



Native American Recognition Day 2023



Miss Indian Arizona and Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community member Sistene Lewis served as emcee for the evening festivities of the NARD celebration.



The Lopez Band played chicken scratch classics that caused everyone to rush the dance floor.



Free bags of Harkins movie theater popcorn were handed out to Community Members and Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community employees.

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This year's Native American Recognition Day subtracted the virtual events from previous NARD celebrations and added more dancers, performers, food and fun for all. The annual NARD celebration was sponsored by the Salt River

Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Council and the Community Relations Department.

In the heart of the Two Waters Courtyard complex, the 2023 NARD celebration kicked off with a two-part celebration. For the daytime festivities, Harkins Theatres parked their food truck and handed out individual

bags of popcorn. For those wanting a bit more than popcorn, the Harkins food truck also sold hot dogs, sodas and more movie-theater goodies.

As the celebration continued inside, the multi-talented indie rock band One Way Sky performed during lunchtime inside the Round House Café. "We're just here [playing]

our music. Eventually we want to win a Grammy and, who knows, maybe get into the Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame," said lead singer "Smokey D. Palm-tree" (Adrian Thomas) in between songs. The café roared with cheers when the band finished their lunchtime set playing the Redbone classic "Come and Get Your Love."

Following the daytime festivities, the evening NARD celebration began at 6 p.m. in the Two Waters Courtyard. Community member Sistene Lewis, the 2023 Miss Indian Arizona, served as emcee of the event and made sure to take a few trips out onto the dance floor throughout the night.

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O'dham Piipaash Walk Celebrates The People



The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community's Walk for O'dham Piipaash official course map featured a two-mile walk south on Longmore Drive.

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On Friday, October 6, the annual Walk for O'dham Piipaash was held in the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community. The crisp fall weather created a peaceful morning with a slight breeze. The event featured a near-record turnout as Community members and SRPMIC staff began checking in for the walk at 8 a.m.

The event began with an opening prayer from 2023-2024 Miss Salt River First Attendant Patri-

cia Woody. Her words expressed gratitude to all, and she also gave a blessing to everyone to travel home safely following the walk.

SRPMIC Vice-President Ricardo Leonard then said a few words before the walk began. "This is for the people here," said Leonard. He finished his welcome speech by praying that all Community members and SRPMIC staff stay protected from the dangers of drug use, specifically fentanyl. "If you're here, you're a part of the family also.

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10th Annual Glow Walk Brings Suicide and Domestic Violence Awareness into the Conversation



Three generations at the Glow Walk. L-R: Lisa Loya, Ysennia Schafler and Esther Quinones.

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When talking about addiction, suicide, domestic violence and other forms of abuse in Indian Country, one common theme is likely to come up: Traditionally speaking, you just don't talk about it.

The 10th Annual Glow Walk on October 3, sponsored by the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Department of Health and Human Services Prevention & Intervention Services, addressed that issue head-on with more than 250 people showing up to support the conversation being brought

out into the open within the Community.

The walk started at the Salt River Fitness Center, where SRPMIC President Martin Harvier opened the event with a prayer and a few words about the meaning of what was about to happen.

"Historical trauma affects each and every one of us," Harvier said, sharing his own family experiences. "Sometimes I don't think we realize what we pass down and carry with us. That's something we have to be more aware of."

Before the walk, as the sun began to disappear, two Community members stood outside

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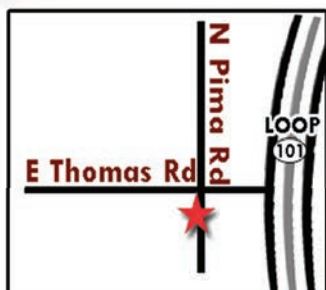
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the Salt River Fitness Center with a megaphone and shared their personal experiences with addiction, domestic violence and other forms of abuse.

"I could see that everybody was tuned in," said Community Health Educator Melanie Nosie. "They were courageous to share what they have been through."

Community Health Educator Vurlene Notsinneh-Bowekaty said that the walk originally began as a way to increase awareness of domestic violence and suicide, and there are many reasons why people join the walk.

"Many people participate in the walk because they have family members who have lost loved ones due to suicide," said Notsinneh-Bowekaty. "Women, children and

men who are survivors of domestic violence came out to walk as well."

Nosie said that there was a recent suicide in the Community, and one of the family members was present at the walk.

"I can see that the message is getting out there," said Nosie. "More than anything, we want people to be able to use the tools we share, gain strength and hope, and know they're not alone."

Members of the SRPMIC Royalty led the way as the walk began at 6 p.m. The route took the group of walkers, who were wearing glow sticks and carrying supportive signs, around the Two Waters complex and back to the Fitness Center, where they rested and ate a meal before heading home.



Salt River Royalty leads the Glow Walk.



Participants wait for the signal to begin the Glow Walk.



Following the walk, participants were treated to a meal.

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Journey to Recovery Peer Support Specialist Program Graduation

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On September 25, graduates from the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community's Journey to Recovery (JTR) Peer Support Specialist Program (PSSP) gathered around in a circle of chairs at the Council Chambers.

Graduates were surrounded in support by their family, peers and SRPMIC Council members as they took the next step on their journey to long-term recovery from addiction.

The graduates of the program, who are the program's second cohort, are Randy Lewis, Valentino Monge, Garrett "Chuck" Enos, Brittany Sugar, Meagan Charley, Terry Lynn Greymountain, Estrella Corrales, Carmelita Osif, Rochelle Enos, Timothy Largo and Ramona Romo.

Each individual stepped up to the podium to share their personal—and, at times, emotional—experiences with addiction and how it has affected everyone around them.

SRPMIC Council Member Jacob Butler handed out pins with the SRPMIC Great Seal to the graduates and gave them words of encouragement. SRPMIC President Martin Harvier and Vice-President Ricardo Leonard were also present for the ceremony.

Nathan "Nate" Velez, PhD, practice administrator for Journey to Recovery, addressed the importance of the PSSP as another important phase of the continuum of care implemented at JTR. Velez said that in the past, two-thirds of patients coming to detox at JTR would leave within a couple of days. Now, due to improvements



Graduates from the Journey to Recovery Peer Support Specialist Program. (L-R): Estrella Corrales, Rochelle Enos, Terry Lynn Greymountain, Ramona Romo, Carmelita Osif, Meagan Charley, Valentino Monge and Garrett "Chuck" Enos. Front, Timothy Largo. Not pictured Randy Lewis and Brittany Sugar.



Participants from the Community's Journey to Recovery Peer Support Specialist Program gathered around in a circle of chairs at the Council Chambers as they waited their turn to share their personal experiences.

to the withdrawal management unit, 80% are choosing to stay in detox and transition to the Residential Treatment

Center, which is the first roughly 90 days of the JTR program. The next step from there is the transition to

the Partial Hospitalization Program (PHP).

Troy Melendez, Ph.D., senior behavioral health counselor with Journey to Recovery, said that patients in the PHP engage in group sessions from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday for approximately 30 days. Then move to 3 days a week for another 8-10 weeks as they engage work and other training opportunities as they work to establish independence in their recovery.

"PHP participants share their experiences, navigate early recovery issues, connect with community resources to address housing and employment needs, and establish a productive, recovery-focused routine," said Melendez.

Melendez developed the Peer Support Specialist training program with Dr. Velez at the start of 2023. They plan to offer four training experiences each year going forward.

Melendez said that he finds it rewarding on many levels to assist those navigating their early recovery and deciding to make their recovery skills part of their vocational journey.

"I am very honored to be tasked with growing the Partial Hospitalization Program and Peer Support phases of the recovery journey," said Melendez. "As a person in recovery myself, our motivation is to create a healthy life for ourselves and then show others how to do the same."

O'odham Piipaash Walk Celebrates The People

Walk strong and walk proud," he finished.

As the walk was about to kick off, Otellie Honanie, physical fitness specialist with the SRPMIC Health & Human Services Diabetes Services Program, instructed the participants on how to stretch and prevent muscle strains and pains. After following along with some jumping jacks and arm windmills, the walkers made their way to the start/finish line, which was decorated with balloons.

This year's route was 2 miles long. The course began at the Two Waters Courtyard and went south on Longmore Drive to Oak.

At every half-mile checkpoint

there was a water station where Salt River firefighters handed out free water. To further ensure the safety of the participants, the Community Relations Department followed the walkers and offered free rides back to those needing the support. SRPMIC EMT staff were also on hand to aid those who needed a bit of assistance while walking the route.

Following the walk, participants were treated to a breakfast box featuring an egg quiche, potatoes and sweet bread inside the Round House Café. While the breakfast line formed in the Two Waters Courtyard, Native Thunder finished out the 2023 Walk for O'odham Piipaash celebration with a free concert.



RIGHT: Picture perfect smiles were on display during the Walk for O'odham Piipaash Post-Walk Brunch which featured quiche eggs, potatoes, and sweet bread.



Participants lined up in the early morning to check-in and receive their free t-shirt.



This little girl cooled off in the water display before the walk started.



The wonderful weather filled with sunshine and a cool breeze provided the participants with perfect weather to complete the two-mile course. Teegan Smith gives the thumbs up.



Toni Harvier, Community Wellness manager hands out water at one of the water stations along Longmore Road.



An impromptu dance floor sprouted up in the Two Waters Courtyard when Native Thunder started playing chicken scratch jams following the completion of the walk.



2023-2024 Jr. Miss Salt River 1st Attendant Patricia Woody blessed the participants with a prayer of good health and a safe return home.



Physical Fitness Specialist with the SRPMIC Health and Human Services Diabetes Services Program Lynn Tenorio instructed the group to stretch and warm up before beginning the walk.



At the conclusion of the walk, Native Thunder performed in the Two Waters Courtyard.



The first 500 participants to sign up for the event received a free Walk For O'odham Piipaash T-shirt.

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Influenza and New COVID-19 Vaccines Available Through HHS

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The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Health and Human Services Department (HHS) has rolled out a new vaccine campaign for influenza (flu) and COVID-19.

