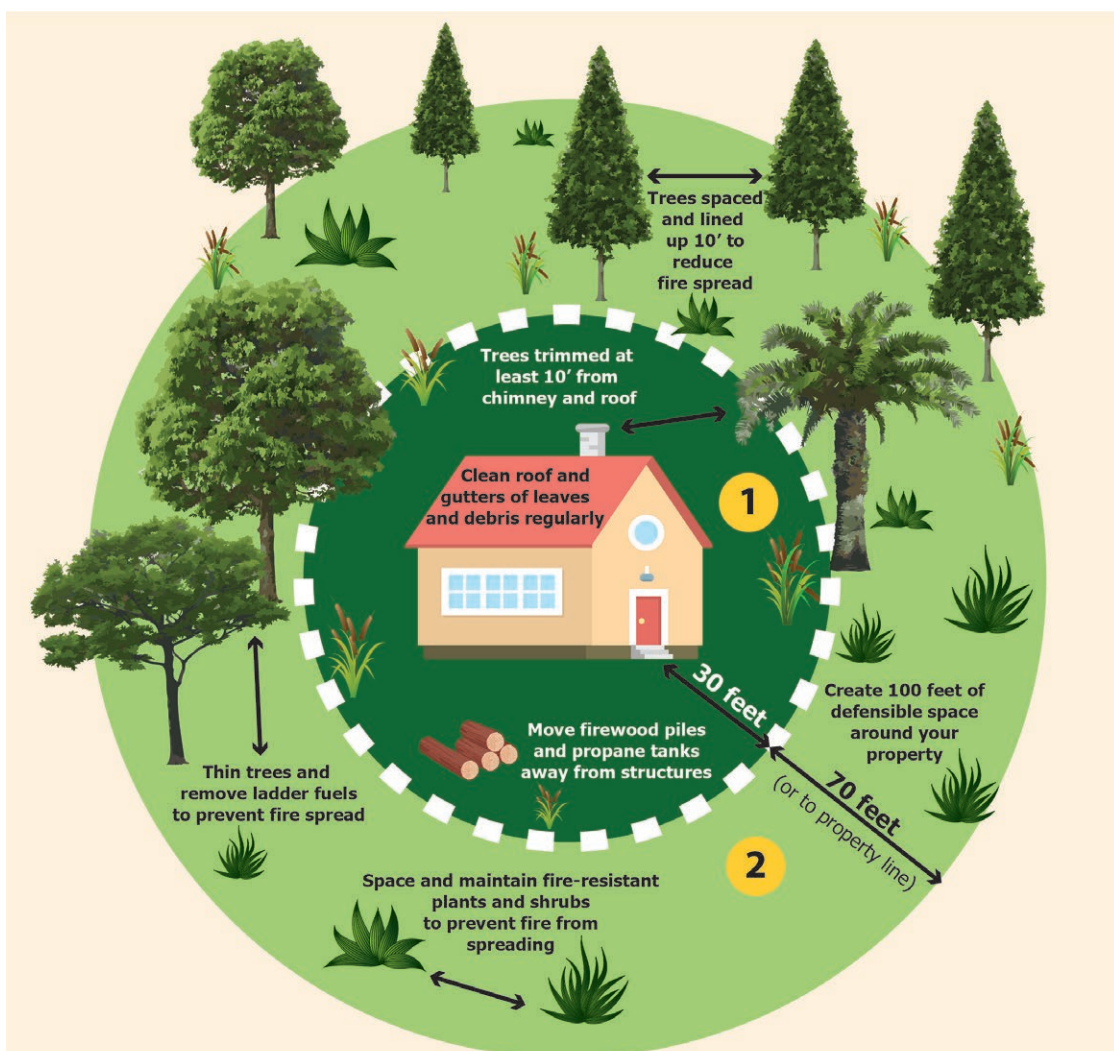
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- Stay aware of the latest news and information from public safety officials.

This might be the only notice you receive. Emergency services cannot guarantee they will be able to notify everyone if conditions rapidly deteriorate. Be SET to GO.

GO- EVACUATE

Danger in your area is current and life-threatening.

- Residents should evacuate immediately to a shelter or with family/friends outside the affected area.
- If you choose to ignore this advisement, you must understand emergency services may not be able to assist you further.
- Follow instructions from emergency personnel, stay on designated evacuation routes and avoid closed areas.



ZONE 1: 0-30 feet from buildings

- Trim or prune shrubs/vegetation to a height of 2 feet and provide a clear space around each plant of at least 4 feet.
- Remove all flammable materials from the ground, under decks, and around propane tanks.
- Keep roofs and gutters clear of debris.

ZONE 2: 30-100 feet from building

- Remove all vegetation that would allow flames to climb up vegetation or buildings.
- Trim limbs a minimum of 6 feet from ground.
- Create islands of shrubs, thinning them enough to walk between them.
- On slopes greater than 20% gradient, treatment should be extended an additional 100 feet from structures.
- Stack wood piles at least 30 feet from structures.
- Never prune near power lines, call your local utility company first.



