

80th Anniversary of Pearl Harbor Remembered at USS Arizona Memorial Gardens

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On December 7, which marked the 80th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor, the American Legion Bushmasters Post 114 and Discover Salt River presented an all-day commemoration at the USS Arizona Memorial Gardens at Salt River.

More than 600 people attended the event in total, and the day was extra special due to the notable presence of many Native American veterans past and present. Rather than conducting one large program, event organizers held several different types of activities throughout the day to reduce crowding and to make the experience more impactful for visitors.

“[The Native American veterans] really represented us today. I was surprised and happy that they showed up because of the pandemic,” said Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Veterans Representative Amanda White.

“With them coming out, I now look forward to their aid and support in future events. Going forward, I think we could utilize this space more at the Veteran’s



American Legion Bushmaster's Post #114 holds a flag breathing ceremony after a wreath laying ceremony at the USS Arizona Memorial Gardens at Salt River 80th Commemoration National Pearl Harbor Remembrance on December 7.

Circle at the Gardens.” Reflecting on the anniversary and veterans in the Community, SRPMIC Vice-President Ricardo Leonard thought about when he was younger and saw a lot of men walking around the Community.

alcoholics, not knowing until they passed away that they were highly decorated veterans,” said Leonard. “It was the issue of shellshock at the time (what is called PTSD today). A lot of people had difficulty dealing with their life after coming back home from the

military. We (Native Americans) have always been strong in our military presence and our young people getting involved in the military. I look to my grandfather, who survived the Spanish-American War; he never talked

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Phoenix Suns Native American Heritage Night Represents O'odham Culture



Shayla James and her family grab their free t-shirts during the Phoenix Suns Native American Heritage night.

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In honor of Native American Heritage Month, the Phoenix Suns celebrated Native American culture during their game against the Dallas Mavericks on November 19. A number of tribes from Arizona were represented through the night’s entertainment. Performers with O’odham ties included powwow/hip-hop dancers Indigenous Enterprise and guest DJ Tomahawk Bang (Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community member Wehum Fulwilder), who played in the Dos Equis Beer Garden. Traditional dance groups also

performed throughout the arena, such as the Vah-ki traditional singers and dancers from Gila River.

Fulwilder said that this was the second time he has performed at a Phoenix Suns game. His first performance was for Game 5 of the NBA Finals against the Milwaukee Bucks in July of this year.

“It was cool I had a lot of fun playing for the people walking in the door, and now that I am back for Native American Heritage Month it feels a lot more special. To see all the other Natives in line this evening who are here to perform or just

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SRPMIC Seeking Applicants for Public Safety Dispatcher



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If you have good communication skills and a desire to help people and make a difference in your community, a Salt River Public Safety dispatcher job could be for you.

The Salt River Police Department is currently looking to fill one supervisor position and six dispatcher positions. Community members are invited to apply to join what SRPD Public Safety Communications Manager Kim-

berly Clark calls a close family. “We have a motto,” said Clark. “We’re small enough to be family, but large enough to be a professional.”

There is currently one Community member on staff, who works as a supervisor. Being a dispatcher is not for everyone. Understandably, handling emergency calls that may involve people you know, or even your own loved ones, can be difficult.

The qualifications to become an SRPD public safety dispatcher

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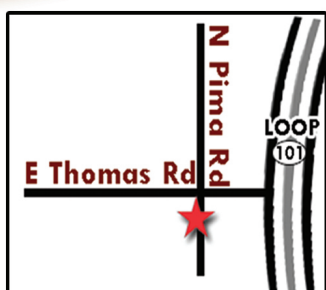
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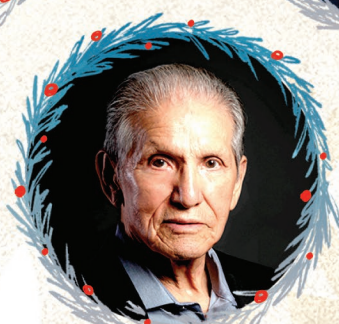


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to have fun and watch some basketball is cool," said Fulwilder.

One of the biggest presentations of the night was the Item of the Night, a free Phoenix Suns T-shirt given out to the first 5,000 fans that was designed by SRPMIC resident and Tohono O'odham Nation member Thomas "Breeze" Marcus. He had announced his Phoenix Suns T-shirt design earlier in the week via his social media. This created a lot of buzz among his friends and fellow Natives, encouraging a lot of Community families to attend the game for a shirt.

This is the third project Breeze has worked on with the Phoenix Suns, and he will most likely work on other projects with the team in the near future.

"They had originally asked me to design something that represents all the Arizona tribes," said Breeze. "But they kind of know me already too, so I said no, but I would design something that represents my tribe (O'odham). I hate to make other tribes feel left out, but I am always trying to represent the O'odham first because they are always left out."

Breeze created two different T-shirt designs for the Phoenix Suns, the design that wasn't used Breeze made a limited number of shirts in the second design and sold out in just a couple of hours.

During a time-out in the game, Breeze appeared on the Jumbotron explaining the meaning of the T-shirt design and why this project was special for him. As the video ended, Breeze was shown in his seat holding up the shirt he designed.

"It was kind of weird; they walked up with the camera and it didn't click in my head that they were going to put me on the Jumbotron," said Breeze. "I got caught off-guard and I held up the shirt; it was a surreal moment."

Breeze is thankful for everyone being supportive and proud.

"It's all I can ask for when it comes to any painting or design. I am always thinking about the O'odham people and how I can help us get represented," he said.

If you would like to purchase any of Breeze's artwork, visit his website at www.breeze1phx.com or follow him on Instagram at [breeze1phx](https://www.instagram.com/breeze1phx).



Traditional O'odham Dancers Vah-ki of Gila River perform for the crowd before the game.



Shilo Smith stands in front of one of Thomas "Breeze" Marcus's other art work hanging at the south entrance of the arena, as she holds up his latest work he created. Photo courtesy of Shilo Smith



Top: Ryan Webster and his wife proudly hold up their new Phoenix Suns T-shirts.



Right: Aristina Sanchez, Manne Lasiloo and their children Ameila and Cruz Lasiloo show off their new t-shirts created by Thomas "Breeze" Marcus.



The Phoenix Suns Gorilla holds up a sign that said "Skoden" at the end of the game during the Native American Heritage Night.

Westwood Girls Basketball Team Includes Four SRPMIC Members

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Basketball season began on Tuesday, November 30 for the Westwood High School girls basketball team. This year the team includes a number of Native Americans, including four members of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community: Nyese Jones (senior), Kristine Scabby (junior), Angelina Montoya (sophomore) and Alexis Smith (junior).

In their first game, the Lady Warriors played against the Xavier College Prep Gators at home; they lost to the Gators 48-68.

The Lady Warriors are still determined to get to the championships, with Jones leading the team. At the end of their last season Jones said they hope to make it to the Final Four once again and hopefully the championships. Scabby and Montoya are returning to the team after a successful season last year; Scabby is the fourth-biggest stat holder in a number of categories and Montoya broke the 100-point mark in her freshman year. New to the varsity team this year is Smith, who played on the JV team last year.

Come out and support these talented lady athletes (see schedule). Purchase tickets at gofan.co/app/school/AZ12822. For scores and highlights, visit [www.maxpreps.com/high-schools/westwood-warriors-\(mesa,az\)/girls-basketball/schedule.htm](http://www.maxpreps.com/high-schools/westwood-warriors-(mesa,az)/girls-basketball/schedule.htm).

Westwood Girls Basketball Season Schedule

- Thursday, Dec. 16: Maryvale (home)
- Tuesday, Jan. 4: Mountain View (home)
- Thursday, Jan. 6: Alhambra (home)
- Tuesday, Jan. 11: Mesa (home)
- Thursday, Jan. 13: Dobson (away)
- Friday, Jan. 14: Cibola (away)
- Tuesday, Jan. 18: Skyline (away)
- Friday, Jan. 21: Red Mountain (home)
- Monday, Jan. 24: Mountain View (away)
- Friday, Jan. 28: Mesa (away)
- Tuesday, Feb. 1: Dobson (home)
- Tuesday, Feb. 8: Red Mountain (away)

Note: All games start at 7 p.m.

Jeffrey Fulwilder Helps Create O'odham Storytelling Table at Tempe Hayden Library



Jeffrey Fulwilder sits at the head of the table that he helped design at ASU's Tempe Hayden Library. Photo courtesy of Charlie Leight, ASU News

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On November 22, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community member and artist Jeffrey Fulwilder unveiled a custom table that he helped design for the Labriola National American Indian Data Center at the Hayden Library on Arizona State University's Tempe campus.

The table was produced through a collaborative process that also included designers Selina Martinez (Yaqui), Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts professor Wanda Dalla Costa (Cree) and professor Claudio Vekstein of the ASU Indig-

enous Design Collaborative.

Fulwilder provided sketches illustrating a design concept for the art piece while Martinez designed the table and 12 matching chairs. The table is made from fiberglass resin and steel and is powder-coated in a copper color. The fabricator for the project was American Fiberglass.

As for the final design concept, Fulwilder said that it was inspired by flowing water.

"When there's a fallen tree in the water, the water rushes through it and twirls around," said Fulwilder.

"That's kind of the thought I was having when talking with [the

designers]."

The table's design motifs reference traditional storytelling and Indigenous ways of life for the O'odham. It reflects a basket-tree pattern inspired by O'odham basket weavers and the ecosystem where they harvest cattails, willow, bear grass and the white of yucca plants around early spring. The flora is cleaned, dried and stored to later be woven with devil's claw for making baskets.

The 25-foot-long table is located on the second floor of the library. Because it's so large, it needed to be lifted into place by crane.

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Note: There will be no vaccine clinic on Friday, December 24 due to the Christmas holiday.

