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Suicide Awareness Conference Focused on Causes and Prevention

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On September 22, the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community DHHS Prevention & Intervention Services held an online Suicide Awareness Conference, which focused on the causes and prevention of suicide.

After an opening prayer invocation, Monica Tsethlikai, PhD (A:shiwí [Zuni] Nation), associate professor at the T. Denny Stanford School of Social and Family Dynamics at Arizona State University, presented an in-depth and scientific look at causes of suicide.

According to Tsethlikai, epigenetics, which is the study of how behaviors and environment can cause changes that affect the way your genes work, plays a major role in schizophrenia, bipolar disorder and major depression.

Research on nutrition has shown that folic acid and vitamin B12 deficiencies during the fetal and early postnatal periods of life are key risk factors. About 28% of American Indians with children on reservations experience food insecurity, in comparison to 16% in the U.S. as a whole. Stressful experiences prena-

tally and early in life contribute to a predisposition for disease and psychiatric disorders and may contribute to a cascade of events in the development of drug addiction. Drug addiction leads to modifications of the brain's reward system, and these changes may be transferred to one's children.

Tsethlikai also said that American Indians and Alaska Natives (AIAN) experience violent victimization at significantly higher rates than all other racial groups in the U.S., and AIAN women experience 2 to 3 times more violent victimization than women of any other race.

Since 1999, the suicide rate has increased 139% for AI women and 71% for AI men. For AI youth, suicide is the second leading cause of death, with the suicide rate 2.5 times higher than the national average.

There is good news, however. Studies show that embracing and restoring cultural practices can change epigenetics. Emotional health, environmental changes, exercise and proper nutrition can improve the genes of future generations.

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Anti-Drug Abuse Awareness Continues After 2018 Proclamation



In 2018, when the SRPMIC renewed the fight against drug and alcohol abuse, several events took place including this walk to shed light on a critical issue harming the people of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community. OAN archival photo

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In 2018, the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community drafted a proclamation to commit to a campaign that would battle the increasing trend of illegal drug use and distribution and its resulting deaths. Council directed tribal government staff to create a comprehensive campaign to strengthen existing programs and launch new initiatives to combat negative drug- and alcohol-related trends.

"We cannot cure substance abuse overnight, and it takes a lot of work from everyone," said Assistant Community Manager

Lena Jackson, who has worked on the campaign by getting Community departments involved in the fight.

Taking Action

Prior to and since the launch of the Anti-Drug Awareness Campaign, the Community has undertaken many initiatives to tackle the growing problem of substance abuse in the Community.

- A roundtable discussion was held with 60 Community youth that resulted in feedback and suggestions on what to do about drug and alcohol issues.

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River People Health Clinic Site Update



River People Health Center construction site visit in September, 2021. Photo provided by Daniel Martinez, Salt River Digital Signage

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Construction of the new River People Health Center (RPHC) at the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community not only brings employment opportunities to the Community, but the facility also will provide important medical services to SRPMIC members and all Native Americans enrolled in a tribal community.

The RPHC is part of the Phoenix Indian Medical Center's (PIMC) healthcare delivery network, which includes the PIMC and two ambulatory centers located in the Gila River Indian

Community, the Hau'pal Red Tail Hawk Health Center and the Komatke Health Center. These centers are considered satellite clinics for the PIMC, which remains the hub for inpatient and specialty services, and the RPHC will join the network in providing outpatient services such as primary care, dental care and behavioral health services.

For members of the SRPMIC, this new health center calls into question the future of the Salt River Clinic. Joseph Remitera, Health and Human Services (HHS) director, said that Council

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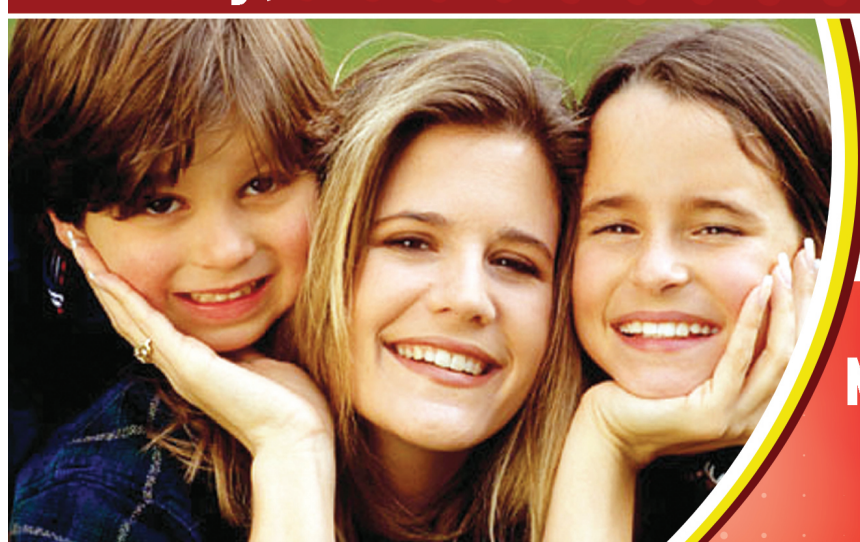
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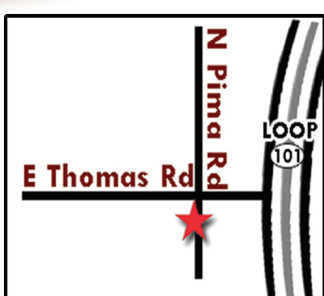
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Every October, we cover Breast Cancer Awareness Month in the *O'odham Action News*. We cite the statistics, noting that more than 250,000 women are diagnosed with breast cancer each year in the United States. About 42,000 of them die from the disease each year, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

We talk about the risk factors and symptoms, and how mammograms and breast self-exams are the best ways to catch breast cancer early. We encourage women 50 and older to schedule their yearly mammogram. We note that, although it is not common, men are also at risk of developing breast cancer.

All of that is useful information, but how much does it really sink in? Truthfully, maybe it doesn't—until it happens to you.

That's why, this year, we're doing something different: I'm sharing my own breast cancer story.

It was a year ago, in 2020, when I interviewed my aunt Angie Silversmith, who had battled breast cancer more than 10 years ago. I remember her urging all women to do the monthly breast self-exam, because she said if she had done one, she would have caught her breast cancer sooner. So shortly after talking to her, I performed a self-exam—and noticed a small lump on my right breast. I kept checking it, and it didn't go away. It began to feel like a small marble.

By October, I called to make an appointment with my doctor, but due to the COVID-19 pandemic it was hard to get in at the time. Work, school, family duties and the holidays sidetracked me, and I delayed getting medical attention.

In December, I had to visit the clinic for another medical issue, so I asked the doctor to check the lump. Right away she referred me for a mammogram and ultrasound at the Phoenix Indian Medical Center.

The new year rolled around. Awaiting the results of the mammogram and ultrasound, I stayed positive. I thought, "If it's cancer, it will be okay. It will be taken care of and it will be gone soon." It was a little scary and difficult to tell my family, especially my husband, little sister and daughters, because I didn't want them to worry.

However, the news was not good. I had a tumor. I was called back in for a biopsy, and a week later it was confirmed that the tumor was cancerous. I was diagnosed with HER2-positive breast cancer. HER2 is a growth-promoting protein on the outside of breast



On the last day of chemotherapy my family came to cheer me on as I completed the hardest step in combating breast cancer. Photo courtesy of Seneca Silverhorn

cells. HER2-positive causes the cancer to grow and spread faster than other breast cancers, but they are highly likely to respond to treatment targeting the HER2 protein. The oncologist called me and we discussed the treatment plan.

The kids took it hard and didn't really understand, knowing only that cancer is a scary situation. But after letting them know it was going to be all right, and showing them that I was staying positive, they began to understand and felt better.

I did feel sad later that night after I was told I had cancer, but after a quick cry I put my game face on and said to myself, "Let's get this treatment over with and go forward with life."

My treatment plan consisted of six sessions of chemotherapy, to shrink the tumor, followed by surgery and radiation. I started as soon as I could. Before receiving the chemo, I had to have a procedure to get a port placed in my chest. The port is an intravenous (IV) catheter that is placed under the skin near a large vein in the upper chest to make it easier for the chemotherapy technician to administer the chemo and other medications.

I started chemo in March and completed it in June. Even after the first session I noticed that the tumor, which had grown to the size of a large marble, was shrinking; it was pretty much gone by the time I went to my second chemo session. Although there were good results with the tumor shrinking, it was still a long three and a half months of chemo that felt like it would never end. Chemo was rough. I lost my hair and it made me sick. By the halfway point, I didn't want to go back. It made me so nauseated that I couldn't eat, and the anti-nausea medications were not working that well for me. I ended up in the emergency

room a couple of times due to dehydration. But I stuck it out and finally finished the chemo. That last day was a happy one; my family came to celebrate with me.

But my fight was not done.

I had surgery scheduled to remove the area where the tumor was and some of the lymph nodes in my right armpit. Only one of the lymph nodes was positive for cancer. The surgery went well, but I developed a hematoma, or blood clot, so I had to undergo a second surgery to get that taken care of. After the areas of where the cancer was removed, they tested to see if there was still cancer, and it was cancer free.

A few weeks after surgery, I went on to radiation. Each radiation treatment was only a 10- to 15-minute procedure that didn't hurt at all. I was lucky and only had to go for five days; most people go for 15 days. I participated in a study to see if five days is just as good as 15 days of radiation treatment. The only side effect I had from the radiation was my skin felt like I had a bad sunburn after the third treatment.

At this point in my journey, I will continue getting an infusion of medications through my port every three weeks until next year. After that I will have my port removed. I will undergo regular checkups to make sure I remain cancer-free.

I continue to have a positive outlook on this situation. I recently ditched my wigs and embraced my very short hair. I thank my aunty Angie for sharing her story, because if she hadn't, I probably never would have noticed that lump.

Thank you to all my family, and my husband, for being there every step of the way on this journey. I also thank all my friends and the Community for their love and support. I appreciate all of you for your prayers, thoughts and kind words. Remember to do a monthly breast self-exam and get your yearly mammograms.

The Breast Self-Exam

A breast self-exam is a quick, five-step process that anyone can do in the privacy of their own home, once a month. Examine your breasts for changes in size, shape or color. Watch for any pain, discharge from the nipple other than milk, a "dented nipple," or a lump in the breast or underarm. If you find anything suspicious, talk to your doctor right away.

The Salt River Clinic provides Breast Chek™ kits that can help women more easily conduct a self-examination and detect changes in their breasts. If you would like a Breast Chek Kit, contact the Salt River Clinic at (480) 946-9066.

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Anti-Drug Abuse Awareness Continues After 2018 Proclamation

- In 2019, the Not One More campaign was launched to provide SRPMIC members with Narcan and education on how to use it to help prevent opioid-related overdoses and deaths. Approximately 1,000 Narcan kits have been distributed to Community members so far, and two lives have been saved.
- Lockboxes have been provided to Community members so they can have a safe place to store their narcotic medications and prevent them from getting into the wrong hands.
- Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, a sober-living home was in process for inpatient treatment; instead, that location was utilized to quarantine Community members who tested positive for COVID-19. The Journey to Recovery Program continues, but it has had low client numbers due to COVID-19 and space issues. As we move forward from the pandemic, the Journey to Recovery Program will offer expanded services, including a day treatment program for those who don't want or need inpatient treatment.
- Departments such as Health and Human Services and Behavioral Health have been vital in getting education and awareness out to the Community. They have been offering a number of services to help people overcome drug and alcohol addiction, such as

counseling, faster access to therapy services, added medication assistance treatment for those using opioids, and access to treatment outside of the Community for adult and child substance abuse.

- The Family Advocacy Center continues its effort to provide services for those experiencing sexual abuse and domestic violence issues. It has been working with the National Native Children's Trauma Center to provide staff training in traumatic stress mitigation.

"It is important we recognize [that] exposure to traumatic experiences, especially during childhood, significantly increases the risk for drug use," said Jackson. "We all have heard opinions that certain drugs are gateway drugs, but through more and more evidence we are seeing that trauma is the gateway to substance abuse. Drug abuse is the symptom of a much deeper issue and almost always stems from a childhood filled with trauma such as sex abuse, neglect, physical abuse, etc."

- Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family (GOYFF) Project Coordinator Maria Jagles is working on the Native Spirit Program to focus on improving outcomes for youth and providing opportunities to develop cultural identity, which is a protective factor for youth. She is creating a curriculum to build an intervention/

diversion programs for adults.

"I am hoping to create a plan, so if other teachers or health educators would like to teach the curriculum they can deliver the material to their participants," said Jagles. "I had a roundtable with the youth and presented the curriculum to them, and they are very interested in learning the harm reduction-based drug education. We will be implementing that in the beginning of November to our Community youth. For now, it will be for the youth at the WOLF, and we will expand from there. The Boys and Girls Club and a youth basketball league are interested in learning more."

A More Compassionate Approach

Jackson explained that in the future they want to focus on the harm-reduction approach, which is different from the normal punitive approach to drug users. This approach acknowledges the dignity and humanity of those who use drugs.

"Our Not One More team works with the goal to promote the health and well-being of people who use drugs and try to mitigate drug-related harm, such as an overdose. We realize we must continue to seek innovative approaches to drug abuse and treatment in the Community," said Jackson. "Our harm-reduction approach also includes removing the stigma associated with

drug use, advocating for compassion and a judgment-free approach to addiction."

