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## Community Artist Leaves His Mark on Hayden House Rehabilitation Project



SRPMIC member and artist Jacob Butler was called to help tell the story of the people who originated in the Valley for the restoration of the former Monti's La Casa Vieja restaurant back to its original state as the Hayden House. *Photo courtesy of Jacob Butler*

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La Casa Vieja ("the old house") in Tempe, longtime home of Monti's restaurant, has been restored, and Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community artist Jacob Butler has helped tell the story of this significant property, considered the birthplace of Tempe.

The original adobe portion of the building dates from 1874 and was built by Charles Trumbull

Hayden, owner of the iconic Hayden Flour Mill just across from the property. Hayden's son, Carl Hayden, was born in the house and represented Arizona in Congress for almost 60 years.

Over the last two years, historical preservationists have restored the building, called Hayden House, to its 1924 form.

City of Tempe Historic Preservation Officer John Larsen Southard and Deputy Community Development Director-Special Projects Alex Smith were tasked

with overseeing the restoration. They were able to get the Hayden House on the National Register of Historic Places.

"The Haydens also ran Hayden's Ferry," said Butler, who was asked to create a design for a steel fence and gate for the restoration project. "It was a ferry that ushered people across the Salt River so they could get to the other side and trade their goods. Then the train and bridge were built later on. An older connection is that our Hohokam

people used that same area for hundreds if not thousands of years to cross the river, because it was the only place that was relatively shallow because the bedrock there came up to the surface."

Southard and Smith wanted the restoration also to acknowledge the original Hohokam inhabitants in the area and wanted a design to reflect that, so they

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## President Martin Harvier Weekly Update - April 9

In the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community as of this morning Friday, April 9, 2021; 15,120 COVID-19 tests have been done. We currently have zero active cases and no one hospitalized, which is some great news.

If you're not feeling well, please make an appointment to get a COVID-19 test to make sure you are okay.

Here's an update on vaccination in the Community: We have 9,188 total doses given, 1,709 Community members vaccinated so far, and 1,332 Community members considered fully vaccinated. Approximately 380 members have received their first vaccine dose and will be fully vaccinated this month.

### Salt River to Pause Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 Vaccine

SRPMIC to follow recommendations from the CDC and FDA to pause the use of the Johnson and Johnson vaccine

The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (SRPMIC) announced it would pause the use of the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine based on recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Food and Drug Administration

(FDA). The CDC and FDA are recommending a pause in the use of the vaccine based on six reported U.S. cases, out of 6.8 million doses administered nationally, of a rare and severe type of blood clot in individuals after receiving the Johnson & Johnson (J&J) vaccine.

**SRPMIC has made the decision to cancel the April 23 Point of Dispensing vaccine clinic.**

If you currently have an appointment scheduled to receive J & J Vaccine you will be receiving a text message and phone call from Health and Human Service staff to allow the opportunity to reschedule for a Moderna Vaccine.

### Directive Updates

I encourage you to visit the



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## River People Health Center on Track For Mid-November Completion



The front entrance to The River People Health Center off of McDowell Road. The next phase for the entrance is work on getting the curb and gutter, asphalt and landscaping shaped up.

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The construction of the new River People Health Center at McDowell Road and State Route 87/Country Club on tribal land should be completed in mid-November.

When *O'odham Action News* last caught up with the construction managers of the project in summer 2020, the building was being topped off with a beam, signifying the completion of the interior structure. In order to start interior trade construction like fireproofing, drywall and

insulation, the roof needed to be completed to have a water-tight environment.

With all of the utility installation now complete and photovoltaic solar panels going in shortly, construction crews are finishing the site and ready to support the next phase, which is curb and gutter, asphalt and landscaping.

Senior Construction Manager Josh Sciacca of Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community's Engineering and Construction Services said that the team is ready for crucial next steps.

