



Mediterranean Restaurant Tash Opens at Talking Stick Resort



SRPMIC President, Council and Gaming Board members get ready to cut the ribbon to the new Mediterranean restaurant Tash at Talking Stick Resort. Front (L-R) Gaming Board member Robin Enos, Council member Tom Largo, President Martin Harvier, Gaming Board member Blessing Mcanlis-Vasquez and Gaming Board Chair Crystal Banuelos. Back row: Gaming Board member Brian Garza and Gaming Board Vice-Chair, Walter Holloway.

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On February 4, a small group of guests gathered to celebrate the ribbon-cutting for Tash, the new restaurant on the third floor of Talking Stick Resort. Tash is pronounced TH-O-SH, an O'odham word that means "sun," "day" or "time." Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Council member Tom Largo led everyone in a

prayer, followed by a few words by President Martin Harvier, thanking the Talking Stick and restaurant staff. "I just want to let you know how much we appreciate all of you here," Harvier said. "I know we are going through some tough times. Like Council member Largo said, we are going to get through this. I wanted to let you know that individuals have come up to me thanking Council for [Talking Stick Resort] stay-

ing open. I know sometimes you might not feel like you're being recognized, but I want you to know we appreciate everything that you do. We wouldn't have what we have if it wasn't for you. I want to thank the leadership here; I want to thank the board. I want to thank the architects, the contractors—what I'm looking at now is beautiful. God bless you and thank you." Council member Largo shared how the concept of Tash was

brought to fruition. "The concepts are put together by management and the construction [and design firms]," Largo said. "They're the ones who bring the designs to us, and then it moves forward. You know one of the things about this facility, Talking Stick Resort, is that it's probably one of the most successful enterprises we have. Half of the funding goes to the Community, to many of our programs. Just like President

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President Martin Harvier Weekly Update - February 12



Aerial view of the Point Of Dispensing event that took place at the Salt River Community Building mid-February; that day 1000 COVID-19 vaccines were given.

In President Martin Harvier's weekly report, he provided an update on COVID-19 testing completed in the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community. The total number of tests completed as of February 12 is 13,720, and we currently have 76 active COVID-19 cases within the boundaries of our Community. Two of our Community members are in the hospital. We need to remember those who have active cases, and those hospitalized are in our thoughts and prayers. On Friday, February 12, I was at the Community Building, where a Point Of Dispensing (POD) event was taking place to dispense 1,000 COVID-19 vaccinations. I had a few questions

for Kirsten VanDeventer, Emergency Management coordinator (PHEP), regarding the vaccinations. **President Martin Harvier: What is going on with all the cars here today?** **Kirsten VanDeventer:** It's quite an operation. You can see all the vehicles that are next to the tents, where individuals are receiving the COVID-19 vaccines. This operation is called the Point Of Dispensing, which we run through in any pandemic circumstance. It could be a vaccine that we are providing or an oral medication. Right now, we are pushing through three vehicles at a time in each lane, so 12 vehicles are simultaneously

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Oak Flat Prayer Run



Protectors take a photo in front of Apache Strong Hold Protect Oak Flat mural.

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This coming February 25-27, the Apache Stronghold group is holding its seventh annual Oak Flat March. This event is a prayer run, starting from the San Carlos Reservation and finishing at Oak Flat. Resolution Copper Company has plans to expand its current mining operations, but doing so would obliterate Oak Flat, a central Arizona site which is considered sacred to the Apache. There recently has been an increase in activity from the Resolution Copper Co., which is planning to move forward on the project, and it has garnered loud protests from the Apache and many other tribal nations. The

copper mine will be the largest in the United States. Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community member Marina Thomas will be participating and offered information on the upcoming event. "For the previous six years, the Apache Stronghold has held an annual prayer run from the San Carlos reservation to Oak Flat in honor of the protection and spiritual significance of Chi'chil Bildagoteel (Oak Flat)," Thomas said. "The event has helped to raise awareness of Apache history and the fight for their ancestral homelands. This year, due to increased involvement with multiple tribes, the run is being organized to come in from all four directions. Com-

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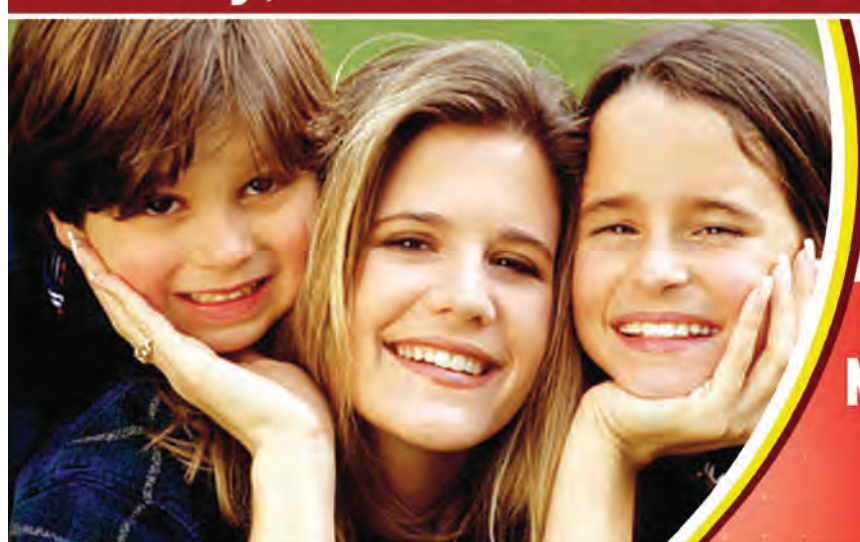
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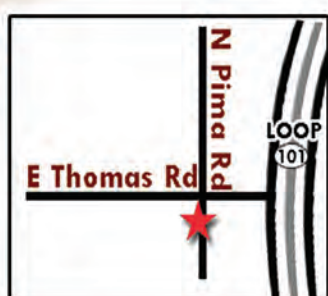
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MH: With that many vehicles going through the process, it seems like it's a big effort to get this accomplished. How many staff and departments are involved?

KV: Just today, we have 80+ staff onsite and 10 different departments involved. This is really a Community effort. On the back side of this, what you don't see are the contractors that came to help coordinate this response, from Trafficade Services to May-Dall Construction, as well as our SRPMIC Human Resources and Finance departments.

MH: What time did this start this morning?

KV: I was here at 5:45 a.m. Your leadership command staff reported in at 6 a.m., and then at 6:30 a.m. the rest of the staff reported in. We started dispensing vaccines at 7:30 a.m.

MH: How many vaccinations are we going to get done today?

KV: We are hoping to get 1,000 vaccinations completed today. As of 10:30 a.m., we vaccinated 531 people, so we are well on track.

MH: How long does the process take once they get here in line?

KV: People need to plan for 30 minutes from start to finish. After receiving the vaccine, you will be required to wait 15 to 30 minutes, depending on your reaction to the vaccine. If you have no reaction, it's 15 minutes; if you have a little reaction, it's going to be 30 minutes to make sure you are safe and good to go.

I think with everyone working here and involved, it's really a smooth process that we are witnessing today.

MH: Can someone just drive up and get a vaccine?

KV: No, we have to set it up like a health clinic, and you have to have an appointment before you come in to receive your vaccine. That's because we need to make sure we have the consent needed to provide you with the COVID-19 vaccine, and we also need to make sure that we have enough vaccine stock on hand. That's why it only takes 30 minutes, because everyone has been [previously] scheduled. If we had everyone come at once, the wait time would be excessive.

MH: How can people learn if they are eligible to get a vaccination here and what is the process to register?

KV: Each week, we release information on what groups we are accepting for the COVID-19 vaccine. It's a phased approach; we are following the state, county and Centers for Disease Control guidelines. Right now, we are accepting anyone 65 years of age and older at this POD. At the end of February, we will be accepting people 55 years of age and up: anyone who is a staff member of the tribal government and anyone living within the Community boundary in that age bracket.

I want to thank Kirsten for joining us this week. I hope that our discussion has helped answer some of your questions as far as getting the vaccine here in the Community and how to get registered to get the vaccine. Being here today, I am witnessing everyone working together and believe they are saving lives through this process of dispensing the vaccine. I want to thank Cliff Puckett and the others on the

SRPMIC Emergency Response Team. In addition to their work at events like this in the Community, we have meetings on Mondays and Wednesdays, and any other emergency meetings we need we get reports from Kirsten and Cliff. They have been a benefit to the Community in getting the COVID-19 vaccines here.

In closing, I hope you go to our Community websites, where you can find a lot of information. One of things I want to direct your attention to is to the O'dham Action News podcast. There are some really interesting interviews and discussions on the podcast, which is online at <https://oan.srpmic-nsn.gov/oan-podcast/>. Right now there are 35 episodes that you can listen to. I want to thank Community Relations for producing the podcast and the podcast staff who conduct the interviews for the segments.

I also want to recognize a couple of businesses in the Community and the relationship we have with these businesses. First I want to recognize Medieval Times; last week they donated 200 pounds of food to the United Food Bank and the Community Food Bank. I am sure the food was put to good use by the members here in our Community. Thanks also to Cold Stone Creamery for donating 50 boxes of ice cream to the Salt River Schools. Their corporate office has been here for years.

As always, let's not let our guard down. Let's be safe. Continue to maintain social distance, wash your hands and shield up.

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Harvier said, without all the people and the time they put in, this wouldn't be here. We're just grateful . . ."

The menu is inspired by Mediterranean cuisine and the space has a warm color tone that complements the Arizona sunsets. Jewel cases are placed at the center of the restaurant, and when the sun hits them just right, it refracts all the different colors into the restaurant.