The 2023-2024 flu vaccine is available Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Public Health Wellness Center at 10295 E. Osborn Road, where HHS is inviting the Community to take a selfie with the center's newest vaccine nurse.

The flu vaccine also will be offered at many Community events, including Senior Breakfast, Safety Day, Fall Festival and more. At the Monster Mash Senior Breakfast on October 4, 62 seniors received their flu vaccine.

Government employees, their families and Enterprise employees are welcome to get both their flu and COVID-19 vaccines at the Public Health Wellness Center. Indian Health Service beneficiaries can also receive their vaccination at the River People Health Center.

"You can get your flu shot and a COVID-19 vaccine at the same time!" said SRPMIC Chief Public Health Office Dr. Nancy Mangieri. "This is referred to as 'coadministration,' and it is common clinical practice. It is also much more convenient than making two trips."

New COVID-19 Vaccine

A new COVID-19 vaccine called Spikevax is being administered this season. Spikevax is an mRNA vaccine with a new 2023-2024 formula. The new vaccine, which is for people 12 years and older, does not contain SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19.

The Moderna COVID-19 children's vaccine (2023-2024 formula) is authorized for all doses administered to individuals 6 months through 11 years of age.

Free COVID-19 test kits are available at the Wellness Center and at the River People Health Center ambassador desk and pharmacy. Make arrangements to have them delivered by calling the Public Health Information Line at (480) 363-2603.

One set of four free COVID-19 test kits is also available to every home in the U.S. by ordering online at www.covid.gov/tests.

If you test positive for the flu or COVID-19, HHS urges you to call (480) 363-2603 to report it so flu and COVID outbreaks can be tracked. They have a special gift for people who call and let them know that they have tested positive.

Future HHS Projects

Before the end of the year, HHS plans to deploy new a new vending machine kiosk with free public-health items such as Narcan, fentanyl test strips, "test your drink," condoms, COVID-19 test kits and more.

The vending machine is currently in the River People Health Center lobby and is being prepared for use.

SRPMIC Public Health

Flu and COVID Vaccine at the following locations:

Early Childhood Education Center

4815 N Center St, Scottsdale, AZ 85256

- **Wednesday, October 25th, 2023**
12pm to 5pm

Way of Life Facility

11725 Indian School Rd, Scottsdale, AZ 85256

- **Tuesday, November 14th, 2023**
3:30 pm to 6:30 pm
- **Tuesday, December 12th, 2023**
3:30 pm to 6:30 pm

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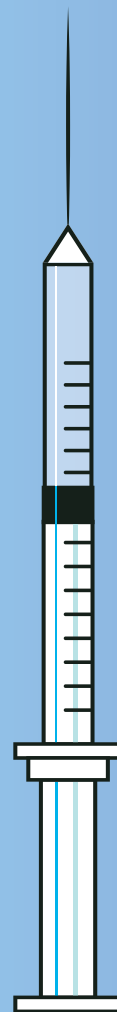
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SRPD Welcomes Newest Canine Team Member

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The Salt River Police Department (SRPD) is excited to introduce the newest member of the SRPD Team, Canine Zora! Zora is an Explosives Detection Canine (EDC) certified by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) who is also trained to locate firearms and ammunition cartridges. Canine Zora and her handler, SRPD Officer Orhan Jakupi, have successfully completed their 10-week (400 hours) Explosives Detection training at the ATF's national Canine Training Center in Front Royal, Virginia.

Rather than relying on outside law enforcement agencies for assistance, the SRPD now has its own ATF-certified Canine Handler Officer and ATF-certified Canine ready to get to work immediately when called upon.

The training they completed covered a wide range of topics requiring hundreds of repetitions. They were exposed to a plethora of scenarios and required to demonstrate their capabilities in venues such as the Smithsonian Institution, the National Air & Space Museum, George Mason University's basketball stadium, various schools and a number of other sites.

Officer Jakupi stated, "The training was very comprehensive, and



Canine Zora and her handler SRPD Officer Orhan Jakupi.

[spending] 10 weeks away from [my] family was difficult. However, that time allowed Zora and me to bond and develop a partnership that I believe will be a valuable asset in keeping the Community and public safe."

The SRPD is the first police department within Indian Country jurisdiction to have an officer attend the ATF's EDC training in Virginia. The SRPD is excited to have Officer Jakupi and Canine Zora as part of the family.



Proposed Election Law Changes to the SRPMIC Constitution

Why are these Amendments to the SRPMIC Constitution Being Proposed?

Many of these changes are based on the input of or requests from Community member voters. The amendments are largely technical and help update the election process that has completely changed since the Community instituted the 1970 Constitution.

What is the Purpose of November 2023 Open House?

To have the Election Board and staff engage one-on-one, and in smaller groups, with Community members to provide information about the proposed changes.

What are some of the Changes being Proposed?

- Moving the General Election from September to November, largely to avoid the heat of the summer;
- Requiring that any new elected official be felony free in the ten (10) years preceding the election;
- Removing the requirements for a formal "registration to vote process";
- Ensuring that the inauguration is always on the 3rd Saturday in December;
- Establishing a standard for incompetent, or intoxicated individuals to vote or not vote on election day;
- Making it easier for Community members to vote by absentee ballot; and,
- Other technical changes.

How would these proposed amendments be made to the SRPMIC Constitution?

A vote of the SRPMIC people is required to amend the SRPMIC Constitution.

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ELECTION BOARD OPEN HOUSE

Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community(SRPMIC) Members are invited to the Election Board Open House to hear information on the Proposed Election Law Changes to the SRPMIC Constitution. Sections to be reviewed are:

- Candidate Qualifications
- Election Date Changes
- Absentee ballot requests
- Standard for incompetent or intoxicated individuals to vote or not vote on election day.
- Other technical changes

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The Aspen Loop Trail, a moderate 2.7 mile hike, offered the club scenic views and cool weather.

"The weather couldn't have been more perfect. It was a great time to spend time with friends and meet new people," said Hiking Club member Sommer Lopez.

To participate in the next hike from the club, stay tuned for Outdoor Recreation posts from the Way of Life Facility's Facebook page, and Instagram page @saltriverrecreation.

On Saturday, October 7, 19 members of the Salt River Outdoor Recreation Adult Hiking Club headed north to Flagstaff, Arizona to take on the Aspen Loop Trail.

The hiking club offers hikes on the first Saturday of the month, ranging from easy to difficult. The group will continue up until April.

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Vendors from across Indian Country sold their arts, crafts and jewelry. "It's never too early to start your Christmas shopping," said Lewis with a smile. The near record-breaking turnout for this year's NARD celebration was years in the making, after previous NARD celebrations were affected by the pandemic.

Community members and SRPMIC staff were treated to more than three hours of entertainment. The Sinqua Family Hoop Dancers performed their spectacular traditional dances. During their performance, they thanked SRPMIC for inviting them to attend and perform for everyone.

As the entertainment continued, the line into the Round House Café for the Community Dinner began at the café entrance and stretched all the way to the Council Chambers. Thankfully, the line moved quickly, and by the end of the night more than 1,000 meals had been served.

The festivities continued as the Cha'Bii'Tu Apache Crown Dancers performed their sacred dances for the Community. Traveling three hours from

McNary, Arizona, the Crown Dancers wowed the crowd with their dancing, drumming and narration of the signifi-

cance of the changing seasons.

The Community's NARD celebration also featured appearances by Junior Miss

White Mountain Apache 2023-2024, Little Miss Rodeo Princess Attendant 2023-2024, and Miss Cha'Bii'Tu 2023-2024, who performed a feather dance while wearing traditional dresses and jewelry.

When the sun rested for the day, the Lopez Band packed the dance floor, playing their chicken scratch classics. As soon as the first note was played, everyone got up from their seats and rushed out to dance. The dancing continued throughout the night, as there was a Cumbia Contest to finish out the 2023 NARD celebration.

After consecutive years of uncertainty due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this year's 2023 NARD celebration was a long-awaited breath of fresh air. The large turnout was a welcome sight as many decided to enjoy the in-person festivities after previous years' celebrations being presented virtually.

Plans for the 2024 NARD celebration have already begun, and the first task is to select a larger location due to this year's turnout.



The Cha'Bii'Tu Apache Crown Dancers drove a few hours to the Salt River Pima Maricopa-Indian Community to perform during the annual NARD celebration.



As Community members and SRPMIC staff grabbed their free movie popcorn, others decided they needed just a bit more of the delicious snack. Harkins Theaters' food truck sold additional bags of popcorn and snacks.



The night's festivities came to an end with a cumbia contest.



The Sinqua Family Hoop Dancers thanked the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community for allowing them to perform for the attendees during the evening.



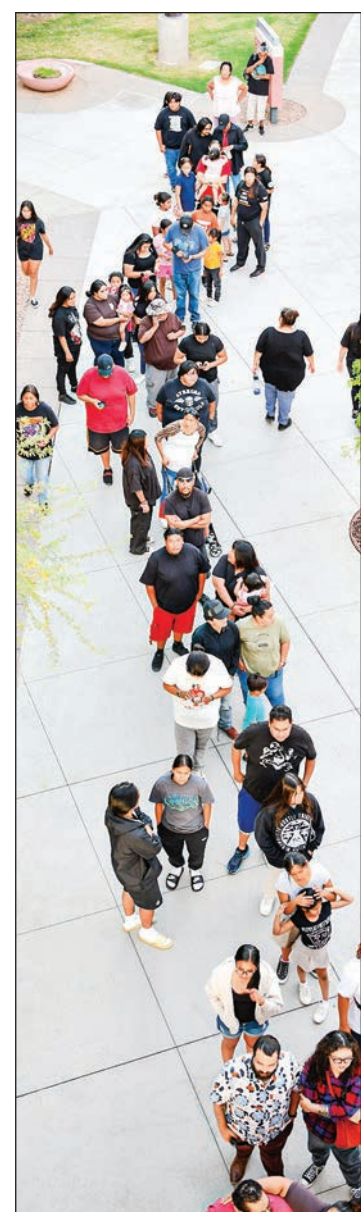
One Way Sky performed inside of the Round House Cafe during lunchtime. Their hour-long set featured original songs from their latest project and covers of rock classics.