The current goal of this campaign is to raise awareness and recognition of drug and alcohol abuse, specifically opioid abuse. According to Salt River Police Department statistics, from October 2020 through August 2021 they responded to 72 Community-member overdoses, 67 in adults and five in youth. Because fentanyl, which is a synthetic opioid 50 to 100 times stronger than morphine, is being mixed into many illegal drugs, even a one-time use can cause an accidental overdose or death. Tragically, 14 Community members died from overdose during this time period; two of those who passed away were 17 years old.

That's why it's important to make sure all Community members have access to Narcan and are educated on what an overdose looks like. Narcan can reverse an overdose and starts to work within minutes.

"This issue has affected all our families, and we don't just give up on our family members even though it causes trauma and discord in our relationships," said Jackson on the effects of drug abuse in the Community. "Our people have always been a forgiving and compassionate people, but the effects of drug use have created trauma for our families and children."

Update on the River People Health Center

has yet to make a decision on whether or not the Salt River Clinic will remain open. "The HHS leadership will be going to each district meeting over the next month to discuss this with Community members and get their feedback," said Remitera.



HHS Director Joe Remitera.

Since June, more than 40 Community members have been hired at RPHC, and more than 150 new positions will be added by the time the RPHC opens in January 2022. More than 500 people are expected to be hired in total. Open positions currently being recruited for include various clinical professions as well as managers, supervisors and administrative, security, clerical, finance and facility personnel.

All new RPHC employees are required to receive the COVID-19 vaccine, per the SRPMIC Government mandate.

This summer, crews have been installing fixtures, furniture, dental chairs and x-ray machines, and Remitera said that construction is going well. "We still plan on seeing our first patient in the new center in January!" he said.

The first floor of the RPHC will feature a lab and pharmacy; a physical therapy, wellness and diabetes prevention wing; and primary care and pediatrics. The second floor focuses on dentistry, behavioral health, imaging and specialty care. The third floor is dedicated to administrative offices, employee facilities and conference/training rooms.



L: Council member Diane Enos has questions for staff during the construction site visit to the River People Health Center in September, 2021.

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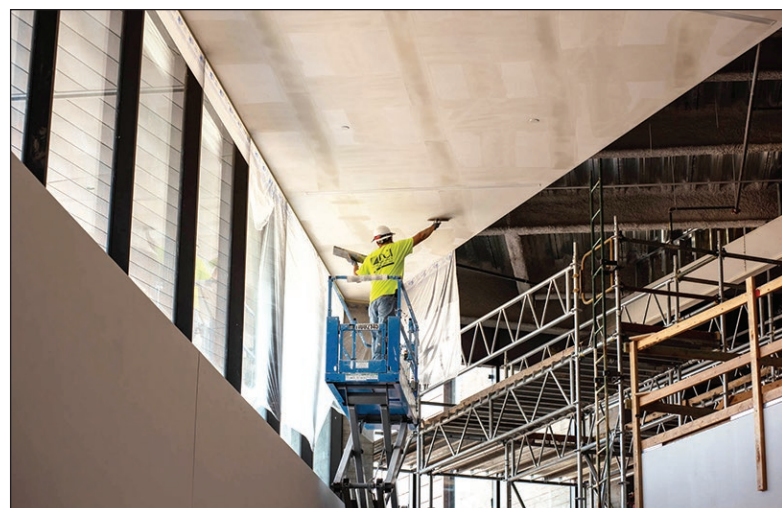
Completed area in primary care, awaiting equipment installation.



Vinyl wall graphic mockup at the River People Health Center.



Above ceiling work at 2nd floor lobby of the River People Health Center.



Work continues on ceiling in main lobby of the River People Health Center.

Family Advocacy Center Conducts a Community Needs Assessment

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For those who may not know, the Family Advocacy Center in the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community helps Community families facing domestic violence, child abuse and sexual assault by providing resources to help them heal and help authorities prosecute the offenders.

The Family Advocacy Center's goal is to be a one-stop shop where victims can get all the services they need in one place. The center works with a number of Community departments such as Behavioral Health Services, Social Services, the Tribal Prosecutor's Office, the Salt River Police Department and Legal Services.

Currently the Family Advocacy Center is asking Community members to provide feedback about its services through an online Community Needs Assessment survey. The survey will be available at www.surveymonkey.com/r/MWZNFQ5 through Sunday, October 31. This is a voluntary and confidential survey; any questions, comments and suggestions are strongly encouraged and will remain anonymous. The survey questions relate to the type and quality of services that Community members have received during their experiences with the Family Advocacy Center, and the feedback will help the center's staff get a better idea of what is working well and what improvements might be made.

In 2016, the Family Advocacy Center received a grant that provided a victim advocate and therapy.

"That is so important, because the Family Advocacy Center is the hub for investigations for crimes against children as well as individuals who have been sexually assaulted or in an aggravated domestic violence situation," said Family Advocacy Director Carol Colmenero. "Many times, when a victim comes in they will recant their story or don't feel safe enough to tell it. They may be struggling with depression

or other underlying issues that we're unaware of. Having a victim advocate as well as an in-house trauma therapist is a one-stop-shop; they can follow the case and client throughout the duration of the entire investigation to provide that support."

After receiving the grant, the Family Advocacy Center applied for other grants, including a grant from the Office for Victims of Crime to produce this online Community Needs Assessment survey.

"There are questions geared toward those who have received resources at the Family Advocacy Center," said Colmenero, "such as what services did they receive and what their experience was like. What we are trying to find out is if the services provided by the Family Advocacy Center are working. If they are not working, what suggestions does the Community have, and what needs does the Community have for us to modify our services to ensure that we are meeting those needs?"

By mid-September, the Family Advocacy Center had received 56 responses after posting the survey to the SRPMIC Facebook and Instagram pages. One need they identified immediately housing for victims of sexual assault in an aggravated domestic violence situation.

"[W]hen we receive a referral, the victims, Community members or not, might not own that home [in which the domestic violence is taking place]. It might be the perpetrator's home or their family's home," said Colmenero. "Victims become displaced and may become homeless. In the Community Needs Assessment, we are asking questions about the housing need. It's really exciting because I think this [survey] will give us an opportunity to [identify] what we are doing well and areas we need to work on."

The Office for Victims of Crime grant will also help the Family Advocacy Center with analyzing the data. They will work with a tribal technical assistance program to help gather the

results, interpret the data and eventually share the results with their partners and Council.

Colmenero explained that during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Family Advocacy Center saw a rise in sexual assault cases as well as aggravated domestic violence. She also explained that they receive a number of referrals on child sexual abuse, but most of the time it's a late disclosure, which makes it challenging because they would have to try and gather the facts and timelines of events that happened years ago.

"Sometimes we have received late disclosures from older women and men who were abused as children but want to heal. So they will come to us, even though we can't do anything [to prosecute the perpetrators] due to the time frame and the statute of limitations. We still definitely provide services and support to them. They would come in and talk to a detective; it's a part of their healing process," said Colmenero.

Part of the Family Advocacy Center's efforts involves getting the word out about the services offered. On Wednesday, October 6, the center is hosted a drive-thru event called Start by Believing to help promote awareness on ending the cycle of silence and transforming the way we respond to sexual assault.

For more information on the Start by Believing campaign, visit www.startbybelieving.org/home/.

Again, if you have received services through the Family Advocacy Center, please complete the online survey. It is accessible at www.surveymonkey.com/r/MWZNFQ5 through October 31, and all responses will be anonymous.

If you need support, please call the SRPMIC Crisis Line at (480) 850-9230 or the 24-hour hotline at (855) 331-6432. For questions about the Family Advocacy Center, call (480) 362-5425.

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Accelerated Learning Academy to Move into Former Salt River High School Campus

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The Accelerated Learning Academy (ALA) is preparing to move into the former Salt River High School this winter. ALA staff have been preparing to get the school ready for students to return to class in the new location after the winter break.

"ALA staff will be moving over to the new location during winter break, and if everything goes well, we will be starting our second semester of school there," said Exceptional Education Director Victoria Corlett. "We are putting in new carpet and new technology and updating the fire alarm system and some of the equipment in the cafeteria because some of the items have become out of date."

Corlett and Salt River Schools Alternate Site Principal Jama Nacke are excited about the move because it will give ALA students and staff more room and better amenities. Currently, the ALA is working out of portable trailers and has limited space for class activities. Some classes have to share the same classroom and some have to work on their activities outside in the grass.

"We have a Native Culture class sharing a classroom with another class,"



The Accelerated Learning Academy will be moving to the former Salt River High School in 2022.

said Nacke. "This move is giving them the opportunity to have their own classrooms. They will be able to utilize the art room for the Native Culture projects. It's letting everyone spread out that way and utilize the resources that are available there."

ALA capacity is currently capped at 50 students. With this move, ALA staff hope to be able to admit a few of the students who are currently on the waiting list.

ALA is a charter school that helps students ages 16 to 21 graduate and get their high school diploma.

"Our students are those that for some reason dropped out of school and now

they want to come back and receive their high school diploma," said Nacke. "So, they come to us with all of their credits; some come with only two or three credits. The majority of our students are 18 or so; about half are minors and the other half are adults over 18 who are working hard to complete their high school education."

Students must have either missed their graduation date or fallen behind a certain number of credits to get accepted into the ALA.

"It takes a lot of courage for a young person to walk back in and try again," said Nacke. "We work really hard to build positive relationships with the stu-

dents so they feel comfortable raising their hands in class, asking for help or staying after school; all of that kind of supports that they may need."

"It's been a really successful program; it's been here a really long time and it's a program that fills an important niche within alternative school and an important niche in many communities, and this one is no different," said Nacke about the success of the ALA. "Life happens to families and children, and sometimes the regular high school track just doesn't work out. It's been a really successful model for us. We have a super-dedicated staff, we know all the kids really well, and they get the one-on-one help they need every single day in all of their classes."

The new location also will provide the students with their own cafeteria, health office, child care and a workout room for the physical education classes. These facilities are limited or unavailable in the current location.

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Flu Season Is Here: Answering Your Questions About the Flu Vaccine

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Influenza (“the flu” for short) is a contagious respiratory disease that spreads across the United States every year, usually between October and May. Anyone can get the flu, but it is more dangerous for some people. Infants and young children, people ages 65 and older, pregnant women and people with certain health conditions or weakened immune systems are at greatest risk of flu complications. Pneumonia, bronchitis, sinus infections and ear infections are examples of flu-related complications. If you have a medical condition such as heart disease, cancer or diabetes, flu can make it worse.

Flu can cause fever and chills, sore throat, muscle aches, fatigue, cough, headache, and runny or stuffy nose. Some people may have vomiting and diarrhea, though this is more common in children than adults. Flu symptoms may or may not be similar to those of COVID-19. Being tested is the best way to determine if it is the flu or COVID-19.

The Influenza Vaccine

The yearly flu vaccine is the most important step to protect against flu viruses. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends everyone age 6 months and older get vaccinated every flu season. Children age 6 months through 8 years may need two doses during a single season; everyone else needs only one dose. It takes about two weeks for flu protection to develop after vaccination.

There are many flu viruses, and they are always changing. Each year a new

flu vaccine is made to protect against the influenza viruses believed most likely to be active in the upcoming flu season. Even when the vaccine doesn’t exactly match these viruses, it still provides some protection. The flu vaccine prevents millions of illnesses and flu-related visits to the doctor each year.

The flu vaccine does not cause the flu. It may be given at the same time as other vaccines; this includes the COVID-19 vaccine. Most clinics offering the flu vaccine also offer the COVID-19 vaccine.

Medical Considerations for the Flu Vaccine

Tell your vaccination provider if the person getting the flu vaccine:

- Has had an allergic reaction after a previous dose of flu vaccine or has any severe, life-threatening allergies to any ingredient in a flu vaccine (other than egg proteins). These might include gelatin, antibiotics or other ingredients.
- Has ever had Guillain-Barré syndrome (also called “GBS”).

People with minor illnesses, such as a cold, may be vaccinated. People who are moderately or severely ill should usually wait until they recover before getting the influenza vaccine. In some cases, your healthcare provider may decide to postpone the vaccination until a future visit.

Women who are or will be pregnant during flu season should receive inactivated influenza vaccine. The vaccine can be administered at any time during pregnancy.

Young children who get the flu shot along with the pneumococcal vaccine (PCV13) and/or DTaP vaccine at the

same time might be slightly more likely to have a seizure caused by fever. Tell your healthcare provider if a child who is getting the flu vaccine has ever had a seizure.

Possible Vaccine Reactions

Soreness, redness and swelling may occur at the site where the shot is given. Also, fever, muscle aches and headache can occur after influenza vaccination.

There may be a very small increased risk of Guillain-Barré Syndrome after receiving the inactivated flu vaccine, on the order of one or two new cases per 1 million vaccinations administered, according to the CDC.

People sometimes faint after medical procedures, including vaccination. Tell your provider if you feel dizzy or have vision changes or ringing in the ears.

As with any medicine, there is a very remote chance of a vaccine causing a severe allergic reaction. This could occur after the vaccinated person leaves the clinic. If you see signs of a severe allergic reaction (hives, swelling of the face and throat, difficulty breathing, a fast heartbeat, dizziness or weakness), call 9-1-1 and get the person to the nearest hospital.

How Can I Learn More?

- Ask your healthcare provider.
- Call your local or state health department.
- Contact the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC):
 - Call 1-800-232-4636 (1-800-CDC-INFO) or
 - Visit CDC’s influenza website at www.cdc.gov/Flu/Index.htm.

Effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Routine Immunization in Adults and Children

The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic is a reminder of the importance of vaccination. Unfortunately, staying at home and other efforts to reduce transmission of COVID-19 have led to a decrease in people obtaining routine preventive medical services, including immunizations.

