



2023 Employee Service Awards Recognition Program

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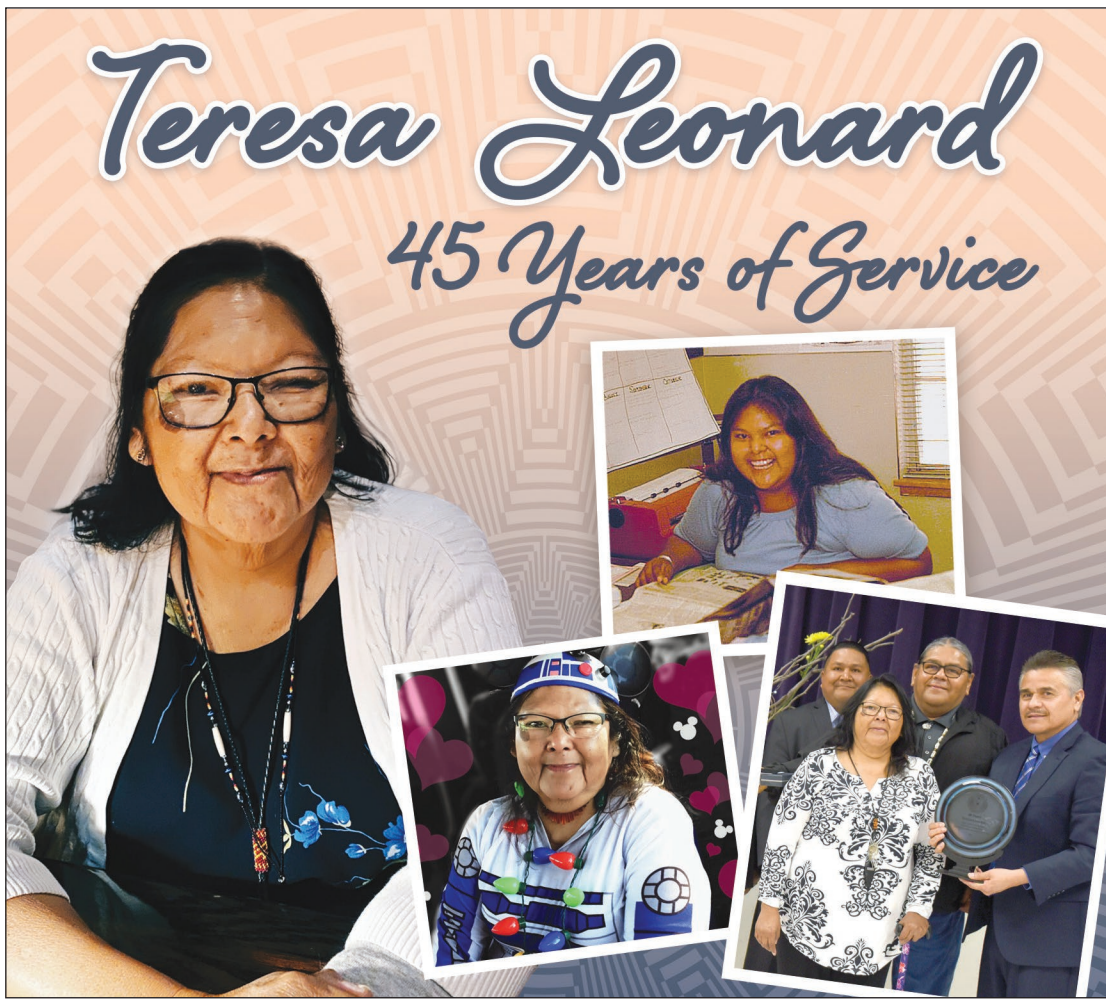
A total of 303 employees were recognized on February 2 for their years of service to the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community.

The employees were honored at the 2023 Service Award Luncheon at Talking Stick Resort, which was attended by the honored employees, their supervisors and Community leadership.

The 2023 Service Award Recognition Program was organized by the Community's Human Resources Department to recognize employees for reaching specific employment milestones.

"One of the greatest things about today's program is that over 300 people were recognized," said Human Resources Director Steve Haydukovich. "If you take a look at this number in a broader sense, the Community should be very proud of the number of people who attended this event and the number of people who 'work for the Community, stay for the Community.'"

Haydukovich said that it's a testament of a great organization and Community to show members that once you're in as an employee, it's an excellent growing and learning opportunity.



Teresa Leonard was honored at the 2023 Service Award Luncheon on February 2 for her 45 years of service to the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community. Photos courtesy of Leonard family and OAN archives.

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Westwood Senior Night Celebrates Superstar Student-Athlete Angie Montoya



Before tipoff, student-athlete Angie Montoya was celebrated at halfcourt for her time as being a four-year Varsity letterman for the Westwood Warrior girls basketball team.

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Learning the O'odham Womens Game of Toka with Jessica Ruiz



FACE Parent Educator Jessica Ruiz coaches toka to a group of 5th and 6th grade girls at Salt River Elementary. Photo Courtesy of Tate Walker

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In recent decades, the traditional game of toka has found its way back to the O'odham women of the Sonoran Desert. In the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, Community member Jessica Ruiz, shared the ins and outs of the recreational sport with interested women on January 31 at the Salt River Tribal Library.

The Community currently has two toka teams: Onk Akimel Siviliki and Salt River Tadai. Ruiz has been a member of Onk Akimel Siviliki since 2016. She also teaches the game to Salt River Elementary School

students as a part of their after-school program.

"I tell my students, 'You don't have to be the best singer or dancer. You could be the best toka player there is. That is your skill; that is the gift the Creator gave you,'" said Ruiz.

Many of the class participants were only vaguely familiar with the game, so Ruiz began by explaining the basics.

Traditionally, "Toka was an outlet for the women who cared for the kids, worked in the fields with their families, and cared for the house. It [was a] time to gather and socialize," said Ruiz.

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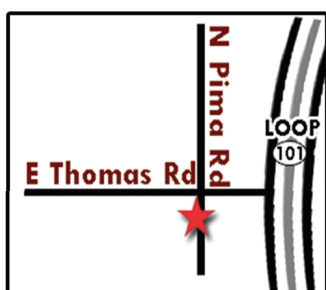
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Arena Poker Room Now Open at Talking Stick Resort

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An exciting milestone is being celebrated at the Talking Stick Resort, an enterprise of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community. The exclusive pre-opening party for the brand-new Arena Poker Room was held on February 7 for SRPMIC Council members, Gaming Board directors and media. After a few years of planning, the room is now fully operational and stocked with 68 poker tables.

During the afternoon, the room was open to SRPMIC employees, Community members and Talking Stick Casino and Casino Arizona employees for a sneak peek. A blessing of the room was given earlier in the day at a private ceremony. The room officially opened to the public on February 8.

From concrete to poker room, the entire room now expands westward to where the parking lot used to be. True to its name, the Arena Poker Room has 130 arena-sized LED television screens hanging from the ceiling and around the walls and pillars.

"We're very excited about this room! It's the largest poker room in Arizona," said Ramon Martinez, director of public relations at Casino Arizona/Talking Stick Resort.

"We have service at every table, a sit-down dining area and a beautiful bar as you walk in. There is an outdoor balcony for fresh air. The ambiance is really nice."

The Arena Poker Room will continue to host the Arizona State Poker Tournament and offer a full schedule of poker games, with daily tournaments and hands of Texas Hold 'em, Omaha and 7-Card Stud.



SRPMIC Council members, Gaming Board directors and stakeholders cut the ribbon to signify the opening of the Arena Poker Room at Talking Stick Resort.



Guests at the exclusive pre-opening party for the brand-new Arena Poker Room enjoy the balcony outside, where new menu items were showcased.



An inside look at the new Arena Poker Room at Talking Stick Resort.

February Senior Breakfast Celebrates the Year of the Dragon

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The Chinese zodiac features a 12-year cycle represented by 12 different animals: rat, ox, tiger, rabbit, dragon, snake, horse, goat, monkey, rooster, dog and pig. During the Lunar New Year, celebrations can last up to 16 days. This year, the Chinese New Year holiday began on February 10 and ended on the 17th.

To celebrate Chinese New Year and usher in the Year of the Dragon, the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Senior Services Department hosted the monthly Senior Breakfast at the Talking Stick Resort Ballroom on February 7. Community seniors were provided a delicious breakfast accompanied by fresh coffee and beverages. Jessica Martinez from Senior Services served as the emcee.

The three-person Fushicho Daiko Taiko drum group performed first for the seniors, receiving a rousing round of applause after their lively performances.

Taiko is the Japanese word for "great drum." In the past, taiko was used to signal distant villages, such as to warn of the approach of an enemy or an impending disaster. The drums also helped signal troops on the battlefield. Currently featured in shrines and temples throughout present-day Japan, taiko can still be heard, although today its purpose is more spiritual and celebratory.

Following the Fushicho Daiko Taiko drum group, Kenny Perez from the Dynamic Martial Arts Academy performed a lion dance. Perez trained under Master/Coach Wu Bin alongside talented classmates Jet Li and Donnie Yen, eventually working with them on movie projects. With his assistant by his side, Perez performed wearing a samurai mask while twirling around a massive sword as traditional Asian music played throughout the ballroom.

The celebration came to an end as Perez and his assistant donned a two-person red dragon costume and danced a lap around the ballroom, visiting nearly every table along the way to help spread good luck and positivity. Perez then released confetti via a small fire-cracker to celebrate the seniors and to wish them and their loved ones a happy Year of the Dragon.



Near the end of his performance, Kenny Perez from the Dynamic Martial Arts Academy and his assistant donned a Red Dragon costume to help celebrate the Lunar New Year.



The Fushicho Daiko Taiko drum group invited all to join in on the drumming fun. Roberta Johnston happily joined them.



The Fushicho Daiko Taiko drum group performed inside of the Talking Stick Resort Ballroom as the Seniors enjoyed their meals.



Kenny Perez performed an ancient Asian dance with a massive sword.

2023 Employee Service Awards Recognition Program

SRPMIC Community Manager Bryan Meyers, who was honored for 30 years of service, provided the opening and closing remarks for the event.

SRPMIC Vice-President Ricardo Leonard gave the blessing, and President Martin Harvier briefly expressed his appreciation to the employees before joining the rest of Council on stage to congratulate the employees as their names were called.

One of the most notable employees honored was Teresa Leonard, who has worked for the Community for 45 years, beginning in 1978. Leonard couldn't make it to the event, but her supervisor, Director of Administration Glen Law, talked about her hard work and service to the Community.