"Our big tasks ahead of us

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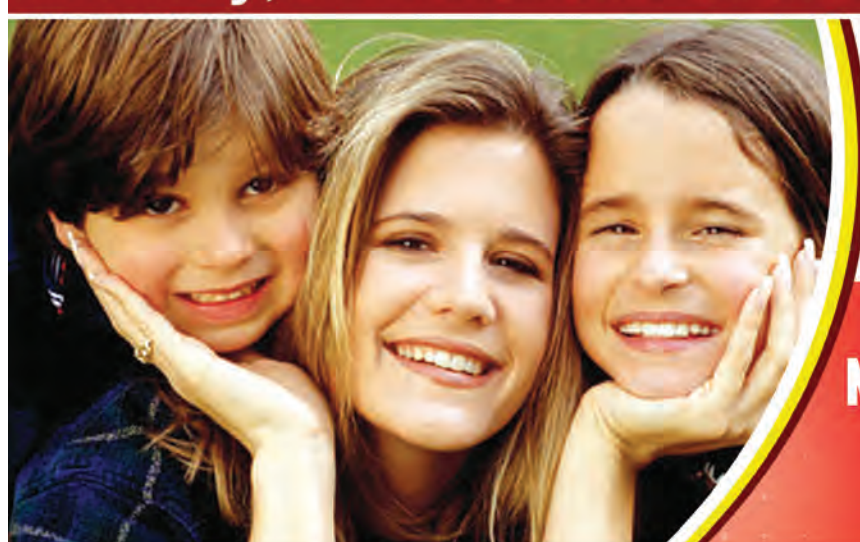
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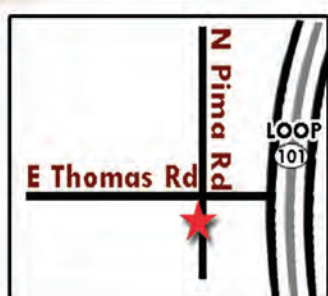
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## President Martin Harvier Weekly Update - April 9

Community website at [www.srpmic-nsn.gov/covid-19](http://www.srpmic-nsn.gov/covid-19) to review the Council-approved Seventh Directive you can also go to page 5 of this newspaper and read the changes which rescinds several elements of directives 1 through 6. However, please note that the face mask directive is still in place, which is important. We are still required within the Community to continue wearing face masks, practice social distancing and wash our hands frequently.

Due to fire danger, there had been some concern about reopening the areas at the river. But that has eased, and the river is reopening. Just remember: No open fires out at the river! To see the other changes in the directives, please go to the Community website.

### Community Government Entering Phase II

On April 12, the Community government entered phase II, which means that Community administrative and department operations will be opening up further. Still, I would encourage you to call the department you may be visiting in advance to make sure the people you need are going to be on-site, because some employees will continue to work from home.

### Earth Day 2021 Activities

The Community observed Earth Day

on April 10, with activities from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Earth Day kits and T-shirts were provided, and people took advantage of the opportunity to dispose of their hazardous waste and paperwork for shredding. I want to thank all the departments that helped put this event together. The national Earth Day 2021 celebration is April 20-22; for more information, go to [www.earthday.org/earth-day-2021/](http://www.earthday.org/earth-day-2021/).

### Congratulations to Great Wolf Lodge

One of our Corridor businesses here in the Community, Great Wolf Lodge, has been voted Lodge of the Year. What a great accomplishment! We truly appreciate the relationship we have with them; the company has donated stuffed animals to the Community children to brighten their spirits during the pandemic.

In closing, it's really good to see that we do not have any active COVID-19 cases and no Community members are hospitalized right now. We are so close to the end of this pandemic, and I truly believe that if we keep wearing masks for hopefully just a short time longer, we will move into our "new normal." So let's shield up, and God Bless.