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Talking Stick Entertainment District FUN FACT

Along the Community's business corridor, the branding concept of Talking Stick is derived from the traditional O'odham and Piipaash calendar sticks. Today, the story of our economic development is told through the Talking Stick Entertainment District logo, where each symbol represents an area amenity that significantly impacted development in SRPMIC.

O'ODHAM ACTION NEWS DEADLINES

ISSUE	DEADLINE AT NOON
April 21	April 8
May 5	April 22
May 19	May 6

SEND INFORMATION TO DODIE MANUEL at dodie.manuel@srpmic-nsn.gov
For more information please call (480) 362-7750.

April 2022 – District Meetings

****Masks Required to Attend Meetings****

MEETING DATE/TIME	AGENDA	LOCATION:
CM Enos District A Mon., April 11, 2022 6pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Homesite Designee & Beneficiary Presentation CM Comments 	SRPMIC Council Chambers 10091 E. Osborn Road Scottsdale, AZ / 85256
CM Antone District B Sat. April 16, 2022 9 am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Homesite Designee & Beneficiary Presentation CM Comments 	Education Board Room 4836 N. Center Street Scottsdale, AZ / 85256
CM Doka District C Thurs., April 14, 2022 6 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Housing Survey Results Emergency Management Overview CM Comments 	SRPMIC Council Chambers 10091 E. Osborn Road Scottsdale, AZ / 85256
CM Grey District D Thurs., April 7, 2022 6 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ACM Carla Banelos Introduction SR VOAD Overview CM Comments 	SRPMIC Council Chambers 10091 E. Osborn Road Scottsdale, AZ 85256
CM Largo District E Mon., April 25, 2022 6pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emergency Management Overview Other Items to be added 	WOLF ROOM #56 11725 E. Indian School Road Scottsdale, AZ 85256
CM Scabby / CM Dallas Lehi District Tues., April 19, 2022 6 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phase 3.5 Overview Garden Presentation 	Lehi Community Building 1231 E. Oak Street Mesa, AZ 85203

April Council Meetings

Council may enter Executive Session as necessary.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS: April 13, 20, 27
REGULAR SESSIONS: April 13, 20, 27
WORK SESSIONS: April 7, 14, 21, 28

Wednesdays at 3pm
Wednesdays at 5pm
Thursdays at 10am

QUESTIONS CAN BE DIRECTED TO COUNCIL SECRETARIES' OFFICE AT (480) 362-7469

TO CONTACT THE COUNCIL MEMBERS:
-Erica Harvier at (480) 362-7466
-Elyse Lewis at (480) 362-7464

TO CONTACT PRESIDENT HARVIER OR VICE-PRESIDENT LEONARD:
-Ardell Moore at (480) 362-7465

Community Members can view the public Council Meetings at:
www.srpmic-nsn.gov/government/council/councilmeetings/

Diné-Owned Dickey's Barbecue Pit Franchise Opens at Salt River



Customers enjoy Dickey's Barbecue Pit meals at the grand opening on March 11.

BY CHRIS PICCIUOLO
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On March 11, Dickey's Barbecue Pit opened up a new location at the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community's Talking Stick Entertainment District.

Dallas, Texas-based Dickey's specializes in traditional slow-smoked Texas barbecue items such as spare ribs, pulled pork and beef brisket.

The new Dickey's franchise location is owned and operated by Troy J. Little (Diné), who is excited to open an Indigenous-owned restaurant on tribal land.

"I look forward to so many opportunities to grow together and be a part of the SRPMIC and be a contributing member in the Community," said Little. "I really want to thank the Community, from President Harvier all the way to the Community members. I'm really appreciative, and everyone has been so

welcoming and helpful."

The opening-day ribbon-cutting ceremony featured a strong show of support from Indigenous patrons and friends and family from the Navajo Nation, including Navajo Nation Vice-President Myron Lizer.

SRPMIC Council Member Cheryl Doka was present for the opening, and she spoke to all in attendance.

"It was an honor to be invited to be at the opening of Dickey's. Dickey's is a great addition to this area, and we look forward to visiting the establishment here," said Doka.

"The SRPMIC supports businesses that come here, and particularly Native American businesses. They're pretty rare, but when we get some here, it's pretty exciting. We're definitely going to support a Diné business here in the Community. You're [Little] making a great contribution to Native Americans' success—not just here in Arizona, but throughout the whole nation."

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Every home in the U.S. is eligible to order 2 sets of 4 free at-home tests. If you already ordered your first set, order a second today.

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How to Help Your Elderly Parent with Their Finances

Dear Savvy Senior,

What tips can you offer on helping an elderly parent with their finances? My 84-year-old father is having trouble keeping up with his bills and insurance, and I just found out that he's been making contributions to a suspicious charity.

Reluctant Daughter

Dear Reluctant,

Many adult children serve as financial helpers to their elderly or ill parents. They provide services like paying bills, handling deposits and investments, filing insurance claims, preparing taxes and more. Here are some tips and resources that can help you help your dad.