The kitchen has glass windows so guests can watch the food being made. One of the menu specialties is pizza, and you can watch chefs making pizzas and



Gift bags were given to guests who attended the ribbon cutting ceremony, the bag contained two glass cups with the Tash logo on them a coaster and metal ice cubes for drinks.

placing them in the wood-burning oven, which, at 725 degrees Fahrenheit, cooks pizzas within two minutes.

"They fire very quickly. We use Italian Double Zero pizza flour for our dough here at Tash, we went to Italy to get it," said Wil Lee, director of food and beverage. "We did a lot of research in regard to what makes a great pizza, and we want it to be a show. When you're here, everything we do is all about the show."

For the ribbon-cutting, food stations were set up throughout the restaurant, offering a variety of Mediterranean fare such as rice, pasta and shrimp dishes. Waiters handed out small plates of wood-fired pizza samples and "free spirit" cocktails to guests.

"We wanted to create an environment in which we're inspired by the Mediterranean. . . People want to eat healthier—we want to take off the COVID-19 [quarantine] pounds, so to speak," Wil Lee said. "We've created a menu which is absolutely incredible. It features a lot of different items inspired by the Mediterranean."

Tash is a fun, relaxed setting that gives guests a chance to reconnect a little, while still following CDC guidelines with socially distanced tables.

"We want to create yet another crown jewel for the Community," Wil Lee said. "Here at Talking Stick there are so many great places to eat, so many things to do. We wanted to create another environment to amp up the fun even more."

To learn more about Tash's menu and hours, go to www.talkingstickresort.com/dining/tash/.



President Martin Harvier thanks the Talking Stick and Tash restaurant staff after the ribbon cutting ceremony.



A dessert station was filled with a variety of sweets for guests to try.

The Pink Desert Showcases Artistic Talent

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Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community member Rainboe Duarte has always been a lover of the arts. She is a very creative person who is inspired by the world around her. She often creates things for her family, friends and herself. She is a "DIY" (do-it-yourself) crafter, and her skill set is very broad. She has worked in photography, linoleum prints, watercolor painting, sewing, home decorating and graphic design.

Duarte is the daughter of Louisa Santeo and Timothy Dan and the granddaughter of the late Eleanor Siversten.

"Throughout the years I've tried a couple of business ventures. When I was going to college in L.A., my roommate



Halloween pop-up at The Organic Bean Café in Downtown Mesa, Rainboe Duarte (R) is with best friend Tiffany Pedro.

and I ran a custom T-shirt and jacket business," Duarte said. "When I moved back home to Arizona, I made and sold custom jackets and clothing for children. I also planned small events on the side. Eventually, I got preoccupied with my job and busy with everyday struggles. There was a time where I was very depressed, full of anxiety, and felt

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This rediscovery helped her open her business, The Pink Desert. With help and support from her husband, Duarte was able to launch her business on Etsy, a website for artists selling handmade arts and crafts.

"My husband has always been supportive of my art and has always encouraged me to sell my creations," Duarte said. "Again, having anxiety, I would second-guess myself and my art. In 2018, I finally took the plunge and started an Etsy [site] where I posted my three black-and-white linoleum prints: a quail print, a roadrunner print and a cactus print. Starting my Etsy [site] was self-liberating and gave me confidence. I felt inspired not only to create, but also to share my art and creativity with the world. I want to inspire and bring positivity and happiness to other people."

At her online store, Duarte currently sells stickers with silly O'odham, Native and Spanish slang words. She also sells her linoleum art prints. Linoleum art is a method of print-making that involves carving your image into a soft linoleum

block, rolling a layer of ink on top and pressing a paper on top to create an image. Duarte gravitates toward this medium because it's a long and tedious process. She loves to see the outcomes of a bold and contrast print with minor imperfections; no print is the same.

"I love art, any form of art," Duarte said. "I once was the art coordinator at

our Lehi Boys and Girls Club, and I encouraged the kids to be as creative as they wanted. I told them that art had no boundaries. It was amazing and inspiring to see how creative each and every individual can be. I decided to sell my art to share it and inspire others."

Duarte plans on making more O'odham and desert-inspired stickers, and her next project is a jewelry line slated to launch in summer 2021.

"I've always enjoyed sourcing, buying and curating," Duarte said. "If I had the opportunity, I would love to open up my own brick-and-mortar gift shop. Not only would I carry my own work, but also the work of my family, friends, and local and small businesses. For now, I will continue to make and sell what inspires me. The opportunities are endless."

You can find Duarte's Etsy shop at [Etsy.com/shop/thepinkdesert](https://www.etsy.com/shop/thepinkdesert). She is on Instagram at [@shopthepinkdesert](https://www.instagram.com/shopthepinkdesert) or her personal Instagram [@rainboekisses](https://www.instagram.com/rainboekisses). She also does pop-ups at Downtown Mesa's Second Friday events.



Black and white linoleum prints, inspired by the O'odham Desert.

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Medieval Times Donates to SRPMIC Food Bank



Queen Isabella and the Red Knight from Medieval Times Dinner & Tournament Scottsdale deliver food donations to SRPMIC Food Bank staff.

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Medieval Times Dinner & Tournament Scottsdale's "Chivalry in Action" continued on February 4, when Queen Isabella and the Red Knight delivered food donations from their "Fill the Pantry Food Drive" to the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Food Bank.

Dressed in full medieval wardrobe, the queen and knight unloaded about 100 pounds of food items onto a cart and posed for photos with SRPMIC Food Bank staff.

"The wonderful nobles of the realm have donated this food for the past month or so, and we are absolutely proud to be supporting the Community through our Chivalry in Action program," said Queen Isabella. "We encourage continued donations to all your local food banks!"

Gretchen Scott, who manages the Life Enhancement and Resource Network (L.E.A.R.N.) at SRPMIC, a division of the Social Services Department, over-

sees the Food Distribution Program in the Community.

"We are very happy and excited about this collaboration with Medieval Times, because after the holidays, most food distribution programs have bare shelves," said Scott. "We've pretty much given away everything that we have accumulated from donations through the year. So this is a great idea that they want to restock shelves now, and it's an awesome partnership because they are one of our businesses in the Community. So, we think it's amazing that they reached out to us for this collaboration."

Coming up next with this donation is a distribution of the food in the produce boxes, which go out daily at the food bank. The food bank serves about 350 people a month, families who are enrolled members of the Community.

Currently, the food bank is only accepting undamaged, nonperishable food items. Scott said that the food bank really tries to get as many donations of healthy foods as possible, such as fruits, vegetables, and proteins including chicken, tuna and a variety of beans.



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Oak Flat Prayer Run

ing in from the west would be the O'odham, Piipaash and Yavapai tribes, leading the run approximately 60 miles to Oak Flat."

Thomas went into further detail as to how people who participate in the run should prepare.

"While the Apache Stronghold has overextended themselves in political efforts, running requires a different kind of effort," Thomas said. "When an individual is participating in a prayer run, they are physically present with the land and dedicating themselves through the pain and suffering it takes to reach the holy land by foot. The runner has the Earth below their feet, the sun hitting their skin, and air flowing in and out of their lungs while the wind tells the runner to keep going. A prayer run involves individuals to be one with the

elements. For Indigenous people, it also provides a way to re-root themselves, for them to leave their footprints in the dirt the way their ancestors once had."

The political situation that surrounds the Oak Flat area is controversial. Many tribal nations are there participating in this run as a healing action. As of right now, Thomas said, there is a hold on the construction of the new copper mine.

"A preliminary injunction hearing took place February 3, which, if it is approved, would mean that all movement with the land and the mining company would be put to a halt while Apache Stronghold proceeds in court to protect Oak Flat," Thomas said. "The judge will announce his decision on how to move forward by February 12, 2021."

Spring Training Games Delayed After Letter to MLB



Spring Training game at Salt River Fields in 2019. O'odham Action News Archives

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As pitchers and catchers arrive on February 17, the spring training 2021 opener has moved back one day to February 28, with the Colorado Rockies facing the Arizona Diamondbacks at Salt River Fields at Talking Stick.

This comes after Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community President Martin Harvier joined Valley mayors and Cactus League Executive Director Bridget Binsbacher in signing a letter to Major League Baseball (MLB) requesting a delay in the start of spring training due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Major League Baseball Players Association (MLBPA) rejected the proposal, which also included MLB's proposal to push back the start of spring training from February 17 to March 22,

delaying the regular season and cutting the usual 162 games down to 154.

"As the Community president, I joined with local city mayors in writing a letter to the Major League Baseball commissioner, Rob Manfred, with a request to delay the upcoming spring training season. The reason for sending the letter was [the] concern, not only we and the surrounding cities have, but nation-wide, [regarding] the COVID-19 pandemic that we're going through," said Harvier. "Right now, Arizona has one of the highest [positive] rates of [the virus] in the testing that's being done."

O'odham Action News reached out to Cactus League representatives for a statement on the delay but has not heard back at this time.

According to Chris Bonnell, director of marketing for Salt River Fields, the

opener is postponed because MLB was addressing some scheduling issues and directed Salt River Fields to cease selling tickets until that is addressed.

A pre-sale offer for upcoming games was initially presented to SRPMIC members and tribal employees from January 26 to February 2. Due to the scheduling changes, any tickets purchased for spring training 2021 will be returned and the money will be refunded to the card used to purchase the tickets. Buyers will need to repurchase the games they want to attend. If your tickets were transferred to you, the refund will be given to the original ticket purchaser. Pre-sales will start on February 17 and tickets will be available to the general public on February 20 at 10 a.m. For current ticket and spring training schedule information head to <https://saltriverfields.com/spring-training-at-salt-river-fields/>.