AROUND THE COMMUNITY

Social Services/Licensing & Bashes' Presents: Happy Thanksgiving -- Kinship Providers as a way to thank them for all they do for our Salt River Children. They received a voucher from Bashes' to help purchase food for their Thanksgiving dinner. The Kinship providers were able to pick up their voucher and special arrangements were made to deliver the voucher to those who did not have transportation. Norma Hernandez, Social Services Manager.

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USS Arizona Memorial Gardens: The water was an overgrown lake of reclaimed water from Salt River Fields before the five-acre Gardens was built. The LED light posts are changed in the water using a rowboat. Each post represents a life of someone that was on the USS Arizona on 12/7/1941.

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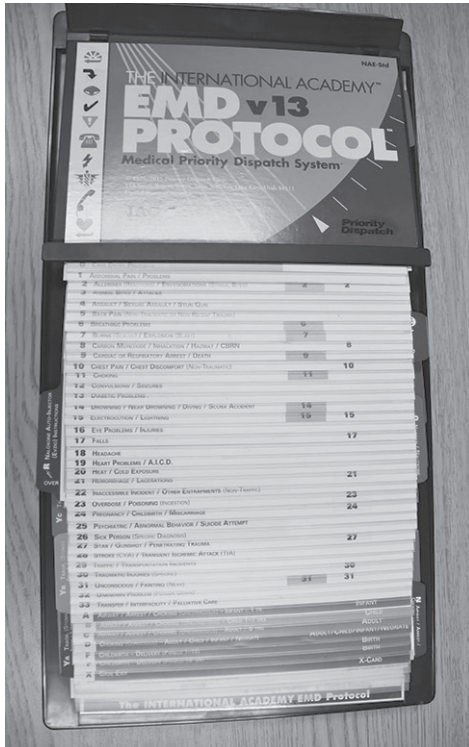
are a GED/high school diploma, at least one year of customer service experience, the ability to type 35 words per minute, being able to multitask, and passing the CritiCall test, a computer-based and skills-based test for potential public safety dispatchers.

All dispatchers start with call-taking and will eventually go through a two-week Basic Dispatch Academy. This is followed by the Fire Dispatch Academy and fire dispatch training, then the Police Dispatch Academy and police dispatch training.

The Salt River Public Safety Communications Division is flexible for applicants who are considered “laterals,” meaning potential employees who have had two years or more of prior experience in some capacity, such as someone who has police dispatch experience, by moving them through police dispatch training first, then going to fire dispatch training.

Clark said that it takes on average 10 to 12 months for someone to complete full training for the different aspects of dispatching: police, fire, 911 (call taking) and detail.

“We don’t rush trainees,” said Clark. “We find that they may lag in one phase



EMD protocol book that dispatchers use to give pre-arrival instructions.

but make up for it in the long run.”

Often, dispatchers may move on to help the department in another way,

such as by attending the police academy to become a police officer in the Community.

Each shift for a Salt River public safety dispatcher is 12 hours, which means that the shift change is at 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. Because the shifts are long, dispatchers have access to a kitchen just outside of the dispatch room, where they will often cook family-style meals for each other.

If a dispatcher takes an especially stressful call, there is a space called “the quiet room” where they can decompress for a moment.

On the floor at the dispatch center, dispatchers and supervisors take calls from anywhere within the boundaries of the Community, and they work as a team to help those in need.

One call could be from a car passenger on the Loop 101 and the next could be from a Community member’s home or a business in the Talking Stick business corridor. But wherever the call is coming from, dispatchers use a highly sophisticated system of colors and codes to communicate to the appropriate first responders.

There are quick-help guides posted for tough calls that require many steps,

such as guiding a 911 caller in providing CPR or other medical attention while they are waiting for a first responder to arrive.

The department also has a detailed flipbook-style guide called the EMD protocol, a medical priority dispatch system that is used to process medical calls. Dispatchers use these guides to triage the call and give pre-arrival instructions.

Recently, one interested potential applicant who has family members in law enforcement came by to get a feel for the dispatcher position, sitting in on some calls with a headset and learning more about the hiring process.

“At first, when you walk in there, everybody is just talking with each other,” said the visitor. “But as soon as they got that call, everybody went into a whole different mode. I could hear them all coordinating with each other. While one dispatcher was handling the call, another dispatcher was getting in touch with the police.”

For more information on this position or other positions at the Salt River Police Department, you can email JoinSRPD@SRPMIC-nsn.gov.

Talking Stick Cultural Entertainment District

GET TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOR

Emily Mashack L1 Instructor iFLY

How did you get into this role?

I was working in my “dream” job when my husband surprised me with the Accelerated Free Fall course in Iowa for my 30th birthday.

We learned the basics of making a successful skydive and I completed my first student jump.

My instructor was previously an iFLY instructor and talked about how the tunnel made him into an incredible flyer.

Eight months later I left my job as I wanted to be in a career that would allow me to share my newfound passion for skydiving and allow me to truly live life.

I began working at iFLY in Virginia in August of 2018, trained for a month at iFLY in New Jersey to complete the Flight Instructor Training Program and in January 2020, moved to Arizona to join the iFLY Phoenix team.

What does a typical work day look like for you?

I instruct classes, help students get into their gear (flight suit, earplugs, headstock, goggles, and helmet), take them through a short basic flights class, and finally go into the wind tunnel.

Each class spends about 30 minutes in the wind tunnel and each instructor teaches two to five classes a day.

Do you skydive outside of iFLY? If so, where have you dived?

My first Tandem skydive was in 2008 in North Carolina and then another in 2011 in Florida. Most of my skydives were in Iowa but most recently I skydived in Brooklyn, Buckeye and Eloy, Arizona.

When you are teaching someone who has never flown, what is your favorite part of that experience?

It is incredibly fulfilling to have a student come in feeling nervous and unsure of the upcoming experience and



Emily Mashack in action with a young iFLYer. Photo courtesy of Emily Mashack

then watch them truly relax in the wind tunnel allowing them to fly better than anyone else in the class.

Why do you like working for iFLY?

I love that the job challenges me both physically and mentally. It is a blessing to work in a job that I look forward to going to, and most importantly, uniquely to iFLY Phoenix, I love my coworkers, the way we support each other makes us feel like family.

As an iFLY employee, what can you share about working within the Talking Stick Entertainment District?

We often grab dinner together after a long day and it is nice to go into one of the Talking Stick Entertainment District restaurants and be recognized as part of a larger family.

What is your favorite place to place within the Talking Stick Entertainment District?

I have to say iFLY, but some of our other favorite hangouts are Backyards, Buffalo Wild Wings, and Mavrix.

Taste-Testing Project Incorporates Traditional Native Foods into Salt River Schools Menus



Salt River Schools Food Service’s staff make ce’cemait (tortillas) using traditional ingredients such as white Sonoran wheat. Photo courtesy of Salt River Schools

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Salt River Schools Food Services has teamed up with the Arizona Department of Education’s Health and Nutrition Services Division to create consistent scratch-made recipes that utilize unique and traditional ingredients. After months of working on developing recipes, SRS Food Services began introducing these new menu items to the students in Salt River schools.

Salt River Elementary School students and families were informed that the students would be introduced to these foods. They were asked to give their feedback by filling out taste-test evaluation forms after each taste-testing.

The first food, introduced during Native American Recognition Days in September, was a blue-corn mush topped with blueberries, strawberries, bananas and honey. During Native American Heritage Month, SRS Food Services introduced another traditional food, ce’cemait (tortillas), using traditional

O’odham ingredients such as white Sonoran wheat. A future dish on the menu will be Pima wheat berry pilaf.

This project is helping to incorporate traditional and native-grown foods from Arizona into school meal programs. The students’ opinions on these new menu items will help SRS Food Services gain insight into their preferences and what the kids actually will eat. A recipe must have an 85 percent or higher approval rating from the overall student population for it to move on to the next phase of the project.

Parents or guardians of SRES students are welcome to share feedback, comments or concerns about this project to Shannon Reina, SRS Food Services Manager, at Shannon.Reina@saltriverschools.org or (480) 362-2077. They also may contact the Arizona Department of Education’s Health and Nutrition Services Division at ContactHNS@azed.gov.

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about his service. With a lot of military veterans in our Community, the elders, they don't talk about these things unless you actually sit them down."

Leonard said that it's something extra special to have the USS Arizona Memorial Gardens in the Community as a location to have a commemoration like this, and that it strengthens the Community's position with veterans in the state of Arizona and all those who come and visit.

"This is a place for all veterans and those who have lost loved ones," said Leonard.

The day of remembrance began at 8 a.m., with a wreath-laying presentation and an annual breathing of the flag ceremony conducted by members of Bushmasters Post 114. Bugler David Bonczkiewicz then played "Taps" during a 21-gun salute.

Salt River tourism specialist Ma-leena Deer introduced U.S. Senator Mark Kelly's military/defense outreach representative, Dan Toporek, who was accompanied by Luther Lee, the director of tribal engagement from Senator Kelly's office.

The morning ceremonies were streamed at 10:50 a.m. at www.USSArizonaSaltRiver.com.

At 11 a.m., the Airbase Arizona Flying Museum performed a flyover through different parts of the metro Phoenix area and made a stop over the Gardens. The flyover began with four airplanes piloted by a freelance group of private aircraft owners who led the way.

Two planes followed from Airbase Arizona that flew missions during World War II: the B-17 Flying Fortress "Sentimental Journey" and the C-47 Skytrain "Old Number 30." Many onlookers stayed to watch the planes and shared their photos on social media.

After an afternoon break, the commemoration picked up again at 5 p.m. with the Arizona Fire Service Pipe Band marching out in front of Chief Petty Officer Joe Ramos and the Navy Talent Acquisition Group Phoenix Honor Guard presenting colors. Members of Bushmasters Post 114 marched in their colors behind the Honor Guard.

The day's events ended with the illumination of the ceremonial garden at military twilight.