Routine vaccination is an essential preventive care service for children, adolescents and adults (including pregnant women) that should not be delayed because of COVID-19. It prevents illnesses that lead to unnecessary medical visits and hospitalizations and further strain the healthcare system. For the 2021–2022 influenza season, flu vaccination is critical to reduce the occurrence of respiratory illnesses and the resulting burden on the healthcare system.

As social distancing requirements are relaxed, children who are not protected by vaccines will be more vulnerable to diseases such as measles. Speak with your doctor or pediatrician to determine which vaccinations are right for you and your child.

AROUND THE COMMUNITY

A group of Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community members joined the Outlaw Football team this fall, this Scottsdale football league is helping these group of Junior High School students prepare for High School ball. The team played their first game on Saturday, September 18; SRPMIC members who played were Josh Correa, Ty King, Noah Lasiloo, Erwin Manuel, Jr., Lamoni Scabby and Devon Strong. If you would like to watch a game and cheer on these young men, visit scottsdalefootball.org for the upcoming game schedule or if you have a student who may be interested call (480) 359-4204 or email info@scottsdalefootball.org. Tasha Silverhorn, O’odham Action News.



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9/11 Stair Climb Honors Fallen First Responders

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On September 11, the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Fire Department (SRFD) hosted the fifth annual 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb at Salt River Fields at Talking Stick to honor the first responders who lost their lives 20 years ago on September 11, 2001.

Approximately 1,000 first responders and other participants filled the outfield to climb the equivalent of 110 stories of the World Trade Center on the stairs between the seats of the stadium. The stair climb route was two laps total, which equaled 2,071 stairs.

From the pitcher's mound, Salt River Police Chief Karl Auerbach addressed all in attendance about the anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks. "The events of that day resulted in a monumental loss of life and property in New York, Pennsylvania and at the Pentagon. We grieve for those who were taken from us. A total of 72 law enforcement officers died in the World Trade Center, the most ever killed in a single incident in the U.S., and a total of 343 firefighters died in the World Trade Center, [also] the most ever killed in a single incident in the U.S.," said Auerbach after a moment of silence.

"There were 75 firehouses in which at least one firefighter was killed. The FDNY lost their fire department chief, first deputy commissioner, a fire marshal and a chaplain, and eight emergency medical technicians and paramedics from private medical services were also killed. This made 2001 the deadliest year for law enforcement and the firefighter profession. Please never forget these brave men and women. These



Firefighters, other first responders and citizens gather in the outfield for the 9/11 Stair Climb.

heroes answered the call and they made the ultimate sacrifice."

Besides the SRFD, other fire departments and charities represented were Avondale FD, Mesa FD, Chandler Firefighter Charities, Queen Creek FD, Phoenix FD and Arizona Fire & Medical Authority Firefighter Charities.

More than \$86,000 was raised for the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation, which supports the families of fallen firefighters, and the FDNY Counseling Services Unit.

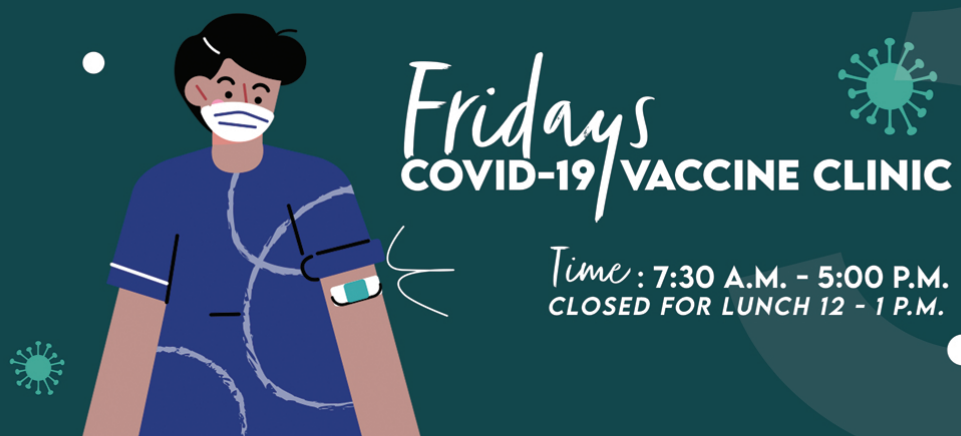


Above: Participants climb the stairs on the concourse at Salt River Fields at Talking Stick.



Right: SRPD Chief Karl Auerbach delivers a speech to the crowd before the 9/11 Stair Climb.

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If you are an immunocompromised individual that receives your care outside the Community, it is highly recommended that you speak with your doctor to confirm the third dose is right for you. Being immunocompromised should not be confused with being high risk.

IF YOU MEET THE CRITERIA TO RECEIVE A THIRD DOSE OF THE COVID-19 VACCINE PLEASE MAKE AN APPOINTMENT BY CALLING THE SRPMIC COVID-19 HOTLINE.

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Talking Stick Entertainment District: Get To Know Your Neighbor!

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Director of Animal Care & Education
OdySea Aquarium



What would you like guests to know about OdySea's animals?

There is an IMMENSE amount of care, dedication, and expertise tending for OdySea's animals. Everyone thinks we "get to play with animals all day", but if anyone could see the 'behind the scenes' efforts of our Animal Care teams, they would be BLOWN AWAY by the amount of work that goes into caring for such amazing species. We have our successes, like the birth of an animal and our losses too, like having to say goodbye to them from time to time as part of the life cycle. No one thinks of the team being here on holidays, the middle of the night, or in the middle of a pandemic...because these animals depend on us for world-class care. We have an incredible and diverse collection of animals that represent their wild counterparts and the preservation of their species. When we can connect with our guests to care about these animals and see just a glimpse of what we do, they are going to walk out with a better understanding and appreciation of how important these animals are to our natural world, and what they can do to help make it a better one.

How long have you worked for OdySea Aquarium?

I started in January 2016, when the building was still under construction.

Why and how did you become an animal trainer?

I have always loved animals and wanted to better understand, advocate for, and protect them. I have always been incredibly interested in behavior... what makes people, and especially animals...tick. I interned and volunteered to get my 'foot in the door' in the animal world. I got my degree in Behavioral Psychology and obtained a SCUBA certification. After participating in a swim test and interviewing at a marine park, I was hired as an Animal Trainer. And have literally been living my dream for the last 25 years.

What does a typical work day look like for you?

There are no "typical" workdays... that's one of the reasons I love my job so much. We determine the day's priorities based on my teams needs and the animals needs and go from there. We provide fun and impactful engagement for our guests and students through educational programming and experiential learning opportunities.

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Suicide Awareness Conference Focused on Causes and Prevention

erations of sustained intervention to resolve intergenerational trauma," said Tsethlikai.

Currently Tsethlikai is working on research that takes a look at stress, executive function (the cognitive processes in the brain that enable us to plan, focus attention, remember instructions and juggle multiple tasks) and posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD) symptoms among urban AI youth. The research is using cortisol concentration levels from hair samples.

The second presenter was Tallerita Tunney Rogers, LMSW, MPA (Diné), director of community development at Native Americans for Community Action (NACA), Inc. Tunney Rogers discussed the history of suicide prevention at NACA. The NACA won its first grant award in 2011 for suicide prevention and has expanded its work to Navajo and Hopi tribal lands and Apache and Navajo counties in Arizona.

The zero-suicide framework approach that Tunney Rogers presented includes these steps: lead, train, identify, engage, treat, transition and improve.

To prevent suicide, Tunney Rogers says a whole-system approach is used, which involves the microsystem (individuals, peers, family), the exosystem (school, community) and the macrosystem (culture, society, religion, policies and health plans). Also discussed were suicide prevention strategies as proposed by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC):

1. Strengthen economic supports
2. Strengthen access and delivery of suicide care
3. Create protective environments
4. Promote connectedness
5. Teach coping and problem-solving

skills

6. Identify and support people at risk
7. Lessen harms and prevent future risk

The conference ended with a presentation by Jenifer Macove, Behavioral Health Services manager for specialty services at SRPMIC, who gave an overview of the Salt River Crisis Team's services and how they respond to calls that someone is exhibiting suicidal ideation. "Suicidal ideation" is a term that describes a range of contemplations, wishes and preoccupations with death and suicide.

The Salt River Crisis Team consists of six crisis workers who take calls 24/7. They handle many kinds of calls, including calls from individuals who are experiencing suicidal ideation.

"If somebody is experiencing suicidal thoughts, or if a friend, family member, an acquaintance or anybody [else] is concerned about someone they know who is [acting as if they want to commit suicide], we want them to call our Salt River Crisis Team. We will go out and respond," said Macove.

She said they will meet with the individual to determine whether the person is actively planning to commit suicide—they have a plan, the means and the intent—or if it's a passive suicidal ideation and the person is suffering from mental illness. Macove said, "[It could be] depression, but they don't [actually] want to end their life, they are just feeling down and hopeless. If it is active suicidal ideation, then we recommend a higher level of care. We will take that individual to a hospital for an evaluation just to keep them safe."

The phone number for the Salt River Crisis Team is (480) 850-9230.

West Nile Virus: What You Need to Know to Stay Safe

Submitted by the HHS Environmental Health Program and the CDD Environmental Protection & Natural Resources Division

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, West Nile virus is the leading cause of mosquito-borne disease in the continental United States. Cases of West Nile occur most frequently in the summer and fall. As you spend time outdoors with summer and fall activities, the Health and Human Services (HHS) Environmental Health Program and the Community Development Department Environmental Protection & Natural Resources (CDD/EPNR) Division of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community offer some simple recommendations to protect you and your family against West Nile virus.

Signs and Symptoms

Most people who contract West Nile virus never show symptoms; on average, only one out of five people will. Symptoms usually show up between two and six days after being bitten by an infected mosquito. Symptoms may include fever, body aches, headaches, vomiting, diarrhea, joint pain or a rash. Most people who experience symptoms will recover completely; however, there is a chance that fatigue and weakness will linger for weeks, or even months.

More severe illness related to West Nile virus occurs in people over age 60 or who have other medical conditions such as cancer, diabetes, hypertension,

kidney disease or organ transplant. People with more severe cases may develop encephalitis (swelling of the brain), meningitis (swelling of the surrounding brain tissue), high fever, disorientation, coma, tremors, seizures or paralysis. Rarely, death may occur. Anyone who develops any of these symptoms should see their healthcare provider.

How to Protect Yourself

One of the best defenses against West Nile virus is mosquito repellent, which helps reduce your exposure to mosquitoes that may carry the virus. Apply an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)-registered insect repellent to your skin and clothing; examples and further information can be found at www.epa.gov/insect-repellents/using-repellent-products-protect-against-mosquito-borne-illnesses.

Choose the concentration based on the hours of protection you need—the higher the percentage (concentration) of the active ingredient, the longer the repellent will work. Follow the directions on the package, paying special attention to recommendations for use on children. Do not apply onto cuts, wounds or irritated skin. Don't spray repellent in enclosed areas or directly onto your face. Be sure to wash it off after returning indoors.

Some examples of mosquito repellent are Cutter Maximum Strength Insect Repellent, Avon Skin-So-Soft Bug Guard, OFF! Deep Woods Formula and OFF! Active Insect Repellent. You can

purchase these items at the local grocery or drugstore and online.

Other personal precautions you can take are to wear shoes with socks, long pants and long-sleeved shirts while outdoors. Avoid unnecessary outside activity at dawn and dusk during peak mosquito season. When outside, cover

strollers or playpens with mosquito netting. Keep all windows and doors closed; only windows and doors with screens should remain open.

If you have additional questions, please email epnr@srbmic-nsn.gov or call the EPNR hotline at (480) 362-7500.

7 Simple Steps to Prevent West Nile Virus Breeding Sites

1. **Empty, drain or cover all things that can hold water.** Areas of your backyard or porch may have spots where rainwater can pool. Barrels and trash cans tend to collect rainwater extremely well. Old tires, empty bottles, buckets and other small containers can condense water vapor into tiny pools. Empty and drain all pools of water and cover them up to prevent more water from gathering.
If you are a Community member who needs assistance cleaning up an area to reduce mosquito breeding, call (480) 362-7500 to learn more about the Community Action & Revitalization Program (CARP).
2. **Maintain swimming pools properly.** If you have a small plastic pool meant to be used temporarily, make sure you drain all of the water and store it indoors when not in use. If you have a backyard swimming pool, monitor the chlorine levels regularly and keep the pool clean.
3. **Repair or prevent outside leaks.** Plumbing that runs outside can be affected by exposure to the weather, resulting in minor leaks. Window air conditioners often drip condensation, which can pool on the ground. Dripping outdoor faucets also pool water on the ground. Repair these problems to minimize water collection as much as possible.
4. **Change water collection pans for plant pots weekly.** When you water potted plants, the excess water will run through the soil and collect in a pan. If you have any outdoor plants, these collection pans are a prime location for mosquitoes to breed. Empty and clean the pans at least once a week, preferably more frequently.
5. **Clean birdbaths weekly.** If you have a birdbath in your yard, the stagnant water is a great place for mosquitoes to lay eggs. Minimize mosquito breeding by changing the water and scrubbing down the bath at least once a week, preferably more frequently.
6. **Mow grass lawns weekly.** Mosquitoes aren't likely to lay eggs in tall grass, but they tend to sit in tall grass for rest and hiding. Keep your grass as short as possible and mow as frequently as possible.
7. **Eliminate or fill nooks, crannies and holes.** If you have a patio or a porch, there may be small crevices and openings that can harbor mosquitoes and their eggs. Trees may have holes in their trunks where mosquitoes can reside and breed. If you can't eliminate the holes, consider filling them with sand.