"She has so much knowledge about our operations," said Law. "She knows what to anticipate and what to expect, [and it's] very valuable for someone like a director to have someone like that who knows these things. I hope you all have a 'Teresa' in your department."

Teresa's daughter Crystal Leonard, who was recognized herself for 10 years of service to the Community, spoke on her mother's behalf.

"She enjoyed her years working for the Community and met thousands of people," said Leonard. "She thanks all of her bosses, former and current, and says 'thank you' to the Community for allowing her to serve for 45 years."

Haydukovich and Assistant Community Manager Lena Jackson-Eckert presented the awards.



Director of Administration Glen Law (left) poses for a photo with Crystal Leonard (right), who accepted her mother Teresa Leonard's 45 year Employee Service Award on her behalf. Crystal was also recognized for 10 years of service to the Community.

Top Right: Employees from the ECEC take a group photo together at the 2023 Employee Service Awards recognition program.



School teacher Dawn Burstyn-Meyers, 20 years of service from Vice-President Ricardo Leonard and President Martin Harvier.



Assistant Community Manager Dawn Sinoqui, receives her 20 years of service plaque from Community manager Bryan Meyers.

YEARS OF SERVICE

Teresa Leonard, 45 yrs, Sr Budget Analyst
 Robin Hendricks, 30 yrs, Recreation Coord II (Athletic)
 Diana Johnson, 30 yrs, Time Keeper/Office Assistant
 Bryan Meyers, 30 yrs, Community Manager
 Fannie Mike, 30 yrs, Paraprofessional
 Nelson Wood, 30 yrs, Battalion Chief
 Tsosie Wood, 30 yrs, Deputy Fire Chief (Sppt Svcs)
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 Maria Chavez, 25 yrs, Parent & Comm Involvement Spcl
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 Davina Dallas, 25 yrs, Legal Office Manager (OGC)
 Garfield King, 25 yrs, SHRRP Prevention Svcs Coord

Kyland King, 25 yrs, Gaming Agent Supv
 Carmen Lopez, 25 yrs, Edu ECE Teacher
 Alma Nez, 25 yrs, Data Ops & Support Manager
 Ritu Sharma, 25 yrs, School Teacher
 Yolanda Stacey, 25 yrs, Deputy Defense Advocate
 Keith Andrews, 20 yrs, Sr Survey Party Chief
 Dawn Burstyn-Meyers, 20 yrs, School Teacher
 Sasheen Castaneda, 20 yrs, Desktop Services Manager
 Shavon Coburn, 20 yrs, Corrections Sgt
 Heather Harmon, 20 yrs, Corrections Officer
 Toni Harvier, 20 yrs, Community Wellness Manager
 Albert Jordan, 20 yrs, Clinical Director (HHS)

Dawn Lomahaftewa, 20 yrs, Sr Tribal Court Advocate
 Louis Lombardi, 20 yrs, Police Lieutenant
 Janice Manuel, 20 yrs, Homecare Asst III
 Marie Montero, 20 yrs, Material Control Specialist
 Garfield Nish, 20 yrs, Water Distribution Worker I
 Myra Ochoa, 20 yrs, Group Home Supervisor
 Peter Prieto, 20 yrs, Sr. Infrastructure Specialist
 Dawn Sinoqui, 20 yrs, Assistant Community Manager
 Randolph Villa, 20 yrs, Deputy Fire Chief (Operations)
 Leonardo Villanueva, 20 yrs, Plumber
 Kevin Westberg, 20 yrs, Police Lieutenant
 Forest Wood, 20 yrs, Police Sergeant

Ivan Makil Speaks at American Indian Chamber of Commerce of Arizona Luncheon



Former SRPMIC President Ivan Makil speaks at the American Indian Chamber of Commerce of Arizona Luncheon on January 26.



American Indian Chamber of Commerce of Arizona members pose for a photo with Ivan Makil after his talk at the January Networking Luncheon.

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A sold-out audience of American Indian Chamber of Commerce of Arizona (AICCAZ) chamber and board members gathered at the Courtyard by Marriott Scottsdale Salt River on January 26 to hear former Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community President Ivan Makil speak at the January Networking Luncheon.

Since it was established in 1995, the AICCAZ has been a resource for American Indian-owned businesses across Arizona. The monthly luncheons provide an opportunity for AICCAZ members to network and learn from experienced community and business leaders.

The event was hosted by Discover Salt River and Talking Stick Entertainment District.

SRPMIC Council member David Antone offered an opening prayer and a few words about the venue and Makil. Antone pointed out the importance of hosting the luncheon at this particular hotel, located on SRPMIC land in the Business Corridor.

"Ivan Makil's name came up at a Council meeting this past week, and I told his son, 'It doesn't matter if

his name comes up, it's always 'President Makil' even though he's no longer the [SRPMIC] president," said Antone. "But I think a lot of people really respect that time in his life when he contributed to this Community. I'm grateful to know him."

Makil was elected to three consecutive terms as president of the SRPMIC. Under his leadership, the Community established enterprises such as Talking Stick Golf Course, Casino Arizona, Saddleback Communications and Chaparral Business Park. He also helped expand existing enterprises such as the Salt River Materials Group, and he helped negotiate the Loop 101 and the Outer Loop Freeway.

"I'm always honored when I get to visit and share experiences and listen to the experiences of other folks whom I've gotten to know over the years and meet new [people]," said Makil, as he addressed the audience.

Makil shared some wisdom gained from his experience as a community leader.

"The best measure of the success of a community is the health of its people," Makil said. "Healthy physically and mentally. A healthy social life. A healthy cul-

tural support. A healthy economy. All of those things are what make our communities whole."

At the end of Makil's speech, a few AICCAZ members were able to engage with him and ask questions and bounce ideas back and forth about their business ventures and experiences in their communities.



SRPMIC Council member David Antone opened the American Indian Chamber of Commerce of Arizona January Networking Luncheon with a prayer and positive words about Ivan Makil.

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WHO CAN PARTICIPATE IN THE PPE?

This election, only the Republican and Democratic political parties are participating in the PPE.

Only voters registered as a Republican or Democrat by February 20, 2024 can cast a ballot in the PPE.

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Healthy Lifestyle Series Concludes with Healthy Boundaries Presentation

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Throughout January, the Healthy Lifestyle Series of weekly gatherings took place in the Accelerated Learning Academy auditorium, with the goal of helping to build a more supportive and understanding Community.

On January 23, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Health Educator Vurlene Notsinneh-Bowekaty facilitated the final entry in the Healthy Lifestyle Series, a presentation on establishing healthy boundaries.

Setting healthy boundaries is a key component in helping to reduce the day-to-day stresses we all experience. Throughout her presentation, Notsinneh-Bowekaty educated the attendees on how they can help improve their day-to-day life and overall well-being by understanding and implementing healthy boundaries.

The presentation began with an ice-breaker that got the attendees out of their seats and into conversations with people they did not know. On the ALA auditorium screen, Notsinneh-Bowekaty presented an ice-breaker image that showed a map with each step containing an ice-breaker question.

Afterward, Notsinneh-Bowekaty asked the group how it felt talking with someone they did not know, specifically how their personal boundaries felt. "Did you feel like your boundaries were violated?" she asked. She then discussed how boundaries give us protection.

"A boundary is an invisible line around us," Notsinneh-Bowekaty said. "Unfortunately, when COVID happened, we all had a boundary that [couldn't be] violated. Having to be 6 feet away, wearing a mask, we had to stay away from one another [during that time]," she stated.

Notsinneh-Bowekaty continued to describe different boundaries and how they can make us feel. "How many of you, when someone asks you to do something, automatically say yes?" she asked. "Learning to set your boundaries is taking care of yourself first," she added. "Learning to say 'no' when you need to and putting your needs first is key."



Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Health Educator Vurlene Notsinneh-Bowekaty introduced a great icebreaker to the group as a way for everyone to get to know each other and to show how boundaries can be tested without being inappropriate.

During her presentation, Notsinneh-Bowekaty shared a personal boundary she has. "For me, I don't like when people cuss," she stated. "I said that to one of my students, and they asked if it offends me. I told them yes, and [the student] said 'Oh, okay. I'll stop.'"

Establishing boundaries can help manage stress, reduce anxiety and eliminate the feeling of being overwhelmed. Notsinneh-Bowekaty described how, on one Saturday, she had many tasks she needed to do, which included cleaning her house, folding her laundry and going to get groceries.

"I didn't want to do any of [my errands]," shared Notsinneh-Bowekaty. "Instead, I grabbed my color books and some markers, and I started coloring. By the time I realized it, it was 4 p.m. Rather than doing all my errands that I didn't want to do, I took care of Vurlene first," she said.

Notsinneh-Bowekaty added that though it's important for people to recognize your boundaries, recognizing and respecting the boundaries of others is just as important.

"A lot of us go through a lot of stuff. We've lost a lot of loved ones in the past three years. Learning to ask for help from somebody you trust is important," she said. "We have to take care of ourselves first."

The presentation was a part of the annual Healthy Lifestyle Series brought to the Community in partnership with the Salt River Education Division, Way of Life Facility and the Salt River Tribal Library.

Savvy Senior

How to Close Social Media Accounts of a Deceased Loved One

Dear Savvy Senior,

How do I go about canceling a person's social media accounts when they die? My wife passed away a few months ago and her social media accounts are still active.

Sad Spouse

Dear Sad,

I'm very sorry for your loss, but this is a smart move on your behalf and one that often gets overlooked. Social media is part of many people's daily lives, but when a person passes away their dormant accounts can become vulnerable to scammers who can hack into them and even steal your deceased loved one's identity.

Here's a run-down of how you can cancel or change many different social media accounts after a loved one dies.

Facebook: If your wife used Facebook, you can either "memorialize" or "delete" her account.

A memorialized account serves as a place where family and friends can share memories to celebrate the deceased person's life, with the word "Remembering" shown next to the deceased person's name. Once an account is memorialized, content the person shared is still visible on Facebook to the audience it was originally shared with, however, the user's profile will not show up in public spaces such as people you may know, ads or

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To memorialize your wife's profile simply go to [Facebook.com/help/contact/234739086860192](https://www.facebook.com/help/contact/234739086860192). Or, if you'd rather have her account removed, go to [Facebook.com/help/contact/228813257197480](https://www.facebook.com/help/contact/228813257197480).

To memorialize her account requires proof of death (via death certificate, obituary or memorial card), but if you wish to delete the account, you'll also need to verify that you're an immediate family member, legal representative or executor, unless you're the legacy contact on her account.