## SRPMIC COVID-19 TESTING UPDATE

Testing results as of 4/12/2021

SRPMIC COVID-19 Information	Enrolled Residents	Enrolled Non-Residents	Non-Enrolled Residents	Non-Enrolled / Non-Residents	Total	All Residents	All Enrolled
Completed Tests	8419	2295	1381	3049	15144	9800	10714
Positive	953	270	205	360	1788	1158	1223
Negative	7304	1988	1147	2636	13073	8451	9292
Currently Hospitalized	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Recovered	922	261	197	356	1736	1119	1183
Active Cases	0	0	1	0	1	1	0
Deaths	31	9	7	3	50	38	40

*\*Numbers may change based on verification of address and enrollment*

*\*\* Additional testing data has been provided by an external partner [ dating back August 19 ]*

*\*\*\* COVID-19 Results Round Up will go live week of Sept. 14 increasing data collection with individuals self-reporting*

## Community Relations IN-PERSON Office Hours

Community Relations Office is preparing to resume in-person visits for limited services beginning April 12. Community Relations can be reached at **(480) 362-7740**.

### Hours of Operation for in-person:

Monday - Friday  
8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

### Temporarily closed from

12 p.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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**PLEASE WEAR FACE COVERINGS. FACEMASKS ARE REQUIRED WITH SRPMIC. THANK YOU.**

## SRPMIC Coronavirus information (COVID-19) 24 HOUR HOTLINE (480) 362-2603

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## Important Information from your SRPMIC Adult Protective Services

SUBMITTED BY THE SRPMIC SENIOR SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Adult Protective Services (APS) of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community is here to ensure the well-being of seniors and vulnerable adults within the Community. The following is an outline of potential reasons for reporting suspected elder abuse.

**ABUSE**—Elder abuse can be physical, emotional/psychological, sexual or spiritual.

**EXPLOITATION**—Financial exploitation involves someone attempting to benefit from the adult's financial resources, such as obtaining access to bank accounts, property, credit/ATM cards or checks for one's own personal gain. Some people may overcharge seniors for rent or charge excessive service fees. In other cases, seniors fall victim to fraud through the mail or telemarketing phone calls.

**NEGLECT**—Neglect means failing to meet the needs of a vulnerable adult and provide personal necessities such as food, water and utilities; personal safety; physical and mental health; and personal hygiene. This includes unsafe living conditions that leave adults prone to injury. Vulnerable adults also sometimes neglect their own well-being by not eating well and not maintaining their personal hygiene. In these cases, a family member or caregiver may need to step in to provide assistance.

### WHO SHOULD REPORT

Any person who suspects abuse, neglect or exploitation should report the issue to authorities. Reports can be made by persons responsible for the care of elders or vulnerable adults, family members or legal guardians, neighbors, SRPMIC employees, or anyone suspecting abuse.

### HOW TO REPORT

To make a report of elderly or vulnerable adult abuse, call 911 for the Salt River Police Department or call SRPMIC Senior Services and explain that you want to make an APS report. Community members living off the Community should call Arizona Adult Protective Services at 1-877-767-2385.



### The SRPMIC Adult Protective Services Team

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## SRPMIC COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics Move Indoors in April

**A FACE MASK MUST BE WORN**  
The SRPMIC facemask mandate is still in effect (Second Directive 6/19/20) within the Community boundaries.

To receive a Moderna COVID-19 vaccine **YOU MUST HAVE AN APPOINTMENT.** Please call **(480) 362-2603. Press Option 2.** Leave your name and call back number, and SRPMIC clinic staff will call you back to schedule your appointment.

### Who is eligible:

- All SRPMIC Community Members and families of Community members 18+
- All non-Community Residents 18+ who live in the boundaries for SRPMIC
- All 18+ SRPMIC Tribal government employees & families, SRPMIC Enterprise employees & families, SRPMIC Tribal member businesses employees & families, SRPMIC Contractors



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# River People Health Center

## JOB OPPORTUNITIES

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### COMMUNITY MEMBER

# HIRING BLITZ

PRESENTED BY: SRPMIC - HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

## April Hiring Blitz Seeking Community-Member Employees for River People Health Center

If you are interested in working at the new River People Health Center, plenty of opportunities are available and April is the time to apply. Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Human Resources Director Steve Haydukovich and Health and Human Services Director Joseph Remitera sat down with O'odham Action News to answer questions about the River People Health Center's Community-member Hiring Blitz.