Salt River Fields said in a notice that "Salt River Fields is following safety guidelines and protocols set by local, state and federal organizations in order to host fans this season. Seating capacity will be limited and fans will be seated in a 'pod.' These 'pods' will be available in groups of two-, four- or six-person options. The buyer must purchase the entire pod and cannot buy fewer seats than are in the pod. The seating setup will allow for the recommended social distancing."

All attendees will be required to wear face masks at all times, except for when

they are actively eating or drinking in their seats. For more information on COVID-19 safety protocols, visit www.saltriverfields.com/covid19info/.

President Harvier asked Community members to be safe if they are attending spring training games and other events with large groups of people.

"I would just hope that any of our Community members and fans that visit the ballpark really try to follow the protocols that are out there," he said. "Wear your face mask, wash your hands while you're there at the stadium, and I'm sure there is going to be hand sanitizer available. Whatever is there for you to use, just use it for your safety and the safety of those [with you]. We look forward to this upcoming season."

"Again, we want the season to go on, we were hoping for the delay, but being denied we just have to move forward in the safest manner that we can."

Harvier and SRPMIC Vice-President Ricardo Leonard are scheduled to throw out the first pitch at the spring

training opener, which begins the celebration of the 10th anniversary of Salt River Fields at Talking Stick.

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New SRPMIC Housing Development Updates

BY SRPMIC COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT STAFF

In June 2020, during a time when the idea of “home” became so much more, O’odham Action News featured an article about four new housing projects planned in the Community for 2021 and beyond. Now that the calendar has flipped to 2021, it is important to provide the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community with updates on these projects, as they may soon become a reality and the future residences of Community members.

As stated in the June 4, 2020 O’odham Action News article, the Community has a growing need for more places to call home for Community members of all demographics: young people looking for their first place to live, newlyweds preparing to start a family, newly single people looking for a fresh start, and others looking to move home to the Community.

Information from Community members in a 2008 Home Depot Foundation/ASU study, combined with newly collected data from the McKellips Corridor development outreach events, indicates that many Community members would like to have more choice in housing options for themselves and their families, especially for Community members who do not have homesites. Council and several Community departments have been working diligently to create new housing opportunities, made possible by revenues generated by the Scottsdale AutoShow at Salt River.

Here’s an update on the new housing options that will see significant progress in 2021.

Multifamily Development

The SRPMIC continues to work with a successful national residential developer to create a multifamily community just east of Scottsdale Community College, on the north side of Chaparral Road. This property will be comparable to properties found in surrounding areas and will offer one-, two- and three-bedroom apartment living for Community members. Amenities include a clubhouse, covered parking, greenspaces, barbecue areas, ramadas and a playground. Rental rates will be approximately 10% lower than comparable properties “across the street” in neighboring cities.

The Community continues to make



Pictured is conceptual multi-family elevation.

significant progress in the lease process with this national developer. The agricultural lease and farming operations at this location have been completed, making this site ready for development. Concurrent to the lease process, the developer has successfully selected an architect with significant Community experience and is working to contract with them to begin the design work. Based on these timelines, we are anticipating bringing this development forward through the traditional public hearing process in early summer this year.

As part of this project, improvements will be made to Chaparral Road and utilities to support not only this new project, but also existing and future infrastructure needs along Chaparral Road. There is currently no Community sewer within Chaparral Road, so this project will design and install the needed sewer so that the existing residences and SCC can be converted to Community sewer. The roadway improvements will include sidewalks, a median, landscaping and upgrades/repairs to the existing roadway, as well as adding deceleration/turn lanes into the development. This development will add approximately 160 rental units to the Community’s housing stock.

Rental Options in Mesquite Trails/Canalside III & IV

This housing opportunity consists of 4.5 quadplexes, which are buildings consisting of four units per building, for a total of 18 new units. Each unit will have two bedrooms, two bathrooms, an

open concept living room/kitchen area, in-unit laundry room, plenty of storage space and a two-car carport. These quadplexes will use an updated design based on the two existing quadplexes currently located in Mesquite Trails. These units will be available for rent to all qualified Community members and are not restricted by income. Designs and construction documents are in progress for permitting. These projects have recently completed administrative design review and construction is planned to begin this summer.

Prefab Homes

The continued goal of bringing the reimagined world of manufactured homes to SRPMIC will become very real in 2021. Since the Community was introduced to the product in 2019, it has been evident that Cavco Industries is producing a much higher quality of home than most people perceive when hearing the terms “prefab” and “manufactured homes.” Cavco prides itself on quality modern and efficient homes with popular features such as kitchen islands, pantries, hardwood cabinets, 8-foot ceilings and a flat-texture dry-wall finish. In addition, the Community is working with Cavco to make the homes stucco-ready so that they can be stuccoed and painted on-site to promote longevity and easy maintenance in lieu of traditional siding. The units will also have ceiling-mounted HVAC ducts rather than ducts running underneath the homes. This change was to protect the ducts from damage from animals and insects in the harsh under-home

environment.

The Community will be piloting a manufactured/pre-fab housing development at Lonely Cactus. This small development will consist of three two-bedroom, two-bathroom manufactured housing units. These new rental homes will be designated for seniors and/or those with disabilities, and will be administered as part of the Lonely Cactus subdivision. They are located at the north end of Lonely Cactus on what used to be the old City of Phoenix waterline right-of-way. This project will abandon the waterline and right-of-way and also reclaim land that was previously unusable.

By adding new rentals to Lonely Cactus, the Community will be able to provide additional rental units and “test drive” new manufactured housing from Cavco. This pilot effort will give the Community a chance to see these homes, test their quality, and determine the most cost-effective construction process to ensure a long life and options for Community members for possible future purchases.

Site work planning, which includes utilities, landscaping and drainage, has progressed significantly since the June update in preparation for construction later this summer. The first three homes will be entering production at the Phoenix Cavco factory this summer, with the homes ready to be placed within SRPMIC boundaries in late 2021.

Council has deemed it a high priority to provide new housing options in the Community. This first round of new housing options is just the start of many future housing opportunities within the Community. There are continuing efforts to explore other housing possibilities for the long term that includes finding locations for new subdivisions to offer both rental and ownership homes for Community members. For now, the Council and SRPMIC departments are excited to bring forth these high-quality developments to meet the needs and, hopefully, exceed the expectations of the Community and to provide more options for Community members to come home and live here.

Keep an eye out for public hearing notices and future updates as we continue to work on these developments.

SRPMIC VETERANS REPRESENTATIVE OFFICE

WARRIOR OF THE MONTH: DANIEL SMITH JR.

SUBMITTED BY THE VETERANS REPRESENTATIVE TEAM

Name: **Daniel Smith Jr.**
Term of service: March 20, 2017–March 19, 2021
Branch: U.S. Marine Corps
Rank: Corporal



Corp. Daniel Smith, Jr.

Q: What inspired you to join the military? And why did you choose the Marine Corps?

I didn’t know what I wanted to do with my life after high school. I tried to go to college, but it wasn’t really interesting me, so I stopped going to school and worked full-time. I ran into a Marines recruiter while shopping at Target. I joined the Marine Corps because I wanted to be part of a team and a brotherhood bigger than myself. I really wanted to test myself

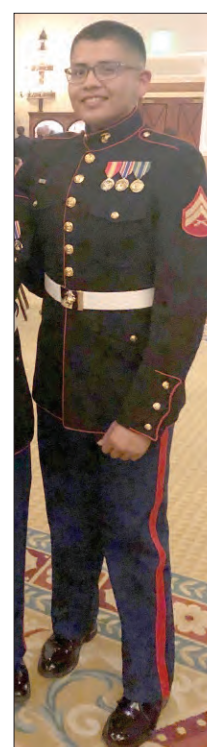
and see what I was capable of accomplishing.

Q: What are your plans for the future?

My future plans as of now are to work full-time and go to school for a bachelor’s degree in aviation science. I plan to be an airline or commercial pilot.

Q: What words of encouragement would you give a fellow Community member interested in joining the military?

I feel some Community members feel like joining the military is a last resort in life. I would say they should view it as the opposite. For me, it was the beginning of my life and adulthood. It has helped me manage my tasks and increased the confidence in myself to lead others. If you are considering joining, I encourage you to go for it. It’s scary at first, and your family may discourage you, but in the end it will help you grow as a person and they will all be proud of you. I have made life-long friendships and belong to a community unlike any other.



The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Veterans Representative Office recognizes the importance of acknowledging and honoring Community member and Community employee veterans. It is crucial that we as a Community show our appreciation for the sacrifice and service that they have made for our Community and country. We plan to recognize one veteran every month.

If you would like to nominate a veteran, please send us the person’s name and military service details, along with a photo and contact information. Submit everything by email to veteranservices@srpmic-nsn.gov or call us at (480) 362-7884 and we will be sure that they receive the recognition they deserve.

ENLC Presents Virtual Winter Storytelling Night



The background artwork for the reading of the Piipaash story, "Xaluthwe Xma Shay" as told by ENLC specialist Hilary Richards. Photo provided by SRPMIC ENLC

BY CHRIS PICCIUOLO
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On January 27, Salt River Schools and the Education Native Language Culture (ENLC) team brought a virtual Winter Storytelling Night to families at home via Facebook and YouTube. The 25-minute-long collection of Piipaash and O'odham animal stories for children featured a creative stuffed-animal play, oral storytelling, vocabulary words and a picture-book reading.