Junior Miss White Mountain Apache 2023-2024, Little Miss Rodeo Princess Attendant 2023-2024, and Miss Cha'Bii'Tu 2023-2024 performed the Feather Dance during the evening portion of NARD.



The Lopez Band played their setlist in the Two Waters Courtyard to a packed dancefloor.



Though it appeared long, the line to get inside the Round House Cafe for the Community Dinner went fast.

National Voter Registration Day Enrolls 90 New Community Voters



Council Representative Jacob Butler (left) and Council Representative Mikah Carlos (right) pose with a newly registered voter, as they received their "SkoVoteDen" T-shirt. The shirts were given to registered voters as a way to celebrate their participation in democracy.



Arizona Secretary of State, Adrian Fontes (right), visited the Community to advocate the importance of voting and to celebrate National Voter Registration Day.

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On September 17 National Voter Registration Day was celebrated across the nation. On this day every year, community organizations educate and encourage eligible voters to participate in democracy.

The Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs (OCLA) worked to reach eligible voters within the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community. The department hosted several voter registration booths in convenient locations across the Community, including the Salt River Court, the Council Chambers, the Round House Café, the Way of Life Facility and the Accelerated Learning Academy.

Community members could register to vote at these booths or update their registration if they had recently moved, changed their name or changed party affiliation.

To register, eligible Community members needed state-issued identification such as a driver's license or a tribal ID. Additionally, OCLA coordinators and volunteers were on-site to answer questions about the process and requirements.

According to OCLA Intergovernmental Relations Project Manager Angela Willeford, the event was part of a challenge the Community accepted to increase voter participation. The challenge ended up being a success, with the outreach effort bringing in about 90 new voters.

However, Willeford says 65% of the eligible voters in the Community are not currently registered. She hopes these Community members who are not registered will understand the power of their vote and how it can impact the Community.

"There are so many issues that are being implemented on a federal level that trickle down into the Community

"If we vote, we need to make sure whoever we are voting into office, has the Community's best interest in mind," said Angela Willeford.

and get implemented. If we vote, we need to make sure whoever we are voting into office has the Community's best interests in mind," Willeford explains. "People are making policies that are going to impact me, you, the future. We have to prove that we do show up and we are engaged."

The ultimate goal for voter-registration events is that voters will take their efforts a step further by showing up at the polls to vote. Having a voting plan in advance makes it much more likely that someone will return their vote-by-mail ballot or turn out on Election Day.

Those who missed the Voter Registration Day booths can still register to vote by visiting the Arizona Secretary of State's Office online at <https://azsos.gov/elections/voters>, or with a physical

copy from the Administrative office, Two Waters Building A, 3rd Floor, Ste. 304, 10005 E. Osborn Road, Scottsdale, AZ 85256.

To stay up to date with voter information and civic events happening in the Community, follow the Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs' Facebook and Instagram pages or their website at www.srpmic-nsn.gov/government/administration/ocla/.



Scan the QR Code with your mobile device camera to register to vote online.

Salt River Day School Memories

What do you think about when you remember the Salt River Day School? This is one of the questions asked by the Cultural Resources Department (CRD) at a recent Senior Breakfast meeting. The CRD also provided a presentation to Community seniors regarding the day school restoration project that is scheduled to begin soon. It will take 18 months or more to complete the project, but when complete, the historic day school will be restored to its former beauty. However, it will serve a new purpose: preservation of language, culture and history.

The Cultural Resources Department began advocating for preservation of the Salt River day school building in 2004, nearly 20 years ago. The school was still in operation until 2007, but closed when the new Salt River Elementary School was completed. At that point, the day school and surrounding land were still considered property the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA). Transfer of the property to the Community was finally completed in 2019. In 2016, SRPMIC council approved funding to start planning the restoration project. The Cultural Resources Department and Public Works, along with ADM Design, completed a plan that was reviewed and approved by council. The plan was also presented at all the Community district meetings where attendees had

the opportunity to provide additional input.

When complete, the Cultural Resource Department staff will relocate to the day school from their current offices on Osborn Rd. In addition to new CRD office space, the restored day school will provide nearly 30,000 square feet of indoor and outdoor cultural educational programming space. In the coming months, there will be intermittent articles in the O'odham Action News, highlighting different aspects of this project.

For nearly a century, the Salt River day school influenced the lives of those who attended. At present, the CRD continues to gather more information, photographs and document Community member experiences there. We realize there are some memories that are good and some that may be painful. In either case, its part of our collective history, and the stories need to be preserved for future generations. **If you have any Salt River day school photographs, videos, yearbooks or other artifacts you're willing to donate, please contact the Huhugam Ki: Museum. If you're willing to be interviewed about your experiences as a student or employee of the day school, please contact CRD Director, Kelly Washington, at 480-362-6339.**

SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH

HUHUGAM KI: MUSEUM

36th Anniversary

Mesquite pancake breakfast
Hammer milling
(turning mesquite pods into flour)
New Exhibit Opening: "Coming Home"
Museum store sale
Tortilla making and more!

FOLLOW CULTURAL RESOURCES ONLINE FOR MORE INFO ON THIS EVENT!



Native Youth Identity Conference Encourages Participants to Explore

Q & A

PATRICIA WOODY
What are some goals you have for the future?
 I want to go to an art college and get my animation degree. I hope I can work for Disneyland and [offer] better representation for Native Americans. I want to have a movie about our tribe; [that] has always been something I have thought about.
From what you have learned, what is a message you would like to send to the youth of the community?
 Try to be more involved in your community. I know some teenagers don't want to take part, but it is really important to know some of our culture.
What have you learned about yourself today?
 I found out how much of a social butterfly I am. I always thought I was shy and awkward, but during the workshops, I was inviting people to sit with me so we could get to know each other. I even made some friends in the workshops.
How was today's lunch?
 It tasted like chicken. The broth made it soft. It was super good.

JIZELLE JUAN
What is something you have done today that was out of your comfort zone?
 Trying to think of ideas. I'm not a really creative person, so it's hard for me to think and be put on the spot for things. It was out of my comfort zone for sure.
What are some goals you have for the future?
 I hope to become a registered nurse and then work for the fire department, so I can serve the Community. Not only that, I hope to become a better person and hopefully become better at speaking to people, since sometimes I can have anxiety from speaking.
From what you have learned, what is a message you would like to send to the youth of the community?
 Try to preserve the culture. Do whatever you can to get involved.
What have you learned about yourself today?
 I learned that I can get creative. During the workshop, I came up with a lot of ideas that other people liked, so I found that interesting.

CRUZ LASILOO
What did you enjoy from the block class you chose?
 I liked the spray painting one because it was cool.
From what you have learned, what is a message you would like to send to the youth of the community?
 Have fun in what you do. If you want to do something, and it makes you happy, just keep doing it.

TIZOC LOPEZ
How has it been leading your first youth conference?
 Hosting a conference is cool because I get to participate and help decide the cool things we get to do.
What did you enjoy from the block class you chose?
 In the Youth for Change block, I learned about climate change. We thought of ways to solve it.
From what you have learned, what is a message you would like to send to the youth of the community?
 Always have fun, and smile a lot.

THAILA SILVERHORN
What did you enjoy from the block class you chose?
 I chose the self-portrait class because I wanted to try something new in art. I also chose the cemitilla class because I wanted to show off my cemitilla-making skills.
What are some goals you have for the future?
 I just want to focus on my future, not do bad things, and make my own decisions.
What is something you have done today that was out of your comfort zone?
 I had to do a portrait of someone I didn't know. I asked if I could draw them, and then I just drew them. I didn't even know them.
From what you have learned, what is a message you would like to send to the youth of the community?
 Live your truth and be yourself.
How was today's lunch?
 The food was so good. I had the red chili. I wish I could have had more frybread.



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On September 28, the 7th Annual Native Youth Identity Conference took place in the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community's Way of Life Facility. This year's conference was the first one held following several years of cancellation due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

According to Youth Development Specialist Sommer Lopez, the conference was a collaboration between the Young River People's Council and the Salt River Youth Services Department. It brought together more than 100 youth from Salt River and surrounding tribal communities.

"Our goal is that the youth walk away [from this event] with new interests that will improve their future, a chance to meet new people, [and the opportunity to] learn and do something out of their comfort zone," said Lopez.

The youth began to fill the bleachers, wearing their new NYIC T-shirts, as the conference opened with a welcome and blessing by Miss Salt River Kennise McGertt.

The blessing was followed by SRPMC Council Representative Jacob Butler,

who was the conference's keynote speaker. He encouraged the youth to be proud representatives of their families, communities and all those who came before.

The youth then had the opportunity to engage in workshops in four blocks: culture, art, financial literacy and a "Youth for Change" block, which encouraged participants to brainstorm ideas to improve their community.

Within the culture block, youth could choose between Cemitilla (tortilla-making) Camp, Toka, Songival, Gins and Kavad dodgeball. They were all smiles as they sampled the traditional foods and learned how to play the traditional games of the O'odham and Piipaash.

Participants were encouraged to embrace their inner creativity in the art workshops. The spray-painting workshop, a popular session, was presented by skilled and renowned artists Dwayne Manuel, Thomas "Breeze" Marcus, Paul "Nox" Pablo and Natasha "Rezmo" Martinez. Other art workshops included portrait drawing with Tristan Craig and a poetry zine class led by Amber McCray.

Following the morning workshops, everyone enjoyed a tasty lunch provided by Community member owned business, *Ernie's*



Catering. The meal included red chili, rabbit stew, squash, beans and frybread. "The rabbit stew was really good; I didn't believe anyone when they told me [it was rabbit] at first," said Jr. Miss Salt River Jizelle Juan.

During lunch, the Indie rock band One Way Sky from the Gila River Indian Community provided the musical entertainment.

After lunch, the financial literacy workshops began. The classes sought to inform youth about the importance of making wise decisions regarding money. One of the classes brought the "Game of Life" board game to reality, allowing the players to experience life and all of its twists and turns through an interactive series of booths.