### What is the goal of the River People Health Center Hiring Blitz?

**Steve Haydukovich:** The goal is to give our enrolled Community members first priority to fill available jobs, training opportunities and future new positions for the RPHC.

### When does the Hiring Blitz begin?

**Haydukovich:** The Hiring Blitz began on April 1 and will continue through the month of April.

### Can a Community member still apply in May or beyond?

**Haydukovich:** Absolutely. While our focus in April is to place Community members into the available jobs, we will be continuously hiring for positions in the RPHC for the foreseeable future. Community-member hiring will remain our priority.

### What types of positions are you looking to fill?

**Joseph Remitera:** All types of positions, from direct patient care professionals like dental technicians, medical assistants and healthcare providers to administrative staff such as secretaries and schedulers. We also have needs in areas like environmental services and IT. I encourage everyone to reach out to the SRPMIC HR Department to get more information.

### How many positions are available?

**Remitera:** We are recruiting Community members to fill more than 140 positions.

### What are the benefits of working in the healthcare field?

**Remitera:** The benefits are wide and varied. Perhaps one of the best benefits is job security. The current demand for well-qualified and experienced healthcare workers is high and will only increase in the years to come. For many, the best part of working in the healthcare field is seeing clients and patients recover to lead healthy, fulfilling lives.

### Can you explain the interview process?

**Haydukovich:** HR is making this process as simple as possible. We have two recruiters dedicated to filling HHS positions. We are asking enrolled Community members to submit their interest to Ashley Jackson and Pankaj Prasher, either by phone at (480) 362-7537 or email at [rphc.jobs@srpmic-nsn.gov](mailto:rphc.jobs@srpmic-nsn.gov). After that, a recruiter will contact the Community member and schedule an intake interview to assess their skills, abilities and interests. After this interview, if a candidate is a good fit for any of the available positions, the recruiter will schedule a meeting with the HHS hiring manager, who will assess the candidate and make a decision on employment. If successful, HR will complete the hiring process with a background check and drug testing. Once everything is completed, the recruiter will set a start date for employment.

### Do people need to have a résumé?

**Haydukovich:** No, we are making a direct effort to get to know each Community member and are not requiring a résumé. However, in any employment setting, a résumé projects a professional image and reflects well on a candidate.

### How would someone be considered for a position?

**Haydukovich:** Come to your interviews prepared to show your talent, skills, ability and your interest in obtaining a position. If you have work experience in the field, please share it. If you have no experience in the field, show your desire to learn and grow in the role.

### What kind of education do you need to apply for the positions?

**Haydukovich:** It depends on each individual position. The new Health Center is hiring everyone from doctors to clerks, so education requirements vary by position. Some positions will require certifications from an accredited agency or healthcare provider, while others will simply require a high school diploma or GED. Others may not have any educational requirements.



### Can you briefly explain some of the different ways a Community member can be hired?

**Haydukovich:**

- **DIRECT HIRE**—We are using this Blitz to find Community members who meet current job qualifications and can start work now. For example, if you work for Banner Health and have the skills and abilities for an available job, we want to hire you as soon as possible.
- **TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT**—HHS plans to phase in hiring for available positions as funding becomes available. In the meantime, HR is prepared to find Community members who are able to work in a temporary status until these positions become regularly funded. For temp hires, we plan to move individuals from temporary to regular status once this is accomplished.
- **ON-THE-JOB TRAINING**—Many of these positions are new to the Community, and we understand that it is in everyone's best interest to hire individuals who might not be qualified for the job and give them the opportunity to build the skills necessary to fill these positions. Similar to the temporary employment, it is our intent to find opportunities for Community members to train in new jobs and move into the regular roles as that training is complete.
- **INTERNSHIPS**—We have plenty of Community members attending colleges, trade schools and universities who can and should have an opportunity to come work as an intern for a semester, a summer or after graduation to complete their studies. We want to provide the ability for students to gain valuable experience while attending and completing their education.
- **ENROLLMENT AND TRAINING PROGRAMS**—As an added bonus, we want this Blitz to help us identify interested Community members and enroll them in the variety of training programs we have in HR, such as our ongoing apprenticeship programs. What a great way to secure talent for the Community!