Instagram: The policy on a deceased users' Instagram account is the similar to Facebook's, which owns Instagram. You can either memorialize or remove the account at [Help.Instagram.com/264154560391256](https://www.instagram.com/help/264154560391256). But just like with Facebook, you'll need to provide proof of death and relationship to the deceased.

X (formerly Twitter): To deactivate an X account, go to [Help.Twitter.com](https://help.twitter.com) and type in "How to contact X about a deceased family member's account" in the search bar and follow the prompts. After you submit your request, X will email you with instructions for providing more details, including information about the deceased, a copy of your ID, and a copy of the deceased's death certificate.

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Learning the O'odham Womens Game of Toka with Jessica Ruiz



A line of mesquite and willow u'usagas lie on the grass floor before a game.

The recreational game, she explained, is played among all generations of women of the four O'odham tribes, the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, the Gila River Indian Community, the Ak-Chin Indian Community and the Tohono O'odham Nation.

"When you play, there is no age limit. One of your 6-year-olds can be playing with one of the team's oldest members," said Ruiz. "As soon as you can run and hold a stick, you can start playing with the women."

Toka is often compared to modern-day field hockey. The goal is to hit the o'da, the game piece, across the field with an u'usaga, the playing stick, and pass your team's goal line. The game can get feisty, as there are no boundaries to the playing field—players can extend the width of the playing field as far as their legs can handle.

While the women play hard on the field, their u'usaga is a trusted compan-

ion that fiercely supports them throughout the match.

"An u'usaga is an extension of you. This is a person that is going to help you on the field," said Ruiz. "They are gonna carry you when you are tired, and they will run with you when you are chasing the o'da."

The u'usaga is unlike anything you'll find in a typical sports equipment store. It is a stick handcrafted from mesquite or willow wood. Ruiz explained that the O'odham word for wood, u'us, becomes u'usaga once it is given ownership.

When looking for the perfect stick, Ruiz encourages women to be selective. "You are going to look for a stick that fits you. Inspect it all around, make sure you see no knobs or bends that might weaken your stick, or even animals that may be living inside the stick."

Ruiz explains that the u'usaga preparation is a traditional role designated to male family members. They cut the

branch, peel it, then bend it with the heat of a fire. Once they hand the prepared sticks to the women to play with, the men can no longer handle the women's game pieces, as it is the woman or girl's responsibility to carry and care for the stick. However, Ruiz adds, women can gather and prepare their own u'usaga if they wish.

"As an individual, how you see yourself creates the connection you have [to O'odham culture] because it could be this game, traditional singing, or even dancing," said Ruiz. "As long as you are connected [to O'odham culture], nobody can tell you you're 'not O'odham enough' to play or know these songs or dances. Being O'odham is making this part of your life. That is what himdag is; you are living that life."

In the upcoming weeks, Ruiz and the class members will travel to the Red Mountain preservation area to search for their future u'usaga. Eventually, they hope to host a toka scrim-



Jessica Ruiz shared knowledge of the O'odham game of toka during her workshop on January 31.

mage and allow the interested women to play the O'odham sport that is so rich in history.

Types of Toka Game Pieces



The most commonly used o'da is made from a mesquite or willow tree branch and is tied together with a string or thin leather piece.



Salt River had their own distinct o'da made of knotted twine or sinew. Community elders recall utilizing rabbit gut or plant fibers for the piece. This replica was gifted by the late Royce Manuel to Onk Akimel Sivliki.

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Arizona Indian Festival Closes Out Scottsdale's Western Week Celebration

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To cap off Scottsdale's annual Western Week celebration, which began on January 27, the Arizona American Indian Tourism Association held its annual Arizona Indian Festival on February 3 and 4 at the Scottsdale Civic Center.

While Western Week as a whole is a celebration of Scottsdale's identity as part of the "Old West," the Arizona Indian Festival is a unique inter-tribal event celebrating the traditional cultures, arts, crafts and foods of the state's 22 federally recognized tribes and promoting various tribal tourism opportunities.

The event's two primary areas were the main stage, where tribal dancers and singers from across the state performed both narrative and social



One of the arts and crafts vendors was Community member Maricela Hinojosa's business, Beaded Plume.

dances, and the "Indian village," highlighting cultural traditions and dwellings of Arizona's tribes. Tribal arts and crafts demonstrators, food and travel/tourism vendors and representatives for Miss Indian Arizona were available for questions and information. Art and craft vendors from as far away as New York occupied a series of booths weaving around both sections. Representing the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community was Beaded Plume, a business featuring an array of unique beaded jewelry handcrafted by Maricela Hinojosa.

In his opening address, Scottsdale Mayor David Ortega said, "When I see people holding hands in a circle of many nations, of many origins coming together in Scottsdale, it really warms my heart. Scottsdale is a wonderful center for joy, and you make us joyful." He then asked the members of the tribal royalty to provide short introductions, beginning with 2023-24 Miss Salt River Kennise McGertt.

Across Civic Center Park and in the Indian Village area, the SRPMIC had a booth where traditional weaving methods were demonstrated, highlighting some of the important steps for crafting a sturdy basket with appropriate materials. A few steps away, representatives from Discover Salt

River consistently had a long line of visitors eager to learn more



Miss Salt River Kennise McGertt welcomed visitors to the Arizona Indian Festival.



Mother and daughter Alice Manuel and Raeann Brown from the Community demonstrate the art of Onk Akimel O'odham basket weaving.

about the many offerings of the Talking Stick Entertainment District. The village proved to be a hub of excitement. Attendees saw side-by-side representations of different tribal cultures and their selected crafts for demonstration. Tribal representatives shared the unique features and highlights of their communities, encouraging tourists and visitors of all backgrounds to visit.

Also within the village a children's crafting section stayed busy, as did the Miss Indian Arizona Booth, which had

a popular "Indigenous Barbie" photo op.

As an event that draws visitors from well beyond Arizona, many guests were newly introduced to the tribal communities that have called this land home since before Arizona became a state. The Arizona Indian Festival itself was a promising conclusion to Western Week, as it provided a final thought about Scottsdale's "Wild West" legacy and honored Native populations and their perspectives.



Mesa Jackrabbits Defeat Westwood Warriors 55-19

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After sitting out a few games before becoming eligible to play on the varsity basketball team after transferring to Mesa High School, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community member Israel "Izzy" Loring is happy to be suiting up as a Jackrabbit.

O'odham Action News followed Loring as the Jackrabbits played at Westwood High School vs. the Westwood Warriors on the rainy Thursday night of February 1.

With a win over the Warriors, the Jackrabbits were looking to go 20-5 overall and 9-0 in the region.

Without missing a beat, the Jackrabbits played solid, dominating defense for the entire game and maintaining a solid lead throughout.

At halftime, the Jackrabbits were up 34-5, and they didn't show signs of slowing down the rest of the way. The final score was 55-10 Jackrabbits.

"Today we played good basketball. ... Less turnovers, not giving them opportunities," said Loring.

With their recent play, Mesa High School head coach Scott Stansberry said that the team just found out they are in the open ranking, where he hopes the team will stay.

"We clinched the region, so now we're regional champs," said Stansberry, whose team is ranked first in 6A East Valley. "Right now, things are looking great, and we're looking better every day and seeing where we can take this thing."

The defense-first approach seems to be working for the Jackrabbits this season.

"We hang our hat on defense. As long as we defend, we think great things are going to happen," said Stansberry. "We preach it and we apply it. We defend first and execute, letting the boys showcase their skills."

The defensive-minded Loring fits right in on his new team, according to his coach.

"Adding Izzy was a blessing. He is only a junior, so I'm excited to see him the rest of the year," said Stansberry. "He's in for a big senior year. I'm glad to have Izzy; I'm glad he's a Jackrabbit, and I know he is too."



Mesa Jackrabbits player Israel "Izzy" Loring sets up a play as he crosses half court on February 1, as the Jackrabbits defeated Westwood 55-10.



Israel "Izzy" Loring and the Jackrabbits in attack mode, playing solid defense vs. Westwood.



Israel "Izzy" Loring shoots around during halftime before contributing to a solid second half for the Jackrabbits.

Loring feels as though with the Jackrabbits, he's being developed well as a player. "Coming onto the team has been a really good opportunity for me. Nothing but progress. I think we're

going to go far in the season. We just have to take care of business," said Loring.

Big Wheel Day at the Early Childhood Education Center



Kids enjoy pretending to operate a variety of vehicles on Big Wheel Day at the Early Childhood Education Center.

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Rolling up to the Early Childhood Education Center, a ladder from one of the Salt River Fire Department fire engines stood tall in the sky.

Then came the honks, beeps and engine roars from the vehicles at Big Wheel Day on January 26, which brought joy to the many enrolled ECEC children, their families and staff members. Vehicles from the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community's police, fire and public works departments were on display in the parking lot for visitors to explore.

ECEC staff safely escorted groups of children from vehicle to vehicle, letting them experience the different sights and sounds, as well as sitting behind the wheel of a variety of trucks.

"Our event is to help facilitate experiences for our students. We are an Early Head Start program, and children have a curriculum that they are learning, a six-week course on transportation and roads," said Carmen Briones, family involvement specialist at ECEC. "As we come together and wrap up that curriculum and learning, we have the Salt River Fire Department, Salt River Police Department and other Community departments on hand to provide those real hands-on experiences for our students."

Other vehicles spotlighted that day included a tow truck from RezHawk Towing, a school bus, a four-wheel off-road vehicle and a John Deere tractor.



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Westwood Senior Night Celebrates Superstar Student-Athlete Angie Montoya

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It was a night four years in the making for Westwood High School student-athlete and Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community member Angie Montoya. As the varsity girls basketball season winds down to an end, Westwood hosted their yearly Senior Night celebration on January 30 for their last home game of the season, against Red Mountain.

Unfortunately, Montoya has been rehabilitating a torn ACL injury she suffered six months ago. However, she was able to walk with her parents, brother, grandma, great-grandma and cousin to center court, where she was honored and celebrated for the four years she spent as a member of the varsity Westwood Lady Warriors basketball team.

Overcome with emotion, Montoya received a bouquet of flowers, a Westwood Senior 2024 sash and plenty of hugs from her teammates and family. As she was celebrated, her Senior Night speech played through the gym's sound system.

"These past six months [rehabilitating] have been a journey but will soon come to an end this summer. With that being said, I have decided to play basketball at the next level while pursuing my degree in sports psychology," said Montoya in her speech, which was delivered by varsity teammate Aubrianna Herring.

Following her Senior Night spotlight at center court, Montoya and the five other Westwood seniors posed for photos at the free-throw line.