Chief Petty Officer Joe Ramos and the Navy Talent Acquisition Group Phoenix Honor Guard presented colors during the evening portion of the event at the USS Arizona Memorial Gardens at Salt River.



Above: A wreath laid out in front of the USS Arizona Memorial Gardens at Salt River dedication plaque.

Right: A B-17 Flying Fortress "Sentimental Journey" and C-47 Skytrain "Old Number 30" fly over the USS Arizona Memorial Gardens at Salt River 80th Commemoration National Pearl Harbor Remembrance on December 7.



Holiday Scams to Be Aware Of

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As more consumers choose to shop online rather than in person, the FBI's Phoenix Field Office recently issued a press release about the many different types of scams to be aware of this holiday season.

According to the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3), Arizona ranked 14th out of the 50 states in the number of alleged scam victims reported in 2020, with more than 13,000 consumers claiming a reported total loss of more than \$72 million across the state.

"With more people shopping online and avoiding stores this holiday season, we just want to make sure to educate and warn the public that holiday scams are out there and they come in all shapes and sizes," said Brooke Brennan, public affairs officer for FBI Phoenix-Tucson.

"Some scams that we are warning people about this holiday season are non-payment/non-delivery, online

shopping, social media, reshipping and gift cards. [These scams] seem to be the main ones of focus. The non-payment/non-delivery scams in 2020 alone cost Arizona consumers just less than \$4 million. So it's a pretty significant scam we're seeing here in Arizona."

Elders tend to fall victim to these scams more often than any other age group, so it is a good idea to help educate family members about the red flags to look out for. As you are shopping online, if a company asks you to pay with a gift card or a wire transfer, use extra caution. Credit cards have added security against fraud, so that's generally the safest way to pay for your online shopping.

If you are a victim of an internet scam, the FBI recommends taking the following actions:

- Report it to the FBI IC3 at www.ic3.gov as quickly as possible.
- Report the activity to the online payment service used for the financial transaction.
- Contact your financial institution im-

mediately to stop or reverse the transaction. Ask your financial institution to contact the corresponding financial institution where the fraudulent or suspicious transfer was sent.

Tips to Protect Yourself From Holiday Scammers

- Verify websites prior to making a purchase. Only purchase items from official websites that use encryption. Web addresses should begin with <https://> and display a locked padlock icon.
- Be wary of online retailers who use a free email service instead of a company email address.
- Do not judge a company by its website; flashy websites can be set up and taken down quickly.
- Pay for items using a credit card dedicated for online purchases. Check your statement frequently, and never save payment information in online accounts.
- Be wary of sellers who accept only wire transfers, virtual currency, gift cards or cash, as these types of funds

are almost impossible to recover.

- Never make purchases using public Wi-Fi.
- Verify the legitimacy of a seller before you purchase. Take steps such as looking at consumer reviews and checking with the Better Business Bureau.
- Beware of sellers posting under one name but requesting funds to be sent to another individual, or any seller claiming to be inside the country but requesting funds to be sent to another country.
- Only purchase gift cards directly from a trusted merchant.
- Do not click on links or provide personal or financial information to an unsolicited email.
- Make sure antivirus/malware software is up to date and block pop-up windows.
- Use safe passwords or pass phrases. Never use the same password on multiple accounts.
- As always—if the deal sounds too good to be true, chances are it's a scam.

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At a Tempe Union High School District (TUHSD) Governing Board meeting on September 15, representatives from the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, Ak-Chin Indian Community, Gila River Indian Community and the Pascua Yaqui Tribe hosted a special presentation of each Community's flag. The Navajo Nation flag also was included, but a representative was not present.

The school district said that the purpose of this event was to honor and hear from the tribal communities where TUHSD students come from, and also to honor the ancestral lands upon which TUHSD school sites are located.

Currently, 980 students in total attend school within the TUHSD, including 14 students from the SRPMIC.

SRPMIC Vice-President Ricardo Leonard attended the presentation and gave an opening blessing.

"I would be remiss if I did not explain what this maze [on the SRPMIC flag] means to our people," said Leonard as SRPMIC veterans representatives Troy Truax Jr. and Amanda White held up the SRPMIC flag after the presentation of the colors. "[All four Southern Tribes] look at this maze as something that is sacred to us."



SRPMIC Veterans Representatives Troy Truax, JR. and Amanda White hold up the SRPMIC flag during the TUHSD Governing Board meeting. w

The idea for the event originated from TUHSD Governing Board President Brian Garcia (Pascua Yaqui) and Ismael Osuna, a Marcos de Niza High School parent from the Town of Guadalupe who is also a member of the Pascua Yaqui Tribe.

"Mr. Osuna had written to our Governing Board members and Superintendent asking them to consider placing the Pascua Yaqui flag in the boardroom as a sign of respect and inclusion," the school district said in a statement.

"This idea broadened to include all tribes who have students attending our TUHSD schools. To quote from Mr. Osuna's original letter, 'Having our Yaqui flag in the

boardroom will help instill pride in our youth and help them see they have a place at Tempe Union.'"

Megan Sterling, TUHSD executive director of community relations, said that earlier in the school year, a land acknowledgement statement was implemented before every board meeting.

"We also have an employee dedicated to Native American students who works on connecting [the students] with resources—anything they need to find their path and be successful," said Sterling.

The flags are currently posted in the school district's Governing Board room and can be seen during each meeting.



Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program

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- * LIHEAP is a federal grant that offers energy assistance to the residents of SRPMIC. Assistance is available to enrolled and non-enrolled community members. However, the applicant must reside within the boundaries of SRPMIC.
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- * To qualify for the LIHEAP program, the applicant's annual income must fall at or below 150% of the federal program guidelines.

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- * Annual income verification for all household members 18 years of age or older. (per-capita, lease payouts, employment paystubs, social security, unemployment insurance, disability, self-employment income, etc.)
- * A copy of most current utility bill in the applicant's name.

'Build Back Arizona' Tour Launches in the Community: Tribal Leaders Highlight Planned Investments from Bipartisan Infrastructure Law



SRPMIC President Martin Harvier, Ak-Chin Indian Community Chairman Robert Miguel and Gila River Indian Community Governor Stephen Roe Lewis held a press conference to highlight their investments from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

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On Friday, December 10, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community President Martin Harvier, Ak-Chin Indian Community Chairman Robert Miguel and Gila River Indian Community Governor Stephen Roe Lewis held a press conference in Bunnyville, located in the SRPMIC, to discuss the tribal benefits from President Joe Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act). On November 15, President Biden signed the more than \$1 trillion bill into law.

The law is designed to fund much-needed infrastructure improvements across the United States. This money will go toward improving aging roads and bridges, providing high-speed internet access for all, improving water infrastructure and replacing lead pipes, improving freight and passenger railroads, investing in public transportation, and more. The funding is expected to be distributed over five years. Between \$20

billion and \$30 billion will go to tribal communities for infrastructure improvements.

President Harvier explained that in our fast-growing region, the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law will help provide adequate maintenance for the existing infrastructure of the Community, especially in the areas of clean water, broadband coverage, surface transportation and public transportation improvements.

Chairman Miguel outlined that the Ak-Chin Community would benefit from the funding to make improvements on their canals, waterlines and pipes, expand broadband services, and make road improvements. Governor Lewis explained that his community has a continued focus on infrastructure deficits in the areas of broadband, housing, transportation and water projects.

For more in-depth information on the tribes and their plans to utilize the funding from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, read the full article in the upcoming January 6, 2022, issue of *O'odham Action News*.

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SRPMIC-Member Teams Face Off in NYS Turkey Bowl

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Mesa National Youth Sports hosted a Turkey Bowl game for teams that did not make it to the championships this fall. Two teams with Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community members, the Mesa Toros and the Outlaws of Scottsdale, faced off in the 14-and-under division on Saturday, November 20 at Mountain View High School for their last game of the season. Both teams had a rough season, but they came out and fought hard against teams from the East Valley and Scottsdale areas.

Playing for the Outlaws were Community members Josh Correa, Ty King, Noah Lasiloo, Erwin Manuel Jr. and Devon Strong. The Toros included brothers Kaleb and Xavier Lucero and Jayson Dutchover. The Toros defeated the Outlaws 20-6. The Outlaws fought hard, but with only 13 players all season, they were unable to beat the Toros.

Most of the players said this was their first-time playing football, and they have enjoyed their time learning the sport and hope to return next season, which will be in the spring.



Josh Correa of the Outlaws attempts to stop Kaleb Lucero from running the ball.



Jayson Dutchover of the Toros blocks his opponent.



Outlaw's Ty King attempts to run the ball for his team but is eventually tackled.



Noah Lasiloo knocks the ball out of the hand of a Toros player.

Arizona Redistricting Commission Chair Visits Salt River

BY THE SRPMIC OFFICE OF CONGRESSIONAL & LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

The Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission (AIRC) is moving closer to approving the new congressional and legislative district boundaries for the State of Arizona. Following the completion of the U.S. Census, each state is required to reapportion its congressional and state legislative districts to account for population changes. The results of the 2020 Census show Arizona's population increased by 11% between 2010 and 2020, for a total population of 7,151,502. This means Arizona will retain its nine congressional districts and 30 state legislative districts.

To date, the AIRC has published final draft maps and has been taking public comment. Most recently, the AIRC held a public meeting at Scottsdale Community College on Monday, November 18. The following week, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community President Martin Harvier met with Commission Chair Erika Neuberg to discuss the redistricting priorities of the Community.

President Harvier thanked Neuberg and the Commission for their redistricting efforts and for hosting several meetings on tribal lands. In addition, he expressed the Community's support for the draft congressional map of District 4, as it is consistent with the principles presented to the AIRC. President Harvier also provided recommendations for the draft state legislative map of District 8. He asked the AIRC to include the area of Saddleback Mountain in the Community into the district map. In addition, he recommended that the AIRC



President Harvier met with Independent Redistricting Commission Chair Erika Neuberg to discuss the redistricting priorities of the Community.

include areas in the city of Mesa, where many Community-member youth attend school.