### How will successful candidates be notified?

**Haydukovich:** Once a decision is made, HR will notify successful candidates and work with each to begin work in their new role.

### What is the best way to find out more information?

**Haydukovich:** Reach out to our two recruiters, Ashley Jackson and Pankaj Prasher, by phone or email. They will be happy to take care of you from there.

### Is there anything else you would like Community members to know?

**Haydukovich:** Yes. We are very hopeful that through this Blitz we are going to be able to assess the skills and abilities of many Community members, giving us the ability to look forward to placing them in other roles around the Community, whether that is employment with the Community government, one of our many Enterprises, or businesses in the Business Corridor that are looking for employees. By building this network of Community members, we feel we are better positioned to assist our members in gainful employment in the near and distant future. So, keep your eyes and ears open for future opportunities like this.

**Remitera:** Our goal at the River People Health Center is to deliver timely, compassionate patient care that impacts the health and well-being of our patients and their family members. If you want to be part of a movement focused on making positive generational changes to your Community, the River People Health Center is the place for you!

## BEGINNING APRIL CONTACT HUMAN RESOURCES AT

### PHONE

480.362.7537

### EMAIL

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3. Begin training at one of the Tribal government departments
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## LOCAL EMERGENCY DECLARATION \*COVID-19\*\* SEVENTH DIRECTIVE – April 7, 2021

### STEPS TOWARDS A NEW NORMAL

TO PROTECT AND DEFEND THE HEALTH AND WELFARE OF THE ONK AKIMEL O'ODHAM AND XALYCHIDOM PIIPAASH, RESIDENTS, COMMUNITY EMPLOYEES, BUSINESSES AND VISITORS OF THE SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY BY REDUCING THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 AND TAKING STEPS TOWARDS A NEW NORMAL.

**WHEREAS**, to protect the health and welfare of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (the "Community" or "SRPMIC") on March 18, 2020, a Local Emergency Declaration for COVID-19 was issued followed by the First Directive of April 1, 2020 Stay Home, No Public Gatherings, Social Distancing, the Second Directive of June 19, 2020 Keep the Community Safe—Wear Face Coverings, the Third Directive of July 22, 2020 Curfew to Reduce the Spread of Covid-19, and the Fourth Directive of July 29, 2020 Closing of the Verde River/Salt River ("Red Mountain River Area") to Reduce the Spread Of Covid-19, the Fifth Directive of October 7, 2020 A Safe Halloween for the Community to Reduce the Spread of COVID-19, and the Amended Sixth Directive of December 16, 2020 Safe Gatherings—Church Services (the "SRPMIC Directives") to lessen the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the COVID-19 virus a public health emergency of international concern and Arizona Governor Douglas Ducey declared a state of emergency for the State of Arizona on March 11, 2020 and issued subsequent directives (the "Arizona Directives"); and

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 has been a serious public health threat to the Community and as of March 25, 2021 the Arizona Department of Health Services and local public health departments have identified 837,987 cases of COVID-19 with 16,874 deaths in the state and within the Community 1,148 cases of COVID-19 have been identified and 38 deaths; and