Start with a Conversation

Taking on the task of helping an elderly parent with their finances can be a sensitive and difficult topic. The first step in helping your dad is to have a respectful talk with him expressing your concerns, as you stated in your question, and offering to help him with his financial chores. If you have siblings, it can be a good idea to get them involved too. This can help you head off any possible hard feelings, plus, with others involved, your dad will know everyone is concerned.

Get Organized

If your dad is willing to let you help manage, monitor or take over his financial affairs your first order of business is to get organized by making a list of his financial accounts and other important information. Your list should include his:

- Contact list: Names and numbers of key contacts like insurance agents, financial advisor, tax preparer, family attorney, etc.
- Monthly bills: Phone, cable, water and trash, gas, electric, credit card accounts, etc.
- Financial accounts: Including bank accounts, brokerage and mutual fund accounts, safe-deposit boxes and any other financial assets he has. Also get usernames and passwords for financial accounts that are set up online.
- Company benefits: Any retirement plans, pensions or health benefits from his current or former employer.
- Insurance policies: Life, home, auto, long-term care, Medicare, etc.
- Taxes: Copies of your dad's income tax returns over the past few years.

Locate Important Documents

This is also the ideal time to find out if your dad has the following essential legal documents: A will; an advance

directive that includes a living will and health-care proxy, which allows you or another family member or friend to make medical decisions on his behalf if he becomes incapacitated; and a durable power of attorney, which gives you or a designated person similar legal authority for financial decisions, if needed.

If he doesn't have these important documents prepared, now is the time to do it. And if they are prepared, make sure they're updated, and you know where they're located.

Simplify Financial Tasks

The quickest way to help your dad simplify his monthly financial chores is to set up automatic payments for his utilities and other routine bills and arrange for direct deposit of his income sources.

If your dad has savings and investments scattered in many different accounts, you should consider consolidating them. You can also set up your dad's bank system and investment accounts online, so you can pay bills and monitor his accounts anytime.

Set Up Protections

To guard against scams and risky financial behaviors, consider getting your

dad a True Link Visa Prepaid Card (TrueLinkFinancial.com/card). Designed for older adults with cognitive issues this card would provide your dad access to his money but with restrictions that you set on how funds can be spent. Or check out EverSafe.com, a web-based service that will automatically monitor your dad's accounts, track suspicious activity and alert you when a problem is detected.

Seek Help

If you need help or live far away, consider hiring a daily money manager (see AADMM.com) who can come in once or twice a month to pay bills, make deposits, decipher health insurance statements and balance his checkbook. Fees range between \$60 and \$150 per hour.

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit SavvySenior.org. Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.

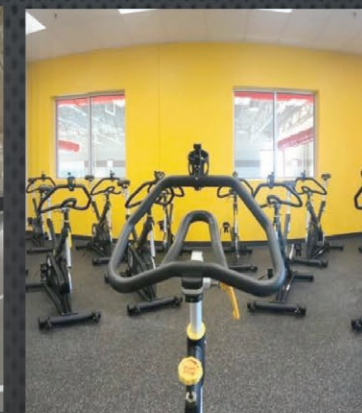
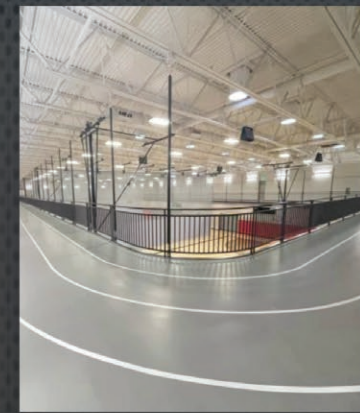
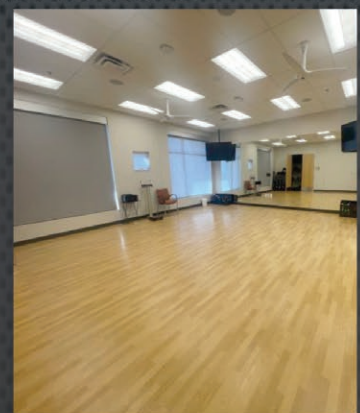
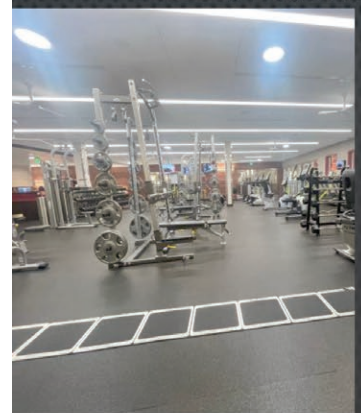
SRPMIC DIABETES PREVENTION SERVICES WOLF FITNESS CENTER HOURS OF OPERATION

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- FITNESS CENTER HOURS ARE AS FOLLOWS
- MONDAY TO THURSDAY 6AM – 8PM (check closure times for cleaning)
- FRIDAY 6AM – 7PM (check closure times for cleaning)
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 - MASKS ARE REQUIRED



For questions call (480) 362-7230 or email
dion.begay@srpmic-nsn.gov

Public Input Requested on Roads Program

The Community has a Tribal Transportation Improvement Program (TTIP) showing the road projects planned over the next 5 years. The plan includes new roadway construction, reconstruction, safety improvements, pedestrian facilities, pavement rehabilitation and road maintenance.