Chair Neuberg thanked President Harvier for presenting the Community's perspective and said she will share the recommendations with her colleagues on the AIRC. It is the goal of the AIRC to publish the final state map by the end of the year.

SRPMIC Members Offered Free Admission to Holiday Light Experience at Salt River Fields



SRPMIC families get the first look at the Holiday Light Experience at Salt River Fields.

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Salt River Fields presented the Holiday Light Experience kickoff event for Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community members on Sunday, November 21. SRPMIC members in vehicles attended the free preview of the drive-through holiday-light display around the Salt River Fields at Talking Stick stadium. Community members were given the option of attending the event during three different time slots. Families also could drive through with the option of purchasing 3D glasses to enhance their experience and listening to holiday music along the way. This was the second year that the Holiday Light Experience was offered to the Community as a free event. If you



would like to attend the 1.2-mile drive-through light show, purchase tickets at www.holidaylightexperience.com/srftickets. Prices range from \$35 to \$55 per vehicle, with additional fees for special amenities. The event will continue through January 1, 2022.

Siblings Share Their Talents with Saguaro High School Basketball Teams

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Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community siblings Koda and Marley Jackson are sharing their talents with the Saguaro High School boys and girls basketball teams this season. Also playing on the boys basketball teams are O'Shea Bonner and Jesse Chavez, and cheering for these players is Ky-Moni Harney, who is on the cheer squad.

Bonner used to play at Salt River High School; since the school closed, he moved to the Scottsdale district, where he is now playing on the Saguaro High School freshman and JV basketball teams. He plays point and shooting guard and hopes to do the best he can this season.

Chavez is on the JV team and is a sophomore. He played last year and is a starter for the JV team.

"Today was fun; it was our first game out of 18," said Chavez after the varsity game on Monday, November 29.

His goal is to make the varsity team next year. He explained that it's a lot harder to start on varsity, but he hopes to make it to varsity. He also will be playing baseball in the spring.

"I look forward to playing with my friends and just being able to play, because last year due to COVID our schedule was limited. Being able to have a crowd makes it a lot more fun," said Chavez.

Siblings Koda and Marley Jackson are the son and daughter of Derrick Jackson and Celestine Martinez and have been playing basketball since they were 5 or 6 years old. They started out by learning the basics through SRPMIC Recreational Services.

"Me and my brother loved playing,



Marley Jackson makes her third three-pointer of the night in her first game this season.



Koda Jackson passes the ball to his teammate in his first varsity game.



Siblings Marley and Koda Jackson play on the varsity basketball teams at Saguaro High School.

and we just wanted to start playing more and more, so we practiced and now we're here," said Marley. "It feels nice; we worked our way up there and we're both on varsity."

Koda has been playing with the Saguaro Sabercats for the last three years; this year as a junior he is on the

JV and varsity teams. Although he was not a starter in the first varsity game of the season, he played the entire fourth quarter and helped the Sabercats defeat the Mingus Union Marauders 73-43.

"It felt really good before the game started," said Koda about his first game on the varsity team. "I was really excited before the game; I just wanted to play. I look forward to more games."

Marley has been playing on the girls varsity team since she was a freshman. As a sophomore she is a starter, and in the first quarter of her first game this season she pulled two back-to-back three-pointers, helping her team defeat the Arcadia Titans 59-47.

"It was nice getting back into it. I am excited for the season and getting to shoot," said Marley. "This season I would like to start working more on my

ball-handling skills, just bringing the ball up the court."

Marley explained that basketball is a hobby for her. "School and life can be stressful and this is a therapy. It's awesome, and I love it.

"I would like to thank my dad because he is out there with us rebounding and showing us a few things. I would also like to thank all of my coaches," added Marley.

If you would like to come out and support these talented athletes, visit sites.google.com/susdgapps.org/saguaro-highschool-athletics/schedules for the full schedule. For scores and highlights, visit www.azpreps365.com/teams/basketball-boys/1710-saguaro/135683-varsity or www.azpreps365.com/teams/basketball-girls/1711-saguaro/135689-varsity.



Best Wishes for a Happy Holiday Season and a Joyous New Year.

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North 84th Street Road and Utility Improvements - 30 day comment period

A 30-day protest period for the North 84th Street Road and Utility Improvements Project (Project) will begin with the posting of this notice. The decision has been made to issue/approve a lease for the Project in accordance with 25 CFR Part 169, 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.

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The Proposed Action (Project) consists of the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Salt River Agency issuing/approving a right-of-way (ROW) on approximately 13.134 acres of allotted land on the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (SRPMIC) for the North 84th Street Road and Utility Improvements project (Project). Issuance/approval of the ROW by the BIA (federal action) would result in the following:

- **Storm Drain**
 o The proposed 120-inch diameter storm drain would be located within the proposed ROW and would be placed at an approved depth below surface based on final engineering drawings. It would connect on the north end of 84th Street to a new box culvert that will be fed from the upstream Granite Reef Watershed Improvement Project and on the east from the Pima Road Improvement Project. The proposed storm drain is 0.99-miles in length from McKellips Road southward and would outlet into the existing box culvert at the Salt River through the Salt River levee. A new rip rap erosion protection apron would be placed at the outlet.
- **Underground Utilities**
 The proposed underground utilities would be placed on either side of the storm drain at given distances.
 o Natural Gas: Installed along the proposed road alignment at depths that meet engineering specifications.
 o Phone: 50 feet at a depth, which meets engineering specifications.
 o Power: 50 feet at a depth, which meets

- engineering specifications.
 o Sanitary Sewer: 10 feet at a depth, which meets engineering specifications.
 o Water: 15 feet at a depth, which meets engineering specifications.
 - **Road Widening**
 The single-lane dirt farm road that is 84 Street located south of McKellips Road would be widened to a four-lane road and paved. The elements of the road widening include:
 o The right-turning lanes would be a width of 12 feet.
 o The adjacent lanes would be a width of 14 feet.
 o Bike lanes on each side of the street would be a width of 6 feet.
 o One 16-foot median with landscaping separating two-directional traffic. o A curb on each side of the street.
 o Streetlights on each side of the street.
 o A 6.5-foot buffer with landscaping on each side of the street.
 o An 8-foot-wide sidewalk on each side of the street.
- Based on the attached Final Environmental Assessment (EA) dated November 2021, it has been determined that the Proposed Action will not have a significant impact on the quality of the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement is not required (40 CFR 1508.13). This determination is supported by the following findings:
1. The Final EA included an analysis of all

- BIA-required resources that were present and affected.
 - 2. BIA Salt River Agency, various SRPMIC departments, and other involved agencies participated in discussions to identify issues related to the Project.
 - 3. The Final EA discloses the environmental consequences of the Proposed Action and No-Action alternative.
 - 4. Implementation of the Proposed Action would increase income for allottees, and employment and income for the Community as a whole (ROW payment(s), employment opportunities in construction, etc.).
 - 5. The Proposed Action was determined to have no effect on cultural resources. The Tribal Historic Preservation Office concurred with this finding.
 - 6. The Proposed Action will have no effect on federally-listed species.
 - 7. The Proposed Action will have no effect on waters of the U.S. or floodplains.
 - 8. The Proposed Action will not have a disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effect on minority and low-income populations (Executive Order 12898), and will not adversely affect Indian Trust Assets (Executive Order 3175).
 - 9. The Proposed Action is not anticipated to contribute to cumulative environmental effects.
- The following environmental documents related to the preparation of this Final EA are as follows and are part of the official record on file at the BIA Salt River Agency:
- CDD/EPNR. 2021. *Phase I Environmental Site Assessment 84th Street (September 17, 2020) and Phase II Environmental Site Assessment 84th Street (July 22, 2021)*, Community Development Department/Environmental Protection and Natural Resources Division.
- Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) 2021a. *Project Level CO Hot-Spot Analysis Questionnaire*. August 2021.
- ADOT. 2021b. *Project Level PM Quantitative Hot-Spot Analysis - Project of Air Quality Concern Questionnaire*. August 2021.
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- Kimley-Horn. 2021. *Biological Evaluation Re-evaluation Memorandum*. Jennifer Simpkins, Senior Biologist, Kimley-Horn.
 - Newton Environmental Consulting LLC. 2021. *Final Noise Analysis Technical Report, Pima Road Improvements*. August 2021.
 - North Wind. 2021. *Results of Identification Testing for the North 84th Street Road and Utility Improvements Project, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, Maricopa County, Arizona*. North Wind Resource Consulting, LLC, October 4, 2021.
 - SRPMIC. 2021. Field notes from nest survey completed by Vicki Olmstead, biologist. On August 21, 2021.
 - USACE. 2021. Approved Department of the Army jurisdictional determination (JD) for the Pima Rd/Granite Reef Wash Section 12 project site (File No. SPL-2020-00111), United States Army Corps of Engineers.
- The following Best Management Practices are listed in Section 2.4 of the Final EA:
- The following BMPs are included in the proposed action to minimize or negate impacts to social and natural environmental resources. The following are practices to be implemented:
- To prevent the introduction of invasive species seeds, all earthmoving and hauling equipment at the storage facility shall be inspected and any vegetation debris removed and disposed of properly.
 - To prevent invasive species seeds from leaving the site, all construction equipment shall be inspected, and all attached plant/vegetation and soil/mud debris removed and disposed of properly prior to leaving the construction site.
 - Prior to the start of ground-disturbing activities and throughout construction and any landscape establishment period, the contractor shall arrange for and perform the control of noxious and invasive species in the project area.
 - A Noxious and Invasive Plant Species Treatment and Control Plan shall be developed. Plants to be controlled shall include those listed in the state and federal noxious weed and the state invasive species lists in accordance with state and federal laws and EOs. The plan and associated treatments shall include all areas within the project ROW, as shown on the project plans. The Treatment and Control Plan shall be submitted to CDD/EPNR for review and approval prior to implementation