Youth for Change was last group of workshops, and these were designed to empower the youth to "think outside the box" to

tackle various issues facing their communities, such as substance abuse prevention, culture and language revitalization, improving education, mental health awareness and climate change.

To close the day, Well for Culture co-founder and Community member Thosh Collins offered some final words.

"Keep living. Your only job right now as young people is to live life, have fun and be happy. And think a little bit about your future. That is your only job," said Collins.

He then invited the youth to close the conference with some music and O'odham socials, as he pulled out his gourd and invited other singers to join him.

Youth who were strangers at the start of the day ended the conference dancing hand in hand.



Q & A

KENNISE MCGERTT
What did you enjoy from the block class you chose?
 I enjoyed my Culture and Language Revitalization class. It really helped connect with the youth on how they learn, like with social media. Our idea was to come up with culture TikToks, like skits.
What is something you have done today that was out of your comfort zone?
 [It was] during the culture and language class. I have ideas, but I don't feel comfortable sharing them. Sharing your ideas and giving your personal views on things can be uncomfortable, but there is someone out there who is going to listen to you, and today I found those people.
From what you have learned, what is a message you would like to send to the youth of the community?
 Get out of your comfort zone. You are going to meet new people, travel outside of the rez, and recognize people. Making new connections is really important and will help you get through life. You are not going to get anywhere if you stay in your bubble.

MELODY BROWN
How has it been leading your first youth conference?
 It's been fun and exciting leading a conference.
What did you enjoy from the block class you chose?
 I learned how to draw faces and use shading.
What are some goals you have for the future?
 I want to learn to socialize more, and I hope I can run for Youth Council.
What have you learned about yourself today?
 I like to play toka a lot. Now I want to join my auntie's team.
From what you have learned, what is a message you would like to send to the youth of the community?
 I'm very grateful, and you should be too.

ASARI LEWIS
What did you enjoy from the block class you chose?
 The spray painting one was unique. I learned the techniques and it was cool.
What is something you have done today that was out of your comfort zone?
 Giving speeches was scary.
From what you have learned, what is a message you would like to send to the youth of the community?
 Don't do drugs, and be happy.
What have you learned about yourself today?
 I learned I am a god at spray painting.

AMELIA LASILOO
What are some goals you have for the future?
 When I'm older, I want to run for Miss Salt River and make money so I can go to concerts.
From what you have learned, what is a message you would like to send to the youth of the community?
 Make sure not to let other people tell you what to do, and be true to yourself.
What have you learned about yourself today?
 I learned I'm not good at playing gins. I also learned it's not that hard to talk to people.

DANIEL LEWIS
What did you enjoy from the block class you chose?
 I chose the art class, the graffiti one. I liked how I got to spray paint. It was my first time doing a mural.
What are some goals you have for the future?
 I want to be a professional skater.
From what you have learned, what is a message you would like to send to the youth of the community?
 Never give up on your dreams, and be nice.

Interested in joining the Young River Peoples Council?
 Contact YRPC Advisor Janyse Salinas at Janyse.Salinas@srpmic-nsn.gov or visit the SRPMC Youth Services website. Stay up to date with upcoming YRPC events on Instagram and Facebook @youngriverpeoplescouncil.

Community Kids Paint New Mural For SRPMIC Justice Complex



TOP: The artists assembled together for the group photo to celebrate the completion of their mural.

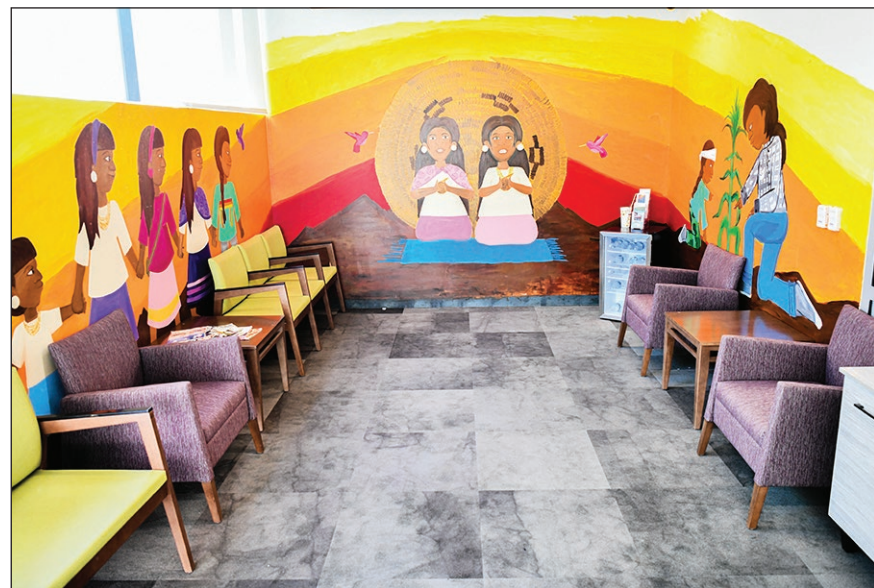
BOTTOM: The completed mural as it stands inside of the Defense Attorney's Office inside of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Justice Center.



Spending their time after school to paint, the artists collaborated on the design, color, and theme while also making sure everyone participated in painting the mural. Photo courtesy of Natasha Martinez.



On the west wall, two women pray while wearing traditional dresses and earrings as a traditional basket rests behind them.



On the north side of the wall, a Mother helps tend to her corn with her daughter in their garden.



The southern side of the wall, five children hold hands as bluebirds follow their path.

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with each wall showcasing its own section of painting.

The north wall shows a mother and daughter planting corn together. The green corn stalk rests in between the two of them and their long, flowing hair.

On the west wall, the children painted two O'odham women dressed in traditional clothing on their knees praying while a traditional basket rests behind them in the background.

For the third painting, the artists painted five children holding hands while walking in line together. The women in this section are wearing traditional clothing, ribbon skirts and jewelry. The boy has long hair and is wearing a green ribbon shirt. To finish, they painted two bluebirds for vibrant splashes of color.

The kids painted yellow, orange and red backgrounds on all three portraits, which unite the individual sections into one cohesive mural.

Plans for their next mural are already underway now that the fall/winter school breaks are approaching.

On October 4, children enrolled in the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community's Youth Services program celebrated their latest artistic achievement, a brand-new mural at the Justice Complex inside the SRPMIC Defense Advocate's Office.

The artists began working on the mural on September 5 and painted during their after-school program group's hours of 3:30 to 6 p.m. "[The kids] are part of our Roadrunner, Hawk, Hummingbird, Junior Teen Wolf and Teen Wolf teams," said Youth Services Coordinator Natasha Martinez, a youth development specialist in the fine arts.

With only a few hours a day to finish painting the mural, the youth learned how to improve their time-management skills. "We started on the 5th and ended on the 28th. They didn't paint during the week of September 18-22 because we were focused on the Native Youth Identity Conference," said Martinez.

The mural consists of three parts,

Disney Halloween Contest, Day School Renovation Update at Senior Breakfast

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On October 4, a special spooky Disney-themed Monster Mash Senior Breakfast was held at the Lehi Community Center.

With cash prizes and gift cards as an incentive, seniors lined up dressed as their favorite Disney characters for a chance to win a prize during the costume contest.

The winners of the contest were Debra Sampson (first place, Cruella DeVille), Brenda Antone (second place, Hocus Pocus) and Russell and Lupita Ray (third place, Mickey and Minnie Mouse).

Special morning presentations were given to seniors by Community Health Educator Vurlene Notsinne-Bowekaty, with a presentation called "He Said, She Said," and Cultural Resources Director (CRD) Kelly Washington and historian David Buhl, who talked in-depth about the Salt River Day School Renovation Project.

Construction will begin on the renovation within the next month, and it will be an ongoing project for the next 1.5 to 2 years.

An enlarged floor plan of the renovation was shared, which shows the different classrooms, CRD offices, and gathering spaces at the building.

"We realize some of those stories have good times, and there are some not-so-good stories associated with this place," Washington told the seniors. "But, it's all a part of our history. History is made up of the good times, bad times, sad times, the celebrations, everything all combined."

CRD set up a booth outside of the dining area to collect more information and memories from the seniors about the Day School and the surrounding property, so that the Community can gather stories to pass on to the next generations.

Seniors stopped at the booth to look at old photographs of the school and share their memories with each other.

There are also talks of restoring the old One Room Schoolhouse on the grounds.

Other departments and programs with information booths at the breakfast were the Senior Home Repair and Replacement Program (SHRRP), River People Health Center Nutrition Services, CDD/EPNR Household Hazardous Waste, and Diabetes Prevention Services.



Seniors look at Salt River Day School memories provided by the Cultural Resources Department.



The Diabetes Program gave out healthy snacks and information about some of the programs they offer.



L-R: Seniors had a chance to win cash prizes and gift cards dressed in their favorite Disney costume. First place, Debra Sampson, second place Brenda Antone and third place Lupita and Russell Ray.



A nurse from Health and Human Services gives the influenza vaccine to a senior at the Senior Breakfast. For more information how you can get an influenza or COVID vaccine, see page 6.

AROUND THE COMMUNITY



On Saturday, September 30, a green waste fire broke out at the Salt River Landfill. The fire was immediately contained, however it continued to smolder for almost a week. Landfill personnel, supported by multiple departments and agencies, worked around the clock to extinguish all smoldering by Friday, October 6. There was no immediate threat to public safety at any time but concerns over air quality remained and residents were encouraged to take precautions.



SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY

SATURDAY OCT. 28TH 5PM-9PM

FALL FESTIVAL

ALA FOOTBALL FIELD | 4827 N. COUNTRY CLUB DR. SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85256

TRUNK OR TREAT 5PM TO 7PM

COSTUME CONTEST

AGE CATEGORIES
 1ST & 2ND PLACE WINNERS
 0-5 YRS. OLD
 6-10 YRS. OLD
 11-15 YRS. OLD
 16+ YRS. OLD

SIGN UP 5:30PM CONTEST 7PM

NIGHTMARE BEFORE CHRISTMAS & CORALINE
 BRING YOUR LAWNCHAIRS

OUTDOOR MOBILE MUSIC BY DJ JERMATIK

CASH ONLY EVENT
FOOD | FAMILY FUN | FREE PARKING

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Piipaash Matasheevm Social Brings Everyone Together



The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Traditional Dancers spent the day in Lehi as they danced, greeted attendees and posed for photos. They also danced and participated in the O'odham Giveaway Dance which included traditional clothing, hats, baskets, and much more.



The Hualapai Bird Singers from Peach Springs, Arizona performed traditional Bird songs during the morning festivities.



The Piipaash Bird singers sang traditional songs throughout the social.

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The weather was sunny and warm, and there was a slight breeze in the air. This made for a perfect day to bring tribes together for the Fall Piipaash Matasheevm Social, held in Lehi on Saturday, October 7

The event was organized by the Piipaash Matasheevm Committee and delivered what it promised: a jam-packed day of music, singing, dancing, food, prizes and much more. The celebration, which began at noon, was held in the Lehi Gathering Area, across the street from the Lehi Community Center.

Vendors from Indian Country showcased their arts, crafts, dresses, baskets and jewelry for sale. Alongside the arts and crafts vendors were food booths selling delicious pickle slushies, burgers and hot dogs.

The festivities began with a blessing from emcees Nish and Pacer Reina. Following the blessing, Lehi veterans performed the posting of the colors as many saluted the flags.

Throughout the day, intertribal bird singers, dancers and other groups demonstrated their talents. The Hualapai Bird Singers performed their ceremonial songs, which prompted people to get out of their seats and dance in the grass. The

2023-2024 Miss Salt River First Attendant, Patricia Woody, was one of the first people to get up and dance to their singing. Soon after, many followed in her footsteps.

More Indigenous royalty were also in attendance, including Miss Gila River 2023-2024 Mavis Thomas and Jr. Miss Gila River 2023-2024 Eleanor Lynch, Miss Indian Arizona 2023-2024 Second Attendant Emile Eich, and Miss Indian Arizona and Salt River Pima-Maricopa Community member Sistine Lewis. The ladies greeted everyone and danced throughout the night.

As the sun sank behind the mountains, the Salt River Traditional Dancers

performed their basket dance. SRPMIC Vice-President Ricardo Leonard joined in the singing, which turned into the O'odham Giveaway Dance, in which prizes were presented to the raffle winners. Traditional baskets, blankets, hats, a 50-inch television and a cash prize of \$00 were all up for grabs.

Though not as big as the spring celebration held in April, the fall social celebration proved to be yet another fantastic get-together of intertribal veterans, Council members, royalty, dancers, singers and families.

PIIPAASH MATASHEEVM COMMITTEE THANK YOU'S

IT WAS A GOOD DAY! BIG thank you to our Native brothers and sisters who blessed us with song and dance during the Inter-Tribal Sharing: Hoop Dancer (Jorge Gonzales), Hopi Dancers (Carmel Dewakuku and Family), Cibecue Creek Apache Crown Dancers (Belferd Chessay and Family), and The Salt River Traditional Dancers (Andrews Family and Friends) who not only showcased the Onk Akimel O'odham basket dances, but also joyfully assisted with the O'odham giveaway dance.

Special thank you to Jeremiah Shaw, Malcolm Watuema, Stallone Watahomigie, Marcelino Osife, and crew for singing bird throughout day and then into the evening.

Thank you to the bird singers and beautiful dancers who danced us into the closing 10 p.m. hour. Thank you to the Salt River Public Works Department, Broadcast Rentals, Salt River Materials Group, Salt River Cultural Resources, Seven Stars Construction, Dallas Construction, Scabby Family (Michael and Lakota), Joseph Osife, Wanda Greyeyes, Carla from Gila River, Day Workers, the vendors, and everyone who contributed to and attended the Matasheevm.

It was a beautiful, albeit hot, day spent with good people. We appreciate you for braving the heat to partake in the day's activities.

A BIG THANK YOU to the Salt River Fire Department, Chris Gannon and Matt Guerra, for staying with us throughout the day for safety measure and for also assisting with handing out water and taking soda orders.

Kudos to MC's Nish and Pacer for gracing the mic with announcements and keeping us all informed and entertained.

Mega kudos to the Piipaash Matasheevm Committee elders Garnet, Bob, Alvin, Nish, Manny, Addie, and Arnold; the PMC Workers Bees Ardell, Elaina, Bernice, Emily, Deanna, Vince, Mike; and volunteers Lezencia, Terissa, Ellis, and Nia; and to everyone who gave a helping hand. Your time and assistance is greatly appreciated.

We will see you again at the Piipaash Matasheevm on Friday, April 5 and Saturday, April 6, 2024.

- Ardell Moore



It was all smiles during the Piipaash Matasheevm Social as there were free water, goodies, games, and fun for everyone of all ages.



Garfield and Emily King with their grandchildren at the family friendly event that celebrated many of the neighboring Indigenous Tribes.



The emotional Posting of Colors by Lehi Veterans (L-R) Garnet Gates, Alvin Lewis, and Manuel Dominguez resulted in many saluting the flags during the presentation.



During dinner, the line to get frybread went around the food vendor booths and stretched all the way towards the free water station.

COUNCIL ACTIONS CORNER

Welcome to the Council Corner. Here you will find a recap of the weekly Council Meeting actions and other important information. During Phase IV of the Return to Work Plan the SRPMIC Council is continuing business by holding Council meetings in-person (adhering to COVID precautions). Regular Sessions and Work Sessions will be available for a delayed viewing at <https://www.srpmic-nsn.gov/> click on Tribal Government, Virtual Council Meetings.

September 6, 2023 — Council Meeting Items:

- **Boys & Girls Club CEO and new Youth Services Assistant Director Introductions** — Ivan Gilreath, CEO, and Brian Yazzie, YS Assistant Director, introduced themselves to the Council and Community.
- **COBRA Rates** — Council approved the FY2024 COBRA Rates by motion.

Administrative Reports: Department and operational reports and updates were given by the Community Manager, OCLA Special Assistant, Police Chief, Fire Chief, Vice President, and President.

Community Member Comments: 1) Community member voiced various concerns at the Senior Center. 2) Community member discussed the U of A land acknowledgement. Also, discussed the response letter he received from Council.

Executive Session Agenda Items: Site Plan, Proposal, Schedule, Post 114 Request, Council Requests, U of A event, Office of General Counsel Legal Matters

September 7, 2023 — Council Work Session:

- **Zoning Ordinance** — Council was presented with a zoning ordinance overview, review, reasons to update, project background, key items, and next steps. Presentation will be presented at district meetings.

• **CA Members Meeting Debrief** — Information was provided from the April 29, 2023 CA Members meeting for information and direction for future CA members meeting.

Executive Work Session Agenda Items: Procurement Policy

September 13, 2023 — Council Meeting Items:

- **Gaming New Hires and Promotions** — New hires and promotions for Council and Community information.

• **FY2024 Enterprise Budgets** — Council approved the Gaming, Salt River Fields, Saddleback, SR Devco, TS Golf, SRMG, Salt River Landfill, SRFSI, Peerless/Staybridge, Salt River Auto Show, and Beeline Highway Pit Stop enterprises budgets by motion.

Administrative Reports: Department and operational reports and updates were given by the Community Manager, OCLA Special Assistant, Police Chief, Fire Chief, Vice President, and President. The National Voter Registration Day events hosted by OCLA were announced. SRFD provided a report on transports and storm damage. SRFD announced that Lehi Community Building was open for those who were still experiencing power outages.

Community Member Comments: 1) Community member commented on their experience with Central Intake during the storm, suggested storm info should be posted on social media ASAP so everyone is aware, suggested a cooling station that allows for pets.

Executive Session: Gaming Enterprise Monthly Report, Gaming New Hires and Promotions, Review of Presentation, Board Application Review (SR Devco), OGC Legal Matters.

September 14, 2023 — Council Work Session Items:

- Council attended the SRPMIC/CAP Tribal Coordination Meeting with the AZ Central Arizona Project committee members, in lieu of this work session.

September 18, 2023 — Community Member Only Meeting

- Proposed Constitutional Election Amendments
- Revenue Allocation Presentation
- Gaming Update
- Future of Salt River Landfill

September 20, 2023 — Council Meeting Items:

Meeting held at Lehi Community Building.

- **Public Hearing: Lehi Service Area Designation of Land Use (DOLU)** — This presentation was to present the DOLU to designate the tribal site for

improvement, operations, and maintenance of the existing Group Home, planned air quality monitoring station, and other future tribal governmental services. Follow-up action will be on the October 18, 2023 Council meeting agenda.

- **Restorative Justice Code Amendments** — Council approved (3) ordinance amendments.
- **Special Tribal Criminal Jurisdiction (STCJ) Code Amendments** — Council approved (4) ordinance amendments.
- **Board Appointments (Education)** — Council announced that Kyland King and Raynett Nahkai were appointed to fill the expired terms. Terms are effective from date appointment for a 3-year term.

Administrative Reports: Department and operational reports and updates were given by the Community Manager, OCLA Special Assistant, Police Chief, Fire Chief, Vice President, and President.

Community Member Comments: 1) Community member commented that it seemed that comments made at the CMO meeting were unproductive, thanked for the food assistance received due to the power outage caused by the storm, grateful for employment opportunities, reminded Community of family structure, to teach children for the future and instill respect and honor. Acknowledged all Community members for continuing to survive despite struggles they face. 2) Community Member commented on the benefits of marijuana, legalization of recreational marijuana does not include business opportunities for Community members, asked to meet with Council to provide information about marijuana businesses, opportunities, and benefits. 3) Community member voiced support of Community member owned marijuana businesses. 4) Commented about language in Gaming Revenue Allocation Plan in regards to sharing numbers. 5) Community member requested an executive session.

Executive Session Items: Salary Survey, Council Retreat, Meeting Request, Casey Request, Board Appointments (Education), Office of General Counsel Legal Matters.