"Angie came into our program and immediately started to make an impact

as a freshman," said Ron Campton, Westwood varsity girls basketball head coach. As he watched Montoya grow into a proven leader on and off the court, Campton had only positive remarks about the time he's spent coaching, mentoring and supporting Montoya for the last four years.

"In the following two seasons [as a sophomore and junior], she emerged as one of the best and most consistent outside shooting threats in the state, knocking down 95 [3-pointers] and stretching defenses when she touched the ball," he stated proudly.

As a testament to Montoya's legacy at Westwood, when the Senior Night game began, she was given the opportunity to score Westwood's first basket of the game completely unopposed by Red Mountain. As the ball swished through the net, Campton called a timeout to substitute Montoya out of the game. As she made her way to the bench, the entire gymnasium erupted with cheers and applause as Montoya and Campton hugged one another.

"Last night was very tough for her, but we were glad she could get a couple buckets in a season that hasn't gone at all how any of us would've liked for her," stated Campton. Though Westwood would go on to lose their Senior Night game 60-41, the future of the program remains bright, as many JV athletes will make the leap to varsity next season.

Montoya is gearing up for graduation this May, after which she will continue her ascension by beginning her college career later this year with the goal of returning to the basketball court as well.

"She is an incredibly hard worker, a passionate basketball player and an



Angie Montoya (middle) was surrounded by her family as her mom, dad, grandma, great-grandma, and her cousin escorted her to center court.



Montoya was honored during Westwood's senior night along with five other varsity teammates.



During Westwood's first possession, Montoya was given the lane unopposed by Red Mountain's defenders, a testament to her legendary tenure at Westwood.

amazing young woman who I've been lucky to coach the last four years," said Campton.

Fountain Hills Shines Against Rival Camp Verde

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No matter the time or place, when basketball rivals Fountain Hills and Camp Verde play each other, it's always a competitive game. On January 27 at the Fort McDowell Recreation Center, the Fountain Hills Falcons junior varsity girls basketball team went head-to-head against local rival Camp Verde Cowboys in a weekend tournament which featured both the boys and girls JV and varsity teams.

Student-athlete Mani Williams shined on the court as she handled the playmaking duties as point guard. When she was subbed in during the second quarter, the game began to go Fountain Hills' way, as they took a commanding lead and never looked back. Camp Verde tried stopping Williams by sending multiple double-teams her way, but Williams managed to keep the momentum going on both sides of the ball.

In the fourth quarter, Williams nearly shook her opponent out of her shoes as she performed a crossover which then allowed her teammate to get open for the easy bucket. Williams also contributed offensively as she showed no fear, diving through the paint for a finger-roll layup.

When it was all said and done, the JV Falcons handled their rivals Camp Verde with ease, winning 45-28.

A freshman this year, Williams has been spending time on the JV and varsity girls basketball teams. Her composure on the court and strong communication skills with her teammates have allowed her to shine on both squads this year for Fountain Hills.

This year the Fountain Hills varsity team is primed to make a deep playoff push toward winning the 3A

state basketball championship. With the playoffs that just began on February 13, all eyes will be on Fountain Hills, as they are 9-0 in regional play and 13-1 in conference play, as well as No. 1 in their division.

The 2024 Arizona Interscholastic Association (AIA) 3A championship game will take place on February 23 at the Arizona Veterans Memorial Coliseum in Phoenix.



Mani Williams served as the floor general on the court against Camp Verde. Most of the plays during the game began with her commanding the ball and setting up the play.



Taking matters into her own hands, Mani Williams also battled in the paint for rebounds against Camp Verde's tough defense.



Driving through the lane for an easy two points, Mani Williams helped solidify the easy victory for Fountain Hills inside the Fort McDowell Recreation Center.



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Young River Peoples Council Attend 2024 Midyear UNITY Conference



The Young River Peoples Council spent the weekend in Downtown Phoenix for the Midyear UNITY Conference.

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Each February, UNITY, United National Indian Tribal Youth, hosts a midyear conference in preparation for the organization's annual conference in July. The three-day conference held February 2-4 in downtown Phoenix brought together more than 700 tribal youth from communities across the United States. Members of the Salt Riv-



Tizoc Lopez (middle) and Amelia Lasiloo (far right) listen to other tribal youth during their wellness breakout session.

er Pima-Maricopa Indian Community's

Young River People's Council attended the conference for a weekend of leadership, community-service planning, and making connections with other tribal youth.

"Attending UNITY is a great opportunity for our youth to meet other tribal youth from all across the country," said Youth Development Specialist Sommer Lopez. "For a majority of our members, it is their first time being in a setting with hundreds of other tribal youth. They are able to share their common experiences and the hardships they go through. In addition, they can be inspired by adult speakers and mentors who have done amazing things in their lives."

The keynote speaker on Friday was Supaman, a talented Apsáalooke rapper and fancy war dancer from Crow Agency, Montana. His warm encouragement and comedy attracted a crowd of tribal youth around him as he told his life story of being raised as a child of alcoholic parents and going through the foster

"I learned that music can relieve different types of stress, and how he didn't let addiction overcome his life," said Youth Council member Myson Galindo.

In between general sessions with speakers, the young attendees divided into breakout sessions on mental health, culture, wellness and the environment to brainstorm community-based solutions.

"We talked about taking care of the environment in our breakout group," said YRPC member Zariah Miles. "We recognized that pollution is a major problem in our communities. We came up with the solution to set up policies to prevent dumping."

Friday evening, the conference presented a tribal royalty pageant. Brave YRPC members Tizoc Lopez and Cruz Lasiloo stepped on stage to charm the



Myson Galindo (left) provided solutions in his culture breakout session.

dances and social songs with the other tribal youth.

"For the most part, Midyear UNITY is held in the aboriginal lands of the O'odham," said Greg Mendoza, UNITY programs director and former governor of the Gila River Indian Community. "It's important to share the songs and dances and honor our ancestors who

"Here I feel safe and welcomed by everybody. I like how we are able to connect from the problems we have in our Communities and find a solution for not just one of us, but all of us."
-YRPC member Amelia Lasiloo.

judges with their comedy and dance performances. After dancing on stage, Lasiloo became a fan favorite. He ended

have occupied this area for many years. It's also an opportunity to welcome visitors who are unfamiliar with our culture. It brings us together and shares



YRPC Treasurer Cruz Lasiloo (left) took a risk and won Mr. UNITY 1st Attendant during the mock pageant.

the night as the First Attendant to Mr. UNITY.

"I wasn't planning on running, but I saw Tizoc on stage, so I decided to join him. It was really fun, and the questions they asked us were good. I

the blessing of our culture."

On the last day of the conference, UNITY bid farewell to the tribal youth and prepared them to return back to their communities to continue their tribal advocacy.

"[It] has been nice getting to connect



All four sibling O'odham tribes shared dances and songs with the visiting tribes on Saturday evening.

ended up getting to the final round," said Lasiloo.

On Saturday, the YRPC members continued to participate in workshops. They listened to keynote speaker Kiowa Gordon, a Hualapai actor who played Embry Call in the Twilight movie series.

To close the evening, the O'odham Cu:dk gathered members of the four sibling tribes to share various basket

with new and different faces. Here I feel safe and welcomed by everybody. I like how we are able to connect from the problems we have in our Community and find a solution for not just one of us, but all of us," said YRPC member Amelia Lasiloo.

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Grand Opening for New High-Limit Room at Casino Arizona



Casino Arizona General Manager Trenni Martinez and Vice President of Player Development John Fernandez cut the ribbon for the grand opening of the new High Limit Room at Casino Arizona.

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The January 25 grand opening of the new High-Limit Room at Casino Arizona, an enterprise of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, was packed with the casino's best players, who were ready to try out the all the new games and amenities.

"We relocated and reimagined our high-limit room to be able to give our guests, who have seen our property for 25 years, something new and exciting and give them more variety in a [better]-lit room more conducive to flow," said Casino Arizona General Manager Trenni Martinez.

The High-Limit Room, which took about three months to complete from conception, opened to the public di-

rectly after a ribbon-cutting ceremony. Fifty percent larger than the previous room, the new room has six table games and 93 of the newest and best slots on the market, according to Martinez. There is also a new menu dedicated only to this room.

In order for Casino Arizona staff to work in the room, they have to adhere to elevated service levels.

"That's something that our players deserve," said Martinez.

This new room will require a slightly higher bet from players compared with other rooms.

"We express our gratitude to the SRPMIC. [The Community] signs off on us to do some fun stuff [like the new High-Limit Room]," said Martinez. "Everybody who works here is so excited!"

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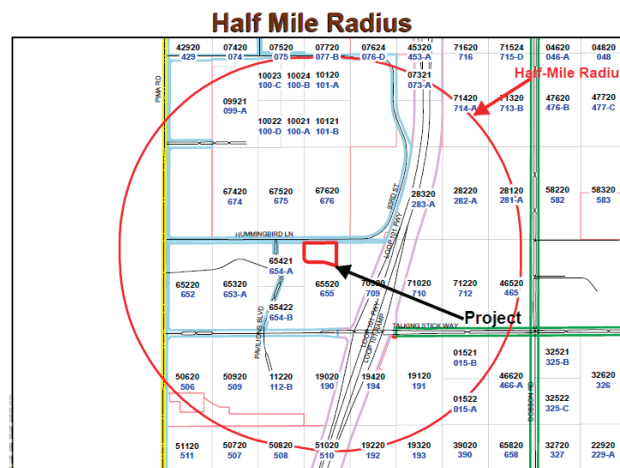
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Staybridge Suites – Architectural Up-lighting Request for Dimensional Variances (23-DV-01)



Mark Horvath, on behalf of Peerless Hospitality, LLC, is requesting dimensional variances to permit architectural up-lighting on the existing Staybridge Suites hotel within The Pavilions at Talking Stick. The architectural up-lighting will be in three separate locations along the northern elevation of the hotel facing Salt River Fields. The Staybridge Suites hotel is within the C3-PC zoning district, and is located at the southeast corner of Hummingbird Lane and Pavilions Boulevard within The Pavilions at Talking Stick. The dimensional variances to deviate from the SRPMIC Zoning Ordinance (SRO-467-2015) are requested in order to allow the hotel building to be illuminated with lighting.

Date: Wednesday, March 6, 2024
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Coronado JV Boys Basketball Fall Short Against Tempe High

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The Coronado Dons boys basketball team has had their fair share of wins and losses this season. They began the season on a three-game winning streak that included a nail-biter victory in which the Dons defeated the Vista Grande Spartans 48-47.