- by the contractor.
- Vehicles and equipment will stay on designated roads, and equipment will be staged/set up in areas free of vegetation to minimize the risk of potentially destroying present vegetation.
- Prior to construction, a SRPMIC biologist will conduct a burrowing owl survey. In addition, all personnel who will be on site, including, but not limited to, contractors, contractors' employees, supervisors, inspectors, and subcontractors, shall review the "Western Burrowing Owl Awareness" flyer. If any burrowing owls or active burrows are identified, the contractor shall notify SRPMIC immediately. No construction activities shall take place within 100 feet of any active burrow. If SRPMIC determines that burrowing owls cannot be avoided, the contractor shall employ a qualified biologist holding a permit from the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service to relocate burrowing owls from the project area, as appropriate.
- Prior to construction, all personnel who will be on site, including, but not limited to, contractors, contractors' employees, supervisors, inspectors, and subcontractors, shall complete the Cultural Sensitivity Training class. Any cultural (i.e., historic/prehistoric site or object) or paleontological resource (i.e., fossil remains of plants or animals) discovered within the project areas shall immediately be reported to SRPMIC EPNR archaeologists and Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO). All operations in the immediate area of the discovery shall be suspended until written authorization to proceed is issued. An evaluation of the discovery shall be made by a qualified archaeologist or paleontologist to determine appropriate actions to prevent the loss of significant cultural or scientifically important paleontological values.
- If in connection with this work any human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, or objects of cultural patrimony, as defined in the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (Public Law 101-601; 104 Stat. 3048; 25 U.S.C. 3001), are discovered, operations in the immediate area of the discovery would stop, the remains and objects will be protected, and SRPMIC EPNR archaeologists, the THPO, and the NAGPRA Coordinator shall be immediately notified. The immediate area of the discovery would be protected until notified by SRPMIC that operations may resume.

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Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community: **North 84th Street Road and Utility Improvements**

- If clearing, grubbing, or tree/limb removal will take place during the red-tailed hawk breeding season (January 1 to June 31), the Project Engineer will contact SRPMIC to arrange for a qualified biologist to conduct active nest surveys no more than 10 days prior to vegetation removal. During the non-breeding season (July 1 to December 31), clearing, grubbing, or tree/limb removal activities are not subject to this restriction.
- For MBTA protected species other than the red-tailed hawk, if clearing, grubbing, or tree/limb removal will take place during the breeding season (March 1 to August 31), the Engineer will contact SRPMIC to arrange for a qualified biologist to conduct active nest surveys no more than 10 days prior to vegetation removal. During the non-breeding season (September 1 to February 31), clearing, grubbing, or tree/limb removal activities are not subject to this restriction.
- If active bird nests are identified within the project limits, construction activities will avoid disturbing any active nests. Avoidance areas, if necessary, will be marked in the field with temporary fencing or t-post with flagging. SRPMIC will determine the appropriate avoidance strategy until the nestlings have fledged from the nest or the nest is no longer active. Any nest relocations would be conducted by an appropriately-permitted biologist with a focus on ensuring the nest remains within the community.
- Construction will disturb more than one acre; therefore, a Section 402 (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System [NPDES]) permit will be required from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). A copy of the Notice of Intent must also be submitted to CDD/EPNR at SRPMIC.
- A Storm Water Prevention Pollution Plan (SWPPP) must also be submitted to the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ), US EPA, and CDD/EPNR at SRPMIC.
- Generally accepted dust abatement, erosion control, air quality, fire prevention, and safety measures shall be employed, as directed by SRPMIC. An approved Dust Control Plan for all ground-disturbing activities (>1 acre) shall be in place prior to construction, and a copy submitted to CDD/EPNR. Operator shall prevent and control track out, carry-out, spillage, and/or erosion of dirt and other materials onto paved areas accessible to the public road. Fugitive dust control measures are required for all work sites.

**Cecilia Baker, Superintendent Bureau of Indian Affairs
Salt River Agency**

Challenging Race Day for Many Ironman Arizona Athletes

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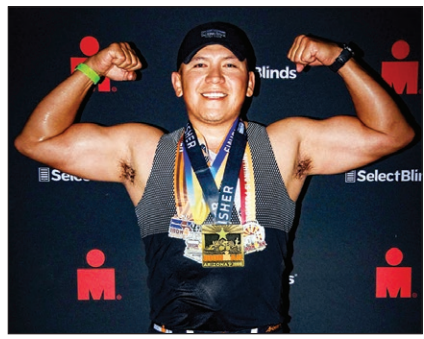
Athletes from the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community took part in Ironman Arizona, held on Sunday, November 21. Race-day conditions are never perfect, but this year’s event was a test for many. The theme shared by many athletes was the endurance and persistence required to overcome the personal and environmental obstacles they faced. Here are some personal accounts of the race.

Kyle Dallas

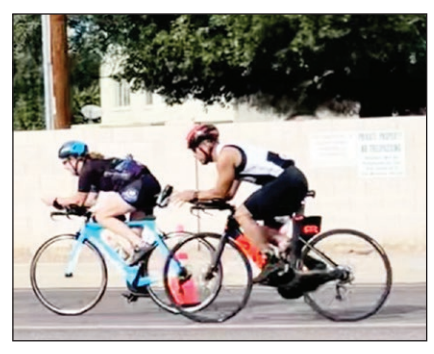
This struggle began with the headwind on the Beeline [Highway], all going up at a snail’s pace. With this being my third Ironman, I set a goal of finishing. I felt prepared and focused on my strength and conditioning the last few months, which definitely helped. Although unexpected leg pain ensued, I pushed through with a strong sprint at the finish line. Ironman No. 4 doesn’t sound too exciting right now, but it might just be my sore body screaming at me not to do this all over again.



Fantasia Painter



Kyle Dallas



Rueben Malin



MaLorie Charley - Krause team

MaLorie Charley-Krause

I was honored to join the SRPMIC Ironman Arizona relay team. I started with a great mindset, knowing my team was relying on me to finish. My first trip (on the bicycle) towards Shea [Boulevard] was all adrenaline with a constant headwind. My second loop was the hardest, with more wind, and I started to ache. Knowing what my son Niles, who left for the Marines in October, is going through gave me the strength to endure. I’ve completed three full Ironman events and this was the hardest yet.

Rueben Malin

This was my second time completing Ironman and I was pleased to represent SRPMIC as the “sponsored” Ironman athlete. My swim went well, though fighting the freezing water and other swimmers is the hardest part. The cycling route changed this year and passed by family and friend’s homes, so I had support throughout the route. The wind picked up during the cycle and made each climb up Beeline more difficult. The mental game for me starts at the run. I was exhausted, but I told myself to continue pushing and accomplished my two goals: never stop moving and

beat my previous time.

Rachel Seepie

I was nervous to be on this year’s relay team and ecstatic to be doing an “in-person” race. This was my first time as the runner; [I’ve competed] twice before as the swimmer, completed over 10 marathons and this event four times individually, but the camaraderie and enthusiasm from my teammates impacted me to do my best. I was the last to finish, and when I was nearly done, an Ironman official told me I may not get a finish time, but I was determined and finished for my team.

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How Can I Protect Myself From The New Omicron Variant?

BY LAURAN NEERGAARD
AP Medical Writer

How can I protect myself from the new omicron variant?

The same way you guard against COVID-19 caused by any other variant: Get vaccinated if you haven't yet, get a booster if you're eligible and step up other precautions you may have relaxed, like wearing a mask and avoiding crowds.

For all the attention omicron is getting, the overwhelming cause of infections and deaths in many places remains the extra-contagious delta variant.

"Delta is the real risk right now. Omicron is an uncertain threat," Dr. Francis Collins, director of the U.S. National Institutes of Health, told The Associated Press. Regardless of the coronavirus type, Collins said "we do know what to do."

It will take a few weeks to learn key aspects about this latest variant, including whether it's more contagious, causes more severe illness or evades immunity -- and if so, how by much.

In the meantime, "what we need to do is add more layers of protection," says Dr. Julie Vaishampayan of the Infectious Diseases Society of America. That's especially important with holiday travel and gatherings around the corner.

A booster shot is one of those layers. The added dose triggers a big jump in virus-fighting antibodies. Even if the antibodies don't prove quite as effective against omicron as they are against other variants, simply having more of them might compensate -- in addition to bolstering protection against delta.

In addition to masking, avoiding crowds and improving ventilation, testing is another protective step. That's recommended for anyone who has COVID-19 symptoms or was potentially exposed to the virus. But it also could help ensure safety before holiday gatherings, even if everyone attending has been vaccinated, Vaishampayan says.

Senior Services: Honors Our Seniors



Salt River Seniors receive a goodie bag and hot meal during the drive-thru event Honoring Our Seniors. Photo Courtesy of Senior Servicesw

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On November 23, more than 170 cars filled with Community elders snaked around the Salt River Community Building parking lot to participate in Honoring Our Seniors.

Salt River Senior Services hosted the drive-through event to show appreciation for the Community's elders. Each senior received a goody bag and a hot meal. Council members David Antone and Cheryl Doka were on hand to bag and pass out the dinners.

Vice-President Ricardo Leonard joined the O'odham and Piipash singers to provide entertainment as the seniors waited in queue to receive their gifts and meals. Miss Salt River Sistine Lewis and Martha Ludlow-Martinez from the Miss Salt River Committee also greeted the elders as they passed out goodies.

"To celebrate Native American

Heritage Month, we wanted to honor our O'odham and Piipaash heritage and to show appreciation to all our Community's elders. It was a busy night and wonderful to see so many elders come through," said Cecelia Lewis who coordinated the event. "I am grateful to everyone who turned out to make it a great event. We invite everyone to watch for other Senior Services events in the coming months."