September 21, 2023 — Council Work Session Items:

Strategy Teams provided updates on each of the categories listed:

- Strategy S Update (Long Term Care)
- Strategy L Update (Mental Health)
- Strategy H Update (School Assessment)
- Strategy U Update (Trauma Informed Community)
- Strategy G Update (Long Range Economic Planning)
- Strategy M Update (SR Fields)
- Strategy I Update (Support of Adults with Learning Disabilities)

September 27, 2023 — Council Meeting Items:

- **Miss Indian Arizona Farewell Address** — Sistene Lewis gave her farewell address as her reign ends on October 14, 2023. She also invited Council and Community to
- **FY2024 Possessory Interest Tax (PIT) Rates** — Council approved the FY2024 PIT and Utility Tax

Rates.

• **(2) Special Use Permits (SUP's)** — Council approved the SUP for the Piipaash Matasheevm Community Social and the Senior Services Quarterly Ves: Pion Hemapik Gathering.

• **Gaming Enabling Ordinance Amendment** — Council approved the amended Gaming Enabling ordinance and By-Laws.

Administrative Reports: Department and operational reports and updates were given by the Community Manager, OCLA Special Assistant, Police Chief, Fire Chief, Vice President.

Community Member Comments: 1.) Community member discussed per capita and read a letter stating per capita payments should not be relied on as a main source of income for Community members, grateful for what is received. 2) Community member discussed the revenue allocation plan requirements.

Executive Session: Gaming Board Quarterly Update, 12% Update, Community Member Request, Office of General Counsel Legal Matters, SRPD.

September 28, 2023 - Council Work Session Items:

• **Unclaimed Property Ordinance** — Proposed amendments were presented to this ordinance for Council discussion.

• **Zoning Map** — The zoning map was presented for discussion on updates.

Strategy Teams Updates were tabled:

- Strategy R Update (SHRRP Program)
- Strategy T Update (Blood Quantum Assessment & Planning)
- Strategy E & J Update (Reduce Government Yearly Budget Growth/CIP Funding & Prioritization)

October 4, 2023 - Council Meeting Items:

• **Certification of Enrollment** — Council certified the 3rd Quarter enrollment figures by motion.

• **Allocation of TPA Road Maintenance Funds for Tourism Grant** — Council approved a resolution for TPA Road Maintenance Funds designated for the support of recreational travel and tourism on BIA-Owned Roads.

Administrative Reports: Reports were given by the Community Manager, OCLA Special Assistant, Police Chief, Fire Chief, Vice President.

Community Member Comments: 1) Community member spoke on behalf of Red Mountain Eagle Pow Wow committee, read a Council resolution in support of RMEO in-kind services to the event. Requested in-kind services to be restored as well as reimbursements for services that were paid last year. 2) Community member requested the 21CP report and requested return of videos provided. 3) Community Member questioned the landfill fire and how it happened.

Executive Session Items: Multi-Family Housing, Senior Event, CM Issue, Pollution, Office of General Counsel Legal Matters.

October 5, 2023 - Council Work Session Items:

Executive Work Session Items: 21 CP Report, STEP/HOST Program.

4th Quarter 2023 ELIGIBILITY DEADLINE December 31, 2023

Must be eighteen (18) years old, enrolled, and living to be eligible for the December 2023 Per Capita Payment.

DEADLINES FOR CHANGES

Direct Deposit Start-Ups and Changes: Thursday, December 28th at 5:00 PM. 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 **January 2024** payout. Forms received after this date will not be effective until the **April 2024** payout.

Discontinue Direct Deposits: Thursday, December 28th at 5:00 PM. This deadline is to discontinue an existing direct deposit.

***Failing to notify the Per Capita department when an account is closed may delay your Per Capita payment.

Per Capita Eligibility: Tuesday, January 16th at 5:00PM. 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 January 2024 payout. Forms received after this date will not be processed until the first week of April 2024.

Tax Withholding Changes: Tuesday, January 16th at 5:00PM. 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 @ (480) 362-7600

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

2023



Christmas Angels Program

Submit your Application for sponsorship starting 10/21

To qualify for sponsorship, applicant must have legal AND physical custody* of the children; and child or guardian must be an enrolled SRPMIC tribal member in order to apply.

Gifts will be distributed through a scheduled, no-contact drive through.

To submit an application:

- Go Online to: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SRPMICChristmas-AngelTreeProgram2023>
- Call: 480-362-7460 (Leave a message-this is a VOICEMAIL ONLY line)
- Email: ChristmasAngels@srpmic-nsn.gov
- In Person: Social Services Office at 10005 E. Osborn Rd, Building 32 (N. Side of building)

*Kinship and foster care placements do not qualify for sponsorship at this time, but may be eligible for other resources

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

AROUND THE COMMUNITY



On October 2, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community members brought their own cups to Salt River room 56 at the Way of Life Facility, where Salt River Tribal Library staff assisted patrons with the Creepy Crafts: DIY Spooky Vinyl Cups event. Participants used a Cricut die-cutting machine to cut out designs for the cups on computers. Many of them used a Mickey Mouse ghost design.

"The Cricut is a part of our maker space," said Library Assistant Sopenia Begay. "A lot of people don't know that we have a maker space. We also have a Silhouette machine for vinyl cutting."



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SRPMIC Zoning Ordinance Update

The SRPMIC Planning Services Division of the Community Development Department has completed the final draft of the Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map, Chapter 25 of the SRPMIC Code of Ordinances. The Zoning Ordinance establishes laws and regulations that define how property in specific zones can be used, the application processes for reviewing and approving uses and development, and the regulations for building and site improvements, such as size, intensity and setback of buildings, parking, lighting, signage and landscaping.

The Amendment public comment period began December of 2019 and additional comments were received until November of 2022. During this time, outreach was done within the Community, which resulted in receiving several comments for consideration in the final draft. The proposed amendment will repeal and replace the current Zoning Ordinance.

Additional outreach is being held at the October and November District

meetings with an overview of the Zoning ordinance, reasons for the update, project background, and identifying key items as well as the projected next steps in the process for adoption.

Community members are encouraged to attend the upcoming Council District meetings to better understand the propose changes and for an opportunity to answer questions.

If you would like to review a printed copy of the Draft Zoning Ordinance, it is available in the Community Development Department and Council Chambers.

For more information, please contact Suzanne Colver, Planning Services Manager at suzanne.colver@srpmic-nsn.gov or call (480) 362-7654 or Debbie Pfeil, Senior Planner at debbie.pfeil@srpmic-nsn.gov or call (480) 362-7385.

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

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Margaret Rodriguez, (480) 250-7566

BOXING BEARS PHOTOGRAPHY
Boxing Bears Photography is a photography business based in Scottsdale, Arizona. We specialize in portrait photography and photo booths. Cody Wood, (480) 272-4035
boxingbearsphotography.com
cody@boxingbearsphotography.com

DALIA'S LANDSCAPING
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daliaresendiz0815@icloud.com

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david@dallaspropainting.com

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erniescateringbusiness@yahoo.com

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goodlife.nutrition@yahoo.com
(480)274-3306

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SRPMIC Member Owned and Operated specializing in residential and commercial cleaning services; get a quote by phone or emailing contact information below. Yesika Saldivar-Zotigh, Owner (602) 301-9832
Heavenlytouch08@yahoo.com

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Auto Body Work and Paint LLC. Community Member 15% discount. Pete Moquino, (480) 236-3033
moquinoscustompaint@yahoo.com

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Isaac Lopez, (480) 410-8685 / (562) 761-9341
nativecreativeapparel@gmail.com

NATIVE GROUND COFFEE
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Eric Schurz, (480) 735-9730
rezhawktowingandrecovery@yahoo.com

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Caregivers Create Ribbon Skirts for the Community



From denim to canvas, the Singer heavy duty sewing machine can do it all. All caregivers were provided with Singer sewing machines in order for them to complete their ribbon skirts.



Geraldine King holds up her ribbon skirt to show the progress.

BY JUAN YSAGUIRRE
O'odham Action News
juan.ysaguirre@srpmic-nsn.gov

As the fall/winter holiday season is fast approaching, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community members have been dedicating time to sewing ribbon skirts to donate to those who are in need.

"The Caregiver Program is for those living in the Community who care for elders, adults with disabilities, and grandparents raising grandchildren," said Cheryl Tate, coordinator of the Caregiver Program.

For the past few weeks in September and October, Community members have

been threading the needles to make ribbon skirts for those they provide care for. The caregivers do not receive payment for their caregiving.

The Community's Caregiver Program helps to create a supportive environment for the caregivers and the families they work with. "We go on trips, have monthly movie outings, and go to events for grandparents with their grandchildren," said Tate.

The caregivers attending the ribbon skirt making class are Susan Yazzie, Serena Padilla, Juanita Pablo, Geraldine King, Leona Andreas, Sandra James, Andrew Lucero and Letitia Dalton.



Inside of the Two Waters Building A in Akimel Rooms A and B, the caregivers spent a couple of hours gathering their materials and sewing their fabrics together.



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INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT
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SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85256
CONTACT: (480) 362-6315
ALL JUVENILE COURT CASES REPORT TO
COURTROOM #3 ON THE 1ST FLOOR.
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Antone, James Sheldon - Mother: Brittany Spex (DOB: 03/08/2000) Child: A.W.S. (DOB: 10/24/2022) Permanency/Review Hearings Case: J-23-0033 Court Date: December 14, 2023 at 11 a.m.

Antone, Jordan James - Mother: Brittany Spex (DOB: 03/08/2000) Child: A.W.S. (DOB: 10/24/2022) Disposition Hearing Case: J-23-0033 Court Date: November 9, 2023 at 11 a.m.

Baptisto, Nathaniel - Review/Permanency Hearing Case: J-13-0087 Court Date: November 2, 2023 at 11 a.m.

Chiago Sr., Vincent Vernon Lee - Permanency Hearing Case: J-16-0173 Court Date: October 30, 2023 at 4 p.m.