On January 16 at Coronado, the JV Dons defeated the Tempe High Buffaloes to the tune of 64-54. Ten days later, both teams geared up for their rematch on January 26, this time at Tempe High.

Student-athlete and Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community member Pat Shaw Jr. got the start and showed no fear, showcasing his stellar jump shot. Starting at guard, Shaw immediately nailed a 3-pointer, which gave the Dons the early lead. The battle went back and forth as both teams played hard and with tenacity.

Right before halftime, technical fouls were issued to both teams due to excessive trash talking by the players on the court. The tension never spilled over, but both teams were relentless in not letting the other team gain the edge. Shaw played most of the game, taking only brief moments for rest.

Tempe gained the lead 48-33 after halftime; unfortunately, Coronado would get within a few points of the Buffaloes but never got the lead back. The Buffaloes tightened up their defense, putting multiple defenders on Coronado's shooters, including Shaw. When the clock hit zero at the end of the fourth quarter, it was the Tempe High Buffaloes who secured the victory over the Coronado Dons 59-51.

The Coronado JV men's basketball team finished out the rest of their basketball season with two losses on January 29 and 31, against the Dysart Demons and the Cortez Colts. They were defeated 51-70 and 39-52, respectively.

The JV Dons finished their 2024 campaign with a 4-5 win-loss record.



TOP: As soon as Pat Shaw Jr. made his corner 3-pointer in the first quarter, Tempe High sent their best defenders his way as they tried to limit his offensive output.

LEFT: The game between the Dons and the Buffaloes proved to be a bit testy as both teams gave it their all on the basketball court.

RIGHT: Shaw Jr. shined on the Tempe High court, proof that his ascension towards playing on Coronado's varsity team is imminent.



Varsity Dons Lose to Varsity Buffaloes in Tempe

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On January 26, the Coronado High School Dons varsity boys basketball team traveled to Tempe for a matchup against their local rival, the Tempe High Buffaloes. Sophomore student-athlete and Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community member Julian Crowley got the start and showed why he's one of the leaders on this year's varsity team for the Dons.

Crowley's play was essential to the team's goal of making it into the 4A playoffs this season and competing for a state championship. His impressive dribbling and NBA-ready jump shot caused the Buffaloes to quickly send their best defenders in to try to stop him.

Both teams were vocal on the court, reminiscent of how the junior varsity game went between the two teams earlier in the day. During the second quarter, Crowley drove through the lane, absorbing contact while still making his layup. A Tempe High defender didn't appreciate Crowley's hard-earned bucket, and from that moment on stopping Crowley was the main focus of the Buffaloes' game plan. The teams went into halftime with only a handful of points separating them.

Tempe High had a different approach coming into the third quarter. Their adjustments would prove to be beneficial, as they would eventually grab the lead away from the Dons and never look back.

When the dust settled after this hard-fought and highly entertaining game, the Tempe High Buffaloes would be the ones to claim victory against the Coronado Dons 52-54.

Now with the playoffs on the horizon, the Dons must hope for a few teams in their conference to lose in order for their championship dreams to remain alive. The Dons finished the season with an overall win-loss record of 7-10, just good enough for them to be in the playoff conversations for seeding.

The Arizona Interscholastic Association (AIA) 4A conference playoff play-in will begin on February 16. Following the play-in tournament, the official AIA playoffs will begin on February 21, with the AIA championship game scheduled for February 29 at the Arizona Veterans Memorial Coliseum in Phoenix.



TOP: Julian Crowley cuts through heavy traffic through the lane as he makes his way for a hard-earned two points against the Tempe High Buffaloes.

RIGHT: At the free throw line during the third quarter, Crowley easily swished both free throws while the Tempe High crowd continually tried distracting him with noise from the bleachers.



LEGAL NOTICES

**JUVENILE COURT
JURISDICTION: SALT RIVER PIMA MARICOPA INDIAN
COMMUNITY COURT
ADDRESS: 10040 EAST OSBORN RD. SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85256
CONTACT: (480) 362-6315
ALL JUVENILE COURT CASES REPORT TO COURTROOM #3 ON
THE 1ST FLOOR.
FAILURE TO APPEAR CAN AFFECT YOUR RIGHTS**
Chiago, Vincent - Review Hearing Case: J-16-0173 Court Date: February 20, 2024 at 9 a.m.
Hayes Jr., Kelly - Review Hearing Case: J-22-0091 Court Date: February 28, 2024 at 11 a.m.
Lewis, Julia – Review Hearing Case: J-20-0136/0137 Court Date: April 4, 2024, 2024 at 10 a.m.
Manuel, Ashlee Noreen - Review Hearing Case: J-22-0118/J-22-0119/J-22-0120 Court Date: February 28, 2024 at 10 a.m.
Stacey, Jeffrey Arthur - Mother: Patricia Smith (DOB: 11/23/1981) Child: A.L.S. (DOB: 05/26/2007), L.S (DOB: 07/12/2008) Review/Permanency Hearings Case: J-20-0091/0092 Court Date: March 20, 2024 at 10 a.m.
Wahpeta, April Francine - Permanency Hearing Case: J-23-0027/0028/0029 Court Date: February 26, 2024 at 11 a.m.

**CIVIL COURT
JURISDICTION: SALT RIVER PIMA MARICOPA INDIAN
COMMUNITY COURT
ADDRESS: 10040 EAST OSBORN RD. SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85256
CONTACT: (480) 362-6315
CIVIL COURT CASES REPORT TO COURTROOM #1/ #2 ON THE
1ST FLOOR.
FAILURE TO APPEAR CAN AFFECT YOUR RIGHTS**

Andrews, Teresa-Evidentiary Guardianship Hearing- Case: CV-23-4636- March 4, 2024 at 10 a.m.
Antone Jr., Kenneth Carlos - Entry of Default Judgement Case: CV-23-4023 Court Date: February 21, 2024 at 9:30 AM
Bejarano, Richard - Evidentiary Child Support Hearing Case: CFCS-23-0018 Court Date: February 28, 2024 at 9 AM
Beltran, Allan - Motion Hearing Case: CV-24-0805 Court Date: March 19, 2024 at 10 AM
Butler, Adam Dustin: Notice of Entry of Default Judgment: Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community Court, State of Arizona, Maricopa County original jurisdiction court case number CV-23-3089. Notice of Entry of Default Judgment is hereby given ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that entry of default judgment against Respondent, Adam Dustin Butler is hereby ENTERED. It is further, ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that Respondent, Adam Dustin Butler, shall abide by Child Support Order. This order is final and shall be served on Respondent in accordance to Rule 5-20(c). *Respondent has (10) ten days to respond from date received. For a copy of this Order please contact the court at 480-362-6315.
Chiago, Clemencia Sophia - Entry of Default Judgement/Order to Show Cause Hearings Case: CV-23-4018 Court Date: February 21, 2024 at 9 AM
Chiago, Janette Pauline - Civil Complaint Hearing Case: CV-24-0851 Court Date: March 19, 2024 at 9:30 AM
Lewis, Michelle-Initial Child Support Hearing- Case: CV-24-0977-March 20, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.
Loring, Xia Rae - Entry of Default Judgement/Order to Show Cause Hearings Case: CV-23-4290 Court Date: March 11, 2024 at 9 AM
Makil, Josephine - Civil Complaint Hearing Case: CV-24-0844 Court Date: March 19, 2024 at 9 AM

Manuel, Cherish Noelle - Initial Child Support Hearing Case: CV-24-1374 Court Date: March 25, 2024 at 11 AM
Manuel, Roy - Order to Show Cause Hearing Case: C-22-0144 Court Date: March 13, 2024 at 9:30 AM
Martinez, Daniel-Evidentiary Guardianship Hearing- Case: CV-23-4636- March 4, 2024 at 10 a.m.
Martinez, Molly Marie - Civil Complaint Hearing Case: CV-24-0805 Court Date: March 19, 2024 at 10 AM
Nahsonhoya, Damien - Restraining Order Hearing Case: CV-24-2148 Court Date: March 8, 2024 at 9 AM
Nahsonhoya, Merwin - Restraining Order Hearing Case: CV-24-2146 Court Date: March 8, 2024 at 9 AM
Ortiz, Benecio - Restraining Order Hearing Case: CV-24-0892 Court Date: March 4, 2024 at 11:30 AM
Ray, Gary Frederick Sr.-Default Judgment Hearing- Case: CV-23-4289- February 26, 2024 at 10 a.m.
Standing Elk, Carla Anne - Order to Show Cause Hearing Case: C-23-0045 Court Date: March 13, 2024 at 9 AM
Thomas Sr., Dillon - Order to Show Cause Hearing/Status Hearing Case: CV-23-3521 Court Date: March 18, 2024 at 9 AM
Wakolee, Melanie Grace - Child Support Modification Hearing Case: CFCS-19-0018 Court Date: March 6, 2024 at 10 AM
Wesley-Howard, Aristen Jared - Civil Complaint Hearing Case: CV-24-0864 Court Date: March 19, 2024 at 10:30 AM

DEFAULT NOTICES

**ANTONE JR., KENNETH
DEFAULT NOTICE
CV-23-4023**
To: Kenneth Antone Jr., RESPONDENT
1. A Complaint / Petition has been filed against you in this Court and your immediate attention to this fact is urgent if you do not want judgment entered against you.
2. The Court record reflects that you have failed to respond to defend by filing an answer, motion to dismiss, request for extension of time or other responsive pleading and you have failed to attend hearings at the Court called for this matter.
3. If you do not defend against this suit within Thirty (30) days from the date the Process Server hands you this or you are served with it otherwise as permitted under the Community Code, the Court may enter default judgment against you.
4. A default judgment may have serious, adverse, and irreversible consequences against you.
5. If you want to defend against the claim and avoid default judgment entered against you, you must file a written answer, motion to dismiss or other responsive pleading within thirty (30) days from when you are served with this Notice. The Court will not extend time for your response and you must make your response in writing, no oral responses will be accepted
6. If you do nothing, the Court may give Judgment for what the Complaint demands. (Section 5-16.1, Judgment by Default)
DATED this 28th December 2023.
CLERK OF SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY TRIBAL COURT

**CHIAGO, CLEMENCIA S.
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CV-23-4018**
TO: Clemencia S. Chiago
YOU ARE HEREBY ORDERED to appear before the above-entitled court on the 21st day of February, 2024 at 9:00 AM, in Court Room #1, and show cause why you should not be held in contempt for failing to obey Court Orders
FAILURE TO APPEAR will result in a Bench Warrant issued for your arrest for Contempt of Court from (§6-41) of the Code or Ordinances.
ORDERED this 28th day of December, 2023.
Judge Raymond L. Deer
SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY TRIBAL COURT

**N.S.A.
JUDGMENT
CFCS-23-0018**
Notice of Judgment and Order of Child Support:
Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community Court, State of Arizona, Maricopa County original jurisdiction court case number CFCS-23-0018
Notice of Judgment and Order of Child Support is hereby ORDERED AND ADJUDGED and is hereby ENTERED on the 4th day of January, 2024. It is further, ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that Respondent N. S.E. shall pay child support to Petitioner, B. P. Payment shall be made to Petitioner within 30 days of service of this order and once every thirty (30) days thereafter until this order expires or otherwise modified. The Order of support presumptively terminates May 30th, 2039. This order is final for purposes of appeal. Please contact the Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community Tribal Court for any questions regarding this matter at 480-362-6315 Monday through Friday 8am to 5pm.