If you have additional questions on West Nile Virus and staying safe, please email epnr@srbmic-nsn.gov or call the EPNR hotline at (480) 362-7500.

SRFD Receives Two New Fire Trucks During “Wetdown” Ceremony



A SRFD firefighter wets down one of the new fire trucks.

of fire equipment that SRFD had, and it will soon be retired.

The SRFD placed bids out for new fire trucks that included services that they needed for the Community, and Pierce Manufacturing, one of the largest emergency vehicle manufacturers in the nation, was up to the task.

Pierce Manufacturing drove the trucks to the Community and provided training specifically for these trucks.

The SRFD already has two fire engines from Pierce Manufacturing that have seen more than 20 years of service, which is about the lifespan of these large-platform fire truck units.

With specially trained engineers, the SRFD has specific individuals in the fire service that understand operation of fire trucks and fire engines. They’re the firefighters that you will see driving the fire trucks, and it takes a lot of schooling and understanding of mathematics and hydraulics to do the job.

In the middle of the ceremony, Station 294 received two dispatched calls for emergencies, and firefighters ran to their respective vehicles and took off to their destinations. “As you can see, it never stops,” said Dash.

Facts About the New Fire Trucks:

- Cost about \$1.5 million each
- Both are identical
- They have a “PUC” pump under the cab. The pump is moved under the cab to create more storage space.
- 1500 gal/min pump
- Clean cab concept: as a cancer prevention measure, air packs and gear out of the cab because of contaminants.
- 100 ft. aerial platform ladder
- 47 ft. long
- 12 ½ ft tall
- Weight is 42 tons fully loaded
- Tak-4 suspension, which allows for better steering and maneuverability
- 300 gallon water tank
- The ladder is a rear mount ladder apparatus, so you can spot your turn table when you need it.
- The bucket (platform) can hold up to 1,000 lbs. Usually 2-3 firefighters or an extra person if they are rescuing.



SRFD Chief Daryl Dash addresses ceremony attendees.

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of the Community, both residentially and in the commercial corridor.

“With the multi-story structures that are going up with two, three, four floors, and up in the resorts and hotels, it’s just something that we needed,” said Salt River Fire Chief Daryl Dash.

There are currently more than 700 commercial structures and more than 2,000 residential properties within the Community.

One of the new fire trucks will stay at Station 294, and the other truck will head to Station 293 by the Talking Stick Resort.

In 2005, Station 293 placed into service the first major apparatus, a 100-foot platform truck. This was, at the time, the largest and most modern piece

Two new fire trucks debuted at Salt River Fire Station 294 on September 21 during a “wetdown” ceremony.

According to a tradition that goes back to the 1800s, new fire trucks are started up and anointed with water sprayed back onto the trucks using a connected fire hose. Ceremony guests and first responders grabbed towels and took turns wiping the trucks dry. The trucks were then pushed back into the bays.

The acquisition of the fire trucks was five years in the making, and it was deemed necessary by the Salt River Fire Department (SRFD) due to the growth



SRPMIC President Martin Harvier and other attendees wipe down and dry the new SRFD firetrucks.





Attendees and first responders push one of the new fire trucks into the bay as a part of the “wetdown” ceremony.



Talking Stick Entertainment District
FUN FACT

Staybridge Suites at Talking Stick is the most recent hotel to open in Salt River. This dog-friendly, extended stay hotel offers fully equipped kitchens, complimentary breakfast, laundry and guest receptions Monday thru Wednesday. Their 3 bedroom suite overlooking the fields is the only suite of its kind within the District and provides a birds-eye view of Salt River Fields.





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O'odham Water Protectors Join Fight Against Line 3



A vehicle blockade at the entrance of a man camp near Line 3 pipeline. Photo provided by O'odham Anti-Border Collective

concerned because this new pipeline corridor would go through lakes, wild rice watersheds and treaty territories.

In August, the White Earth Band of Ojibwe sued the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources in tribal court for “unilaterally taking 5 billion gallons of water and giving it to Enbridge Line 3” to use to flush the pipes for the installation of the new pipeline.

“They [Enbridge] still need water to do a lot of what they’re doing. We know they’re complicit in a conspiracy to deprive us of the water, to deprive us of our resources, to deprive us of our rights. And for those reasons, we’ve filed against them in tribal court and we’ll probably have to ultimately seek enforcement in federal court. We will be pursuing justice and we will be stopping this pipeline,” said Frank Bibeau, tribal attorney and member of the White Earth Band of Ojibwe, at a press conference on September 6.

Manoomin (or wild rice) grows on water and is not only a staple crop of the Anishinaabe, Ojibwe and Chippewa peoples, it is central to Ojibwe cultural identity, physical well-being and spiritual traditions.

The O’odham and other Indigenous peoples along the borderlands have experienced similar issues, with the threatening of endangered and culturally significant flora, fauna, water, land and way of life from construction of the U.S.-Mexico border wall.

At least two O’odham water protectors and land defenders have been arrested in this campaign to stop the Enbridge Line 3 from being built. More than 700 people have been arrested or received citations.

One O’odham water protector who goes by the name “Ju:ñ” (O’odham

word for the dried saguaro fruit that falls to the ground) was one of those water protectors who were arrested. “It’s a combination of solidarity and following the call to come where help is needed,” said Ju:ñ about the reason for traveling to Minnesota in support.

“It’s good to see O’odham make our way out here to build solidarity and be a part of the networks of solidarity that have been established doing work in our own communities back home. Right now, I think it’s just a matter of waiting to see those cases go to trial and to see how the U.S. and the state of Minnesota want to try to charge people for fighting for the livelihood of the peoples affected. Leaving O’odham Jewed, you feel out of place, but you realize all of this is the Jewed, all of this is worth fighting for and protecting, and it translates very well to understand as an O’odham person why these matters are important.”

On August 25, water protectors in Swatara, Minnesota, blocked a Line 3 pump station with an aerial blockade structure that was originally deployed in the United Kingdom.

Police officers responding to non-violent resistance to the Line 3 pipeline are funded by Enbridge as a part of a deal with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission in an exchange for a promise that taxpayers won’t have to pay for policing the resistance.

As of April, Enbridge has paid out about \$750,000 in wages, police equipment, training and crowd control.

On September 30, Enbridge announced that Line 3 will begin pumping crude oil on October 1 with the goal of reaching full capacity of 760,000 barrels per day.

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The fight against the Line 3 oil pipeline has brought people from around the country to Minnesota to stand up for the rights and way of life of the Anishinaabe peoples.

Line 3 is a pipeline owned by Enbridge, headquartered in Alberta, Canada, that is being built from Canada’s tar sands area in Hardisty, Alberta, to Superior, Wisconsin, near the western tip of Lake Superior. On November 30, 2020, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency issued the final construction stormwater permit for the pipeline project, which will move 760,000 barrels and nearly 32 million gallons of oil per day through tribal communities in Min-

nesota on the way to Wisconsin.

Enbridge wants to replace the old Line 3 pipeline, which has been laid down and operating since 1968, and build a new Line 3 pipeline in a new corridor; however, activists are saying that the replacement is more of an abandonment of the old pipeline.

The original Line 3 pipeline was responsible for the largest inland oil spill in U.S. history when, in 1991, 1.7 million gallons of oil spewed from the pipeline in Grand Rapids, Minnesota.

The majority of the opposition to the Line 3 project comes from concerns that the pipeline will contribute significant greenhouse gases to the environment and that the diluted tar sands could pollute the water and land due to more than 900 structural anomalies in the pipeline. Local tribal communities are

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Native American Recognition Days



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that featured a number of Indigenous entertainers, artists and a chicken scratch dance. To view the video, visit www.facebook.com/SRPMIC/videos/555820672290532.

The second video highlights this year's Virtual Traditional Wear Fashion Show, which featured models Seipe Morning Cloud Flood, Vicki Quintero, Nani Reina, Avarae John and Sistine Lewis. The models wore traditional outfits representing the O'odham, Piipaash, Apache and Navajo tribes. To view the video, visit www.facebook.com/SRPMIC/videos/377379073932247.


The Round House Café offered menudo on their menu all day as part of the celebration. They also prepared 1,000 prepackaged meals for the SRPMIC's NARD celebration held that evening.

The NARD celebration was a drive-thru event held at the Two Waters Courtyard. Community members and their families could pick up a hot meal, T-shirt, a Native-designed laptop bag for adults, a child's drawstring backpack and a magnet. Cars lined up for a mile for their chance at receiving the giveaways as the Two Rivers Band

played chicken scratch music for entertainment.

The NARD celebration continued with a featured artist video as a part of NARD's Virtual Artisan Market. The featured artist was SRPMIC member Dwayne Manuel, and his work is available at www.dwaynemanuel.bigcartel.com.

To stay up to date on Community events, visit the Community's social media pages at www.facebook.com/SRPMIC and www.instagram.com/saltriverpimamaricopa/.



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The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) and the Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine (SMFM), the two leading organizations representing specialists in obstetric care, recommend that all pregnant individuals be vaccinated against COVID-19.


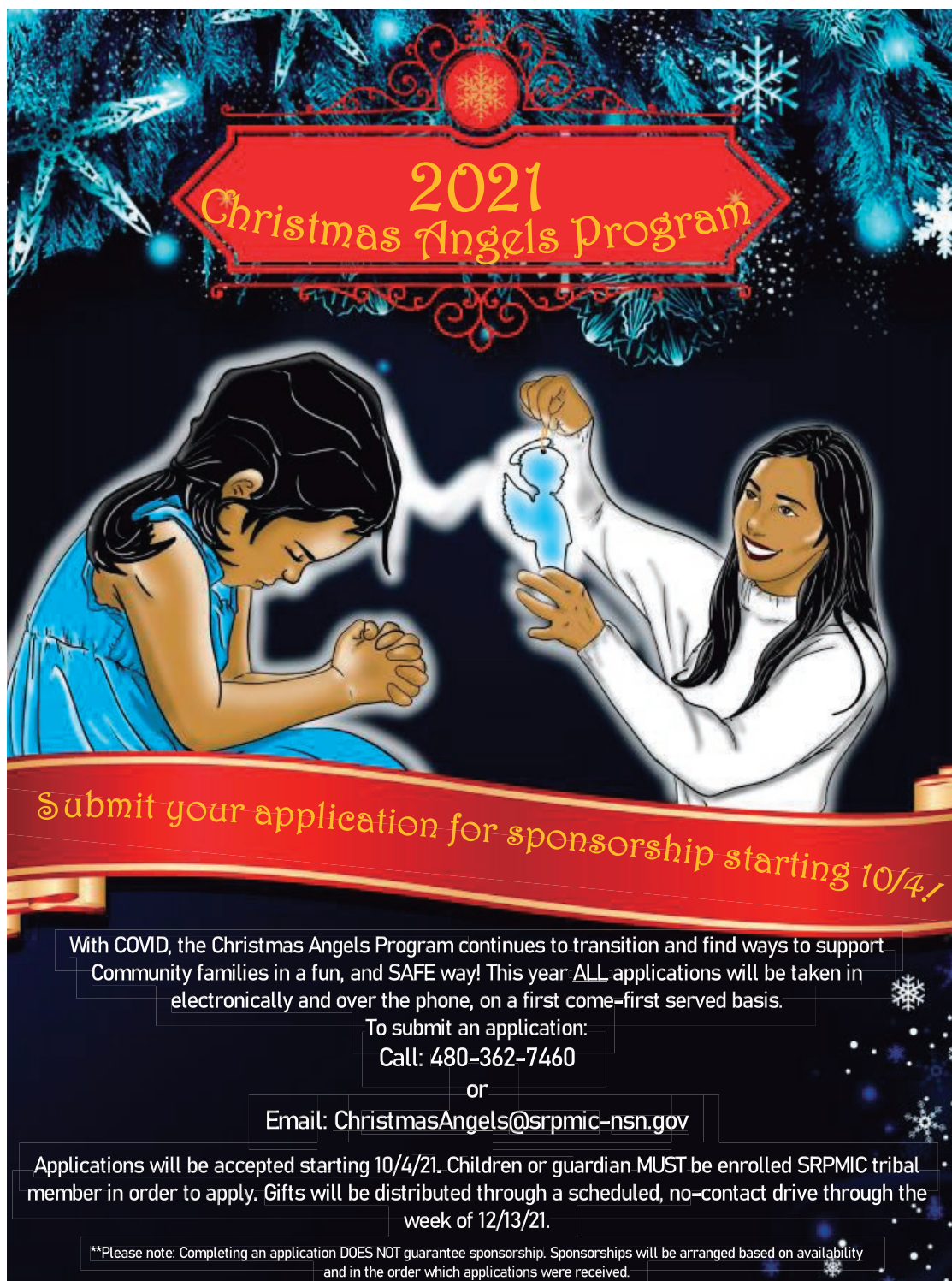
The organizations' recommendations in support of vaccination during pregnancy reflect evidence demonstrating the safe use of the COVID-19 vaccines during pregnancy from tens of thousands of reporting individuals over the last several months, as well as the current low vaccination rates and concerning increase in cases.

The SRPMIC Friday COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic offers those who are pregnant a COVID-19 vaccine.

To schedule an appointment call the **SRPMIC COVID-19 HOTLINE at (480) 362-2603**.

FRIDAY COVID-19 VACCINE CLINIC
 THE SALT RIVER GYMNASIUM
 1880 North Longmore Road,
 Scottsdale, AZ 85256
 7:30a.m. - 5 p.m.
 Closed for a lunch 12p.m. - 1 p.m.

#ShieldUpSaltRiver

2021 Christmas Angels Program

Submit your application for sponsorship starting 10/4!