Piipaash stories can be told all year long, while O'odham stories can only be told at certain times of the year. The night started off with a reading of the Piipaash story "Xaluthwe Xma Shay," as told by ENLC specialist Hilary Richards ("Ms. Hilary"). This story was acted out as a play with stuffed animals in front of a landscape background and featured characters such as a quail (Xma), a fat quail (Xma Shay) and a coyote (Xaluthwe). In the video, Richards said, "There are

lots of lessons; one is that if you do things in anger, like Xaluthwe did, you might end up hurting yourself in the long run. Another lesson is to stay calm under pressure, like Xma Shay in the cooking pot!"

ENLC instructor Ipa Dutchover ("Mr. Ipa") told the next story, an O'odham winter story called "How the Animals Got Fire." This story talked about the heat from the sun, lightning bolts, birds, a coyote (ban in O'odham), a jackrabbit (Cu:vi), a roadrunner (Tada'i) and more.

The last story of the night was from the book Pima Indian Legends, written by Anna Moore Shaw and illustrated by Susan Killian. ENLC director Sophia McAnlis narrated the story "Why Ban's Coat Is the Color of Sand." The reading featured the illustrations from the book and followed Ban's journey to find a new coat.

McAnlis said that for the last few years, ENLC has provided the winter storytelling in December or January. In the past, elders have been invited to tell stories, and in 2019-2020, children acted out a play for

the parents in the Community. "In this situation, in the world we're in now, doing everything virtually, we've had to brainstorm how to do things differently," she said.

Dutchover said that the virtual winter storytelling video came from wanting to give the Community some sense of normality during the COVID-19 pandemic, and having the video on the internet allows children and families to go back and re-watch it. "Sometimes people only get the one storytelling a year. It's the only time they ever hear that story, and it's kind of hard to retain it," Dutchover said.

Richards said that it's very important for these stories to be presented, for both the O'odham and Piipaash Community members. "I would think more so with the Piipaash," she said. "I don't think that Piipaash stories were really told as much as O'odham stories. I've been studying the [Piipaash] language for going on 10 years. There are only four Piipaash stories that I know of that were given to me from my teacher, who has passed away now. I feel that it's very important for the students to hear these stories as well, along with the O'odham stories."

The virtual Winter Storytelling Night can be streamed on the Salt River Schools YouTube page at <https://youtu.be/ILWzIRQYv3k> and on their Facebook page @saltriverschools.



Reading of, "Xaluthwe Xma Shay" in action with puppets. Photo provided by SRPMIC ENLC

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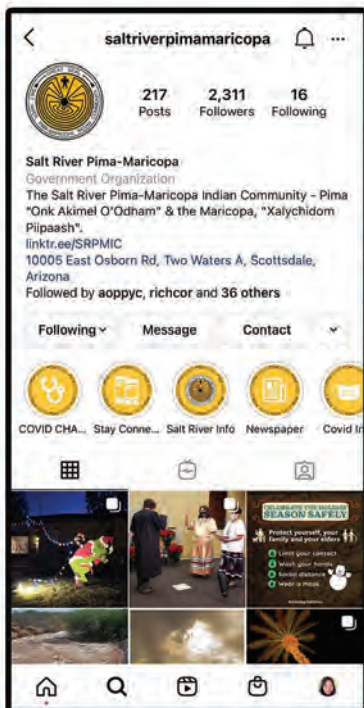
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HOW TO SIGN UP?

<https://www.instagram.com/accounts/emailsignup/>



Download the FREE app onto your cell phone or tablet by going to the App Store.

Click **'Sign Up'** to create a new account and add the following:

- Mobile number or email address
- Full Name
- User Name
- Password

After entering all the details tap the blue **"Sign Up"** tab.

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- Add a picture of yourself to your Instagram profile picture.
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Watch a tutorial developed by TechBoomers to learn more: <https://bit.ly/3amGpUR>



Prime Kicks and Cuts Expand with a new Location

BY TASHA SILVERHORN
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In 2015, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community member Ezekiel “Zeke” Mendoza and his business partner, Roman Romero, opened Prime Kicks and Cuts, a business that sells streetwear and sneakers and offers barber services all in one location. Since opening its first store in Downtown Mesa, the business has relocated and recently opened up a second shop.

A little over a year ago, Mendoza and Romero moved from their Mesa location after the shop was robbed and damaged. Prime Kicks and Cuts found its new location at the Chandler Fashion Mall at the end of 2019.

Although the pandemic put hardship on a lot of small-business owners, Prime Kicks and Cuts had the opportunity to open a second location. On January 30, 2021, the

second store opened at Arrowhead Towne Center in Glendale.

“Our leasing agent procured a spot at the Arrowhead Towne Center mall for us to open a second location,” said Mendoza about the second shop location. “It’s been great it was a lot of work and a learning experience, it was much easier opening then the first store, because this time around we knew what needed to be done and how fast we need to get it up and running.”

This also gave us the opportunity to hire some new employees—two new people were hired to help Mendoza and Romero share the workload between the two locations.

Prime Kicks and Cuts provides brand-name clothing, but it also carries local and in-house clothing lines as well. They carry limited and rare shoes such as Jordan, Nike and Yeezys, as well as clothing from brand names such as Supreme and

Bape.

“We also started working with Daryl Fulwilder and The Print Shop to get some of our in-house designers shirts printed,” said Mendoza. “We had a lot of Community member help over time doing small jobs for us from construction or doing events, we did a few events with Dwayne Manuel and Donavon Armstrong who are all Community members; it’s all about networking and getting to know people so we can help each other out as much as possible.”

Mendoza is looking forward to what opportunities come. He explained that he and his partner are focusing on the two shops and time will tell how the business will go in the future.

“We are thankful for everyone’s support. Although we were shut down for a bit during the pandemic, we were able to get a lot of support from the government and tribal

government during that time; also, our online sales helped a lot,” said Mendoza. “Thank you to everyone who continues to support us.”

Visit Prime Kicks and Cuts at Chandler Fashion Center or Arrowhead Towne Center. Visit the website at primekicksandcuts.com.

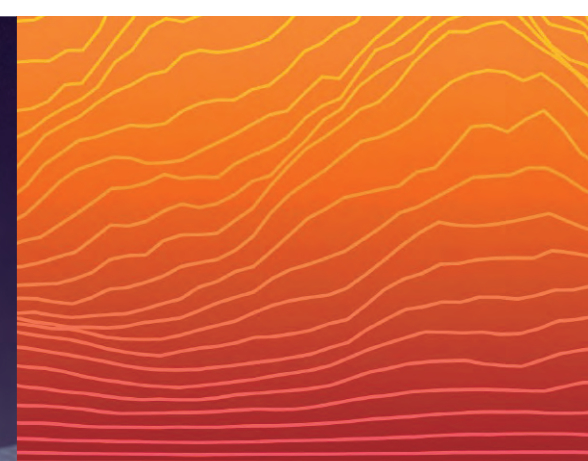


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Updates from Miss Salt River & Jr. Miss Salt River

BY ISABELLA DOCKERTY, MISS SALT RIVER 2020-2021



Miss Salt River 2020-2021 Isabella Dockerty.

Greetings, everyone! My name is Isabella Dockerty, and I am Miss Salt River 2020-2021. Over the first six months of my reign, I have learned much about how to connect with you all and have strived to be a consistent presence in our Community.

From March 2019 to today, life has been difficult for all of us. Many of us have experienced the loss of loved ones, suffered a decline in our health (physical, mental and/or emotional), and have faced uncertainty from time to time. Though this time has been challenging, I have witnessed the overwhelming love and support we give to one another as a Community. When your neighbor was in need, you offered a helping hand. You learned how to make masks and scouted the stores to find toilet paper and Lysol for one another. Our tribal government even distributed toilet paper and provided assistance throughout Salt River!

Our Community is strong and will persevere through the toughest times—just as our ancestors did. That being said, I am using my last six months to focus on what is important to me: encouraging positive self-expression and healing through the arts. I chose this as my platform because I believe the arts are a powerful medicine, and I can't wait to share that medicine with you! Some of my plans include more treat videos, crafting tutorials, following a Bob Ross painting, and activities alongside Jr. Miss Salt River, Marisela Villegas. I am also

planning to interview artists within our Community and allow them to share their art with all of you. If you are interested in being interviewed, please email me at MissSaltRiver@SRPMIC-nsn.gov. I am looking forward to sharing these ideas with you all and encourage you to participate along with me.

Lastly, I would like to remind you to have no fear in attempting a new craft. Art takes time and patience, so don't worry if you don't perfect something immediately. I'll be learning alongside you as we heal together.

Don't forget to wear your masks, practice social distancing and wash your hands! Stay safe, and remember: Having faith in better days is the O'odham and Piipaash way. Thank you!

BY MARISELA VILLEGAS, JR. MISS SALT RIVER 2020-2021



Jr. Miss Salt River 2020-2021 Marisela Villegas.

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Good day. My name is Marisela Villegas, and I am Jr. Miss Salt River 2020-2021. I am the 18-year-old daughter of Felicia and Clarence Jimerson, and my father is Pedro Villegas. My maternal grandparents are Jerry Williams and Marilyn Richards. My paternal grandparents are Teresa and Pedro Villegas.

Being able to represent the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community has been such an honor. This year my platform revolves around our children and elders of the Community and making them feel loved during this pandemic. Our children will carry us into the future and our elders possess all the knowledge, so the special connection between elders and children is sacred and essential for the progression of our people. I chose this platform because my mother works with children at the elementary school and my grandmother works as a caregiver for elders, so seeing important people in my life care for children and elders inspires me to serve these influential humans.