**ANTONE JR., KENNETH
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CV-23-4290**
TO: Kenneth Antone Jr.
YOU ARE HEREBY ORDERED to appear before the above-entitled court on the 21st day of February, 2024 at 9:30 AM, in Court Room #1, and show cause why you should not be held in contempt for failing to obey Court Orders
FAILURE TO APPEAR will result in a Bench Warrant issued for your arrest for Contempt of Court from (§6-41) of the Code or Ordinances.
ORDERED this 28th day of December, 2023.
Judge Raymond L. Deer
SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY TRIBAL COURT

**LORING AKA HERRERA, XIA RAE
DEFAULT NOTICE
CV-23-4290**
To: Xia Rae Loring aka Herrera, RESPONDENT
1. A Complaint / Petition has been filed against you in this Court and your immediate attention to this fact is urgent if you do not want judgment entered against you.
2. The Court record reflects that you have failed to respond to defend by filing an answer, motion to dismiss, request for extension of time or other responsive pleading and you have failed to attend hearings at the Court called for this matter.
3. If you do not defend against this suit within Thirty (30) days from the date the Process Server hands you this or you are served with it otherwise as permitted under the Community Code, the Court may enter default judgment against you.
4. A default judgment may have serious, adverse, and irreversible consequences against you.
5. If you want to defend against the claim and avoid default judgment entered against you, you must file a written answer, motion to dismiss or other responsive pleading within thirty (30) days from when you are served with this Notice. The Court will not extend time for your response and you must make your response in writing, no oral responses will be accepted
6. If you do nothing, the Court may give Judgment for what the Complaint demands. (Section 5-16.1, Judgment by Default)
DATED this 8th of January, 2024.
CLERK OF SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY TRIBAL COURT

**RAY SR., GARY FREDERICK
DEFAULT NOTICE
CV-23-4289**
To: Gary Frederick Ray Sr., RESPONDENT
1. A Complaint / Petition has been filed against you in this Court and your immediate attention to this fact is urgent if you do not want judgment entered against you.
2. The Court record reflects that you have failed to respond to defend by filing an answer, motion to dismiss, request for extension of time or other responsive pleading and you have failed to attend hearings at the Court called for this matter.
3. If you do not defend against this suit within Thirty (30) days from the date the Process Server hands you this or you are served with it otherwise as permitted under the Community Code, the Court may enter default judgment against you.
4. A default judgment may have serious, adverse, and irreversible consequences against you.
5. If you want to defend against the claim and avoid default judgment entered against you, you must file a written answer, motion to dismiss or other responsive pleading within thirty (30) days from when you are served with this Notice. The Court will not extend time for your response and you must make your response in writing, no oral responses will be accepted
6. If you do nothing, the Court may give Judgment for what the Complaint demands. (Section 5-16.1, Judgment by Default)
DATED this 11th of January 2024
CLERK OF SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY TRIBAL COURT

**CHIAGO, CLEMENCIA
DEFAULT NOTICE
CV-23-4018**
To: CLEMENCIA CHIAGO, RESPONDENT
1. A Complaint / Petition has been filed against you in this Court and your immediate attention to this fact is urgent if you do not want judgment entered against you.
2. The Court record reflects that you have failed to respond to defend by filing an answer, motion to dismiss, request for extension of time or other responsive pleading and you have failed to attend hearings at the Court called for this matter.
3. If you do not defend against this suit within Thirty (30) days from the date the Process Server hands you this or you are served with it otherwise as permitted under the Community Code, the Court may enter default judgment against you.
4. A default judgment may have serious, adverse, and irreversible consequences against you.
5. If you want to defend against the claim and avoid default judgment entered against you, you must file a written answer, motion to dismiss or other responsive pleading within thirty (30) days from when you are served with this Notice. The Court will not extend time for your response and you must make your response in writing, no oral responses will be accepted
6. If you do nothing, the Court may give Judgment for what the Complaint demands. (Section 5-16.1, Judgment by Default)
DATED this 28th of December, 2023.
CLERK OF SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY TRIBAL COURT

**LORING AKA HERRERA, XIA RAE
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CV-23-4290**
TO: Xia Rae Loring aka Xia Herrera
YOU ARE HEREBY ORDERED to appear before the above-entitled court on the 11th day of March, 2024 at 9:00AM, in Court Room #1, and show cause why you should not be held in contempt for failing to appear for a Civil Complaint hearing on January 8, 2024 at 9 am after being duly noticed.
FAILURE TO APPEAR will result in a Bench Warrant issued for your arrest for Contempt of Court from (§6-41) of the Code or Ordinances.
ORDERED this 8th day of January, 2024.
Judge Raymond L. Deer
SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY TRIBAL COURT

**STANDING ELK, CARLA
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
C-23-0045**
TO: Carla Standing Elk, Respondent
YOU ARE HEREBY ORDERED to appear before the above-entitled court on the 13th day of March, 2024 at 9 AM, in Court Room #2, and show cause why you should not be held in contempt for failing to abide by the Court Order issued on September 28th, 2023
FAILURE TO APPEAR will result in a Bench Warrant issued for your arrest for Contempt of Court from (§6-41) of the Code or Ordinances.
Ordered this 19th day of January, 2024
Judge Anthony Little
SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY TRIBAL COURT
**THOMAS SR., DILLON
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CV-23-3521**
TO: Dillon Thomas Sr.
YOU ARE HEREBY ORDERED to appear before the above-entitled court on the 18th day of March, 2024 at 9:00 AM, in Court Room #1, and show cause why you should not be held in contempt for failing to obey Court Orders
FAILURE TO APPEAR will result in a Bench Warrant issued for your arrest for Contempt of Court from (§6-41) of the Code or Ordinances.
ORDERED this 22nd day of January, 2024.
Judge Raymond L. Deer
SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY TRIBAL COURT

SPECIAL ELECTION TO AMEND THE COMMUNITY'S CONSTITUTION



Summary

Pursuant to Article XIII of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community's ("Community") Constitution, the Council has approved to hold a special election on March 26, 2024. The special election will allow the voters to determine whether to amend the Community's Constitution on matters regarding election procedure. These proposed changes were discussed with the Community in 2019-2020 at district meetings, and then also at the Election Board's Open House on November 6, 2023. These proposed amendments came from Community member input into the various elections that have been held throughout the years.

There will be ten (10) questions on the ballot and all voters will have the option to vote "yes" or "no" on each proposed change. A brief summary of the amendments are below:

- Add an restriction that a person convicted of a felony within the last ten (10) years may not run for the Office of the President or Vice President;
- Add an restriction that a person convicted of a felony within the last ten (10) years may not run for the Office of a Council member;
- Push the General Election date back to the third Tuesday in November;
- Set the Inauguration for the third Saturday in December;
- Remove the twenty (20) day waiting period between nomination meetings for President/Vice, and Council members;
- Remove the requirement that at least two (2) candidates be nominated for each race;
- Add language to permit certain persons deemed "incompetent" to vote;
- Authorize the Board to remove disruptive or intoxicated persons from polling sites;
- Remove any Constitutional reference to being "registered to vote"; and
- Simplify the process to request an absentee ballot.

All voters will be mailed election information, including an informational pamphlet that details each of the 10 questions. In addition, presentations will be held at district meetings throughout February and March. If you have questions, please contact Erica Harvier, Council Secretary/Election Coordinator at (480) 362-7466.

BALLOT QUESTIONS

Below is a list of questions that will appear on the special election ballot on March 26, 2024. You will be asked to mark each question with a YES OR NO.

QUESTION #1	QUESTION #6
<p>Should the Constitution be amended to add an additional requirement that, in order to hold the office of President or Vice President, a person cannot have been convicted of a felony during the ten (10) years preceding the date of the Election?</p> <p>A vote "YES" would prohibit a person who has been convicted of a felony within ten (10) years of the date of the election to run for the office of President or Vice President.</p> <p>A vote "NO" would keep the same standards that currently exist for individuals who would like to run for the office of President or Vice President.</p>	<p>Should the Constitution be amended to remove the requirement that at least two (2) candidates be nominated for each office?</p> <p>A vote "YES" would allow for the situation in which only one (1) person is nominated for an elected seat and runs unopposed.</p> <p>A vote "NO" would keep the current requirements of at least two (2) candidates being nominated for office, even though there are times when candidates run unopposed.</p>
QUESTION #2	QUESTION #7
<p>Should the Constitution be amended to add an additional requirement that, in order to hold the office of Council member, a person cannot have been convicted of a felony for the ten (10) years preceding the date of the Election?</p> <p>A vote "YES" would prohibit a person who has been convicted of a felony within ten (10) years of the date of the election to run for the office of Council member.</p> <p>A vote "NO" would keep the same standards that currently exist for individuals who would like to run for the office of Council member.</p>	<p>Should the Constitution be amended to allow protected persons, or those deemed mentally incompetent, to vote if they are accompanied by their guardian or have reasonable verification from their guardian that they have the mental faculties to vote at that time, and the Election Board Judge agrees with that recommendation?</p> <p>A vote "YES" would allow for a protected person, or a person deemed mentally incompetent by the Court, to vote if their guardian is present or they have verification from their guardian that they have the mental faculties to vote, and the Election Board Judge deems them fit to vote.</p> <p>A vote "NO" would require the Election Board to continue to turn away all Community members deemed mentally incompetent by the Court from voting.</p>
QUESTION #3	QUESTION #8
<p>Should the Constitution be amended to move the general election to the third Tuesday in November?</p> <p>A vote "YES" would move the Community's general election from September to November.</p> <p>A vote "NO" would keep the Community's general election in September.</p>	<p>Should the Constitution be amended to allow the Election Board the ability to remove an individual from the polling site on Election Day when the person is too intoxicated, incapacitated or is disrupting other voters and election staff?</p> <p>A vote "YES" would provide support for the Election Board to remove a voter, who is too intoxicated or under the influence, from the polling site.</p> <p>A vote "NO" would keep the current language without mention of intoxicated individuals.</p>
QUESTION #4	QUESTION #9
<p>Should the Constitution be amended to provide that the Community's elected officials inauguration is always held on the third Saturday of December?</p> <p>A vote "YES" would move the Community's inauguration ceremony to always be held on a Saturday.</p> <p>A vote "NO" would keep the Community's inauguration ceremony as two (2) weeks prior to January 1, regardless of the day of the week.</p>	<p>Should the Constitution be amended to remove all references requiring eligible voters to be formally "registered to vote"?</p> <p>A vote "YES" would remove the references to a formal and separate voter registration process.</p> <p>A vote "NO" would keep the language in the Constitution, even though the Community does not require a formal voter registration process.</p>
QUESTION #5	QUESTION #10
<p>Should the Constitution be amended so that the nominations meetings for Council members are not required to be held twenty (20) days after those of the President and Vice President?</p> <p>A vote "YES" would allow the scheduling of candidate nominations meetings to be more flexible and proximate.</p> <p>A vote "NO" would keep the current requirements of twenty (20) days between the nomination meetings for the President, Vice President, and Council members.</p>	<p>Should the Constitution be amended to allow a Community member to vote by absentee ballot, if they so request?</p> <p>A vote "YES" would allow Community members to vote absentee for any reason, including the recent pandemic or personal preference.</p> <p>A vote "NO" would keep the limitations on Community members voting by absentee ballot.</p>