A copy of the TTIP can be found on the Community's website at <https://www.srpmic-nsn.gov/government/public-works/roads/#Planning>.

A hardcopy is also available for pick up at the Public Works Utilities and Roads office located at 9010 East Osborn Road, Scottsdale, AZ 85256.

Please contact Jennifer Jack, Public Works Department, Roads Section Manager, with any questions at 480-362-7747 or jennifer.jack@srpmic-nsn.gov.

Comments may be submitted at the address or email indicated above. The deadline for comments is April 30, 2022.



STAYING CONNECTED
HHS Prevention & Intervention Services
OPEN HOUSE DRIVE THRU EVENT

April 21, 4-6 p.m.

10241 E. Osborn Road, HHS Central Intake Center (east parking lot)

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Central Intake Center



- * Financial Assistance
- * Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
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- * General Assistance
- * Burial Assistance
- * Telephone Assistance Program

Community Health Education



- * Domestic Violence/ Suicide Education & Awareness
- * Life Skills Presentations
- * Sexual Assault Education & Awareness
- * General Mental Health Awareness

Housing Services



- * Homebuyer Education
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NOTICE OF EXCLUSION DECISION
GERVASE FRANCISCO SOTO (DOB XX/XX/1978)

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community ("SRPMIC") Council pursuant to Article VII, §1(g) of the SRPMIC Constitution and Sections 7-72 through 7-75 of the SRPMIC Code of Ordinances voted on March 30, 2022 to permanently excluded Gervase Francisco Soto from the boundaries of the Community. It was determined that Gervase Francisco Soto is a nonmember whose presence is detrimental to the peace, health, or morals of the SPRMIC.

The SRPMIC Council's decision is in an order entitled "An Order by the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community ("SRPMIC") Council to uphold the decision of the SRPMIC Exclusion Committee and Permanently Exclude Gervase Francisco Soto from the territory and boundaries of the SRPMIC". See SR-3960-2022. Gervase Francisco Soto is not allowed to be within the territorial boundary of the Community and therefore, he is not to drive through, work, visit others, reside or come within the Community boundaries at any time for any reason.

APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING PROGRAM

WILL OPEN APPLICATIONS FOR

MEDICAL ASSISTANT w/ PHLEBOTOMY

APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE: Monday, March 28, 2022

APPLICATIONS DUE DATE: Friday, April 15, 2022 by 5:00 PM

PROGRAM SUMMARY OF AZ COLLEGE:

(7) months of classroom training (classes at Mesa Campus), also requires externship & courses include:

- Electronic medical records
- Patient Diagnostics
- Medical Administrative Practice
- Journeyman Certification requires 4,000 OJT



APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS: *Applicants **MUST HAVE** a high School Diploma OR GED.

- 18 Years or older
- Tribal Enrollment Identification/C.I.B. Certification (ORIGINAL)
- Social Security Card (ORIGINAL & SIGNED)
- Copy of High School Diploma/GED
- State Identification (Non-Native)
- Doctor's Statement of Physical (form provided)
- Updated Immunization to include: Influenza (Flu shot), TB (Tuberculosis) & MMR (Measles, Mumps & Rubella)
- Proof of COVID-19 Vaccinations

*Due to certification requirements, a clear background history required (NO Misdemeanors or Felonies)

- Applicants will complete an interview process. Selected applicants will complete a background, drug screen & fingerprint.
- Applications are at Two Waters - Building B - First Floor - HR/Community Employment
- Office Hours: Monday - Friday 8 am - 5 pm
- Completed applications are due Friday, April 15th by 5:00 PM

For More Information, contact Laurie Carlos at 480-362-7968

SRPMIC Water Quality Report Now Available

The 2021 Salt River Water Quality Report, which contains important information about the source and quality of your drinking water, is available to view online at <https://www.srpmic-nsn.gov/SaltRiverWQR/>

Customers who receive tap water in Lehi can see their report at: <https://www.srpmic-nsn.gov/LehiWQR/>

Customers who receive tap water in North Mesa can see their report at: <https://www.srpmic-nsn.gov/NMesaWQR/>

Customers who receive tap water in Landfill can see their report at: <https://www.srpmic-nsn.gov/LandfillWQR/>

To request a printed copy of this report, please contact the Public Works Department at (480) 362-5600 or email at PWWaterResources@SRPMIC-nsn.gov. For a translation of the water quality report or to speak with someone about the report please call (480) 362-5600 or email at PWWaterResources@SRPMIC-nsn.gov.

PUBLIC WORKS NOTICE

SRPMIC Council has approved the nightly closures of the Salt River and Lehi Cemeteries due to continued vandalism.

The Salt River and Lehi Cemeteries will be closed from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m.