Considering the pandemic, I am planning some events for the future that will require little contact but provide big impact. I am still in the planning stages, but I hope to have a drive-by event for the elders and for the children soon. I plan to make the videos for their school announcements. I also want to do other projects along the way. Please look forward to updates, as we will be sharing our updates on various social media platforms in the near future.

I would like to congratulate all of you for making it this far this year. Expe-

riencing the time of this pandemic has definitely been a trial of patience and understanding. Undergoing many uncertain changes, our lives were changed in a matter of months. Just as I have, I know you all have faced death at the hands of this pandemic, and my sincere condolences are with you and your families.

Despite this sad fact, we are still pressing forward, and I am so proud to know you all are my people. Coming from the depths of the worst times in history—genocide, systemic education systems, oppression and many other trials of faith, now including a pandemic—we are still here, thriving. This goes to prove we are a strong, resilient people. And I am so humbled to have this title and represent our Community during this time.

I would like to express my genuine love to each and every one of our Community members. My heart is with you along this journey. I keep you in my prayers.

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AROUND THE COMMUNITY



Native Ground Coffee, owned by Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community member Winter Wood, is a business that specializes in roasting quality coffee and tea for Indigenous communities, especially at SRPMIC.

With a new logo and a goal to give back to Native communities, Native Ground Coffee provides wholesale coffee to tribal enterprises and partners, as well as an online store where customers can buy direct. To find out more, go to www.nativegroundcoffee.com

—Chris Picciuolo, O'odham Action News.

Join our team! Invitation to apply for **SUPERINTENDENT** SALT RIVER SCHOOLS

Applications due by March 1. Learn more at www.SaltRiverSchools.org.

FEBRUARY 2021 – DISTRICT MEETINGS

* All meetings are online via SKYPE *

MEETING DATE/TIME	AGENDA	MEETING ENTRY INFO:
CM Antone DISTRICT B Sat. Feb. 20, 2021 9 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Traffic Mitigation SRPD Tip of the Month Community Member comments 	<p>Website: https://meet.srpmic-nsn.gov/councilmeeting/0CBKM7DG</p> <p>Phone: (480)362-5990</p> <p>Conference ID: 171561</p>
CM Largo DISTRICT E Mon. Feb. 22, 2021 5 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Traffic Enforcement Traffic Mitigation Street Light Presentation 	<p>Website: https://meet.srpmic-nsn.gov/councilmeeting/3RRZL2FR</p> <p>Phone: (480)362-5990</p> <p>Conference ID: 233450</p>
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February Council Meetings

Council may enter Executive Session as necessary.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS: February 24
REGULAR SESSIONS: February 24
WORK SESSIONS: February 25

Wednesdays at 10 a.m.
Wednesdays at 1 p.m.
Thursdays at 10 a.m.

Questions can be directed to the Council Secretaries Office at (480) 362-7466

TO CONTACT THE COUNCIL MEMBERS:
-Erica Harvier at (480) 362-7466
-Elyse Lewis at (480) 362-7464
-Tamar Gonzalez (480) 362-7973

TO CONTACT PRESIDENT HARVIER OR VICE PRESIDENT LEONARD:
-Ardell Moore at (480) 362-7465
-Pat Rush at (480) 362-7438

Community Members can view the public Council Meetings at: www.srpmic-nsn.gov/government/council/councilmeetings/
Community Members can also provide public comments, concerns and/or input by emailing: membercomments@srpmic-nsn.gov

Home Isolation Guidance for People Who Test Positive or Have Symptoms Consistent with COVID-19

Isolation is for people who have tested positive or have symptoms consistent with COVID-19 and are waiting to be tested or diagnosed. It prevents the spread of COVID-19 by asking people who have COVID-19 (or those with symptoms) to stay away from others until they have fully recovered and can no longer transmit the virus.

If you have tested POSITIVE or have symptoms of COVID-19, you need to stay isolated at home for a specified period of time usually around 10 days.

“Stay isolated” means you need to: Stay at home, except to get essential medical care.

This includes:

- * **Not going to work** (even if you work in an essential service*), **school, or public areas**
- * **Not using public transportation, rideshares, or taxis**
- * **Separate** yourself from others in your home, as much as possible. Stay in a separate room and use a separate bathroom, if possible. **If you**

cannot separate from others at home, you need to wear a mask.

- * **Cover** your coughs and sneezes with a tissue or your elbow.
- * **Wash your hands** often with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds.
- * **Avoid touching** your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- * **Do not share household** items like dishes, cups, eating utensils, and bedding.
- * **Clean** high-touch surfaces (tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, etc.) daily.
- * **Cancel** all non-essential medical appointments and call ahead to your provider before you attend essential medical appointments.
- * **Monitor your symptoms** and seek medical care if your illness is worsening. Before going to your medical appointment, call the health-care provider and tell them that you have, or are being evaluated for, COVID-19

Illustrator Michaela Goade Is First Indigenous Caldecott Medal Winner

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The American Library Association announced that Tlingit illustrator Michaela Goade has won the Caldecott Medal for her work on the children's picture book "We Are Water Protectors," making her the first-ever Indigenous recipient of the award. The book was written by another Indigenous woman, Carole Lindstrom (Anishinaabe/Métis, Enrolled Turtle Mountain Band of Ojibwe).

O'odham Action News spoke with Goade about the award and what it means to her and Indigenous communities, children and artists.

"It is a huge honor to be recognized with the Caldecott Medal and to help represent Indigenous peoples around the world," Goade said. "I think at the same time, it's really important and [necessary] to acknowledge that fact and reflect on what it means to be the first [Indigenous recipient], in 2021. And then also to just keep excited for the future and hope that this helps open more doors and encourages our Native youth to dream big, know that anything is possible, and to keep working toward those dreams."

The picture book is geared toward children and condemns the "black snake," referring to the Dakota Access Pipeline running through Standing Rock Sioux land, one of the many examples of desecration of Indigenous land, culture and way of life experienced by Native communities. These issues can be a tough subject not only for children to understand, but for the general public as well.

Goade was brought on to the project after reading Lindstrom's text that had been sent to the publishing house. "I read the text and I loved it," she said. "I thought it was a really needed story, powerful and timely. So I definitely agreed to do it."

Goade has been involved in creating art from a very young age. She was always painting, drawing or doodling and says that she was lucky to have grown up in an art-forward community. For this book's illustrations, Goade's color scheme comes from the blues and greens of southeast Alaska, where the Tlingit people



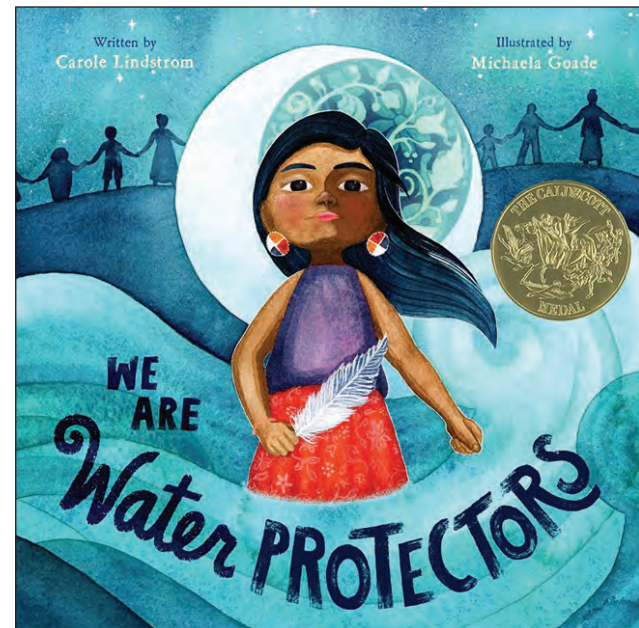
Tlingit illustrator Michaela Goade. Photo provided by Michaela Goade

are called "People of the Tides."

In the usual process of collaboration between author and illustrator on children's books, there isn't much communication, Goade said. Being two Indigenous women on the same project, Goade wanted to make sure that they were able to talk about Lindstrom's inspiration and motivation for the story. She and Lindstrom became great friends, and Goade was encouraged to create the visual aspect of the story in her own way.

While adults are concerned with the current water and land issues surrounding O'odham Himdag, construction of the U.S.-Mexico border wall, and the San Carlos Apache Tribe's issues with Oak Flat, among many other instances, this book deals with the same subject but directly relates it to children in Indigenous communities.

"Representation is so important—and not just representation, but accurate and respectful representa-



"We Are Water Protectors" - the Caldecott Award-winning book for the illustrations done by Michaela Goade. Photo provided by Michaela Goade

tion, which historically we really have not seen in this country and in other places around the world," said Goade. "It is really important for our Indigenous children to see themselves reflected in uplifting and affirming ways; it is incredibly powerful. Picture books are often reflections of our society and what society deems as valued and important, and so if the children are not seeing themselves in these stories, what message is that sending them? Their voices and their stories are valuable, important and precious. And so I think it's really important that they see themselves in these picture books, and that the picture books are celebrated and lifted up by everyone, and not just during Native American Heritage Month."

Goade believes that picture books like this are important for non-Native children to be exposed to early on as well, because they are shown experiences other than their own and other ways of life involving people who are just as important and whose contributions to the world are just as valid and meaningful. "[These books] help to raise more empathetic little humans," she said.