In addition to those who participated in the drive-through event, 218 home-bound seniors also received a gift and could watch parts of the event via Facebook live at www.facebook.com/SRseniorservices.



★ Online Survey ★

FUTURE OF SRPMIC HOUSING

COMMUNITY MEMBER ONLY SURVEY



Give your input on the future housing in the Community!

Go to: www.srpmic-nsn.gov/housingsurvey



YOUR INPUT IS IMPORTANT

Online Survey Begins: November 15, 2021

Online Survey Closes: January 15, 2022

Community Members Ages 16 & Up

10 Raffle Prizes (iPads, Great Wolf Lodge Stay, and More!)

Raffle winners to be drawn and notified the week of January 17, 2022.

www.srpmic-nsn.gov/housingsurvey

If you have questions or would like to take the survey over the phone, please contact:

Aaron Studebaker
480-362-5719
aaron.studebaker@srpmic-nsn.gov

Heather Swanson
480-362-7233
heather.swanson@srpmic-nsn.gov

SCAN FOR SURVEY



Sal LaPuma III Earns Transportation Certification

BY CHRIS PICCIUOLO
O'odham Action News
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Sal LaPuma III, transit manager for the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community's Department of Transportation, has completed his Community Transportation Association of America (CTAA) certification exam, which makes him a Certified Community Transit Manager (CCTM).

The CTAA recognizes the importance of basic transportation so people can access work, education, healthcare and social opportunities that build a healthier community. It certifies its members in areas such as professional dispatching and scheduling, safety and security, passenger sensitivity, transit administration, and vehicle maintenance and management.

"It makes me feel good that I've achieved that recognition," said LaPuma. "I think it helps the Community when we're dealing with other agencies, whether it's the Arizona Department of Transportation or the Federal Transit Administration, [because] we're not a little fish in the pond. We're able to attain grants based on solid facts and information that I'm able to provide."



Sal LaPuma III holds up his CTAA certificate outside of his office at the SRPMIC Department of Transportation.

The SRPMIC Department of Transportation is currently in the process of implementing a new scheduling software that LaPuma said will be user-friendly. The software, which should come online in a couple of months, comes with a new app for the Community and will introduce a new fixed route.





NOTICE
2022 AGRICULTURAL LEASE PAYMENT

In compliance with SRPMIC Emergency Declaration Directives for COVID-19, the 2022 Agricultural Lease payment to landowners will be made by mail, direct deposit, or SRPMIC Pay Card only. There will be no in person payout.

On Friday, January 21, 2022, Agricultural Lease Payment checks will be mailed to your address on file or, if you have elected to use direct deposit, disbursement will occur to the financial institution on file with the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community ("SRPMIC") Finance Department. Incorrect information will cause a delay in receiving your payment. To update your address or direct deposit information, or to sign up for direct deposit, please contact:

SRPMIC Vendor Maintenance, ph: (480) 362-7729
 (staff is available Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Arizona time)
 The last day for Agricultural Lease Payment updates is December 17, 2021.
 Please call as soon as possible.

Pay Card disbursement will be placed onto your SRPMIC Pay Card on Friday, January 21, 2022. To sign up for a SRPMIC Pay Card for your lease payment or to add your lease payment to an already issued SRPMIC Pay Card, please contact the SRPMIC Finance Department at (480) 362-7620. The last day for Agricultural Lease Payment updates is December 17, 2021.

Payments less than \$15.00. All direct deposit and Pay Card payments will be disbursed regardless of the amount. For checks less than \$15.00, landowners will need to contact the SRPMIC Finance Department and request that a check be mailed. Such checks will be processed 7-10 business days following the request after January 21, 2022.

Questions? Contact the SRPMIC Finance Leasing Payment Office (480) 362-7730.

*Agricultural lease payments will be made based upon farmer payments received by January 3, 2022.

4th Quarter 2021 ELIGIBILITY DEADLINE
December 31, 2021

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

DIRECT DEPOSIT START-UPS AND CHANGES: Tuesday, January 11 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 January 2022 payout. Forms received after this date will not be effective until the April 2022 payout.

Per Capita Information Certificate. Forms received by this date will be effective for the January 2022 payout. Forms received after this date will not be processed until the first week of February 2022.

DISCONTINUE DIRECT DEPOSITS: Tuesday, January 11 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, January 18 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 .

PER CAPITA ELIGIBILITY: Tuesday, January 18 at 5 p.m. This deadline is for submitting the Adult SRP-MIC Member's

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

O'ODHAM ACTION NEWS

If you have a story idea, please call OAN at
(480) 362-7750
 Leave your name, number and brief message
 and we will return your call

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

CHURCH LISTING

<p>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</p> <p>SERVICES -Visit us on Facebook Live and in person. Search for Lehi Church of the Nazarene -Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. -Worship Service, 10:45 a.m. -Sunday Night Service, 6:30 p.m. -Wed. Bible Study at church, 6:30 p.m. -SOAR Group 2nd & 4th Friday every month at the church 7 p.m. -Monday night Prayer Meeting, 6 p.m. -Singspiration, last Sunday of the month at 6 p.m.</p>	<p>SERVICES -Sunday Services 10 a.m. -Communion First Sunday of every month 10 a.m. (limited 10 people)</p> <p>THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST PAPAGO WARD 2056 N. Extension Rd. Scottsdale AZ, 85256 (480) 947-1084</p> <p>SERVICES -Sunday service suspended until further notice</p>	<p>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</p>
<p>FERGUSON MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH 1512 E. McDowell Rd. (Lehi) Mesa, AZ 85203 Pastor Neil Price (480) 278-0750</p> <p>SERVICES - Worship Service, 10 a.m. - Thurs. Bible Study Service, 7 p.m. -Sunday service 10 a.m. now available through the Zoom app call church for Zoom ID.</p>	<p>PIMA CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP 12207 E. Indian School Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85256 Pastor Marty Thomas (480) 874-3016/ Home: (480) 990-7450</p> <p>SERVICES - Sunday service 11 a.m. - Bible Study Wednesdays 6 p.m. via Zoom - Churches Zoom ID: 7081368738 pwds : 3r28HAJ</p>	<p>SALT RIVER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH P.O. Box 10125 Scottsdale, AZ 85271 E: SaltRiverPresbyterian@gmail.com Visit us on Facebook Pastor Charlotte Fafard</p> <p>SERVICES -Sunday Service, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. -Communion First Sunday of the month CDC/SRPMIC Guidelines followed</p>
<p>LEHI PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 1342 E. Oak Mesa, AZ 85203 Pastor Annette Lewis annette.f.lewis@gmail.com (480) 404-3284</p>	<p>SALT RIVER ASSEMBLY OF GOD 10657 E. Virginia Ave. Scottsdale, AZ 85256 (480) 947-5278 Rev. Jim Lopez</p> <p>SERVICES - Sunday Morning Prayer 10 a.m. - Worship 11 a.m. - Evening Worship 6 p.m. - Thursday Evening Worship 6 p.m.</p> <p>SALT RIVER CHURCH OF CHRIST 430 N. Dobson Rd. Mesa, AZ 85201 (720) 626-2171 SaltRiverChurchofChrist.com</p>	<p>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 Anthony Tinker</p> <p>SERVICES -Sunday Mass 12 p.m. -Holy Hours 1 p.m.</p>

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.

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

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 III of the Return to Work Plan the SRPMIC Council is continuing business by holding Council meetings in-person (adhering to COVID precautions and no audience). 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.

Enrolled Community Members are now able to submit comments to: membercomments@srpmic-nsn.gov. Reminder, Council should not receive comments about any pending court issues, any Human Resources issues, or issues related to juveniles.

October 13, 2021 – Skype Council Meeting Items:

Introduction of Licensed Associate Judge – Presiding Judge Achin introduced Judge Tracy Darmody as the new licensed associate judge.

Special Use Permit (SUP) – Council approved a SUP for “The Run to Fight Children’s Cancer” in partnership with Salt River Fields that took place on October 16, 2021.

River People Health Center Video Update – Due to technical difficulties the video update was not presented.

12th Directive-A Safe Halloween 2021 – Council approved the 12th Directive “To Protect and Defend the Health and Welfare of the Onk Akimel O’odham and Xalychidom Piipaash residents, Community employees, businesses, and visitors of the SRPMIC by issuing directives for a Safe Halloween 2021”.

COVID-19 Update–The Assistant Community Manager provided an overview of the current Community COVID-19 report as of October 13, 2021.

Community Member Comments – 1) A comment was submitted regarding mentorship programs. Response was currently, there is not a formal mentoring program in place; however, staff are working on a draft program to present to Council for consideration. 2) A comment was submitted congratulating Doran Dalton and Blessing McAnlis-Vasquez in their new roles as Assistant Community Managers. 3) A comment was submitted regarding betting on local sport teams at SRPMIC casinos, live roulette, live craps games, to keep revenue at SRPMIC. Response was the Gaming Enterprise is currently working on the gaming expansion design, construction, and operation changes. An update on these items will be presented at an upcoming meeting.

Administrative Reports: SRPD Chief provided the weekly report on major crimes occurring in the Community for the week.

Executive Session Items: Tolling Agreement, Contract Renewal, 401(k) Plan, Community Events, 84th Street Alignment, Office of General Counsel Legal Matters.

October 14, 2021 – Skype Council Work Session Items:

Procurement Policy – A summary was given on the policy that was presented in 2020. Council direction was provided and will follow-up with the changes at a future work session.

Senior Home Repair & Replacement Program (SHRRP) – Staff presented the existing program and the concerns with inconsistencies in ser-

vices. This was scheduled on a future work session, due to computer technical difficulties.

Executive Work Session Items: GHA Reister, SRPD.

October 20, 2021 – Skype Council Meeting Items:

Salt River Community Children’s Foundation Board Appointment – Council appointed Community members, Elayne Lucero and Pila Mendoza, to fill the expired terms on this board. They will each serve a 3 year term.