**WHEREAS**, Arizona has taken the position that immunization with a safe and effective COVID-19 vaccine is a critical component of the strategy to reduce COVID-19 related illnesses, hospitalizations, and deaths and to help restore societal functioning; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 25, 2021, with 16% of the Arizona population fully vaccinated and the number of cases, hospitalizations, and deaths decreasing over the last seven weeks, Arizona Governor Ducey lifted the restrictions of the Arizona Directives, including guidelines to business operations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Community is distributing COVID-19 vaccines to persons within its jurisdiction and 27% of all Community members within Arizona have been vaccinated; and

**WHEREAS**, the Community is preparing for a new-normal without all the COVID-19 virus restrictions, however because Native Americans are three times more likely to contract COVID-19 and are six times more

likely to die from it, some of the SRPMIC Directives will remain in effect or be modified until more Onk Akimel O'Odham and Xalychidom Piipaash, residents and employees from the Community and its enterprises are fully vaccinated and the incidence of infections remain low for a sustained period of time; and

**WHEREAS**, the Community desires to remind everyone that COVID-19 is spread most often through direct person-to-person contact; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the local emergency declaration process under Chapter 1, Article V, Section 1-500 of the Community's Code of Ordinances, continued measures are required to safeguard the Onk Akimel O'Odham and Xalychidom Piipaash, residents, Community employees, businesses and visitors of the Community from the COVID-19 pandemic by putting in place reasonable measures to maintain order and protect lives and also take steps towards a new normal; and

**WHEREAS**, the Community, working with its combined strength, unity and commitment, will work to protect the health and welfare of the Community against COVID-19.

**NOW THEREFORE** the SRPMIC Local Emergency Declaration for COVID-19 of March 18, 2020 remains in effect, and I, along with the Council, hereby issue the following:

1. First Directive of April 1, 2020 Stay Home, No Public Gatherings, Social Distancing—**RESCINDED**
2. Second Directive of June 19, 2020 Keep the Community Safe—Wear Face Coverings—**REMAINS IN EFFECT**
3. Third Directive of July 22, 2020 Curfew to Reduce the Spread of Covid-19—**RESCINDED**
4. Fourth Directive of July 29, 2020 Closing of the Verde River/Salt River ("Red Mountain River Area") to Reduce the Spread Of Covid-19—**RESCINDED**
5. Fifth Directive of October 7, 2020 A Safe Halloween for the Community to Reduce the Spread of COVID-19—**RESCINDED**
6. Amended Sixth Directive of December 16, 2020 Safe Gatherings—Church Services—**RESCINDED**
7. The Community's Steps Towards a New Normal require the following practices to continue:
  - a. Wear a face covering per Second Directive;
  - b. Wash hands regularly with soap and water or alcohol based hand sanitizer;
  - c. Maintain physical distancing of six (6) feet or more from persons not of your household;
  - d. No unnecessary medium to large size gatherings (parties);
  - e. Avoid physical contact (handshakes);
  - f. Avoid touching your face;
  - g. Cover your mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing; and
  - h. Stay home if you feel unwell.
  - i. Curfew for juveniles remains in effect per code section 11-217

8. Businesses within the Community may continue to operate within the Community as long as they are in compliance with CDC guidelines, practice social distancing, and are compliant with the SRPMIC Directives in effect.
9. The purpose of these directives is to reduce the risk of exposure to COVID-19 within the Community and protect the Onk Akimel O'Odham and Xalychidom Piipaash, residents, Community employees, businesses and visitors of this Community.
10. HHS can issue directives for persons to isolate pending COVID-19 test results or quarantine persons that have tested positive with COVID-19. All persons are required to follow the directives of HHS for the health and safety of the individual and the Community. Failure to follow isolation or quarantine directives issued by HHS is a violation of this directive and is a violation under Section 1-503 of the SRPMIC Code of Ordinances.
11. Enforcement of the SRPMIC Directives within the Community shall focus first on education and providing guidance issued by the SRPMIC Health and Human Services Department, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, or the Arizona Department of Health Services, in order to promote the health and safety of Onk Akimel O'Odham and Xalychidom Piipaash, residents, Community employees, businesses and visitors of this Community as well as to further contain the spread of COVID-19. Individuals shall be given an opportunity to comply with the SRPMIC Directives before any enforcement action is taken. A continued failure to comply with a SRPMIC Directive is violation under Chapter 1, Article V, Section 1-503 of the SRPMIC Code of Ordinances.