With COVID, the Christmas Angels Program continues to transition and find ways to support Community families in a fun, and SAFE way! This year ALL applications will be taken in electronically and over the phone, on a first come-first served basis.

To submit an application:
 Call: 480-362-7460
 or
 Email: ChristmasAngels@srpmic-nsn.gov

Applications will be accepted starting 10/4/21. Children or guardian MUST be enrolled SRPMIC tribal member in order to apply. Gifts will be distributed through a scheduled, no-contact drive through the week of 12/13/21.

**Please note: Completing an application DOES NOT guarantee sponsorship. Sponsorships will be arranged based on availability and in the order which applications were received.

Salt River Head Start and Early Head Start



Above: Early Childhood Education Center staff greet children and families each morning when they are dropped off. Children older than 2 must wear a mask; the ECEC will provide one, if needed. Photo by Taté Walker, Salt River Schools

Above right: A student at the Early Childhood Education Center plays with dinosaurs. Children older than 2 must wear a mask; the ECEC will provide one, if needed. Photo by Taté Walker, Salt River Schools

Right: Naptime at the Early Childhood Education Center. Photo by Maria Chavez, Salt River Schools



SUBMITTED BY SALT RIVER SCHOOLS

Head Start and Early Head Start are federally funded programs designed to promote school readiness and promotes life-long learning. Head Start has served preschool children of the Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community since 1965. In early 2000's the Head Start merged with the child care center and is now known as the Early Childhood Education Center. In 2010, ECEC expand school services to the youngest children, and now Early Head Start program is available to serve pregnant women and families with children under age 3 in center based and also offers Home Based services. In homebased, each family meets with a parent educator weekly, who provides education and support to families.

These programs encourage parent involvement, through regular visits to the child's home, opportunities for parents get involved in the program, and special

activities. Head Start and Early Head Start also link children and families to other services in the community. Parents are encouraged to have leadership roles, give input and participate in decision making such as serving on Policy Council.

The programs support the family's wellbeing and consider the parent the first and most important teacher of the child. A unique feature of Head Start programs is that each family has a Family Advocate. Family Advocates work with parents to promote goal setting, parent involvement in school activities and support families in times of need or celebration.

At Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community's Early Childhood Education Center (ECEC) we are excited to have you be a part of our school family and look forward to making memories with your family.

DHHS Prevention & Intervention Services

2021 Virtual Glow Walk

September is National Suicide Prevention Month. October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Please join us virtually as we promote Suicide Prevention Awareness and Domestic Violence Awareness.

Complete a 1 mile walk anytime from October 9 to October 16.

Track your walk with any tracking app and send a screenshot of your walk to Melanie.Nosie@srpmic-nsn.gov or Vurlene.Notsinneh-Bowekaty@srpmic-nsn.gov. The screenshot is required to receive a t-shirt.

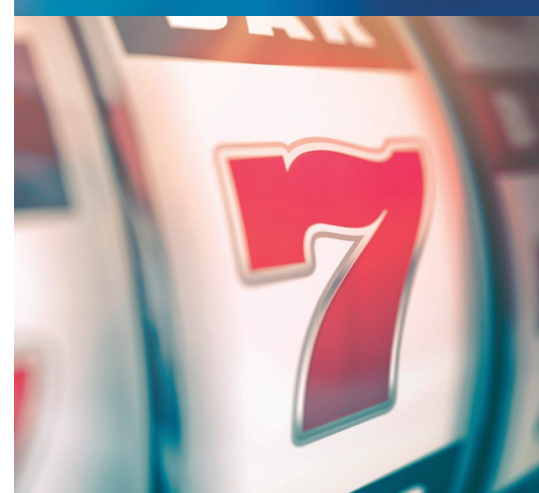
Feel free to walk with signs and send your photos as well. Registration is easy! Send an email to Melanie or Vurlene at the email listed above with your name, phone number and t-shirt size.

You may also call with your registration information. Melanie (480) 362-6678 or Vurlene (480) 362-2706.



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The COVID-19 Vaccine in Pregnant Women

FROM THE U.S. CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION

If you are pregnant or planning to become pregnant, an additional consideration at this time is whether you can or should get the COVID-19 vaccine.

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the answer is yes to both. The COVID-19 vaccination is recommended for those who are pregnant, breastfeeding or trying to get pregnant. If you are concerned, you may want to have a helpful conversation with your healthcare provider about the vaccination.

Women who are pregnant and have received a COVID-19 vaccine are encouraged to enroll in v-safe, the CDC's smartphone-based tool that provides personalized health check-ins after vaccination. A v-safe registry has been established to gather information on the health of pregnant women who have received a COVID-19 vaccine.

Safety and Effectiveness of COVID-19 Vaccination During Pregnancy

Evidence about the safety and effectiveness of COVID-19 vaccination during pregnancy, although limited, has been growing. According to the CDC, the data suggest that the benefits of receiving a COVID-19 vaccine outweigh any known or potential risks of vaccination during pregnancy.

- No safety concerns were found in animal studies: Studies in animals receiving a Moderna, Pfizer-BioNTech or Johnson & Johnson (J&J)/Janssen COVID-19 vaccine before or during pregnancy found no safety concerns in pregnant animals or their offspring.
- No adverse pregnancy-related outcomes occurred in previous clinical trials that used the same vaccine platform as the J&J/Janssen COVID-19 vaccine.

COVID-19 vaccine: Vaccines that use the same viral vector have been given to pregnant women in all trimesters of pregnancy, including in a large-scale Ebola vaccination trial. No adverse pregnancy-related outcomes, including adverse outcomes affecting the baby, were associated with vaccination in these trials.

- COVID-19 vaccines do not cause infection, including in pregnant women or their babies: None of the COVID-19 vaccines contain the live virus, so a COVID-19 vaccine cannot make anyone sick with COVID-19, including pregnant women or their babies.
- Early data on the safety of receiving a mRNA COVID-19 vaccine (Moderna or Pfizer-BioNTech) during pregnancy are reassuring:
 - The CDC released the first U.S. data on the safety of receiving a mRNA COVID-19 vaccine during pregnancy. The report analyzed data from three safety monitoring systems in place to gather information about COVID-19 vaccination during pregnancy. These early data did not find any safety concerns for pregnant women or their babies.
 - Another report looked at pregnant women enrolled in the v-safe pregnancy registry who were vaccinated before 20 weeks of pregnancy. Scientists did not find an increased risk for miscarriage among women who received an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine during pregnancy.
 - Many pregnancies reported in these safety monitoring systems are ongoing. The CDC will continue to follow women vaccinated during all trimesters of pregnancy to better understand effects on pregnancy and babies.

You Can Get A COVID-19 Vaccination If You Are Pregnant

The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) and the Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine (SMFM), the two leading organizations representing specialists in obstetric care, recommend that all pregnant women be vaccinated against COVID-19. The organizations' recommendations in support of vaccination during pregnancy reflect evidence demonstrating the safe use of the COVID-19 vaccines during pregnancy from tens of thousands of reporting individuals over the last several months, as well as the current low vaccination rates and concerning increase in cases. For more information, go to www.acog.org/news/news-releases/2021/07/acog-smfm-recommend-covid-19-vaccination-for-pregnant-individuals.

Schedule an appointment for a COVID-19 vaccine by calling the SRPMIC hotline at (480) 362-2603.

- Early data suggest receiving a mRNA COVID-19 vaccine during pregnancy reduces the risk for infection: A recent study from Israel compared pregnant women who received an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine with those who did not. Scientists found that vaccination lowered the risk of infection from the virus that causes COVID-19.
- Vaccination of pregnant women builds antibodies that might protect the baby: When pregnant women receive an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine during pregnancy, their bodies build antibodies against COVID-19, similar to non-pregnant women. Antibodies made after a pregnant woman received a mRNA COVID-19 vaccine were found in umbilical cord blood. This means COVID-19 vaccination

during pregnancy might help protect babies against COVID-19. More data is needed to determine how these antibodies, similar to those produced with other vaccines, may provide protection to the baby.

Additional clinical trials that study the safety of COVID-19 vaccines and how well they work in pregnant women are underway or planned. Vaccine manufacturers are also collecting and reviewing data from women in the completed clinical trials who received a vaccine and became pregnant.

Women Who Are Breastfeeding

If you are a new mother and breastfeeding, the CDC recommends receiving the COVID-19 vaccination. Clinical trials for the COVID-19 vaccines currently used in the United States did not include women who are breastfeeding. Therefore, there are limited data available on the:

- Safety of COVID-19 vaccines in women who are breastfeeding
- Effects of vaccination on the breastfed baby
- Effects on milk production or excretion

According to the CDC, COVID-19 vaccines cannot cause infection in anyone, including the mother or the baby, and the vaccines are effective at preventing COVID-19 in women who are breastfeeding. Recent reports have shown that breastfeeding women who have received mRNA COVID-19 vaccines have antibodies in their breastmilk, which could help protect their babies. More data are needed to determine what protection these antibodies may provide to the baby.

For more information, go to www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/recommendations/pregnancy.html.





BIKE COURSE
112 MILES / 3 LOOP
SALT RIVER, ARIZONA

IRONMAN – Sunday, November 21, 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Entry into SRPMIC will be VIA COUNTRY CLUB DR and north bound lanes will be used for the race. South bound lanes will allow traffic to travel north and south, but restrictions and closures may be encountered so we encourage people to use Alma School for entry into SRPMIC if at all possible.

Please plan accordingly. See route map below.



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Ironman Triathlon Arizona Tempe/Salt River

The SRPMIC is honored to have renewed its partnership with the World Triathlon Corporation/Ironman for the next three years which will include the newly titled Ironman Triathlon Arizona Tempe, Salt River race on Sunday, November 21, 2021. The Community will continue to host a major portion of the bike route showcasing the participating elite riders a taste of Arizona Indian Country. We're excited to join forces with our Tempe neighbors in highlighting their urban charm, our shared scenic desert views and southwestern hospitality. The flat, fast and world record-breaking course will be welcome to those seeking speed and our shared destination will offer plenty of local resort options to unwind post-race.

Below are the SRPMIC athletes participating as relay teams.

RELAY 1
 Fantasia Painter (Community member) swim
 MaLorie Charley-Krause (Salt River Triathlete) bike
 Caroline Sekaquaptewa (SRPMIC Tribal Employee) run

RELAY 2
 Michelle Roan (SRPMIC Tribal Employee) swim
 Shashani Marcus (Community member) bike
 Felicia Sekaquaptewa (Salt River Triathlete) run

RELAY 3
 Wayne Sekaquaptewa (SRPMIC Tribal Employee) swim
 David Brown (Salt River Triathlete) bike
 Rachel Seepie (Community member) run

Haaland: Petito Case A Reminder Of Missing Native Americans

BY MATTHEW DALY
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Speaking in personal terms, Interior Secretary Deb Haaland said extensive news media coverage of the disappearance and death of 22-year-old Gabby Petito while on a cross-country trip should be a reminder of hundreds of Native American girls and women who are missing or murdered in the United States.

Haaland, the first Native American Cabinet secretary, said that her heart goes out to Petito's family, but that she also grieves for "so many Indigenous women" whose families have endured similar heartache "for the last 500 years."

The search for Petito generated a whirlwind of news coverage, especially on cable television, as well as a frenzy of online sleuthing, with tips, possible sightings and theories shared by the hundreds of thousands on TikTok, Instagram and YouTube. The Florida woman, who disappeared while on a cross-country trip with her boyfriend, was found dead at the edge of Grand Teton National Park in Wyoming. Authorities have determined she was a homicide

victim.

A report prepared for the state of Wyoming found that at least 710 Native Americans were reported missing between 2011 and late 2020. Between 2010 and 2019, the homicide rate per 100,000 for Indigenous people was 26.8, eight times higher than the homicide rate for white people, the report said.

Haaland, a member of the Pueblo Laguna tribe, said she has frequently seen Native American family members posting pictures on fences and the sides of buildings to help locate missing girls or women. When that happens, "you know I see my sisters," she told reporters Thursday at a news conference. "I see my mother. I see my aunties or my nieces or even my own child. So I feel that every woman and every person who is in this victimized place deserves attention and deserves to be cared about."

A former New Mexico congresswoman, Haaland pushed for a law signed last year to address the crisis of missing, murdered and trafficked Indigenous women. The law, known as Savanna's Act, is intended to help law enforcement track, solve and prevent crimes against Native Americans, especially

women and girls.

The law is named for Savanna LaFontaine-Greywind, a member of the Spirit Lake tribe who was abducted and killed in 2017 near Fargo, North Dakota. Greywind, 22, was pregnant, and her unborn baby was cut from her body. Her remains were found in the Red River.

Haaland said she sees her mission as interior secretary in part as a way to elevate attention on Native American issues.

"I feel like it's my job to lift up this issue as best I can. And hopefully, the folks who are writing the news, and broadcasting the news will understand that these women are also friends, neighbors, classmates and work colleagues," she said.

Haaland stressed that her comments were not intended to downplay the pain suffered by Petito's family.

"Anytime a woman faces assault, rape, murder, kidnapping — any of those things — it's very difficult and my heart goes out to any family who has to endure that type of pain," she said. "And so, of course, my heart goes out to the young woman who was found in Wyoming."

Everyone deserves to feel safe in their communities, Haaland said, but "where I can make a difference in particular is in addressing the missing and murdered Indigenous peoples crisis, which has occurred since the beginning of colonization of Indigenous people on this continent for about the last 500 years and it continues."

Haaland created a Missing & Murdered Unit within the Bureau of Indian Affairs Office of Justice Services earlier this year and has established a joint commission of national tribal leaders and experts, led by the Interior and Justice departments, to reduce violent crime against American Indians and Alaska Natives.