If you have any questions, please contact Memorial Services at (480) 278-7050

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SERVICES
-Visit us on Facebook Live and in person. Search for Lehi Church of the Nazarene
-Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.
-Worship Service, 10:45 a.m.
-Sunday Night Service, 6:30 p.m.
-Wed. Bible Study at church, 6:30 p.m.
-SOAR Group 2nd & 4th Friday every month at the church 7 p.m.
-Monday night Prayer Meeting, 6 p.m.
-Singspiration, last Sunday of the month at 6 p.m.

FERGUSON MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

1512 E. McDowell Rd. (Lehi)
Mesa, AZ 85203
Pastor Neil Price
(480) 278-0750
SERVICES
- Worship Service, 10 a.m.
- Thurs. Bible Study Service, 7 p.m.
-Sunday service 10 a.m. now available through the Zoom app call church for Zoom ID.

LEHI PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1342 E. Oak
Mesa, AZ 85203
Pastor Annette Lewis
annette.f.lewis@gmail.com
(480) 404-3284

SERVICES

-Sunday Services 10 a.m.
-Communion First Sunday of every month 10 a.m. (limited 10 people)

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST PAPAGO WARD

2056 N. Extension Rd. Scottsdale
AZ, 85256
(480) 947-1084

SERVICES

-Sunday service suspended until further notice

PIMA CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

12207 E. Indian School Rd.
Scottsdale, AZ 85256
Pastor Marty Thomas
(480) 874-3016/
Home: (480) 990-7450

SERVICES

- Sunday service 11 a.m.
- Bible Study Wednesdays 6 p.m. via Zoom
- Churches Zoom ID: 7081368738
pwds : 3r28HAJ

SALT RIVER ASSEMBLY OF GOD

10657 E. Virginia Ave.
Scottsdale, AZ 85256
(480) 947-5278
Rev. Jim Lopez
SERVICES
- Sunday Morning Prayer 10 a.m.
- Worship 11 a.m.
- Evening Worship 6 p.m.
- Thursday Evening Worship 6 p.m.

SALT RIVER CHURCH OF CHRIST

430 N. Dobson Rd.
Mesa, AZ 85201
(720) 626-2171
SaltRiverChurchofChrist.com

SERVICES

- Bible Class 9:30 a.m. -10:30 a.m.
- Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
- Sunday Bible Class 6 p.m.
- Bible Study Wednesdays 7 p.m.
- Provides transportation services for Community members call phone number

SALT RIVER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

P.O. Box 10125
Scottsdale, AZ 85271
E: SaltRiverPresbyterian@gmail.com
Visit us on Facebook
Pastor Charlotte Fafard

SERVICES

-Sunday Service, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.
-Communion First Sunday of the month
CDC/SRPMIC Guidelines followed

ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC MISSION

3090 N. Longmore, Scottsdale, AZ 85256
(602) 292-4466 (cell)
Administrator: Deacon Jim Trant
Parish President: Cindy Thomas
Father Peter McConnell and Father Antony Tinker

SERVICES

-Sunday Mass 12 p.m.
-Holy Hours 1 p.m.



MEMORIAL SERVICES
Wake and Funeral Services

As part of our continuing efforts to help prevent the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19) throughout the Community, the following restrictions are in place for all funeral services and planning

CONTACTING MEMORIAL SERVICES

- Memorial Services and Cemeteries office open regular hours: 8:00AM-5:00PM Monday—Friday
- Family may meet staff in office or cemetery

FULL WAKE AND FUNERAL ARE PROVIDED AT FACILITIES

- One (1) wake or funeral service per day at each facility: Memorial Hall and Xalychidom Piipaash Nyvaash
- If a family chooses to keep loved one at the facility overnight, family allowed to stay with loved one
- Overnights in the facilities will be allowed
- Families will be responsible for overseeing and running the kitchen during services to include the serving of food and removing personal items and leftover food after services. Day labor may not be available
- Nursery and family room will be open
- Memorial Services will create and post funeral announcements, if requested by family
- Wakes and/or overnight services are allowed at the homes
- Facilities will be available to hold family meetings
- Masks will be required, and if you are sick please stay home
- Families can have services at churches, if they receive permission from churches

CEMETERY SERVICES PROVIDED DURING

- Tent, tables, and chairs provided
- Staff will assist with burial
- Casket cart or table for urn
- If family wishes to dig grave, tools available
- Handwashing station, hand sanitizer, and port-a-john available
- No requirement for mask or social distancing at cemetery

Please call Memorial Services at 480-278-7050 for any questions

Please call the Church ahead of time to confirm information. Information was correct at the time of print, however, services may have changed since then.