12% Gaming IGA’s and Resolutions– Council approved a resolution that approves the resolutions and inter-governmental agreements with certain Arizona cities and towns.

Resolution for Exclusion – Council approved a resolution to exclude non-member, Brian Vincent Landfear from the territory and boundaries of the SRPMIC.

Community ID’s – An overview of SRPMIC Tribal ID’s was presented for Council information.

Housing Update – A housing update and new projects were presented. Also, the housing survey format and delivery, transitional housing, emergency housing, and new subdivisions was presented for Council approval or direction.

Amendment to §1-503 Civil Violation of Executive Orders – A proposed ordinance was presented to enact an amended civil ordinance to Chapter 1, General Provisions and Enterprises, Divisions, and Boards, Article V, Local Emergencies and Disasters, to make Local Emergency Declarations and Major Disaster Declaration Enforceable and to Increase Penalties. Council approved the proposed amendments to the ordinance.

Ordinance of Council Appeals Process – A proposed ordinance to establish an Appeals Process for Appeals before the Council was presented. Council approved an ordinance to provide for an Article VI, Chapter I Memorializing the Council Process when hearing formal appeals of certain matter by law are required to be heard by the Council.

COVID-19 Update–The Community Manager provided an overview of the current Community COVID-19 situation and testing results for the week. It was reported that the FDA approved the booster shots for Moderna, Johnson & Johnson, and mix and match use of the vaccines.

Administrative Reports: The Office of Congressional & Legislative Affairs gave a brief report on changes in the Arizona House and Senate due to members vacating their seats to join the Governor’s race next year. Also, announced was the very first virtual Tribal Leaders Summit on November 15-16, 2021. SRPD reported on the major incidents for the week of October 13-19, 2021. President Harvier reported that he did the welcome at the Annual Veterans Hall of Fame Ceremony held at TSR. He announced he would attend the Tribal Summit at U of A.

Executive Session Items: Gaming Update, Primate Lease, Memo on Community, SRPD, Board Application Review (Election), Office of General Counsel Legal Matters.

October 21, 2021 – Skype Council Work Session Items:

Special Domestic Criminal Jurisdiction (SDVCJ) – An overview was presented on implementing SDVCJ. The criteria and options were presented for Council consideration. Council gave consensus for staff to move forward.

The item will then be presented in a regular session for Council action.

Executive Work Session Items: Board Process, Procurement Policy, Gaming Board Update, GHA Update, public grievance.

October 27, 2021 – Skype Council Meeting Items:

Dark Fiber-Phase I Telecommunication Easement – This was a follow-up presentation from the September 15, 2021 joint Council/Land Management Board public hearing for a right-of-way easement along Red Mountain Road and Power Road. The public comment period ended October 1, 2021. Council approved the resolution to “consent to the grants of easement for telecommunications easement on tribal and allotted lands on portions of Red Mountain Road and Power Road for the general benefit of the Community and adjacent landowners.

State/Federal Voting and Election Policy – A presentation was given that included adjustments and innovated ways to implement execution of the 2020 election, new asks of the County such as early voting and ballot drop off boxes, and an overview of voting bill that were introduced; For the People Act, the John Lewis Voting Rights Act, Native American Voting Rights Act, and the Freedom to Vote Act.

Strong Heart AI-CHERISH Phase 2 Study – Council approved a resolution to authorize the Strong Heart American Indian’s Chronic Disease Risk and Sleep Health (AL-CHERISH) phase 2 epidemiologic study to be conducted in the SRPMIC by Medstart Health Research Institute to quantify associations linking subjective and objective sleep deficiencies with prevalent health conditions.

Gaming Enterprise By-laws – Council approved the Salt River Community Gaming Enterprises Gaming Board By-laws. The updated by-laws align with the new ordinance change and reflects the function of the board.

COVID-19 Update – The Community Manager provided an overview of the current Community COVID-19 situation and testing results for the week.

Community Member Comments – 1) A comment on the driving problem and running of stop signs on Country Club Drive and Chaparral was received. The Public Works, Road Division will address ideas on improving the situation and police will be informed. 2) A comment/suggestion to remove the plastic shield inside the casino was presented. The comment will be given to the Gaming Enterprise Board.

Administrative Reports: Council approved the holiday schedule. The Community Manager announced that CarShop will be having their grand opening and is offering 10% off services for Community Members. He also, introduced the new Assistant Community Managers; Blessing McAnlis-Vasquez and Doran Dalton. SRPD Chief provided the weekly report on major crimes occurring in the Community.

Executive Session: Gaming Update, Gaming Enterprise Monthly Report, Sponsorship Opportunity, PCC and SRSR Enabling Ordinances, Retreat, Senior Services, OGC Legal Matters.

October 28, 2021 – Council Retreat:

Executive Council Retreat – Council had an all-day meeting. Previous Council Retreat Priorities were reviewed and new topics/priorities were discussed.

November 3, 2021 – Council Meeting Items:

Proclamation – Council approved a Proclamation honoring the leadership of former Council Member, Grinelda Gates.

Housing Development Update – Staff presented a general update on the current housing projects in the Community.

2022 COBRA Rates – The 2022 COBRA insurance rates have increased by 3% due to the rising cost for health care. Council approved the 2022 COBRA rates effective January 1, 2022.

Ordinance Amendments for Qualified Residential Treatment Programs – Council approved two ordinance amendments in Chapter 11. “An amendment to Chapter 11, Article VII, Section 11-167, to establish that specific court hearings are scheduled so that the Community meets a detailed assessment, case planning, documentation, judicial determinations and ongoing review and permanency hearing standards for children placed at a qualified residential treatment program in order for cost reimbursement by the Federal Government.” and the second ordinance header, “An amendment to Chapter 11, Article VII, Section 11-174, to establish that specific court hearings are scheduled so that the Community meets a detailed assessment, case planning, documentation, judicial determinations and ongoing review and permanency hearing standards for children placed at a qualified residential treatment program in order for cost reimbursement from the Federal Government.”

Ordinance Amendments to Exercise Special Domestic Violence Criminal Jurisdiction (SDVCJ) – An ordinance amendment to implement SDVCJ, which is an option to tribal communities through the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) was presented. This will allow the Community to prosecute a non-Indian domestic violence offender for committing an offense against a tribal member within the jurisdiction. Council approved a 90-day comment period.

COVID-19 Update – The Community Manager provided an overview of the current Community COVID-19 situation and testing results for the week.

Administrative Reports: SRPD Chief provided the weekly report on major crimes occurring in the Community. Thank you speech was given for the years of service of former Council Member, Grinelda Gates.

Executive Session: Community Member Meeting, Gaming Update, Land Management Board Member, OGC Legal Matters.

November 4, 2021 – Skype Council Work Session Items:

Senior Home Repair & Replacement Program (SHRRP) – The SHRRP program eligibility and prioritization was presented. The categories to receive services were presented.

Gilbert Road Bridge – The project history, design, resolution concern, project update, approved aesthetics, monument design and project schedule were presented. Information will be shared at district meetings.

Housing Survey – An overview was presented of the SRPMIC Housing Online Survey will be launched to identify the ideas, needs and gaps in housing within the Community. Staff will return to Council for future policy direction.

Executive Items – Gaming Board,

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COUNCIL ACTIONS CORNER

vandalism, homelessness.

November 10, 2021 – Council Meeting Items:

SRPMIC VETERAN'S DAY VIRTUAL PROGRAM

Special Use Permit (SUP) – Council approved the SUP for the Holiday Light Tour at Salt River Fields.

Special Use Permit (SUP) – Council approved the SUP for the FY2022 Nestwatchers Annual Monitoring of Bald Eagles in the Red Mountain Area.

SRPMIC Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS) Local Board Member – Council appointed Commander Gann to fill the SRPD representative vacancy on this board.

Gaming Enterprise Board Member Resignation – Council formally accepted the resignation from Blessing McAnlis-Vasquez from the Gaming Enterprise Board so she can transition to her new ACM duties.

COVID-19 Update – The Community Manager provided an overview of the current Community COVID-19 situation and testing results for the week.

Administrative Reports – 1) Council thanked the Veteran's for their service. 2) Council approved a Senior gift. 3) OCLA provided an update on congressional legislative affairs. 4) SRPD Chief provided the weekly report on major crimes occurring in the Community.

Community Member Comments – A comment asking for consistency of where locations of vaccinations for children will be given. Too many locations make it confusing. Response to the comment: Health & Human Services modified their plan and will conduct the clinics at the Salt River Community Building.

Executive Session: IHS Litigation, Board Application Review (Saddleback & Education), OGC Legal Matters

November 11, 2021 – Skype Council Work Session Items:

Veteran's Day – Tribal Offices Closed.

November 17, 2021 – Council Meeting Items:

Land Management Board & Council Joint Public Hearing – The Highland Avenue (Dobson Road to Longmore Road) proposed road and utility easement was presented. Council will take action on January 4, 2022 after the public comment period has ended.

Sponsorship Request – This agenda item was tabled to next week.

Certification of Council Polls – Council certified the Council poll that was conducted for two non-member burial request and use of Community facilities for the wake and funeral.

COVID-19 Update – The Community Manager provided an overview of the current Community COVID-19 situation and testing results for the week.

Administrative Reports – 1) Council appointed Acting Presiding Judge Achin as the Presiding Judge for the remainder of her term. 2) The Community Housing survey was announced. 3) A brief summary of the Community Member Only meeting was presented. 4) Photos of the River People Health Center construction was presented. 5) OCLA provided an update on congressional legislative affairs. 6) SRPD Chief provided the weekly report on major crimes occurring in the Community.

Community Member Comments – A request from a Community Members to watch the Community Member Only meeting was presented. Response: Council Secretary will arrange a time for the Community Member to come into the office to listen to the meeting.

Executive Session: Gaming Update, Gaming Enterprise Monthly Report, Acting Questions, Child Support Orders.