Haaland also ordered Interior to investigate its past oversight of Native American boarding schools that forced hundreds of thousands of children from their families and communities.

"The primary goal of this work is to share the truth of this dark chapter in our nation's history, so that we can begin to heal," Haaland said.

A written report is expected next year.



FLU SEASON WILL BE HERE SOON!

WHY GET VACCINATED FOR THE FLU?

SRPMIC IS OFFERING THE FLU VACCINE AT:
FRIDAY COVID-19 VACCINE CLINIC
You can also get a flu vaccine and a COVID-19 vaccine at the same visit.

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STARTS AT
07:30 AM - 05:00 PM
CLOSED FOR LUNCH 12PM-1PM

The SRPMIC FLU vaccines are available for age 3 years or older in the following categories:

- SRPMIC Members & family members
- SRPMIC Residents
- SRPMIC Government employees & family members
- SRPMIC Enterprise employees & family member
- IHS beneficiaries (CDIB: Certificate of Indian blood)

NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED FOR THE FLU SHOT

The Influenza (Flu) is a contagious disease that spreads around every year, usually between October and May. Anyone can get the flu, but it is more dangerous for some people.

The CDC recommends everyone 6 months and older get vaccinated every flu season.

It takes about 2 weeks for protection to develop after a flu vaccination. You may speak with your doctor or pediatrician to determine what is right for you or your child.

There are many flu viruses, and they are always changing. Each year a new flu vaccine is made to protect against the influenza viruses believed most likely to cause disease in the upcoming flu season. Even when the vaccine does not exactly match these viruses, it may still provide some protection.

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ABDUAL-AZIM, NAFIA - REVIEW HEARING CASE: J-19-0190 Court Date: October 12, 2021 at 11 a.m.

BAPTISTO, NATHANIEL ALLEN - Review Hearing Case: J-13-0087 Court Date: October 18, 2021 at 11 a.m.

BEERRA, OSCAR GARCIA - Review Hearing Case: J-15-0043/J-21-0070 Court Date: October 21, 2021 at 9 a.m.

BEJARANO, SALINA RAE - Evidentiary Paternity Hearing Case: J-21-0059 Court Date: October 13, 2021 at 11 a.m.

BIAKEDDY, ARLEN CASEY - Evidentiary Guardianship/ Review Hearing Case: J-21-0038/0039/J-19-0045/0046 Court Date: October 11, 2021 at 9 a.m.

BURKE, BRANDEE LYN - Review Hearing Case: J-19-0007/Initial Child Support Hearing Case:

J-21-0063 Court Date: November 18, 2021 at 9 a.m.

BURKE, JULIA SALEE - Review Hearing Case: J-20-0036 Court Date: October 19, 2021 at 11 a.m.

BURKE, VERONICA JEAN JR - Exceptional Care/Review Hearings Case: J-18-0054 Court Date: January 5, 2022 at 10 a.m.

BURNS, CHRISTINE ANN - Formal Hearing Case: J-21-0054/0055 Court Date: October 19, 2021 at 9 a.m.

CARLISLE, MAURICIA LANDEAN - Initial Child Support Hearing Case: J-08-1059/J-12-0051/J-11-0042 Court Date: November 2, 2021 at 10 a.m.

CARLISLE, MAURICIA LANDEAN - Review Hearing Case: J-08-1059/J-11-0042/J-12-0050/J-12-0051 Court Date: November 15, 2021 at 9 a.m.

CHIAGO SR., VINCENT VERNON LEE - Review/Permanency Hearings Case: J-16-0173 Court Date: November 15, 2021 at 11 a.m.

COOPS, ELIAS CHARLES - Review Hearing Case: J-19-0131/0132 Court Date: October 18, 2021 at 11 a.m.

DOE, MANUEL - Review/Permanency Hearings Case: J-18-0044 Court Date: November 16, 2021 at 10 a.m.

ENOS, ELLIOT CECIL - Evidentiary Paternity Hearing/Order to Show Cause Hearings Case: J-21-0028/0029/0030 Court Date: October 25, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.

ENOS, ROCHELLE MICHELLE - Review/Permanency Hearings Case: J-17-0039 Court Date: November 9, 2021 at 11 a.m.

ENOS, YVETTE MARIE - Review Hearing Case: J-18-0209/J-19-0169/J-21-0060 Court Date: November 2, 2021 at 11 a.m.

FRANCISCO, MARISSA MARTINA - Permanency/Evidentiary Child Support Hearing Case: J-20-0083/J-21-0078 Court Date: October 18, 2021 at 10 a.m.

HOWARD, MIRISSA CHERI -

Review Hearing Case: J-18-0169 Court Date: October 26, 2021 at 11 a.m.

JOHNSON SR., TYSON DELROY - Review Hearing Case: J-11-0174 Court Date: October 26, 2021 at 9 a.m.

LEWIS, ROSEMARY RACHEL - Review Hearing Case: J-19-0131/0132 Court Date: October 18, 2021 at 11 a.m.

LEWIS-ROBI COREY - Permanency/Evidentiary Child Support Hearing Case: J-20-0083/J-21-0078 Court Date: October 18, 2021 at 10 a.m.

LOMAYAKTEWA, GASHOMNIM KOKOMO - Formal Hearing Case: J-21-0125 Court Date: November 17, 2021 at 10 a.m.

LOPEZ, ALEJANDRA GAIL - Formal Hearing Case: J-21-0053 Court Date: October 19, 2021 at 9 a.m.

LOPEZ SR., BEN ROSS - Review Hearing Case: J-18-0132 Court Date: February 14, 2022 at 10 a.m.

MANUEL, CHELSEA PAIGE - Evidentiary Guardianship/ Review Hearing Case: J-21-0038/0039/J-19-0045/0046 Court Date: October 11, 2021 at 9 a.m.

MANUEL, EZEKIEL RUBEN - Evidentiary Paternity/Order to Show Cause Hearing Case: J-21-0059 Court Date: October 13, 2021 at 11 a.m.

MARTINEZ, NOHALANNIE ERIN - Initial Termination of Parental-Child Relationship Case: J-21-0114 Court Date: October 21, 2021 at 9 a.m.

OLIVAS, LINDSEY LORRAINE - Formal Hearing Case: J-21-0120 Court Date: October 26, 2021 at 10 a.m.

OLIVAS, LINDSEY LORRAINE - Initial Paternity Hearing Case: J-21-0121 Court Date: November 15, 2021 at 10 a.m.

OLIVAS, VICTOR JAMES - Formal Hearing Case: J-21-0120 Court Date: October 26, 2021 at 10 a.m.

OLIVAS, VICTOR JAMES - Initial

Paternity Hearing Case: J-21-0121 Court Date: November 15, 2021 at 10 a.m.

PABLO, ANTHONY SCOTT - Review Hearing Case: J-18-0045/J-18-0046/J-18-0047 Court Date: November 16, 2021 at 10 a.m.

PACHECO, ROSARIO - REVIEW HEARING Case: J-20-0007 Court Date: November 9, 2021 at 10 a.m.

SMITH, PATRICIA MILDRED - Review/Permanency Hearings Case: J-20-0091/0092 Court Date: December 15, 2021 at 10 a.m.

STACEY, JEFFERY ARTHUR - Review/Permanency Hearings Case: J-20-0091/0092 Court Date: December 15, 2021 at 10 a.m.

STAPP, ANNLYNN MAE - Permanency Review Hearing Case: J-12-0006 Court Date: October 20, 2021 at 11 a.m.

UNKNOWN FATHER - Evidentiary Termination of Parental-Child Relationship Case: J-19-0134/J-19-0135 Minor: Jane Doe D.O.B. 10/04/2005 Minor: Jane Doe D.O.B. 10/04/2006, Mother's Name: Irene Jane Conger Flavela, Court Date: October 5, 2021 at 9 a.m.

UNKNOWN FATHER - Review/Permanency Hearing - Minor: John Doe DOB: 03/14/2018 Case: J-20-0072 Mother: Romelia Nicole Paul - Court Date: October 21, 2021 at 10 a.m.

VALENCIA, ALICIA MARIE - Review/Permanency Hearing Case: J-16-0173 Court Date: November 15, 2021 at 11 a.m.

VALLES SR., ROBERT ANTHONY - Review Hearing Case: J-15-0174 Court Date: November 17, 2021 at 9 a.m.

VEST, DWIGHT EDMUND - Review/Permanency Hearing Case: J-19-0147/J-20-0046/0047/0048/J-21-0027 Court Date: October 13, 2021 at 9 a.m.

VEST, JACOB SEAN - Review Hearing Case: J-19-0042/0043 Court Date: November 10, 2021

at 10 a.m.

WELLINGTON, RACHEL LYNN - Formal Hearing Case: J-21-0052 Court Date: October 19, 2021 at 9 a.m.

WELLINGTON, SPENCER - Formal Hearing Case: J-21-0054/0055 Court Date: October 19, 2021 at 9 a.m.

WELLINGTON, SPENCER - Formal Hearing Case: J-21-0053 Court Date: October 19, 2021 at 9 a.m.

WILLIAMS, CRAIG STERLING - Review/Permanency Hearings Case: J-17-0039 Court Date: November 9, 2021 at 11 a.m.

WILSON, MARINA JEAN - Review Hearing Case: J-11-0174 Court Date: October 26, 2021 at 9 a.m.

WOOD-ORTIZ, ROSSI ELAINE - Review Hearing Case: J-20-0007 Court Date: November 9, 2021 at 10 a.m.

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ABDRUSS, DAVID - Vehicle Forfeiture Hearing Case: VI-21-0007 Court Date: October 11, 2021 at 11 a.m.

BIAKEDDY, ARLEN KATNEY - Divorce Hearing Case: D-21-0004 Court Date: November 4, 2021 at 9 a.m.

CARLISLE, IAN LOWELL - Initial Paternity Hearing Case: CF-21-0091 Court Date: October 21, 2021 at 11 a.m.

CARLOS, CHRISTINA - Default Judgment/Order to Show Cause Hearings Case: C-21-0123 Court Date: October 25, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.

CASSA, HEIDI JOANN - Order to Show Cause Hearing Case: C-20-0088 Court Date: November 4, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.

DOE, JOHN - Vehicle Forfeiture Hearing Case: VI-21-0012 Court Date: November 2, 2021 at 9 a.m.

GRIFFITH, LUCY ANNA - Order to Show Cause Hearing Case: C-21-0023 Court Date: October 14, 2021 at 9 a.m.

LEWIS, TONISHIA MARIE - Entry of Default Judgement/Order to Show Cause Hearings Case: C-21-0113 Court Date: October 28, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.

MUNGUUA, GLORIA - Order to Show Cause Hearing Case: CF-09-0267 Court Date: October 14, 2021 at 10 a.m.

SAINI, MARIAH SERENITY - Entry of Default Judgement/Order to Show Cause Hearings Case: C-21-0115 Court Date: October 28, 2021 at 11 a.m.

VEST, LINDSEY - Status Hearing Case: P-20-0028 Court Date: October 14, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.

VEST, LINDSEY - Status Hearing Case: P-20-0030 Court Date: October 14, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.

YARO, MOSES P - Vehicle Forfeiture Hearing Case: VI-21-0012 Court Date: November 2, 2021 at 9 a.m.

DEFAULT NOTICES

SUMMONS J-21-0129

IN THE MATTER OF JANE DOE (D.O.B.: 5/14/2011)

TO: ROBERT DANIEL, PARENT/ GUARDIAN

A Petition for Paternity has been filed in this Court in which it is alleged that Robert Daniel is the child(ren)'s father. The Petitioner requests that the Court determine paternity and enter judgment.

THEREFORE YOU ARE ORDERED to APPEAR for the Initial Hearing for Paternity Hearing before the Honorable Judge LeBeau, the Salt River Juvenile Court on November 16, 2021 at 9:00 A.M. in court room #3.

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.

If you fail to attend a hearing or to file an answer or response, the Court may enter a default order of paternity.

CLERK OF COURT - SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA COMMUNITY COURT

COUNTRY CLUB CARS V.

TONISHIA MARIE LEWIS

C-21-0113

DEFAULT NOTICE

TO: TONISHIA MARIE LEWIS, RESPONDENT

1. A Complaint / Petition has been filed against you in this Court and your immediate attention to this fact is urgent if you do not want judgment entered against you.

2. The Court record reflects that you have failed to respond to defend by filing an answer, motion to dismiss, request for extension of time or other

responsive pleading and you have failed to attend hearings at the Court called for this matter.

3. If you do not defend against this suit within Thirty (30) days from the date the Process Server hands you this or you are served with it otherwise as permitted under the Community Code, the Court may enter default judgment against you.

4. A default judgment may have serious, adverse, and irreversible consequences against you.

5. If you want to defend against the claim and avoid default judgment entered against you, you must file a written answer, motion to dismiss or other responsive pleading within thirty (30) days from when you are served with this Notice. The Court will not extend time for your response and you must make your response in writing, no oral responses will be accepted

6. If you do nothing, the Court may give Judgment for what the Complaint demands. (Section 5-16.1, Judgment by Default)

DATED this 1st of September 2021

CLERK OF COURT - SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA COMMUNITY COURT

TONISHIA MARIE LEWIS C-21-0113

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

COUNTRY CLUB CARS

V.

TONISHIA MARIE LEWIS

TO: TONISHIA MARIE LEWIS,

YOU ARE HEREBY ORDERED to appear before the above-entitled court on the 28th day of October, 2021 at 9:30 AM, in Court Room #1, and show cause why you should not be held in contempt for Failure to appear for Civil Complaint hearing on August 26, 2021 at 9 a.m. after being duly noticed.