Curtis, Lila Star - Initial Guardianship Hearing Case: JV-23-3032/3033/3034 Court Date: October 18, 2023 at 9 a.m.

Doe, Manuel - Review/Permanency Hearings Case: J-18-0044 Court Date: November 15, 2023 at 9 a.m.

Enos, Yvette Marie - Initial Termination of Parental-Child Relationship/Review Hearings Case: J-19-0169/J-21-0060/J-22-0087/J-22-0088 Court Date: November 14, 2023 at 11 a.m.

Hernandez, Dion Jvon - Mother: Maria Arteaga (DOB: 03/22/1997), Minors: C.M.H - (DOB: 01/30/2015), J.H - (DOB: 08/22/2017), Z.S.C - (DOB: 04/15/2021)- Review/Permanency Hearings Case: J-23-0018/0019/0020 Court Date: November 14, 2023 at 10 a.m.

Kavoka, Jessica Ann - Evidentiary Termination of Parental-Child Relationship Hearing Case: J-22-0128/J-22-0129 Court Date: October 23, 2023 at 9 a.m.

Lewis, Calvin - Mother: Renae Loring (DOB: 02/18/1994) Minor: M.A.L. (DOB: 07/09/2022) Adjudication Hearing Case: JV-23-3038 Court Date: October 30, 2023 at 10 a.m.

Manuel, Ian - Initial Guardianship Hearing Case: JV-23-3032/3033/3034 Court Date: October 18, 2023 at 9 a.m.

Osif, Angel John - Mother: Erica Spex (DOB: 01/25/1988) Child: L.M.O (DOB: 07/25/2008) Relinquishment Hearing Case: J-13-0259/J-16-0235 Court Date: October 24, 2023 at 11 a.m.

Osif, Angel - Motion Hearing Case: J-14-0115/J-13-0259/J-16-0235 Court Date: October 24, 2023 at 11 a.m.

Unknown Father/John Doe - Mother: Renae Loring, (DOB: 02/18/1994) Minor: M.A.L. (DOB: 07/09/2022) Adjudication Hearing Case: JV-23-3038 Court Date: October 30, 2023 at 10 a.m.

Silversmith IV, James - Mother: Yvette Marie Enos (DOB: 03/09/1989) MINORS: J.E. (DOB: 06/06/2019) and J.E. (DOB: 04/01/2021) Initial Termination of Parental-Child Relationship/Review Hearings Case: J-19-0169/J-21-0060/J-22-0087/J-22-0088 Court Date: November 14, 2023 at 11 a.m.

Spex, Brittany Arless - Permanency and Review Hearing Case: J-23-0033 Court Date: December 14, 2023 at 11 a.m.

Valencia, Victor - Review/Permanency Hearings Case: J-13-0086 Court Date: November 2, 2023 at 11 a.m.

**CIVIL COURT
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Andreas, Keisha Ann - Review Hearing Case: CF-22-0031 Court Date: November 9, 2023 at 9 a.m.

Chaca, Cheryl Ann - Default Notice Hearing Case: D-23-0013 Court Date: November 14, 2023 at 10:30 AM

Clapp, Monica - Probate Hearing Case: P-23-0009 Court Date: November 6, 2023 at 10:30 AM

Gallegos, Erica Olivia - Initial Child Support Hearing Case: CV-23-3370 -Court Date: October 24, 2023 at 10 a.m.

Hayes, Maria Felicia - Initial Guardianship Hearing Case: CF-23-0075 Court Date: November 14, 2023 at 9 AM

Jauregui, Alicia Sandra - Evidentiary Child Support Hearing Case: CFCS-23-0021 Court Date: November 1, 2023 at 9:30 AM

Martinez, Ambria Jean - Probate Hearing Case: P-23-0009 Court Date: November 6, 2023 at 10:30 AM

Thomas Sr., Dillon - Civil Complaint Hearing Case: CV-23-3521 Court Date: November 15, 2023 at 11 AM

Thompson, Franzia Kaye - Initial Paternity Hearing Case: CF-23-0090 Court Date: November 16, 2023 at 11 AM

Zepeda Jr., Hector Jose - Review Hearing Case: CF-22-0071 Court Date: November 8, 2023 at 9 AM

DEFAULT NOTICES

**CHACA, CHERYL ANN
DEFAULT NOTICE
D-23-0013
ROMO, MICHAEL
V.
CHACA, CHERYL ANN**

TO: Chaca, Cheryl Ann, 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 12th of September, 2023
CLERK OF SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY TRIBAL COURT

**LEWIS, CALVIN
SUMMONS
JV-23-3038**

I.T.M.O.: M.A.L. (DOB: 7/9/2022)
TO: Calvin Lewis

On September 7, 2023, a Petition was filed in this court alleging that the child named above is a dependent child as defined at S.R.O. § 11-2 Dependent child. You may obtain a copy of the petition by calling (480) 362-6315. A hearing has been set to determine whether the child named above has been neglected or abused, or is otherwise a dependent child.

THEREFORE YOU ARE ORDERED to APPEAR for a dependency Adjudication Hearing and respond to the allegations in the Petition before the Salt River Juvenile Court located at 10040 E. Osborn Road, Scottsdale, Arizona 85256 on Monday, October 30, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., in Court Room # 3 before Judge Darmody.

WARNING: Failure to attend any hearing without good cause shown may result in a finding that you have waived your legal rights to be present and defend against the allegation(s) in the petition. The hearing

may go forward without you and may result in a finding of dependency, and the Court could make permanent orders by motion. Further, failure to appear at Court hearings or to participate in services may result in the termination of your parental rights or the establishment of a permanent guardianship.

Failure to appear at any Court hearing after receiving notice of the hearing may result in a bench warrant being issued for parent's/guardian's/custodian's immediate arrest.

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

COURT CLERK -SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT

**UNKNOWN FATHER/JOHN DOE
SUMMONS
JV-23-3038**

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35th Annual
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Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community

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Two Waters Building B, Third Floor, 10,005 E. Osborn Road, Scottsdale, AZ 85256
Phone (480) 362-7600 Email: Planning@SRPMIC-rsn.gov

NOTICE OF COMMUNITY HEARING

The Community Council has scheduled a Community Hearing for a project located on allotted land. We are extending this invitation to all Community Members and Landowners with ownership interest within a ½ mile radius to attend this Community Hearing regarding the following:

Talking Stick Resort – Replacement Freeway Pylon Request for Dimensional Variances (22-DV-01)
Half Mile Radius

Kimberly Euers with YESCO, on behalf of Talking Stick Resort, is requesting dimensional variances to replace the existing freeway pylon adjacent to the Loop 101 Freeway with a larger freeway pylon sign. The larger freeway pylon sign will be 105 feet tall with a three-sided electronic message center (EMC). The larger freeway pylon sign is within the C3-PC zoning district, and is located at the southeast corner of Talking Stick Way and the Loop 101 Freeway. The dimensional variances to deviate from the SRPMIC Zoning Ordinance (SRO-467-2015) are requested in order for the freeway pylon to be constructed.

Date: Wednesday, November 8, 2023
Time: 5:00 P.M.
Location: SRPMIC Council Chambers (Longmore & Osborn)

If you have any questions or concerns you may call Rick McAllister, Principal Planner at (480) 362-7655. If you cannot attend, you may submit your written comments to the Community Development Department, at 10,005 East Osborn, Scottsdale, AZ 85256.

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 -Sun. School, 9:30 a.m.
 -Worship Service, 10:45 a.m.
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 -Wed. Devotion Night at church, 6:30 p.m.
 -SOAR Group 2nd & 4th Friday every month at the church 7 p.m.
 -Mon. night Prayer Meeting, 6 p.m.
 -Singspiration, last Sunday of the month at 6 p.m.

-Communion First Sunday of every month 10 a.m.
 Birthday Sunday Potluck- Last Sunday of the Month, after services.
 -Youth Devotion/Music (bring your instruments!) last 2 Saturdays of the month at 4 p.m.

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST PAPAGO WARD
 2056 N. Extension Rd. Scottsdale AZ, 85256
 (480) 947-1084
SERVICES
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 12207 E. Indian School Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85256
 Pastor Marty Thomas
 (480) 874-3016/
 Home: (480) 990-7450
SERVICES
 -Sunday service 11 a.m.
 -Lord's Supper very first Sunday of the month (potluck after)

SALT RIVER ASSEMBLY OF GOD
 10657 E. Virginia Ave. Scottsdale, AZ 85256
 (480) 947-5278
 saltriveragchurch.com
 Rev. WinterElk Valencia
SERVICES
 -Sunday Morning Prayer 10 a.m.
 -Worship 11 a.m.
 -No Evening Service till further notice.
 -Thursday Bible Study 6pm

SALT RIVER CHURCH OF CHRIST
 430 N. Dobson Rd. Mesa, AZ 85201
 (720) 626-2171
 SaltRiverChurchofChrist.com
SERVICES
 -Bible Class 9:30 a.m. -10:30 a.m.
 -Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
 -Sunday Bible Class 6 p.m.
 -Bible Study Wednesdays 7 p.m.
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SALT RIVER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
 P.O. Box 10125 Scottsdale, AZ 85271
 E: SaltRiverPresbyterian@gmail.com
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 Pastor Charlotte Fafard
SERVICES
 -Sunday Service, 1 p.m.
 -Communion first Sunday of the month

ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC MISSION
 3090 N. Longmore, Scottsdale, AZ85256
 (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.

FERGUSON MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH
 1512 E. McDowell Rd. (Lehi) Mesa, AZ 85203
 Pastor Neil Price
 (480) 278-0750
SERVICES
 -Sunday Worship Service, 10 a.m.
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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.

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

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Mini Series

- Workshop topics include:**
- Job Readiness
 - Education Preparedness
 - Financial Literacy



OCTOBER 2023 - DECEMBER 2023

Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays
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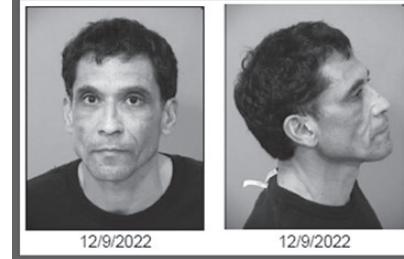
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EXCLUSION NOTICE

Vincent Edward Rodriguez



EXCLUSION INFORMATION

On May 3, 2023, the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Council approve the exclusion of Vincent Edward Rodriguez (DOB: 6/17/69) because it was determined that his behavior and actions were detrimental to the peace, health and morals of the Community.