SRPMIC EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

JOB TITLE

CLOSING DATE

Alternative Sites Principal	4/13/22
Aquatics Monitor	4/13/22
Behavioral Health Counselor	4/12/22
Construction Manager (Residential)	4/27/22
Corrections Officer	4/12/22
Dental Assistant II	4/13/22
Economic Development Analyst (Financial)	4/20/22
Education Behavioral Health Counselor	4/10/22
Elementary School Registrar/Attendance	4/12/22
F.A.C.E. Parent Educator	4/12/22
F.A.C.E. School Instructional Aide	4/12/22
Gaming Agent	4/19/22
LTRO Project Coordinator	4/13/22
Medical Assistant	4/18/22
Parks Groundskeeper	4/15/22
Pediatrician	4/20/22
Physician	4/20/22
Police Service Assistant	4/16/22
Programmer II	4/10/22
Project Coordinator (Probate, Realty, and Membership)	4/12/22
Quality and Compliance Administrator	4/14/22
Safety Administrator	5/3/22
Senior Business Analyst	4/20/22
Senior IT Project Manager	4/20/22
Social Worker II (LEARN)	4/19/22
Solid Waste Equipment Operator II	4/9/22
Surveillance AV Technician	4/19/22
Tourism Specialist - Discover Salt River	4/13/22
Tribal Historic Preservation Office Archaeologist	4/23/22
WIOA Specialist	4/12/22
Accountant	Continuous
Accounts Payable Clerk III	Continuous
Behavioral Health Technician	Continuous
Civil Engineer - Water Resources	Continuous
Desktop Specialist	Continuous
Desktop Specialist II	Continuous
Early Childhood Education Teacher Aide (Ext Day)	Continuous
Grant and Contract Compliance Officer	Continuous
IT Project Manager II	Continuous
Lead Custodian	Continuous
Licensed Practical Nurse (Community Health)	Continuous
Payroll Specialist	Continuous
School Teacher – Gifted	Continuous
Senior Accountant	Continuous
Senior Behavioral Health Counselor	Continuous
Senior Desktop Specialist	Continuous
Staff Attorney - Legal Services (Temporary)	Continuous
Substitute Teacher	Continuous
Water O&M Technician	Continuous

For more information contact the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community - Human Resources Department
 Address: 10005 E Osborn Road Scottsdale, Arizona, 85256
 Phone : (480) 362-7935 Website: <http://www.srpmic-nsn.gov/employment/>

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1st Quarter 2022 ELIGIBILITY DEADLINE

March 31, 2022

Must be eighteen (18) years old, enrolled, and living to be eligible for the **April 2022 Per Capita Payment.**

Deadlines for CHANGES

DIRECT DEPOSIT START-UPS AND CHANGES:

Tuesday, April 12 at 5 p.m. This deadline is for new start-ups for direct deposit or changes to existing information. All forms **MUST** be submitted with a "VOIDED" check or statement from the bank with the Routing and Account Numbers. Forms received by this date will be effective for the April 2022 payout. Forms received after this date will not be effective until the July 2022 payout.

DISCONTINUE DIRECT DEPOSITS:

Tuesday, April 12 at 5 p.m.. This deadline is to discontinue an existing direct deposit. *****Failing to notify the Per Capita department when an account is closed may delay your Per Capita payment.**

PER CAPITA ELIGIBILITY: Tuesday, April 19 at 5 p.m. This deadline is for submitting the Adult SRP-MIC Member's Per Capita Information Certificate. Forms received by

this date will be effective for the April 2022 payout. Forms received after this date will not be processed until the first week of July 2022.

TAX WITHHOLDING CHANGES: Tuesday, April 19 at 5 p.m. This deadline is for making changes to "Additional" tax withholding percentage or amount.

Tax forms are available on the Finance Per Capita Intranet Site and can also be requested by e-mailing FINPERCAP1@srpmic-nsn.gov.

If you have any questions regarding: **Tribal ID, Per Capita Eligibility & Change Forms** call Membership Services at (480) 362-7600

Tax Withholding & Direct Deposits call Finance-Per Capita at (480) 362-7710



APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING PROGRAM

WILL OPEN APPLICATIONS FOR

DENTAL ASSISTANT



APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE: Monday, March 28, 2022

APPLICATIONS DUE DATE: Friday, April 15, 2022 by 5:00 PM

PROGRAM SUMMARY OF AZ COLLEGE:

(9) months of classroom training (classes at Mesa Campus), also requires externship & courses include:

- Dental basics
- Patient & records management
- Anatomy & physiology
- Journeyman Certification requires 2,000 OJT



APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS: *Applicants **MUST HAVE** a high School Diploma OR GED.

- 18 Years or older
- Tribal Enrollment Identification/C.I.B. Certification (**ORIGINAL**)
- Social Security Card (**ORIGINAL & SIGNED**)
- Copy of High School Diploma/GED
- State Identification (Non-Native)
- Doctor's Statement of Physical (form provided)
- Updated Immunization to include: Influenza (Flu shot), TB (Tuberculosis) & MMR (Measles, Mumps & Rubella)
- Proof of COVID-19 Vaccinations

*Due to certification requirements, a clear background history required (**NO Misdemeanors or Felonies**)

- Applicants will complete an interview process. Selected applicants will complete a background, drug screen & fingerprint.
- **Applications** are at Two Waters - Building B - First Floor - HR/Community Employment
- **Office Hours:** Monday - Friday 8 am - 5 pm
- Completed applications are due **Friday, April 15th by 5:00 PM**

For More Information, contact Laurice Carlos at 480-362-7968

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DEFAULT NOTICES

JEFFERY ARTHUR STACEY
SUMMONS Child Support
 J-20-0091/0092

In the Matter of: **A.S., D.O.B. 5/00/2007; L.S., D.O.B. 7/00/2008**

TO: JEFFERY ARTHUR STACEY

A Child Support Petition has been filed in this Court in which it is represented that you are a parent or guardian of the child(ren) named above. In the Petition, it requests that the Court determine child support and enter judgment against you.