FAILURE TO APPEAR will result in a Bench Warrant issued for your arrest for Contempt of Court from (\$6-41) of the Code or Ordinances. You are entitled to subpoena witnesses on your behalf and to be represented by counsel.

ORDERED this 1st day of September, 2021.

Judge Raymond L. Deer - SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA COMMUNITY COURT

GLORIA MUNGUUA CF-09-0267

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

IN THE MATTER OF:

D.A. (9/18/20010)

A.A. (12/9/2002)

A.V. (3/4/2007)

TO: GLORIA MUNGUUA,

YOU ARE HEREBY ORDERED to appear before the above-entitled court on the 14th day of October, 2021 at 10:00 AM, in Court Room #1, and show cause why you should not be held in contempt for Failure to obey Court order issued June 1, 2021.

FAILURE TO APPEAR will result in a Bench Warrant issued for your arrest for Contempt of Court from (\$6-41) of the Code or Ordinances. You are entitled to subpoena witnesses on your behalf and to be represented by counsel.

ORDERED this 25th day of August, 2021.

Judge Raymond Deer - SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA COMMUNITY COURT

COUNTRY CLUB CARS V.

MARIAH SERENITY SAINI

C-21-0113

DEFAULT NOTICE

TO: MARIAH SERENITY SAINI, RESPONDENT

1. A Complaint / Petition has been filed against you in this Court and your immediate attention to this fact is urgent if you do not want judgment entered against you.

2. The Court record reflects that you have failed to respond to defend by filing an answer, motion to dismiss, request for extension of time or other responsive pleading and you have failed to attend hearings at the Court called for this matter.

3. If you do not defend against this suit within Thirty (30) days from the date the Process Server hands you this or you are served with it otherwise as permitted under the Community Code, the Court may enter default judgment against you.

4. A default judgment may have serious, adverse, and irreversible consequences against you.

5. If you want to defend against the claim and avoid default judgment entered against you, you must file a written answer, motion to dismiss or other responsive pleading within thirty (30) days from when you are served with this Notice. The Court will not extend time for your response and you must make your response in writing, no oral responses will be accepted

6. If you do nothing, the Court may give Judgment for what the Complaint demands. (Section 5-16.1, Judgment by Default)

DATED this 1st of September 2021

CLERK OF COURT - SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA COMMUNITY COURT

MARIAH SERENITY SAINI C-21-0115

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

COUNTRY CLUB CARS

V.

MARIAH SERENITY SAINI

TO: MARIAH SERENITY SAINI,

YOU ARE HEREBY ORDERED to appear before the above-entitled court on the 28th day of October, 2021 at 11:00 AM, in Court Room #1, and show cause why you should not be held in contempt for Failure to appear for Civil Complaint hearing on August 26, 2021 at 9 a.m. after being duly noticed.

FAILURE TO APPEAR will result in a Bench Warrant issued for your arrest for Contempt of Court from (\$6-41) of the Code or Ordinances. You are entitled to subpoena witnesses on your behalf and to be represented by counsel.

ORDERED this 1st day of September, 2021.

Judge Raymond L. Deer - SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA COMMUNITY COURT

NOTICE OF JUDGMENT AND ORDER OF CHILD SUPPORT:

Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community Court, State of Arizona, Maricopa County original jurisdiction court case number CFCS-21-0008

Notice of Judgment and Order of Child Support is hereby ORDERED AND ADJUDGED and is hereby ENTERED on the 17th day of May, 2021. It is further, ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that Respondent Marcus L. White Jr. shall pay child support in the amount of \$744.00 to Petitioner, Marla Baptisto. Payment shall be made to Petitioner within thirty (30) days of this Order. Petitioner is granted a judgment of back support in the amount of \$6,246.00 against the Respondent. The Order of support presumptively terminates on May 30, 2036. This order is final for purposes of appeal.



United States Department of the Interior
BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
SALT RIVER FIELD OFFICE
1629 North Longmore Road
Scottsdale, Arizona 85256
Telephone (480) 421-0807
Fax (480) 421-0808



PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

Notice of Availability of an Environmental Assessment/Finding of No Significant Impact and Decision Statement

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Salt River Agency is publishing a Final Environmental Assessment (EA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for BIA's proposed issuance/approval of a lease between 65 and 99 years in length on approximately 154.9 acres of allotted land on the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (Community) for the Talking Stick 101 Project (Project). The EA and FONSI have been prepared by BIA to fulfill its responsibilities under, and comply with, the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The issuance/approval of the lease by the BIA (federal action) would result in the following:

- Overall, the preliminary plan calls for Commercial Retail. The retail buildings will range in size from a stand-alone pad restaurant of approximately 2,500 square feet up to an anchor tenant of approximately 400,000 square feet. All retail buildings are anticipated to be primarily one story high. Categories of buildings follow. Hospitality: the hospitality buildings will range in size from 100 to 600 rooms. Arena: Seating up to 35,000 individuals. Entertainment: a number of different venues complementary to the existing entertainment development are possible. Office: the office buildings will range in size from single story 5,000 square feet office development up to 500,000 square feet and 6 stories high. Convention Center: up to 1,000,000 square feet. Depending on the specific tenants who occupy the buildings and the ultimate sequence of development,

building types and locations may vary. However, the character of the property will remain a mix of commercial, retail, hospitality, entertainment, convention center, arena and office space buildings. As currently designed, the proposed project is consistent with all applicable zoning requirements (Zoning Ordinance SRO-74-82). Access to the project area is from Talking Stick Way and Dobson Road. In addition to the buildings, the project would include adequate parking, drainage features, landscaping, setbacks, and other infrastructure as required by applicable Community ordinances. Construction materials, style, design, and color palettes would also be consistent with Community requirements. Any building dimensions, heights, or other design characteristics that fall outside the guidelines in the Community's zoning ordinance may be allowed through obtaining a variance; the process for obtaining a variance is detailed in the zoning ordinance. It is expected that vehicular access, fiber optics, cable, electricity, gas, water, and sewer connections will be necessary to realize project development. All necessary utilities are located adjacent to the project.

FINDING: Pursuant to Title 25 (Indians), implementing procedures in 516 DM and 59 IAM 3-H (BIA NEPA Guidebook) codified at 43 CFR Part 46, and the regulations issued by the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ), 40 CFR parts 1500-1508, this notice advises the public of our finding that the action described above will not significantly affect the quality of the human

environment. The Proposed Action Alternative (i.e., Project) will result in negligible and minor-to-moderate adverse effects to several resources. The BIA will implement measures that are discussed in the Final EA and FONSI to mitigate these effects. In addition, the Project would benefit allottees and the Community as a whole.

The environmental impacts of disapproving (the No-Action alternative) and approving (the Proposed Action) the Project were considered in the Final EA pursuant to NEPA and CEQ regulations implementing NEPA. The Final EA and FONSI will be available for review at the BIA Salt River Agency for a period of 30 days upon posting of this notice.

The decision has been made to issue/approve a lease for the Project in accordance with 25 CFR Part 162, based on the content of the Final EA and issuance of the FONSI. This decision will become final 30 days after posting of this notice. Members of the public determined to have standing may appeal this decision pursuant to appeal procedures published at 25 CFR Part 2.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ms. Cecilia Baker, Superintendent
Bureau of Indian Affairs, Salt River Agency
1629 North Longmore Road
Scottsdale, Arizona 85256
Phone: 480.421.0807
Fax: 480.421.0808
E-mail: Cecilia.baker@bia.gov

Creating Your Story

A collaboration with Salt River Schools and the Unite for Literacy organization.

Learn how your story can be part of the Community's story through this series. The goal is to assist Community members to write down their own children's books that reflects the O'odham and Piipaash way of life.

Time: 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

**Dates: October 13
November 3**

Location: Zoom

OPEN TO ALL AGES.

Register at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080A49ADA922A46-creating>

Or you can contact us at (480) 362-6600 or Email Tribal-Library@SRPMIC-nsn.gov

MASK UP!

MASK MANDATE STILL IN EFFECT FOR VISITORS AND RESIDENTS OF THE SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY

Keep the Community Safe - Wear Face Coverings
REMAINS IN EFFECT

You must wear a mask or face covering while visiting the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, including government offices and services located within the boundaries of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community.

Source: LOCAL EMERGENCY DECLARATION COVID-19 SEVENTH DIRECTIVE - April 7, 2021 STEPS TOWARDS A NEW NORMAL



**Public Works Department
Bulk Trash VS Roll Off Bin**



WHEN TO PLACE ITEMS OUT AS BULK TRASH:

- ▶ Cannot fit in the 95 gallon gray container(s)
- ▶ Not considered regular domestic trash such as, but not limited to, electronics, small appliances, clothing, green waste, and small furniture
- ▶ Lid cannot close
- ▶ Container(s) is too heavy and cannot be lifted



WHEN TO REQUEST A ROLL OFF BIN:

- ▶ Seasonal clean-ups
- ▶ Disaster clean-up
- ▶ Minor home/property remodels
- ▶ Larger bulky materials and debris removal
- ▶ Tree trimming and landscaping projects

FOR BOTH BULK TRASH AND ROLL OFF BINS

- ⊘ Do not put out any loose grass, leaves, weeds, twigs, sod, hedge clippings and household trash.
- ⊘ Do not put out any cement, concrete, dirt/sand, gravel, rocks, metal sheets and other unacceptable items.
- ⊘ Do not put out car parts such as engines, body panels, windows, tires with rims, etc.
- ⊘ Do not put out hazardous materials such as household cleaning products, motor oils, antifreeze, gasoline, kerosene, propane tanks, liquid/dried paints, car batteries, pool chemicals, expired medications or any other unsafe materials.

**If you have any questions, please feel free to call (480) 362-5600
or email PWCustomerService@srpmic-nsn.gov**

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NEW SUBSCRIPTION / CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Check one:

- Enclosed is my \$31.00 check or money order (subscription will run one year from date of receipt)
 I am an enrolled member of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (NO CHARGE FOR PAPER WITH SRID#). Confirmed by: _____

SALT RIVER IDENTIFICATION NO. _____ Date of Birth: _____
 (if you do not have your SRID#, it will take 2-3 weeks to process)

Change of Address

First Name _____ Middle _____ Last _____

Name of Institution/Unit _____ Booking No. _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

E-mail Address: _____ Phone # (to verify information): _____

Complete Old Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Submitted by: _____ Contact Phone No. _____

For Department Use Only

Received by: _____ Date Received: _____ Start Date: _____

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2. Pay by phone call: Salt River Finance at (480) 362-7720 with any Visa /Debit or Credit card.

SRPMIC Coronavirus information (COVID-19) (480) 362-2603

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| PRESS #1 | Covid-19 Vaccine Incentive |
| PRESS #2 | Testing Appointment |
| PRESS #3 | Vaccine Appointment |
| PRESS #4 | Home Bound Assistance |

3RD QUARTER 2021 ELIGIBILITY DEADLINE SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

Must be eighteen (18) years old, enrolled,

and living to be eligible for the

October 2021 Per Capita Payment.

Deadlines for CHANGES

Direct Deposit Start-Ups and Changes: Tuesday, October 12th 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 **October 2021** payout. Forms received after this date will not be effective until the **January 2022** payout.

Per Capita Eligibility: Tuesday, October 19th , 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 **October 2021** payout. Forms received after this date

will not be processed until the first week of **November 2021**.

Discontinue Direct Deposits: Tuesday, October 12th , 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.**

Tax Withholding Changes: Tuesday, October 19th , 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.

October 2021 – District Meetings

* All District Meetings are held via Microsoft Teams*

MEETING DATE/TIME	AGENDA	MEETING ENTRY INFO:
CM Enos DISTRICT A Mon., October 11, 2021 5 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Member Comments More items to be added... 	Website: https://tinyurl.com/34keadff Phone: 412-664-5196 Conference ID: 338522722
CM Antone DISTRICT B Sat., October 16, 2021 9 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Member Comments More items to be added... 	Website: https://tinyurl.com/2khyvbn Phone: 412-664-5196 Conference ID: 108684937
CM Doka DISTRICT C Sat., October 9, 2021 9 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jr. Miss & Miss Salt River Introduction Start By Believing Campaign SRFSI Information 	Website: https://tinyurl.com/ue5p9mvs Phone: 412-664-5196 Conference ID: 233437331
CM Grey DISTRICT D Thurs., October 7, 2021 6 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jr. Miss & Miss Salt River Introduction SR Clinic COVID-19 Update 	Website: https://tinyurl.com/xpxz64de Phone: 412-664-5196 Conference ID: 956416314
CM Largo DISTRICT E Mon., October 25, 2021 5 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agenda TBD 	Website: https://tinyurl.com/3veeef45 Phone: 412-664-5196 Conference ID: 642064668
CM Scabby / CM Dallas LEHI DISTRICT Tues., October 19, 2021 5 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> COVID-19 Update Higher Education Information O'odham Pijaash Language Program (OPLP) Update 	Website: https://tinyurl.com/99w6akec Phone: 412-664-5196 Conference ID: 64030046

October Council Meetings

Council may enter Executive Session as necessary.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS: October 6, 13, 20 & 27

REGULAR SESSIONS: October 6, 13, 20 & 27

WORK SESSIONS: October 7, 14, 21 & 28

Wednesdays at 10am

Wednesdays at 1pm

Thursdays at 10am

Questions can be directed to the 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
 -Pat Rush at (480) 362-7438

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

Community Members can also provide public comments, concerns and/or input by emailing:
membercomments@srpmic-nsn.gov



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ISSUE	DEADLINE AT NOON
Oct. 21	Oct. 8
Nov. 4	Oct. 22
Nov. 18	Nov. 5
Dec. 2	Nov. 19
Dec. 16	Dec. 3