Mr. Rodriguez is known to frequent the residence at 10882 East Indian School Road within the boundaries of the Community.

If you see Mr. Rodriguez within the Community please report it to the SRPD immediately.

PUBLIC WORKS NOTICE

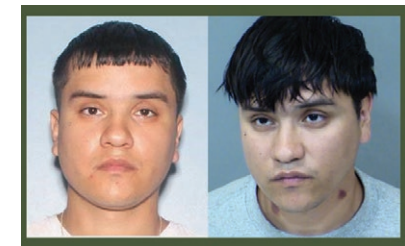
SRPMC Council has approved the nightly closures of the Salt River and Lehi Cemeteries due to continued vandalism.

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

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

TEMPORARY EXCLUSION NOTICE

Fernando Muniz



TEMPORARY EXCLUSION NOTICE

On August 9, 2023, the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Council approved the temporary exclusion of Fernando Muniz (DOB: 12/31/1993) because it was determined that he represents a present and substantial danger to the Community.

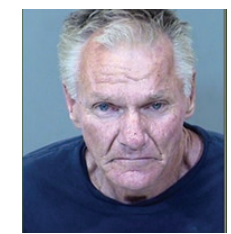
Fernando Muniz is required by law to register as a sex offender.

Fernando Muniz is known to reside and/or frequent the residence at 9990 East Highland Avenue, within the boundaries of the Community.

If you see Fernando Muniz within the Community, please report it to the SRPD immediately.

PERMANENT EXCLUSION NOTICE

Steve Hodgson



PERMANENT EXCLUSION INFORMATION

On August 23, 2023, the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Council approved permanent exclusion of Steve Hodgson (DOB: 12/11/1963) because it was determined that his presence and behavior is detrimental to the peace, health or morals of the Community.

If you see Steve Hodgson within the Community, please report it to the SRPD immediately.

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Calendar of Events

OCTOBER S'HE:PIJIG MAŞAD XLY'A SHAXUK

HUHUGAM KI: MUSEUM WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

20 CM BUTLER DISTRICT A MEETING, 6 p.m. at SRPMIC Council Chambers 10091 E. Osborn Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85256. Topics to be determined and Community Member Comments. Please contact Council Secretaries Office at (480) 362-7469 with questions and to confirm meeting schedule.

20 40TH ANNUAL SILVER & TURQUOISE BALL PRESENTED BY PHOENIX INDIAN CENTER, PIC Turquoise Ball description: held at Sheraton Downtown Phoenix. Including silent and live auctions, cultural performances, and an indigenous inspired dinner by Chef Denella Belin. Visit PhxIndCenter.com/Silver-Turquoise-Ball for more information.

21 CM ANTONE DISTRICT B MEETING, 9 a.m. at SRPMIC Council Chambers 10091 E. Osborn Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85256. Topics to be determined and Community Member Comments. Please contact Council Secretaries Office at (480) 362-7469 with questions and to confirm meeting schedule.

22 RED DRESS WALK FOR MMIW/P, 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. at Field South of Salt River Community Building 1880 N. Longmore Rd. Walk to begin at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome to join as we walk to remember our sisters and bring awareness. Please email questions to reddresswalk@gmail.com

22 IRON MAN 70.3 ARIZONA, All-day in Tempe and at Tempe Beach Park. Be mindful of road closures if traveling in Tempe.

26 VETERAN'S MEMORIAL CO-DESIGN MEETING, 11 a.m. at SRPMIC Veteran's Hall. Your input is needed to help co-

design the veteran's memorial for the Salt River Cemetery! Lunch will be provided. Questions? Contact Veteran's Services at (480) 362-7884

25 SOCIAL SECURITY 101, 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM A FREE workshop from Social Security. Learn how to use my Social Security online account and other online services. You should go to www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount to create a my Social Security account and print out your Social Security Statement before attending the workshop. Call 480-362-6356 to RSVP, space is limited

26 SPOOKTACULAR, 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. at Accelerated Learning Academy. Join the Safe Schools & Security team at their premier annual event: SPOOKTACULAR! All manner of costumed creatures* are welcome to our public event on Thursday, Oct. 26. The event is scheduled from 5:30-7 p.m. at the Accelerated Learning Academy. Spooktacular is free and open to the public. *Because this is a school event, we ask you refrain from wearing violence-themed costumes (no weapons of any kind). Questions? Call (480) 362-2010 or email Esteban.Lopez@saltriverschools.org.

26 THRIVING WITH DIABETES, 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. at River People Health Center's Teaching Kitchen. Every fourth Thursday of the month, providers will go over major topics of diabetes care including food, medication, physical activity, and stress management. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. Call (480) 362-3355 for information and to reserve a spot.

28 FALL FESTIVAL, Save the date! More details to come!

31 HALLOWEEN, Stay safe and have fun!

31 SUPER KIDS CLUB: TURTLE DANCE MUSIC, 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. This program is inclusive for all children to come enjoy an autism-friendly, virtual music

experience of singing and dancing! Limited spots available so get yours when registration opens. Contact: Tammy Thomas 480.362.7965

NOVEMBER SOAM MAŞAD XLY'A SHAXUK MAYK SHENTHIK

1 SENIOR BREAKFAST, to be held at Lehi Community Center. Contact Senior Services at 480-362-6350 for further information.

3 NATIVE AMERICAN WOMEN'S CONFERENCE, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. at Wild Horse Pass. The Native American Women's Conference is a full-day, annual conference, that occurs on the first Friday in November and is dedicated to the issues that affect Native American Women. Participants come from all walks of life and the speakers and presenters focus on the concerns that are forefront in the minds of women, especially Native Women. REGISTER ONLINE AT [HTTP://WWW.NAWC-AZ.COM/REGISTRATION.HTML](http://WWW.NAWC-AZ.COM/REGISTRATION.HTML)

3-5 10TH ANNUAL WOMEN'S PRAYER RUN, Keli Akimel, Gila River Indian Community. Locations for the running sites will be held at three locations throughout the 3-day event. All Indigenous & BIPOC women, femme, transwomen are welcome and invited. Donations and volunteers are needed and appreciated. For more info., email womensprayerrun@gmail.com or contact Renee Jackson (480) 404-2543; Pam Thompson (480) 721-0939 or June Shorthair (480) 851-2569.

4-5 RED MOUNTAIN EAGLE POW-WOW, At Salt River Baseball Field. Public Event! Everyone Welcome! Free Admission! GRAND ENTRY SCHEDULE: Saturday: 1 p.m. & 7 p.m. Sunday: 1 p.m. GOURD DANCING: Saturday: 10 a.m. & 5 p.m., Sunday: 10 a.m., Contacts: Victorialyn McCarthy, Phone: (480) 234-1432, Email: victorialyn@onaukmor.com David Montiel,

Phone: (602) 882-5553, Email: David@onaukmor.com.

4 ARTIE PALOOZA: SCC OPEN HOUSE, 2-5 p.m. Discover Scottsdale Community College's amazing academic programs and student services in a fun, festive environment. Dubbed "Artie Palooza" in honor of SCC's Artie the Artichoke mascot, this free outdoor event lets you experience campus life and our caring college community. For complete details, please visit: bit.ly/artie-palooza-f23

10 VETERAN'S DAY OBSERVED, tribal offices closed. Please plan accordingly.

11 VETERAN'S DAY PROGRAM, Details to be announced. Contact SRPMIC veteran's services for information at (480) 362-7884

14 SCR PARENT NIGHT, School and Community Relations presents PARENT NIGHT on Tuesday, Nov. 14, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Accelerated Learning Academy. This informational meeting is open to all parents/guardians of school-aged Community members. Light refreshments will be available while supplies last. We'll discuss: annual school calendars, parent issues/concerns, attendance, student incentive programs, self-care, culture, resources, and more! There will be special prize drawings throughout the event. Join us for your chance to win! Call 480-362-2534 with any questions.

15 READ TO GROW, 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. At SRES education board room 4836 N. Center St. The NYCP Literacy For All team invites you to join this fun and FREE program for parents and their children ages 3-5. You'll have a blast reading, writing, singing, dancing, and making hands-on projects during the 1-hour! All books and lessons are culturally-based and inspired by Indigenous authors to enhance your child's reading growth. All materials are provided. Space is limited - register today! SIGN UP TODAY FOR THE NOVEMBER 15 PROGRAM! Read to Grow will be held

from 5:30-7 p.m. in the Education Board Room. The registration deadline is Nov. 9. This will ensure we have enough materials and food for participants. RSVP by calling/texting (480) 878-8604 or emailing Wendy. Jefferson@saltriverschools.org.

18 COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING, Save the date! More information to come!

18 FIRST AID & CPR TRAINING, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Come out and ear your American Red Cross training. Get Certified in Adult and Pediatric First Aid/CPR/AED Register at: <https://sugeni.us/4Uu8>

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30 SODA WITH SECURITY, 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. at Accelerated Learning Academy. Join the Safe Schools & Security team for their free monthly public event: Soda With Security! In November, the SRPD Gang Unit will be discussing gang awareness and prevention. Questions? Call (480) 362-2010 or email Esteban.Lopez@saltriverschools.org. Learn more at https://www.saltriverschools.org/news/what_s_new/sws2023

30 TACKLING STRESS AND TEST ANXIETY WORKSHOP, Would you like to better understand and manage stress and anxiety? Do you want to feel empowered to succeed under pressure? Would you like to learn specific skills you can develop to improve your performance in high-stakes experiences (such as exams)? If you answered YES to any of these questions, this workshop is for YOU! Location: Scottsdale Community College. Register: bit.ly/tacklingstress-fall2023 Free workshop open to everyone!