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Dates/Deadlines		Notes
THURSDAY JANUARY 25, 2024	Council approved a Special Election regarding the Proposed SRPMIC Constitutional Election Amendments.	
EARLY FEBRUARY	Notice of Special, Election dates/deadlines, and the Booklets regarding the Proposed Election Amendments, to be mailed out to all eligible SRPMIC voters.	
FEBRUARY & MARCH	Presentations on the Proposed Election Amendments scheduled at Council District Meetings.	District meeting information: https://www.srpmic-nsn.gov/government/council/district-meetings/
MONDAY MARCH 11, 2024	Deadline for SRPMIC Voters to contact the Office of Membership Services (OMS) for any address updates.	OMS: (480)362-7600
MONDAY MARCH 11, 2024	Deadline for any SRPMIC Voters to request an absentee ballot to be mailed to them.	Make request by phone, email, or fax by deadline.
TUESDAY MARCH 19, 2024	Election Board will meet to certify the voter listing.	Per SRPMIC Code of Ordinances, Chapter 3-4, (a) (4)(a).
THURSDAY MARCH 21, 2024	Deadline for anyone who meets the criteria for home voting (disabled or bedridden and within a 25 mile radius) to notify the Council Secretary that they wish to participate in home voting.	At least 3 business days prior to the Special Election.
MONDAY MARCH 25, 2024	Election Board will meet to certify the Automated Election Voting Machines.	
TUESDAY MARCH 26, 2024	SRPMIC SPECIAL ELECTION DAY VOTING HOURS: 6:00am - 6:00pm Salt River Tribal ID is REQUIRED. Vote at your respective district.	Results on each amendment item will be presented upon completion of Election Board Tally for Council certification.

2024 SPECIAL ELECTION

TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 2024

POLLS OPEN 6:00AM-6:00PM

A Special Election has been called regarding the “Proposed Constitutional Amendments to the Election Process”.

For details of the proposed amendments questions, go to www.srpmic-nsn.gov

For a Safe Voting Experience for All, please take precautions if voting at the polls, if you are not feeling well.

POLLING SITES:

DISTRICT I (SALT RIVER) voters vote at the SALT RIVER COMMUNITY BUILDING.

DISTRICT II (LEHI) voters vote at the LEHI COMMUNITY BUILDING.

ABSENTEE REQUESTS

(PROVIDE NAME, TRIBAL ID #, MAILING ADDRESS)

Deadline for Resident AND Non-Resident Voters to request an absentee ballot.

If you live on OR off the Community and would like to receive and mail in your ballot.

DEADLINE: MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2024

HOME VOTING - Deadline for Elderly, or Disabled or in the Hospital and within a 25 mile radius.

If you cannot come to the polls and would like to home vote.

DEADLINE: THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2024

TO REQUEST AN ABSENTEE BALLOT AND/OR QUESTIONS CONTACT Erica Harvier or Ardell Moore at (480) 362-7466, 362-7465 or 362-7400 or by email at Erica.harvier@srpmic-nsn.gov or ardell.moore@srpmic-nsn.gov.

WHO IS A VOTER?

You are able to vote in SRPMIC elections if you are:

- 1) an enrolled member of the Community
- 2) 18 years or older on the day of the election, and
- 3) a resident of the relevant electoral district for at least one (1) year; or if you are a non-resident, declared a home district. Persons who are in jail or prison on the date of election, or have been declared to be mentally incompetent are not eligible to vote.

WHAT DISTRICT DO I VOTE IN?

Members who live West of North Mesa Drive are considered to be a District I (Salt River) voter and should vote at Salt River Community Building.

Members who live East of Mesa Drive are considered to be a District II (Lehi) voter and should vote at Lehi Community Building. Non-resident voters must fill out a form to declare their “home district” for voting purposes, and they should contact the Community Development Department (“CDD”) to obtain the form for declaring a home district.

A SRPMIC TRIBAL ID IS REQUIRED TO VOTE:

Community members must show a (picture) tribal ID card at the polls before they will be given a ballot. Contact the Office of Membership Services at (480) 362-7330 or 362-7600 if you need a new tribal ID card. The Community membership rolls determine voter eligibility and the district in which you vote in, so please make sure that your name, tribal ID number, and address are up-to-date with the Office of Membership Services in CDD.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS:

To minimize the risk of Covid-19 or other illnesses, it is HIGHLY recommended that you vote via absentee ballot via mail or drop off.

GILBERT ROAD BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

February 9, 2024

SUBMITTED BY MARICOPA COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Work continues on the Gilbert Road Bridge at an accelerated schedule with a goal of reopening travel over the Salt River, from Thomas Road north of Loop 202 to State Route 87 this summer. Following last year's historic rainfall and water releases by the Salt River Project (SRP), which heavily damaged the low-water crossing, the Maricopa County Department of Transportation (MCDOT) fast-tracked the bridge construction schedule, moving its reopening to an earlier date.

Construction crews have been working nights and weekends and have achieved several major milestones including drilling twenty-two shafts for the bridge piers and installing precast girders along with preparations in advance of pouring the new deck later this spring. The project also includes the installation of a new storm drain and a new 36" waterline as part of SRP's water delivery system.

One important feature of the new bridge construction includes abutment protection. The design uses cement-stabilized alluvium (CSA) at each end of the new bridge to protect it from future river flows. The CSA is about 60 feet deep and will guard the bridge from catastrophic flood events and help to ensure that the new bridge provides safe and efficient travel for many decades.

Weather issues are always a concern because they can change construction activity and schedule. MCDOT will continue monitor storm systems and coordinate with SRP for potential water releases through the completion of the project.

For additional project information, please contact MCDOT at: MCDOTProjects@maricopa.gov, or at (602) 506-3342.



Top: Northbound View of the Gilbert Road Bridge Project toward State Route 87 and SRPMIC.

Right: Southbound View of the Gilbert Road Bridge Project toward the SRPMIC Lehi Community and the City of Mesa.

Photos courtesy of the Maricopa County Department of Transportation



Public Comments on Proposed Amendments to the Child Support Ordinance – Chapter 10, Article II, Division 2

Comment Period: January 31-March 30, 2024

On January 31, 2024, the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Council authorized a sixty (60) day public comment period on amendments to the Community's Child Support Ordinance ("Ordinance").

The amendments to the Ordinance primarily do the following:

- Improve the organization of the Ordinance and add timelines;
- Clarify the process for implementing new guidelines;
- Change the attendance policy for hearings;
- List situations where child support may be necessary after the child is eighteen (18) years old;
- Provides a process for parties to arrive at their own agreements;
- Allows Default Orders to be set aside;
- Prioritizes types of payments (e.g., child support, spousal maintenance); and,
- Adds a section on overpayment.

The sixty (60) day public comment period lasts until March 30, 2024. The Office of General Counsel, Legal Services Office, Office of the Prosecutor, and Defense Advocate Office will attend district meetings within the Community to discuss the Ordinance, answer questions, and collect comments.

You can find the full text of the proposed ordinance amendment at: <https://www.srpmic-nsn.gov/government/ogc/proposed-ordinances/>

Please submit all comments in writing either to the Community's intranet "Ordinance Public Comment" page, or via standard mail or email to the following:

Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
The Office of the General Counsel
10005 East Osborn Road
Scottsdale, Arizona 85256
OrdPublicComment@srpmic-nsn.gov

SRPMIC Zoning Map and General Plan Land Use Map Update

The SRPMIC Planning Services Division of the Community Development Department is updating the final draft of the Zoning Map as a part of Chapter 25 of the SRPMIC Code of Ordinances. The zoning map indicates the zoning for each tribal land and allotted parcel in the Community. The final draft of the General Plan Land Use Map has been updated to support the revised zoning classifications. The Land Use Map for the General Plan depicts the proposed general uses of land within the SRPMIC.

Community outreach is being held from January through March during the Council District meetings. Staff will provide an overview of the proposed maps, purpose of the update, explanation of changes, and request for the comments from Community members as well as the projected next steps in the process for adoption. The majority of the proposed rezoning changes involve allowing government services and aligning with existing government service uses.

Additional changes include two mapping corrections and a rezone to protect land with an Open Space zoning classification.

Community members are encouraged to attend the upcoming Council District meetings in the next three months to better understand the proposed changes and for an opportunity to answer questions.

To view the District Meeting Presentation, Future Zoning Exhibit, Existing Zoning Exhibit, Tribal Land Exhibit, Existing & Future Zoning Comparison Exhibit, Existing General Plan Exhibit and the Future General Plan Exhibit, please visit this website link:

<https://www.srpmic-nsn.gov/government/1879-phc/>

For more information, please contact Suzanne Colver, Planning Services Manager at Suzanne.Colver@SRPMIC-nsn.gov (480) 362-7654.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Proposed Amendments to the Unclaimed Personal Property Ordinance

Comment Period: January 18, 2024 – March 18, 2024

On Wednesday, January 17, 2024, the SRPMIC Council authorized a 60 day public comment period for the proposed amendments to the Community's Unclaimed Personal Property Ordinance. The draft ordinance does the following:

The Unclaimed Personal Property ordinance was updated in 2018 with respect to money however the portions related to nonmonetary property were not updated. The original ordinance was adopted around 1977 and is in need of updates with respect to the nonmonetary property. The waiting period before nonmonetary property becomes abandoned is 3 years and this period is too long. Additionally, all property goes through a Court process once it is determined abandoned which takes additional time and leaves the Court with few too many disposition options. The SRPD Property and Evidence Bureau facility is filling up fast as property does not leave the facility quick

enough and it is anticipated that the facility will reach maximum capacity within five (5) years.