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

SALT RIVER BUSINESS LISTINGS

ART & MAX'S LANDSCAPING Free estimates mowing, service, sprinkler, repair, trimming tree clean up, maintenance. Max, (480) 667-9403 art&maxlandscaping@gmail.com	LB's HAIR SALON For all your hair needs, 30 plus year experiences specializing in trending haircuts, color, highlighting, perms, blow dry's, also manicure, pedicure and facial waxing. Linda Baptisto, (602) 525-9142 hairbylindab@yahoo.com	Michael Smith- Owner Piipash LLC (480) 947-6400 (store) piipash@hotmail.com RED MOUNTAIN ENGINEERING, LLC Full service civil engineering, surveying and consulting firm. Patrick D. Dallas, (480) 237-2708 www.redmtengineering.com
AIR CONDITIONING AND HEATING-RMG MECHANICAL Comm. member own business. One job done right the first time! We service all makes and models. License #ROC310871 Bonded & Insured. Rebecca Gonzales, (480) 334-1257/ (480) 823-2802 Rmgmechanical@gmail.com	LG Landscaping LLC Contact Lisa Miguel or Jade Anton to get a Free Quote for all your landscaping needs. lglanscapingnative@gmail.com (480) 238-4858	REZHAWK TOWING & RECOVERY, LLC Please call for appointment. Lock out available Eric Schurz, (480) 735-9730 rezhawktowingandrecovery@yahoo.com
AU-AUTHUM KI, INC. Commercial construction. Margaret Rodriguez, (480) 250-7566	NATIVE CREATIVE APPAREL, LLC Native American themed clothing for babies, kids and adults. Design your own custom shirts Isaac Lopez, (480) 410-8685 / (562) 761-9341 nativecreativeapparel@gmail.com	RUBEN'S CUSTOMS ELECTRICAL / RESIDENTIAL/ COMMERCIAL Complete customs home, remodels and repairs. Ruben Martinez, (480) 238-4418
BOXING BEARS PHOTOGRAPHY Boxing Bears Photography is a photography business based in Scottsdale, Arizona. We specialize in portrait photography and photobooths. Cody Wood, (480) 272-4035 boxingbearsphotography.com cody@boxingbearsphotography.com	NATURES DEFENSE Do it yourself pest control. All organic, non-toxic, chemical free. Safe/effective against roaches, scorpions, fleas/ticks, beetles, bed bugs and more! JB Cortez, (480) 453-9371 saltriverjb@gmail.com	RUBEN'S TOWING Auto repairs/ suspension / auto body & paint/ audio. Ruben Martinez, (480) 238-4418
DALIA'S LANDSCAPING Yard maintenance / tree trimming, sprinkler repairs and service. Sherry Harris, (480) 580-0501/ (480) 868-5452 daliaresendiz0815@icloud.com	NATIVE GROUND COFFEE A Native American coffee company from Salt River. WINTER WOOD, (480) 522-8393 www.nativegroundcoffee.com	SALT RIVER HOSPITALITY Food service, bar, janitorial equipment and supplies. J.B. Cortez, (480) 453-9371 srh@srpmic.com
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		VMK ENTERPRISES, INC Janitorial supplies. Sheryl Kisto, (602) 920-7918 Sheryl@vmkenterprises.com

If we CANNOT contact you by phone or email, your business will be removed from the listing, O'odham Action News at (480) 362-7750 to have your business put back on the listing.

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 8:00 PM to 5:00 AM.

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



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 at office or cemetery

SERVICES PROVIDED DURING PHASE 2

- One (1) wake and/or funeral service per day at each facility: Memorial Hall and Xalychidom Piipaash Nyvaash
- Wakes and funerals may be scheduled between 7AM and 9PM. ALL services, except Traditional overnights must end **no later than 9PM.**
- If a family chooses to keep loved one at the facility overnight, no one will be allowed to stay with loved one. Family may choose to have mortuary transport loved one back to mortuary after wake service. (Transport fee may apply)
- Overnights will be allowed for Traditional O'odham and Piipaash services ONLY.
- Families will be responsible for overseeing and running the kitchen during services to include the serving of food and cleaning up after services. Day labor may or may not be available at this time.
- Nursery and family room closed at this time.
- Memorial Services will create and post funeral announcements, if requested by family.
- Wakes and Funeral services will **not be allowed** at the homes at this time, due to Community 11th directive.
- Memorials will not be held at this time.
- Facilities will not be available to hold family meetings at this time.
- Masks must be worn while attending services, 6 feet social distancing will be required, and if you are sick please stay home.

GRAVESIDE SERVICES PROVIDED DURING PHASE 2

- Tent, table, chairs provided
- Staff may assist with burial
- Casket cart/table for Urn
- If family wishes to dig grave, tools will be available
- Handwashing station, hand sanitizer and port-a-john available
- Must wear masks and follow social distancing guidelines

Please Call Memorial Services at (480) 278-7050 for any questions

SRPMIC EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

JOB TITLE	CLOSING DATE
COVID/Community Health Liaison Specialist	10/9/21
Community Relations Newsperson (Ad Sales)	10/9/21
Solid Waste Equipment Operator II	10/11/21
Firefighter/EMT	10/12/21
Optometrist	10/12/21
CCDF Program Manager	10/13/21
Behavioral Coach	10/13/21
CCDF Program Manager	10/13/21
Concession Worker	10/13/21
Network Supervisor	10/13/21
Physician (Family Medicine)	10/14/21
Cyber Security Analyst II New	10/20/21
Police Officer (Recruit)	10/30/21

Accountant	Continuous
Instrumentation and Controls Technician	Continuous
Assistant Community Manager	Continuous
School Teacher – Gifted	Continuous
Community Relations Manager (Multimedia)	Continuous
Licensed Practical Nurse (Community Health)	Continuous
Substitute Teacher (Temporary)	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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Leave your name, number and brief message and we will return your call.

CHURCH LISTING

LEHI CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

1452 E. Oak St.
Mesa, AZ 85203
Mailing Address:
PO Box 4628
Mesa, AZ 85211
Pastor Merrill Jones
(480) 234-6091

SERVICES

-Visit us on Facebook Live and in person. Search for Lehi Church of the Nazarene
-Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.
-Worship Service, 10:30 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.

FERGUSON MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

1512 E. McDowell Rd. (Lehi)
Mesa, AZ 85203
Pastor Neil Price
(480) 278-0750

SERVICES

- Sunday School, 9 a.m.
- Worship Service, 10 a.m.
- Thurs. Bible Study Service, 7 p.m.
-Sunday service 9 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

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 INDEPENDENT CHAPEL

10501 E. Palm Lane Scottsdale, AZ 85256
Rev. Melvin C. Anton
(480) 941-5419

-Sunday service suspended until further notice.

SALT RIVER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

P.O. Box 10125 Scottsdale, AZ 85271
E: SaltRiverPresbyterian@gmail.com

SERVICES

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.

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Calendar of Events

OCTOBER

ONGOING - HAVE A DISABILITY OR DIAGNOSIS? Want to work? Need some help? Vocational Rehabilitation can help you! We provide services and support for employment. NOW scheduling 1-on-1 orientations. Contact us today! Georgia Goodwin-Acosta - (480) 362-2650 or email Georgia.Goodwin2@srpmic-nsn.gov.

ONGOING- SALT RIVER TRIBAL LIBRARY, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. Tuesday - Friday. Ways to make an appointment By phone: (480) 362-6600, By Email: TribalLibrary@srpmic-nsn.gov, Online at: www.srpmic-nsn.gov/reservations. When requesting an appointment, please provide: Full name, requested time/ date, contact (Phone/Email). Appointments are 1 hour, all a--ppointments must be scheduled, no same day scheduling; appointments are based in the order which they are reserved, minors must be accompanied by a parent/ guardian during phase 2, reservations are open to SRPMIC enrolled community members and SRPMIC residents.

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.

7 CM GREY- DISTRICT D, 6 p.m., Agenda not scheduled at time of print. Community members can also provide public comments, concerns and/or input by emailing: membercomments@srpmic-nsn.gov. For more information contact the Council Secretary Office at (480) 362-7469

11 CM ENOS - DISTRICT A, 5 p.m., Agenda not scheduled at time of print. Community members can also provide public comments, concerns and/or input by emailing: membercomments@srpmic-nsn.gov. For more information contact the Council Secretary Office at (480) 362-7469.

13 CREATING YOUR STORY, 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. via ZOOM created by Salt River Tribal Library. Learn how your story can be a part of the Community's story through this series of writer's workshops on Zoom! The goal is to assist community members to write their own children's books that reflects the O'odham and Piipaash way of life. Salt River Tribal Library offers this in collaboration with Salt River Schools and the Unite for Literacy organization. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080A49ADA922A46-creating> Or you can contact us at (480) 362-6600 or email TribalLibrary@srpmic-nsn.gov

14 2020 & 2021 VIRTUAL GRADUATION RECOGNITION PRO-

GRAM, 12 p.m.- 1 p.m. will be via virtual. Recognizing all SRPMIC high school and postsecondary graduates from the Class of 2020 and the Class of 2021. This includes any graduation from high school, GED, trade school, or college/university occurring from July 2019 through June 2021. Click here for more information about how graduates can apply to participate. Graduates accepted to participate will receive a gift. Questions? Call (480) 362-2534.

15 O'ODHAM PIIPAASH CULTURE TEACHER GATHERING, 8 a.m.- 11 a.m. via MS Teams. The Salt River Schools Education Native Language Culture team is proud to hosted this year's O'odham Piipaash Culture Teacher Gathering with our partners at the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Cultural Resources Department. We have a dynamic virtual event this year taking place over the course of four Fridays from 8-11 a.m. to allow as many people as possible to participate: October 22, October 29 and on November 5. For more information visit www.saltriverschools.org to register today for this year's gathering. The first 100 participants to register will receive a special Culture Teacher Gathering gift! For more information, contact: Sophia McAnlis Education Native Language Culture Director (480) 362-2569 [Sophia.McAnlis@saltriverschools.org](mailto:McAnlis@saltriverschools.org)

16 CM ANTONE - DISTRICT B, 9 a.m. Agenda not scheduled at time of print. Community members can also provide public comments, concerns and/or input by emailing:

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18 EDUCATION BOARD MEETING, 5:15 p.m. - 7:15 p.m. via Virtual. SRPMIC mandated safety measures are in place to prevent the spread of COVID-19. As such, the Salt River Schools Education Board will hold its meetings via conference call, which will be accessible to the public by 412-664-5196 (use Conference ID 712 430 316 followed by the # sign). Or, click here to join the conversation via Microsoft Teams (link will be updated 48 hours prior to the current meeting). For more information, please contact LaRue Jackson at LaRue.Jackson@saltriverschools.org or call 480-362-2500.

19 PATHWAYS TO HOMEOWNERSHIP VIRTUAL WORKSHOP, 5:30 p.m. via Virtual Presentation. Salt River Financial Services and SR Tribal Housing Program invite Community Tribal Housing residents and interested enrolled SRPMIC Members to attend this presentation to receive beneficial information on the homeownership process and prepare for future homeownership. Workshop will be held virtually on Tuesday, October 19th, 2021. Please contact Gracie Briones at (480) 362-7833 or by email at Gacie.Briones@srpmic-nsn.gov.

19 COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT- The Family Advocacy Center. Needs your feedback to better serve our Community!

Assessment is available between September 1 - October 31, 2021. For 18 & older community members & residents of the community click the link below <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MWZNFQ5>.

19 CM SCABBY/ CM DAL-LAS - LEHI DISTRICT, 5 p.m. Agenda not scheduled at time of print. Community members can also provide public comments, concerns and/or input by emailing: membercomments@srpmic-nsn.gov. For more information contact the Council Secretary Office at (480) 362-7469.

25 CM LARGO - DISTRICT E, 5 p.m., Agenda not scheduled at time of print. Community members can also provide public comments, concerns and/or input by emailing: membercomments@srpmic-nsn.gov. For more information contact the Council Secretary Office at (480) 362-7469.

12&26 FALL DIY DECOR SERIES ON TUESDAYS 5 p.m.-6 p.m. via Zoom. Provide Library patrons with a fun do-it-yourself home decor ideas. Also, to kick off the fall season by centering all decor pieces around the season. Open to first 10 participants, supplies will be provided, curbside pickup available. Ages 12 and older. Tuesday for Fall DIY Décor will fall on October 12, Leaf Mason Jar Candle Holder and October 26, Corn Husk Mason Jar. To Sign up <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080A49ADA922A46-fall> Or you can contact us at (480) 362-6600 or email TribalLibrary@srpmic-nsn.gov

28 ZOOM WITH A COUNSELOR - GRIEF & LOSS SUPPORT GROUP, 5 p.m. via Zoom. Join BHS counselors Paulina Smith, LAC NCC and Micki Begay, MS in a safe space to talk, share stories, support each other, and learn ways to cope. For each group will be running on forth Thursday each month through December of 2021. Join Zoom Meeting ID: <http://zoom.us/j/81776569929> for more information on this group support call BHS (480) 362-5707 or to submit anonymous questions prior to the Zoom: email Jessica.Hunter@srpmic-nsn.gov

30 OCTOBER WIC UPDATES- For the health and wellness of our clients and staff, SRPMIC WIC will be providing Telehealth services for the entire month of September, by appointment only. For appointments please call (480) 362-7300. Already a WIC client? Please don't forget to check your food benefits for the month. For more information, please contact the WIC (480) 362-7300 . 1-888-365-1338 Email: WIC@srpmic-nsn.gov

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