November 18, 2021 – Skype Council Work Session Items:

Minutes – Council reviewed and acted on the open session minutes.

Executive Session: Organizational Structure (tabled), SR Landfill Comments, Covid Chronicle, Executive Minutes.

November 24, 2021 – Council Meeting Items:

No Meetings the week of Thanksgiving.
November 25, 2021 – Skype Council Work Session Items:

No Meetings the week of Thanksgiving.

WEEKLY - President, Vice-President, and Executive Administration hold Skype meetings for various other meetings.

COVID-19 TESTING AVAILABLE

Nasal or Oral Swabs / Saliva Test*

* Saliva testing requires no food or drink, chewing gum, smoking or vaping 30 minutes prior to testing

MON.-FRI. / 7:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Lunch break from 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.

Who can be tested at the SRPMIC COVID-19 site?

- No age restriction, testing is available for all ages
- SRPMIC Tribal Enrollee and Family members (immediate family and/or living in household) of any age.
- Non-Tribal enrollee living within the Community Boundary in a SRPMIC Enrolled member's home
- SRPMIC Government Employee only
- Enterprise Employees only

In addition:

- Clients with an established Salt River Clinic chart
- Individuals providing a Certificate of Indian Blood (CBID)
- Anyone referred by Salt River contact tracing program

Location

SRPMIC COVID-19 SITE

10237 E. Osborn Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85256

An appointment is recommended. Those with an appointment will be seen first.

Call the COVID-19 HOTLINE (480) 362-2603 for an appointment

- * Community Members/Home Bound, press option 4
- * All Others, press option 2
- * Leave your name and phone number
- * Salt River Clinic staff will call you back to schedule an appointment.

THIRD SHOT for IMMUNOCOMPROMISED

For the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community

FRIDAYS/ 7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

CLOSED FOR LUNCH 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.

Who can receive a Third Dose and meets the CDC Criteria for Immunocompromised:

- SRPMIC members and families of Community members
- Non-Community member residents who live in the boundaries of SRPMIC
- Tribal Government employees & families
- SRPMIC Tribal member businesses & employees and families
- SRPMIC businesses & enterprise employees and families

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.

Call the COVID-19 HOTLINE (480) 362-2603 for an appointment

- * Community Members/Home Bound, press option 4
- * All Others, press option 2
- * Leave your name and phone number
- * Salt River Clinic staff will call you back to schedule an appointment.

COVID-19 VACCINE CLINIC

Salt River Gymnasium

1880 N. Longmore Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85256



Public Works Holiday Trash Schedule



The Public Works Department will be closed on Thursday, December 23rd and Friday, December 24th in observance of Christmas.

CHRISTMAS 2021

All domestic containers will be serviced as regularly scheduled on Tuesday, December 21st.

All domestic and recycle containers will be serviced on Thursday, December 23rd.

NEW YEARS EVE 2021

All domestic containers will be serviced as regularly scheduled on Friday, December 31st.

Please have your containers out in your designated pick up area by 6:00AM for servicing.

Thank you and have a wonderful & joyous holiday season!

If you have any questions, please contact the Public Works Department at (480) 362-5600 or email PWCustomerService@srpmic-nsn.gov



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

Calendar of Events

ONGOING-COUNCIL MEETINGS,

Regular Sessions, Wednesdays at 1 p.m. Questions can be directed to the Council Secretaries Office at (480) 362-7469. To contact the Council members, call Erica Harvier at (480) 362-7466 or Elyse Lewis at (480) 362-7464. To contact President Harvier or Vice-President Leonard, call Ardell Moore at (480) 362-7465 or Pat Rush (480) 362-7438. Community members can view the public Council meetings at www.srpmic-nsn.gov/governemnt/council/council-meetings/ Community members can also provide public comments, concerns and/or input by emailing: membercomments@srpmic-nsn.gov.

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- SENIOR SERVICES FOOD DISTRIBUTION FOR SENIORS,

times vary. The Senior Services Department will be returning to hot lunch meals delivery and served meals for drive thru Monday through Friday. The meals giving out will include: (1) hot lunch meal served daily. Scheduled times are: Home Delivery Meals- 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and Drive thru Meal pickup- Salt River and Lehi

locations at 11 a.m.- 12 p.m. If you have any questions, please call Senior Services (480) 362-6350.

ONGOING- SALT RIVER TRIBAL LIBRARY,

10 a.m. – 6 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 appointments must be scheduled, same day scheduling; appointments are based in the order which they are reserved, reservations are open to SRPMIC enrolled Community members and SRPMIC residents.

ONGOING - WIC UPDATES.

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

ONGOING- COVID-19 BOOSTER AVAILABLE

The SRPMIC now offers the COVID-19 booster shot for all vaccines (Pfizer, Moderna, and Johnson and Johnson) for those who have been fully vaccinated and meet the CDC guidance for a booster.

Other groups may receive a booster shot based on their individual risk and benefit. Meet with your health provider to determine if the booster shot is right for you. **TWO LOCATIONS AVAILABLE: SALT RIVER CLINIC**, 10005 E. Osborn Rd, Bldg. 61, Scottsdale, AZ 85256. Every Tuesday 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Individuals must have a SR Chart and an appointment. Call (480) 946-9066 to make an appointment. **COVID-19 VACCINE CLINIC**, Salt River Gymnasium, 1880 North Longmore Road, Scottsdale, AZ 85256. Friday from 7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Closed for a lunch 12 - 1 p.m. COVID-19 Vaccines available every Friday. **Who can receive a COVID-19 Booster shot:** * Community Members & family (No incentive payment for a 3rd dose or booster shots will be given). * Community Residents & family. * SRPMIC Business & Enterprise Employees and family members * SRPMIC member owned business and employees and family members. Call the COVID-19 Hotline for an appointment at (480) 362-2603

ONGOING- SART (SEXUAL ASSAULT RESPONSE TEAM)

A Community voiced group that will help shape procedures, collaboration, eliminate gaps in services, defines roles and relationships, and most importantly the way one responds to sexual assault victims and families. Who? Community Members 18+, When? Every first Wednesday of the month. Requirements? Commitment of attendance and engagement to

SART. How? Virtual Zoom Meet Registration: <https://us06web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZYtf-yurDwoE9Mi032br8mqgPtfD-4dUChR> OR send in Interest Card (attached). First Meeting: November 3, 2021, 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

DECEMBER

18 CM ANTONE - DISTRICT B, 9 a.m., virtual meeting. Agenda to be announced. Meeting Entry Info. Website: <https://tinyurl.com/u6kv655k>, Phone: 480-362-5990, Conference ID: 522044. For more information contact the Council Secretary Office at (480) 362-7469.

20 CM LARGO - DISTRICT E, 5 p.m., virtual meeting. Agenda to be announced. Meeting Entry Info. Website: <https://tinyurl.com/wcus3ht6>, Phone: 480-362-5990, Conference ID: 124694. For more information contact the Council Secretary Office at (480) 362-7469.

21 PUBLIC WORKS HOLIDAY TRASH SCHEDULE - CHRISTMAS. All domestic containers will be serviced as regularly scheduled on **Tuesday, December 21**. Please have all your containers out in your designated pick up area by 6 a.m. for servicing. If you have any questions, please contact the Public Works Department at (480) 362-5600 or email: PWCustomerService@srpmic-nsn.gov.

23 PUBLIC WORKS HOLIDAY TRASH SCHEDULE - CHRISTMAS. All domestic containers will be serviced as regularly scheduled on **Friday, December 31**. Please have all your containers out in your designated pick up area by 6 a.m. for servicing. If you have any questions,

MAS. All domestic & recycle containers will be serviced as regularly scheduled on **Tuesday, December 23**. Please have all your containers out in your designated pick up area by 6 a.m. for servicing. If you have any questions, please contact the Public Works Department at (480) 362-5600 or email: PWCustomerService@srpmic-nsn.gov. See ad on page 17.

23-24 SRPMIC TRIBAL OFFICES ARE CLOSED on Thursday, Dec. 23 and Fri. Dec. 24, in observance of Christmas. Please plan accordingly. Have a safe and merry holiday.

27 SRPMIC COVID-19 Clinic, 7:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. at the Salt River Community Building - 5-11 year olds - Pfizer vaccine for enrolled Community members and residents, family members of government and enterprise employees. For more information call COVID-19 Hotline at (480) 362-2603.

31 SRPMIC TRIBAL OFFICES ARE CLOSED, NEW YEAR'S DAY observed. Please plan accordingly. Have a safe and happy New Year.

31 PUBLIC WORKS HOLIDAY TRASH SCHEDULE - NEW YEARS EVE. All domestic containers will be serviced as regularly scheduled on **Friday, December 31**. Please have all your containers out in your designated pick up area by 6 a.m. for servicing. If you have any questions,

please contact the Public Works Department at (480) 362-5600 or email: PWCustomerService@srpmic-nsn.gov. See ad on page 17.

31 NEW YEARS EVE GIVEAWAY.

Ring in the New Year with a FREE family party pack. WHILE SUPPLIES LAST! Two Waters Parking Lot from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Must be present in vehicle - No Walk-Ups - Masks Required. For more information contact the Community Relations - Events at (480) 362-7740.

JANUARY

7 SRPMIC COVID-19 Clinic, 7:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. at the Salt River Community Building - 5-11 year olds - Pfizer vaccine for enrolled Community members and residents, family members of government and enterprise employees. 12+ vaccines and boosters for enrolled Community members and residents and their families, government and enterprise employees and their families. For more information call COVID-19 Hotline at (480) 362-2603.

21 2022 Agricultural Lease Payment, Agricultural Lease Payment checks will be mailed to your address on file, if you have elected to use direct deposit, disbursement will occur to the financial institution on file with the SRPMIC Finance Department. To update your address or direct deposit information or sign up for direct deposit contact SRPMIC Vendor Maintenance at (480) 362-7729. See ad on page 15.