The proposed ordinance shortens the time to 6 months before nonmonetary property is considered abandoned. The proposed ordinance also removes the Court process for all nonmonetary property except for firearms. Abandoned firearms will still go through a Court process to ensure proper legal documentation prior to disposition. There will be also be new notification requirements for the SRPD which will include a public website with a list of unclaimed nonmonetary property in their possession. The proposed ordinance will shorten the overall process from approximately 3 ½ years to 8 months which will improve the operations of the government departments with respect to unclaimed nonmonetary property and create efficient processes for Community members to retrieve items that may belong to them.

Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
The Office of the General Counsel
10,005 East Osborn Road
Scottsdale, Arizona 85256
OrdPublicComment@srpmic-nsn.gov
or
Jeff.Harmon@srpmic-nsn.gov

You can find the full text of the proposed ordinance amendment at:
<https://www.srpmic-nsn.gov/government/ogc/proposed-ordinances/>

Please submit all comments in writing either to the Community's "Ordinance Public Comment" page, or via standard mail or email to the following:

IF YOU HAVE A STORY IDEA, PLEASE CALL OR EMAIL

**Dodie Manuel at (480) 362-7731
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SALT RIVER BUSINESS LISTINGS

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1452 E. Oak St.
Mesa, AZ 85203
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-Sun. School, 9:30 a.m.
-Worship Service, 10:45 a.m.
-Sun. Night Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.
-Wed. Devotion Night at church, 6:30 p.m.
-SOAR Group 2nd & 4th Friday every month at the church 7 p.m.
-Mon. night Prayer Meeting, 6 p.m.
-Singspiration, last Sunday of the month at 6 p.m.

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Pastor Neil Price
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LEHI PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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Mesa, AZ 85203
Pastor Annette Lewis
annette.f.lewis@gmail.com
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SERVICES
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-Communion First Sunday of every month 10 a.m.
-Birthday Sunday Potluck- Last Sunday of the Month, after services.
-Youth Devotion/Music (bring your

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2056 N. Extension Rd. Scottsdale AZ, 85256
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Pastor Marty Thomas
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Home: (480) 990-7450
SERVICES
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-Lord's Supper very first Sunday of the month (potluck after)

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Scottsdale, AZ 85256
(480) 947-5278
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-Worship 11 a.m.
-No Evening Service till further notice.
-Thursday Bible Study 6pm

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Mesa, AZ 85201
(720) 626-2171
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-Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

-Sunday Bible Class 6 p.m.
-Bible Study Wednesdays 7 p.m.
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P.O. Box 10125
Scottsdale, AZ 85271
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-Communion first Sunday of the month

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

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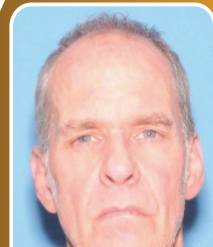
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JEFFERY SCOTT KING



On January 3, 2024, the SRPMIC Council approved the temporary exclusion of Jeffery Scott King from the Community pursuant to 7-75(e)(4) of the Community Code of Ordinances after determining that he represents a present and substantial danger to the Community. The temporary exclusion is in effect until the SRPMIC Council makes a final determination regarding permanent exclusion.

Mr. King is known to reside at 2000 N. Longmore Rd. and frequent the area around that residence as well as Casino Arizona, which are all within the boundaries of the Community.



If you see Mr. King within the boundaries of the Community, please report his presence to the SRPD immediately

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'AUPPA 'IVAGIDAG MAŞAD XLY'A XVIK FEBRUARY

17 CM ANTONE DISTRICT B MEETING, 9 a.m. at SRPMIC Council Chambers 10091 E. Osborn Road Scottsdale, AZ 85256. Topics to include SRPMIC Zoning Map Updates, Community Member Comments. Please contact council secretaries to confirm meeting time, location, and agenda at (480)362-7469

17 TWO-SPIRIT POWWOW, held at South Mountain Community College South Lawn. The Phoenix Indian Center and South Mountain Community College are proud to co-sponsor this annual contest powwow which will feature dancing, drumming, food vendors, along with arts

and crafts vendors. We invite everyone to join us as we celebrate the Two Spirit, LGBTQ+ and Native American community at this family friendly, drug/alcohol free event. Market opens at 10 a.m. with Grand Entry at noon, closing at 6 p.m. Questions? Contact info@phxindcenter.org or (602)264-6768

20 NATIVE PLANT SERIES, 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. at Way of Life Facility. Join our Native Plant series where you can learn to grow and nurture indigenous plants, open to community member adults. Please plan to attend both information sessions provided in February. This session will focus on Agricultural Practices. Limited to 8 participants, all materials provided. No sign up needed, just drop in. For questions please contact (480)362-6600 or email TribalLibrary@srpmic-nsn.gov

22 CM BUTLER DISTRICT A MEETING, 6 p.m. at SRPMIC Council Chambers 10091 E. Osborn Road Scottsdale, AZ 85256. Topics to include Power of Attorney Information, Unclaimed Personal Property Policy, Community Member Comments. Please contact council secretaries to confirm meeting time, location, and agenda at (480)362-7469

22 ADULT WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT (WIOA) INFORMATION SESSION, 9 a.m. - 10 a.m. at Two Waters Building B-102. Join the Salt River WIOA Program for an information session on how the program offers support to individuals toward their career goals through education and training. For questions, please contact Illeana Ray, WIOA Specialist at (480)362-3071

22 COMPUTER CLASSES FOR SENIORS, 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. at Two Waters Building A, Room A117 (Red Mountain Computer Lab). No computer experience is required - our goal is to have fun while learning technology. Classes are provided by SRPMIC IT Dept. - Customer Care Division, contact IT-CustomerCare@srpmic-

nsn.gov with questions

24 NAGI FOUNDATION'S FREE MONTHLY PET CLINIC, 8 a.m. at Salt River Ball Fields, 1839 N. Longmore Rd., Scottsdale, AZ. First come, first served. SRP-MIC members, residents and employees are eligible. Pets must be brought in by legal owner, age 18+. Cats must be in their own carrier and dogs on a leash. Services include exams, vaccines, flea/tick treatment, microchipping and health screening (for diseases like heartworm, lyme, FIV & FeLV). For questions call (602)730-2092.

27 SAFETALK SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING, 8:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. at Two Waters Building A, Room 109A&B. Participants must be at least 16 years old. Learn basic steps to recognize persons with thoughts of suicide and connect them with resources. This three-hour training can help YOU make a difference! For information and to register, contact Melanie.Nosie@srpmic-nsn.gov or Verlene.Notsinneh-Bowekaty@srpmic-nsn.gov

27 PATHWAY TO HOMEOWNERSHIP, 5:30 p.m. at the Two Waters Bldg. B-Room B-106. This workshop is an orientation to the SRFSI homeownership program and covers the following topics: Homeownership process, Program requirements, Assessing your personal financial situation and Becoming "Home Loan Ready." To register contact Gracie Briones at (480) 362-7833 or email gracie.briones@srpmic-nsn.gov OR Lori Calderon at (480) 362-5763 or email lori.calderon@srpmic-nsn.gov

27 CM CARLOS DISTRICT E DEPARTMENT INFORMATION FAIR, 5 p.m. at Victory Acres II Basketball Court/ Park. Councilmember Carlos is hosting a department information fair. Departments will have info tables and resources regarding services they provide. A community service activity will be hosted by Youth Services. Please contact council

secretaries to confirm meeting time, location, and agenda at (480)362-7469

27 CM SCABBY / CM DALLAS LEHI DISTRICT MEETING, 6 p.m. at Lehi Community Center 1231 E. Oak St. Mesa, AZ 85203. Topics to include Homesite Compliance, Unclaimed Personal Property Policy, Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) Report, Community Member Comments. Please contact council secretaries to confirm meeting time, location, and agenda at (480)362-7469

28 K-POP DAEBAK KLUB, Way of Life Facility, Room 56. 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Join us to celebrate, connect, and embrace the vibrant world of K-Pop, no matter your age or ability. Please contact the Tribal Library at (480)362-6600 or TribalLibrary@srpmic-nsn.gov with questions

KUI 'IVAGIDAG MAŞAD XLY'A XMOK MARCH

1 FIRST FRIDAY DANCE PARTY WITH CRS ADAPTIVE RECREATION, 6 p.m. – 7 p.m. at Lehi Multipurpose building 1231 E. Oak St. Mesa, AZ 85203. All are welcome to register for this inclusive program including participants with diverse needs and/or abilities. Drop offs welcome! Call (480)362-3360 with questions or for more information.

8 SENIORS NEON MOON WALK, WOLF Baseball Sidewalk, Registration at 5:30, group stretch at 5:50, walk begins at 6 p.m. RSVP for incentive – onsite waiver required. For more information, contact Athletics at (480)362-6365

9 MESA COMMUNITY COLLEGE THUNDERBIRD POWWOW, 1833 W. Southern Ave, Mesa, AZ. Gourd Dance at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. Grand Entry to take place at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.

12 MIGHTY TOTS, 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM at WOLF Room 247. This event repeats on the second Tuesday of each month. This program is offered for children ages 3-6 with their adult caregiver, where participants will be able to learn about healthy habits while engaging in fun physical activity. For more information, contact Karina Watson at (480) 362-3278 or Eric Makil at (480) 362-7320

13 VIRTUAL FOSTER CARE INFORMATION SESSION, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Join SRPMIC Foster Care Licensing to get more information on becoming a Foster Parent. Virtual information sessions held the second Wednesday of the month. Contact Social Services at (480)362-5645 for more information!

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15-17 MUL-CHU-THA FAIR AND RODEO, Save the date! More information to come!

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28 PRE-DIABETES BINGO NIGHT, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at WOLF Room #247. Bring your friends and family for a night of knowledge, "Know Your Numbers", and helpful resources and tips for your health. Prizes will be awarded to the lucky bingo winners! For more information, contact Karina J Watson Community Health Educator at (480)362-3278 or karina.watson2@srpmic-nsn.gov