Within 30 calendar days after receiving this Summons and the Child Support Petition, you must file an answer with Court and serve a copy of it upon the Petitioner. If you refuse to attend the hearing or to defend by filing an answer, the Court shall proceed to hold a hearing on the basis of the Petitioner's

evidence. As a result of the hearing, the Court may enter a default order of child support obligating you to pay child support until the child(ren) reach(es) the age of majority or longer.

Pursuant to Administrative Order No. 14-0004, effective August 4, 2014, legal counsel, parties, and their respective witnesses shall be present in the courthouse at least fifteen (15) minutes prior to any proceeding.

NOTICE, Violation of this Order is Subject to Proceedings for Contempt of Court Pursuant to Salt River Community Code Section 6-42. The Court May Find the Parent, Guardian or Custodian in Contempt for Failure to Appear at a Court Hearing or For Failure to Follow Court Orders.

CLERK OF COURT - SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA COMMUNITY COURT



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Morgan O'Connor, ADEQ Northwest Community Liaison, recognizes the Clarkdale Plant for their voluntary efforts to protect and enhance the environment of Arizona through the Voluntary Environmental Stewardship Program (VESP)

On March 11th, Morgan O'Connor visited the Salt River Materials Group Clarkdale facility to present Salt River Materials Group - Phoenix Cement Company with the Bronze Level Voluntary Environmental Stewardship Award. This award recognizes regulated facilities for superior environmental compliance over the past three-years. More specifically, this means the plant has not had any violations on record with any environmental regulatory agency within that period.

In receiving the Voluntary Environmental Stewardship Award, Salt River Materials Group - Phoenix Cement Company becomes a recognized member of ADEQ's Voluntary Environmental Stewardship Program, and this comes with some valuable benefits. ADEQ provides public recognition of the organization's commitment to environmental stewardship by adding the company's name to the VESP Bronze Level members listing on their website. Other benefits include reduced inspection frequency, coordination of multiple on-site inspections, reduced reporting requirements, and advanced notification of inspections and enforcement rulings.



(From left to right) Gregg St. Clair-VP Cement Operations SRMG, Verle Martz-Sr. VP Engineering & Environment SRMG, Morgan O'Connor-ADEQ Northwest Community Liaison, Robert Hinson-Environment Coordinator SRMG, Brett Lindsay-Sr. Director Cement Operations and Environmental SRMG, Steve Moncibaez-Environmental Technician Sr. SRMG, Lyle Brooks-Environmental Instrument Specialist SRMG, and Mike Moody-Environmental Technician SRMG (not pictured)

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dba Salt River Materials Group,
both divisions of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community

Calendar of Events

ONGOING- SENIOR SERVICES FOOD DISTRIBUTION FOR SENIORS, times vary. The Senior Services Department will be returning to hot lunch meals delivery and served meals for drive thru Monday through Friday. The meals giving out will include: (1) hot lunch meal served daily. Scheduled times are: Home Delivery Meals- 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and Drive thru Meal pickup- Salt River and Lehi locations at 11 a.m.- 12 p.m. If you have any questions, please call Senior Services (480) 362-6350.

ONGOING- SALT RIVER TRIBAL LIBRARY, 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. Monday - Friday. No appointments needed during phase 3.5 Tribal Library is open to WOLF members, SRPMIC enrolled Community members and SRPMIC residents. Curbside Services are available, contact to find out more 480-362-6600 or TribalLibrary@SRPMIC-nsn.gov

ONGOING - APRIL 15, 2022, Apprenticeship Program open applications for **MEDICAL ASSISTANT WITH PHLEBOTOMY**. For more information contact Laurice Carlos at (480) 362-7968. See ad on page 21.

ONGOING - APRIL 15, 2022, Apprenticeship Program open applications for **DENTAL ASSISTANT**. For more information contact Laurice Carlos at (480) 362-7968. See ad on page 23.

APRIL

7 CM GREY - DISTRICT D, 6 p.m., at the SRPMIC Council Chambers, 10091 E. Osborn Road, Scottsdale, AZ 85256 Topics: Assistant Community Manager CM Carla Banuelos Introduction, SRVOAD Overview, Community member comments. Masks Required to Attend Meetings. For more information contact

the Council Secretary Office at (480) 362-7469. See ad on page 18.

10 THE BUZZ ABOUT BEES, 1 p.m. at Butterfly Wonderland, 9500 East Via de Ventura F100, Scottsdale, AZ 85256. Learn about bees, maintaining hives and more from local Beekeeper Cricket Aldridge, founder of AZ Backyard Beekeepers. Visit her in the Conservatory at the Honeybee Exhibit. There will also be a special Q&A.