Cultural Resources Department Virtual Beading Class

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On February 2, the O'odham Pii-paash Language Program (OPLP) hosted its first virtual O'odham strand necklace class over Zoom. More than 20 participants of all skill levels came together to create a simple strand necklace. Each participant was given a small beading kit provided by the OPLP. Instructors Daryl Jay and Kaitlin Martinez started each session with a blessing and a song, which were prerecorded and played through sharing the screen. Jay explained the significance of the blessing and the song, which encouraged each class member to have an open mind and a good heart while creating their necklace.

The class met through Zoom on Tuesdays and Thursdays for two weeks. The first half of each session focused on teaching the techniques of beading,

while the last half was for answering students' questions and learning a little history, along with some O'odham vocabulary words implemented to help further students' connection to the culture.



Examples of various shell strands.



Daryl Jay demonstrates how to thread the string the shell during a Zoom beading class.

Quarantine if Exposed to Someone With COVID-19

Quarantine prevents the spread of COVID-19 by asking people who might be infected to stay away from others until enough time has passed to be sure they don't have COVID-19. If you are a household member or a close contact of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, you should stay at home and away from others (quarantine) and monitor yourself for symptoms.

If you were within 6 feet of a person with COVID-19 for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period or had physical contact with a person with COVID-19, you need to stay in quarantine at home for 10 days.

Quarantine can end after Day 10 without testing if no symptoms have been reported during daily monitoring.

Since it can take 2-14 days to show symptoms of COVID-19, you should continue monitoring yourself for symptoms and wearing a mask through Day 14 after exposure, regardless of when your quarantine period ends.

Close contact is being within 6 feet of the sick person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period* starting from 2 days before illness onset (or, for asymptomatic patients, 2 days prior to test specimen collection) until the time the patient is isolated.

* Individual exposures added together over a 24-hour period (e.g., three 5-minute exposures for a total of 15 minutes).

Quarantine Guidance for Household and Close Contacts

Please follow these guidelines for quarantine:

- If you live with the person with COVID-19, **separate yourself from the ill person (people) in the home.**

- **Stay at home for 10 days after your last contact with the person with COVID-19**, except to get essential medical care, prescriptions and food. [Note: a negative test might allow you to end quarantine after 7 full days if you have not had any symptoms. See guidance for specific criteria.]

- **Do not go to work (unless you work in an essential service* AND do not have any symptoms associated with COVID-19)**, school, or public areas (e.g., shopping centers, movie theaters, stadiums, etc.).

* Essential Services were defined by Governor Ducey's Executive Order 2020-12.

- **If you work in an essential service* AND do not have any symptoms consistent with COVID-19** and must go to work during the 10 days after your last contact with the person with COVID-19, **you must wear a cloth face mask** when you are within 6 feet of other people and self-monitor for signs of illness.

- Do not use public transportation, including rideshares and taxis. Do not go on long-distance travel.
- Call ahead before visiting your doctor and re-schedule all non-essential medical appointments.
- Wash your hands and avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth
- Wear a cloth face covering when in public spaces to seek essential services such as medical care, prescriptions and food.
- Clean and disinfect surfaces that are touched often such as counters, tabletops, doorknobs, and kitchen and bathroom fixtures.

Welcome to the Council Corner.

Here you will find a recap of the weekly Council Meeting actions and other important information. During the [Stay Home, Stay Safe order](#), the SRPMIC Council is continuing business by holding Council and board/staff meetings via Skype or conference calls. Regular Sessions will be available for a delayed viewing at <https://www.srpmic-nsn.gov/> click on Tribal Government, Virtual Council Meetings.

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

JANUARY 13, 2021 – SKYPE COUNCIL MEETING ITEMS:

The Edge Sign Dimensional Variance – Council tabled this agenda item to next week for additional information.

Land Management Board Appointments – Council re-appointed Little Fawn Loring and Maria Chavez for a three year term as Community member representatives.

Start By Believing Campaign – Council approved a campaign plan to combat domestic and/or sexual assault cases.

Special Use Permit for Yeti Commercial – Council denied the request to film in the Red Mountain Preserve area.

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

Administrative Reports: The Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs (OCLA) provided an update on the National election results and other legislative issues. The Chief of Police provided a weekly report on major crimes occurring in the Community.

Community Member Comments: No comments were received.

Executive Session: Gaming Enterprise Monthly Report, COVID-19 Vaccines, DOC, OGC Legal Matters.

JANUARY 14, 2021 – SKYPE COUNCIL WORK SESSION ITEMS:

Salt River Police Department Information and Update – Council was presented information for discussion on officer deployment on patrol, turnover rates, and staffing.

Executive Session: Gaming Update

JANUARY 20, 2021 – SKYPE COUNCIL MEETING ITEMS:

The Edge Dimensional Variance – A resolution was presented to approve dimensional variances within business lease B-030 leased premises for increased building wall sign areas for commercial retail/service trades and office/professional service land use categories. Council approved the resolution.

River People’s Health Center Update – An informational video with an update on construction of the River People’s Health Center was presented.

COVID-19 Update – The Community Manager provided an overview of the current Community Covid-19 situation and testing results for the week of January 20, 2021. An update on the current vaccination efforts for SRPMIC was presented. The Community Manager also announced a COVID-19 testing clinic on January 21, 2021.

Administrative Reports: The Chief of Police provided a summary of operations report for the week of January 12-19, 2021.

Community Member Comments: No comments this week.

Executive Session: B of A Line of Credit, Homesite Compliance, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Golf Board, OGC Legal Matters.

JANUARY 21, 2021 – SKYPE COUNCIL WORK SESSION ITEMS:

Minutes – Council approved several sets of minutes from past meetings.

Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) Right-of-way – Staff presented information on operation and maintenance, benefits, and intergovernmental agreement if the Community chooses to advance with reassignment of certain roads from ADOT to SRPMIC. Council approved moving forward with negotiations with ADOT with some changes.

Traffic – Stop Sign Mitigation – Staff presented safety improvements at 4-way stops and traffic calming measures. Staff will proceed in the traffic calming measures at the certain locations presented.

COVID-19 Memorial – Council proposed a Memorial to be created to remember those Community Members that were lost during this pandemic. Staff assigned to start working on.

Executive Session: Gaming Update, Exec Minutes.

JANUARY 27, 2021 – SKYPE COUNCIL MEETING ITEMS:

SRMG Conditional Use Permit and Dimensional Variances – An overview and background was presented for the SRMG Beeline Mining Site Designation of Land Use, Mining Agreement, Compliance and Reclamation. Two resolutions were presented. The first resolution for a Conditional Use Permit was presented. Council did not approve the resolution. The second resolution for Dimensional Variances for maximum building height, landscaping, reduced number of parking spaces, and reduced permanent outdoor storage, was presented. Council approved the resolution presented. This agenda item is scheduled to be back on the Council meeting agenda on February 10, 2021.

DUI Refusal Ordinance – An ordinance amendment was presented to amend the SRPMIC Code of Ordinances, Sections 16-231 and 16-232 to change refusal to submit to a chemical from a criminal offense to a civil offense and to clarify that issuance of a search warrants in driving under the influence cases involved refusal to submit to a chemical test is permissible. Council approved the ordinance amendment.

Recruitment Plan for Superintendent Search – The recruitment plan for a Salt River Schools Superintendent was presented to Council for informational purposes.

12% Gaming Grant Intergovernmental Agreements – A resolution and intergovernmental agreements were presented to implement the Community’s 12% contribution requirements of the gaming compact between SRPMIC and the State of Arizona. Council approved the resolution.

Covid-19 Update – The Community Manager provided an overview of the current Community Covid-19 situation and testing results for the week. He also provided an update on the four categories for prioritization for the Covid-19 vaccine.

Community Member Comments: A comment regarding concerns of truck routes in the Community was presented. Staff will review truck routes and provide improvement options and additional traffic mitigation efforts. A comment regarding concerns of the river and preserve area was presented. Council confirmed that the river and preserve areas are closed to all at this time.

Administrative Reports: The Chief of Police provided a summary of operations report for the week of January 19 – 27, 2020. The Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs (OCLA) provided a weekly report that included federal updates of the Biden/Harris administration; and a state legislature update.

Executive Session: Gaming Update, OGC Legal Matters.

JANUARY 28, 2021 – SKYPE COUNCIL WORK SESSION ITEMS:

Street Lighting – Staff presented factors to consider in regards to the concern of lack of street lighting. The long range transportation plan, operation and maintenance, jurisdiction, guidelines, determining factors, costs, and management was discussed. This was presented for information at this time and will continue discussion.

Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) – Staff presented implementing special domestic violence criminal jurisdiction, proposed code changes, and grant availability. This item will be back on a work session agenda in 2-3

weeks.

Executive Session: SR Devco Update

FEBRUARY 3, 2021 – SKYPE COUNCIL MEETING ITEMS:

Grant Application – AZ Governor Highway Safety 207 Fund – Council approved a resolution to authorize application for, and receipt and implementation of grant funding through the Arizona Governor’s Office of Highway Safety 207 Fund.

Grant Application Request for Health & Human Services – Council approved a resolution to authorize application for, and receipt and implementation of, grant funding through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT).

Exclusion – Council approved a resolution that states by an order of SRPMIC Council to uphold the decision of the SRPMIC Exclusion Committee to permanently exclude Bradon Cruz Skouson from the territory and boundaries of the SRPMIC.

Amendment to the Council Policy on Board Appointments – Council approved proposed the amendment to provide a method of appointing people to boards and committees and that a Community Member may apply and be considered for either the Community member or Professional member vacancies.

COVID-19 Update – The Community Manager provided an overview of the current Community Covid-19 situation and testing results for the week. He also reported on the vaccine distribution efforts.

Community Member Comments – A comment was presented in regards to road markings needed between 92nd street and Alma School Road. Staff will follow-up with the Roads department.

Administrative Reports: The Chief of Police provided a summary of operations report for the week of January 26 – February 2021.

Executive Session: Gaming, Exclusion, SRPD Update.

FEBRUARY 4, 2021 – SKYPE COUNCIL WORK SESSION ITEMS:

Office of Congressional & Legislative Affairs (OCLA) – State Redistricting – OCLA provided Council information and items to be considered for the State Redistricting which occurs after every decennial census.

No Trespassing-Boundary Signage – A presentation was provided on the number of No Trespassing signage throughout the Community boundaries and some proposed actions.

Executive Session – Gaming Update

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

For the most recent updates, check the SRPMIC Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/SRPMIC/>. Information includes, e.g.:

- President’s Weekly Recaps
- Emergency Operations Command (EOC) Updates
- SRPMIC Declarations and Ordinances
- Office Closures and Services Affected
- Finance Pay Cards
- Canceled events
- Food Distributions
- Veterans Resources
- Drive-Thru Pharmacy
- Senior Meal Distributions
- School Updates

“2021” SRPMIC – VEHICLE AUCTION COMING SOON

Official Date coming in O’odham Action News March and April Issues

“Be on the Look-out for these Issues....”



SOMETHING NEW IN THIS YEAR’S AUCTION WILL INCLUDE EQUIPMENT and UNUSED PARTS



Midi size car

Unused parts and also a few opened package, filled on pallets. Total of 10 pallets in auction. Note: a pallet may have 13 to 319 items per pallet. A list of pallet items will be forthcoming.

Information provide by Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community – Department of Transportation (480) 362-7315.

FEBRUARY SRPMIC 2021 BOARD VACANCIES

PLEASE READ UPDATED INSTRUCTIONS.

1. APPLICATIONS CAN BE REQUESTED BY EMAILING: erica.harvier@srbmic-nsn.gov or ardell.moore@srbmic-nsn.gov
2. Fill out the application completely. Incomplete and/or unsigned applications will not be considered.
3. APPLICATIONS CAN BE SUBMITTED BY EMAIL, FAX, or MAIL. No in-person submission at this time. EMAIL to: erica.harvier@srbmic-nsn.gov or ardell.moore@srbmic-nsn.gov FAX to: (480) 362-7593 MAIL to: SRPMIC Administration, 10,005 East Osborn Road, Scottsdale, AZ 85256
4. Submit application by **FEBRUARY 26, 2021 at 5 p.m.**
5. Any questions, contact the Council Secretary at (480) 362-7466 or 362-7465 or 362-7400.

Clearances required if applying for the Education Board. When picking up an application make sure you inform the Administration Secretary that you need a General Board Application and an Education Supplemental Board Application. Submit both completed applications.

- Willing to serve a 3-year term.
- Must be a dedicated person committed to the mission of the Community's Education Department.

• Education Department and/or SRPMI Community Schools employees are not eligible to apply.

RESPONSIBILITIES

• Attendance at regular, special, and educational meetings, work sessions, conferences, workshops, interviews, and special events within and outside of the community and state.

• Members may also be selected for sub-committees.

CLEARANCES

• Members are required to submit to and pass a background and fingerprint check.

MEETINGS

• Regular Board meetings are normally held the 1st and 3rd Monday of every month, starting at 5:15 p.m.. "Special" meetings and Work Sessions are scheduled as needed, normally at 5:15 p.m., however, daytime (8 a.m.- 5 p.m.) hours may be necessary.

STIPEND

• Members receive a stipend for Regular and "Special" meetings only.

the Saddleback offices at 10190 E. McKellips Road. Board members are compensated for regular scheduled or special meeting; meetings last approximately 3 hours.

It is the policy of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community to select qualified applicants in a manner consistent with overall Community goals, objectives and plans.

MISS SALT RIVER PAGEANT COMMITTEE

(3) BOARD MEMBER POSITIONS AVAILABLE

(ALL MAY APPLY.)

Qualifications:

1. Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson must be enrolled members of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community.
2. All remaining Committee members must be enrolled in a federally recognized tribe.
3. All members of the Miss Salt River Pageant Committee must submit to and successfully pass a background check and drug test, including random drug testing as conducted by the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community.
4. All members must possess a valid Arizona driver's license and maintain adequate automobile insurance as required by the State of Arizona and must be insurable under the risk management standards of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community.

Duties:

The Miss Salt River Pageant Committee shall assist the reigning Jr. Miss Salt River and Miss Salt River in participating in events and in representing the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community. Such duties shall include:

1. Identify and schedule events for participation.
2. Chaperone, when available, Jr. Miss Salt River and Miss Salt River to local and out-of-state events.
3. Prepare and conduct active recruitment for the positions of Jr. Miss Salt River and Miss Salt River.
4. Actively recruit volunteers to participate in meetings and events.
5. Actively seek funding and scholarship resources.
6. Other duties necessary as a MSRP committee member.

Terms: The Miss Salt River Pageant Committee members serve a 2-year term.

Meetings:

Attend monthly, regular, and special meetings as necessary. Other: Must be willing to help during pageant week. Knowledge of the Pima and Maricopa cultures a plus.

SALT RIVER COMMUNITY CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION BOARD

(2) BOARD MEMBER REPRESENTATIVES

Apply for a board seat with Children's Foundation for Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community. The Foundation was created to raise money and disperse the money for the benefit of children of the SRPMIC.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Dedicated towards the purpose of the foundation.
- Offer creative, positive ideas and input to help reach goals of the foundations.
- Able to attend regular and special called meetings.

You can obtain an application from Erica Harvier (480) 362-7466 or pick up an application at Administration. For any questions contact the Board Secretary at (480) 362- 7495.

CASINO ARIZONA/ TALKING STICK RESORT

GAMING ENTERPRISE BOARD VACANCIES

(1) COMMUNITY MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE

MUST BE AN ENROLLED MEMBER OF SRPMIC TO APPLY.

The Gaming Enterprises Board is responsible for adopting policies and procedures, approving budgets, and reviewing the business results of the division of gaming.

Community Members Preferred / Professional is Required to have: Knowledge of gaming management, restaurant, hotel, convention, resort operations, banking or finance.

Candidates must be willing to:

- Serve a 2-year term.
- Attend regular board meetings held on the last Tuesday of each month at 4:30 p.m.
- Attend special board meetings held on the second Tuesday of each month at 4:30 p.m. There may also be other special board meetings called as necessary.
- Have knowledge of the Community's vision.
- Members will receive a paid stipend for regular and special meetings.

PLEASE NOTE: The appointed applicant will be subject to an extensive background check in order to obtain the necessary gaming license.

Community members who are interested in serving on the Salt River Landfill Board. The purpose of the Landfill Board is to promote the economic self-sufficiency of the SRPMIC by constructing, maintaining, managing, and operating one or more commercial landfills and related facilities and functions for the SRPMIC and other entities or jurisdictions with which it might enter into agreements: and to undertake such other responsibilities as may be assigned to it from time to time by the Community Council.

Professional applicants are required to have experience/knowledge:

- Waste Management Industry
- Construction, Environmental or Civil Engineering
- Have knowledge of the Community's vision and land issues

Board members must be willing to serve a three-year term and be able to attend board meetings usually held the second Monday at 4 p.m. of each month.

Please submit applications to: SRPMIC Administration, 10,005 East Osborn Road, Scottsdale, AZ 85256. Phone: (480) 362-7400 or 362-7466.

Salt River Schools

EDUCATION BOARD

(1) Community Member/Professional Representative

Accepting applications from SRPMIC Community Members. The Community Member/Professional Representative must have professional or management experience in the educational area. It is highly preferred the Professional Representative have a Bachelor's Degree. SRPMIC Members of SRPMIC may apply.

IMPORTANT NOTE: There are Special

this date will not be processed until the first week of May 2021.

DISCONTINUE DIRECT DEPOSITS: TUESDAY, APRIL 13 AT 5 P.M. This deadline is to discontinue an existing direct deposit.
*****Failing to notify the Per Capita department when an account is closed may delay your Per Capita payment.**

TAX WITHHOLDING CHANGES: TUESDAY, APRIL 20 AT 5 P.M. This deadline is for making changes to "Additional" tax withholding percentage or amount.

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

If you have any questions regarding:

Tribal ID, Per Capita Eligibility & Change Forms call Membership Services at (480) 362-7600

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

4TH QUARTER 2020 ELIGIBILITY DEADLINE MARCH 31, 2021

Must be eighteen (18) years old, enrolled, and living to be eligible for the April 2021 Per Capita Payment.

DEADLINES FOR CHANGES

DIRECT DEPOSIT START-UPS AND CHANGES: TUESDAY, APRIL 13 AT 5 P.M. This deadline is for new start-ups for direct deposit or changes to existing information. All forms MUST be submitted with a "VOIDED" check or statement from the bank with the Routing and Account Numbers. Forms received by this date will be effective for the April 2021 payout. Forms received after this date will not be effective until the July 2021 payout.