11 CM ENOS - DISTRICT A, 6 p.m., at the SRPMIC Council Chambers, 10091 E. Osborn Road, Scottsdale, AZ 85256 Topics: Homesite Designee & Beneficiary Presentation, Community member comments. Masks Required to Attend Meetings. For more information contact the Council Secretary Office at (480) 362-7469. See ad on page 18.

14 CM DOKA - DISTRICT C, 6 p.m., at the SRPMIC Council Chambers, 10091 E. Osborn Road, Scottsdale, AZ 85256 Topics: Housing Survey Results, Emergency Management Overview, Community member comments. Masks Required to Attend Meetings. For more information contact the Council Secretary Office at (480) 362-7469. See ad on page 18.

14-16 NOT ONE MORE, A SUBSTANCE ABUSE SYMPOSIUM sponsored by the SRPMIC Community, 7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the Talking Stick Resort Ballroom. Topics: Scope of the problem, What is Addiction, Barriers to Discovery, Available Services, Next Steps, What Does the Future Look Like? See ad on page 7.

14 SENIOR SERVICES RECREATION EASTER CURBSIDE EVENT, 6-7 p.m., at the Salt River Senior Center and Lehi Community Center. The Easter Bunny came a little early and dropped of

some goodies and treats for us to share with you. Must be in a vehicle | Mask required | Must be present to receive items. For Community seniors 55+ and adults with physical and adaptive needs. HDM and dialysis clients will receive their items on April 15. For more information contact Alisa at (480) 238.7646 or alisa.canner@srpmic-nsn.gov.

16 CM ANTONE - DISTRICT B, 9 a.m. at the Education Board Room, 4836 N. Center Street, Scottsdale, Az. Topics: Homesite Designee & Beneficiary Presentation, Community member comments. Masks Required to Attend Meetings. For more information contact the Council Secretary Office at (480) 362-7469. See ad on page 18.

18 SALT RIVER TRIBAL LIBRARY, POETRY SLAM, 5:30 - 7 p.m., on the Wolf Ramada, 11725 E. Indian School Rd., Scottsdale, Az. See ad on page 4.

19 CM SCABBY / CM DALLAS, LEHI DISTRICT, 5 p.m., at the Lehi Community Building, 1231 E. Oak Street, Mesa, AZ 85203. Topics: Phase 3.5 Overview, Garden Presentation. Masks Required to Attend Meetings. For more information contact the Council Secretary Office at (480) 362-7469. See ad on page 18.

21 HHS PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION SERVICES OPEN HOUSE, 4-6 p.m., 10241 E. Osborn Rd., HHS Central Intake Center (east parking lot). Reconnecting Rental Housing Residents with SRPMIC Program Services and Resources. See ad on page 21.

23 EARTH DAY DRIVE THROUGH EVENT, 7 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Two Waters Employee Parking Lot. Includes Household Hazardous Waste Collection, Paper Shredding and Giveaways (while supplies last). See ad on page 14.

23 CASINO ARIZONA/TALKING STICK RESORT JOB FAIR, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the Talking Stick Resort Salt River Grand Ballroom. \$1,500 sign on bonus. Positions include Line Cook, Kitchen Steward, Room Attendant, Cage Cashiers, Security Officer, Banquet Set-Up Attendant, Front Desk Agent, Retail Sales Person. See ad on page 15.

23 WAKING UP WITH BUTTERFLIES, 8:30 - 9 a.m. at Butterfly Wonderland, 9500 East Via de Ventura F100, Scottsdale, AZ 85256. Enjoy a quiet hour photographing the butterflies, birds, or reptiles. Entomologist Derek Kellogg will be available to answer questions from guests about butterflies, plants, and the rainforest environment. Registration required. Call (480) 800-3000, ext. 206.

25 CM LARGO - DISTRICT E, 6 p.m. at the WOLF ROOM #56, 11725 E. Indian School Road, Scottsdale, AZ 85256 Topics: Emergency Management Overview, Other Items to be added. Masks Required to Attend Meetings. For more information contact the Council Secretary Office at (480) 362-7469. See ad on page 18.

MAY

7 SRPMIC HEALING & MEMORIAL TRIBUTE, 6 p.m. at the Salt River Field, 1839 N. Longmore Rd., Scottsdale, Az. A reflection in remembrance of our Community members whose lives were lost during the pandemic. See ad on page 16.

18 SALT RIVER TRIBAL LIBRARY, OCEANS OF POSSIBILITIES, Summer Reading Program. For all ages, fun activities earn prizes based on your points. See ad on 6.

IMPORTANT ELECTION & VOTER REGISTRATION DATES



STATE OF ARIZONA Election Deadlines Primary Election, August 2

July 5—Deadline to register to vote
July 6—Early voting begins/ballots mailed
July 22—Deadline to request ballot by mail

GENERAL ELECTION November 8

October 11—Deadline to register to vote
October 12—Early voting begins/ballots mailed
October 28—Deadline to request a ballot by mail

WATCH FOR INFORMATION IN THE OAN, FACEBOOK AND INSTAGRAM.