PER CAPITA ELIGIBILITY: TUESDAY, APRIL 20 AT 5 P.M. This deadline is for submitting the Adult SRP-MIC Member's Per Capita Information Certificate. Forms received by this date will be effective for the April 2021 payout. Forms received after



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NOTICE OF PERMANENT EXCLUSION Brandon Cruz Skouson (DOB XX/XX/1984)

This serves as notice that the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community ("SRPMIC") Council pursuant to Article VII, §1(g) of the SRPMIC Constitution and Sections 7-72 through 7-75 of the SRPMIC Code of Ordinances decided on February 3, 2021, at a regularly scheduled Council Meeting to permanently exclude Brandon Cruz Skouson from the boundaries of the Community. See SR-3853-2021. On January 19, 2021, the Exclusion Committee held a hearing and determined that Mr. Skouson was a non-member whose presence is detrimental to the peace, health or morals of the SRPMIC due to allegations of sexual assault, kidnapping, assault impeding breathing or blood circulation, and admittedly consuming dangerous and serious drugs on the Community.

Mr. Skouson's permanent exclusion was effective immediately. Therefore, he is not allowed to be within the territorial boundaries of the Community, including driving or passing through, visiting others, residing or coming within the Community boundaries at any time for any reason. Any violation of this Exclusion Order will be enforced by the laws of the Community and the Salt River Police Department. For more information and a picture of Mr. Skouson, please visit <http://srbmic-nsn.gov/government/exclusion.asp>.



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Vehicular Spatial Awareness

Michael Sheedy | SRMG Director of Risk Management

Vehicular spatial awareness is the ability to sense the situation and the space surrounding your vehicle, along with the ability to understand where your vehicle is relative to objects around it. Perceive. Interpret. Appreciate. Eliminate (or in the least, minimize) Damages!

Are you constantly bumping into things, have no sense of direction, difficulty reading maps or a hard time assembling items? You may have a poor sense of spatial awareness, which can lead to difficulty driving.

Much like driving a panel van without windows on the sides can contribute to a lack of spatial awareness for even the best drivers, operating large mining machinery with limited visibility can pose extreme spatial awareness difficulties. Spatial awareness is part innate ability, part skill.

How can you increase my spatial awareness when driving?

Consider these tips for honing your skills:

Get out of your vehicle and walk around it to see how much space you have on all sides. It'll help you become familiar with your vehicle's edges and how much room you have to maneuver.

Be aware of your surroundings and your situation.

Use a spotter when negotiating tight spaces.

Check your rear-view mirror to make sure there is no traffic coming behind you.

Continually check your mirrors to ensure you won't hit anything in front/behind you.

Becoming proficient at driving backwards requires real spatial awareness and can help you learn to judge distances better.

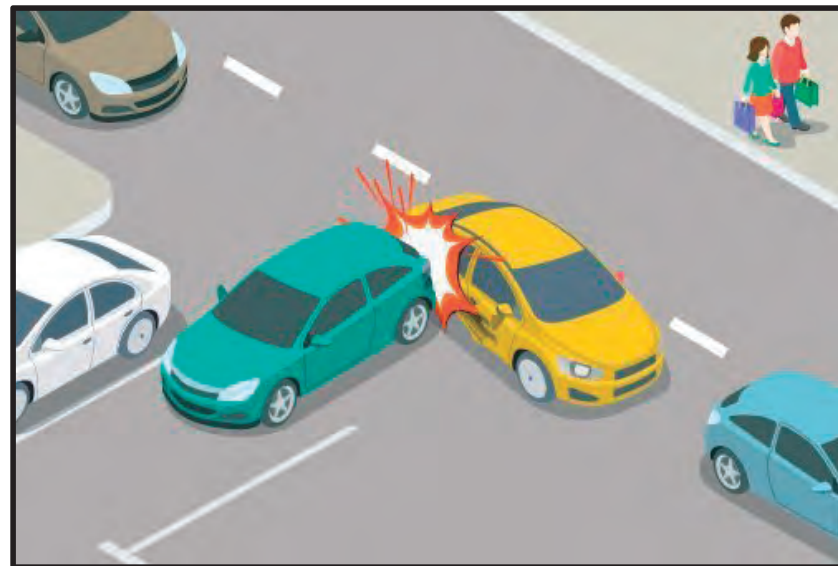
Look further down the road when taking turns will help you judge corners better.

Keep your windows clean. Even a small amount of dirt on your front and rear windows can result in reduced visibility.

Use sunglasses and your sun visor to reduce glare and improve your vision.

Our brain determines spatial relationships by using certain context clues. Training yourself to identify the relative speed and distances of vehicles in motion, can enhance your spatial awareness.

Practice. Practice. Practice. Perfect Practice makes Perfect!



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both divisions of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community

COVID-19 Essential Services

Continues Within the

SRPMIC DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (DHHS)

This is subject to change. Look for updated information on the SRPMIC website and Facebook

SRPMIC Coronavirus (COVID-19) 24 Hour Hotline: (480) 362-2603

DHHS ESSENTIAL SERVICES IMPORTANT NUMBERS:

Public Health Nursing	(480) 362-5555
Centralized Scheduling (Medical/Dental)	(480) 946-9066
Behavioral Health (Outpatient)	(480) 362-5707
Journey to Recovery	(480) 362-5640
Pharmacy Main	(480) 946-9 227
Pharmacy Refill Line	(602) 200-5384
Financial Assistance	(480) 362-7350
WIC	(480) 362-7300
HHS Transportation	(480) 362-5655
BHS Crisis Team	(480) 850-9230

The following services are open to ENROLLED SRPMIC MEMBERS and TRIBAL ENROLLEES SALT RIVER INTEGRATED HEALTH CARE (SR Clinic)

**Patient Services
Hours of Operation: 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.,
Monday to Friday**

Patient Visit Services:

- Routine follow-up appointments and diabetes check-ups will be managed via phone.
- Nonessential wellness visits will be rescheduled to after April 12th.
- Essential acute symptom visits will be seen in clinic.
- Pre-natal visits
- Same day sick visits
- Labs will only be drawn if necessary.
- Dental Emergencies.
- Patients will be screened by a medical assistant at the front door and/or outside the clinic. If

patient has temperature > 100.4° the patient will be asked to wait in their car – medical assistant will get a nurse or provider to help triage and get a disposition for the patient.

HHS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES Outpatient Counseling

Hours of Operation: By appointment only, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday to Friday
Emergencies are handled by calling our Crisis Team number.

Journey to Recovery

Hours of Operation: 24/7

HHS FIDUCIARY GUARDIANSHIP PROGRAM (480) 362-5500

Hours of Operation: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday to Friday

Emergencies are handled on a case by case basis.

NOTIFICATION TO OUR PATIENTS FROM THE SALT RIVER PHARMACY New Drive-up Pick-up Pharmacy Service

During the COVID-19 pandemic we are making every effort to serve you while limiting your risk of exposure. On April 7, 2020 we established a drive-up pick up pharmacy area which is open during our normal pharmacy hours:

**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday
9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

- Please continue to order your refills using the AudioCare process.
- If you don't have the prescription numbers needed you can still phone the pharmacy to get those numbers.
- Refillable prescriptions should be ready the next business day by 2 p.m.
- Prescriptions that require renewal by your provider may take up to 2 days.
- Patients will be notified by call/text when medications are ready for pickup

- Please try not to order anything else while in the drive-up pick up area as this causes delays and backup for fellow patients.
- Please be patient and remain in the parking space assigned to you to avoid delivery confusion.
- The staff is moving as quickly as safety allows.
- Please use caution in the parking lot.

S.R. CLINIC EXPANDED ACCESS FOR COVID-19 TESTING, CURRENT SCHEDULE FOR AVAILABLE TESTING

Patients identified by Contact Tracing and Public Health

- Scheduled Same Day or Next Day (highest risk w/ confirmed contact with a COVID positive patient)

Experiencing Symptoms

- Scheduling out 1-2 business day for small groups, 6+ individuals 1-2 business days depending on availability

No Symptoms

- Scheduling out 1-2 business days (no symptoms, no exposure)

NATIVE HEALTH - 777 W Southern Ave., Mesa, AZ (480) 550-4048

- Symptomatic only or exposure to
- COVID-19 AHCCCS AND TRIBAL ENROLLED ONLY
- Limited test kits available
- Scheduling 1-2 days out

NATIVE HEALTH - 4041 N Central Ave., Phoenix, AZ (602) 279-5262

- Symptomatic and Asymptomatic
- Seeing anyone-native, non-native, no insurance
- Scheduling 2-3 days out

DUE TO INCREASED DEMAND TEST RESULTS ARE TAKING 5-7 DAYS

SRPMIC COVID-19 TEST SITE MOVED TO NEW LOCATION NORTHEAST OF THE CLINIC

SRPMIC COVID-19 test site moved to a new location just northeast of the clinic in front of the Veterans Office. The process will have vehicles

enter from the east and exit to the west. Vehicles asked to enter from the driveways east of Cultural Resources or the Dialysis Center and proceed south around the HHS parking lot. The new site provides a streamlined approach for the increased number of testing being requested. To schedule a COVID-19 Test, call (480) 362-2603.



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COMMUNITY RELATIONS IS KEEPING YOU UPDATED AND INFORMED

Stay Connected!

Through the SRPMIC Web Page, Facebook, Announcements and Text Alerts.

For SRPMIC updates, please visit the following sites:

[Facebook.com/SRPMIC](https://www.srpmic.com)
Text SRPMIC to 474747
[OAN.srpmic-nsn.gov/](mailto:OAN.srpmic-nsn.gov)

SRPMIC website for COVID-19 related info. <http://www.srpmic-nsn.gov/covid-19>

Sign-up for email notifications, contact Community Relations
P: 480-362-7740

E: CommunityRelations@srpmic-nsn.gov