Sec. 1-503. Violation of a Local Emergency Declaration or Major Disaster Declaration.

(a) Civil offense. Any person or business who knowingly or intentionally fails or refuses to obey any lawful order or regulation issued from a Local Emergency Declaration or a Major Disaster Declaration shall be held responsible for a civil offense. A first violation for a person shall result in a fine of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) and a second or subsequent violations for a person shall result in a fine of five hundred dollars (\$500.00). All ordered fines shall be automatically deducted out of the individual's per capita distribution(s) if applicable. If the individual does not receive per capita, the Court shall order the individual to pay the fine by a specified due date determined at the discretion of the Court.

April 7, 2021

Date

Attest:

*Erica Harvier*  
 Erica Harvier, Secretary

SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA  
 INDIAN COMMUNITY

*Martin Harvier*  
 Martin Harvier, President

Approved as to Form by the  
 Office of the General Counsel  
 April 7, 2021

## Sinema, Kelly Announce \$450 Million in Housing Grants for Native Communities

WASHINGTON – Arizona Senators Kyrsten Sinema and Mark Kelly announced \$450 million in housing grant funding providing affordable housing assistance to eligible tribes to recover from the effects of the coronavirus pandemic. Sinema and Kelly secured these funds through bipartisan negotiations during the passage of the American Rescue Plan Act law.

“A healthy community requires safe, affordable housing. We secured critical funding to help tribal communities in Arizona house their members and recover from the coronavirus pandemic,” said Sinema.

“The on-going public health and economic crisis has exposed and deepened inequalities with housing in Arizona’s tribal communities and put far too many families at risk of homelessness. These affordable housing grants will bring much-needed assistance to Arizona’s tribal communities seeking relief after a year of economic uncertainty. As we work to rebuild our economy, we must continue to ensure tribal communities have the resources to give families a clearer path to recovery,” said Kelly.

Ensuring tribal communities have access to affordable housing, infrastructure, and broadband continues to be a top priority for Sinema. The Sinema

and Kelly-shaped American Rescue Plan Act provides \$450 million for the Indian Housing Block Grants Program, which provides a range of affordable housing activities on Indian reservations and Indian areas. This program will provide affordable housing assistance to Tribal members.

### Below are the grant allocations for the Tribe recipients:

Ak-Chin Indian Community \$328,620  
 Cocopah Tribe \$635,153  
 Colorado River Indian Tribes \$1,839,734  
 Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation \$126,555  
 Gila River Indian Community \$5,294,956  
 Havasupai Tribe \$95,480  
 Hopi Tribe \$4,695,853  
 Hualapai Indian Tribe \$1,173,789  
 Kaibab Band of Paiute Indians \$301,824  
 Navajo Nation \$49,795,966  
 Pascua Yaqui Tribe \$3,399,338  
 Quechan Tribe \$1,228,427  
**Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community \$1,579,178**  
 San Carlos Apache Tribe \$4,293,103  
 San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe \$71,086  
 Tohono O'Odham Nation \$7,411,230  
 Tonto Apache Tribe of Arizona \$35,007  
 White Mountain Apache (Fort Apache) \$5,315,386  
 Yavapai-Apache Nation (Camp Verde) \$780,856  
 Yavapai-Prescott Indian Tribe \$35,007

## SRPMIC Requires Facemasks Within Community Boundaries

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Source: Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community  
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# Ba'ag Playing Stellar Basketball During Pandemic

BY CHRIS PICCIUOLO  
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It has been challenging for the Ba'ag basketball program to find gyms or outdoor courts to practice on for much of the COVID-19 pandemic, but the team's spirit has soared like an eagle as they have played on and prepared the class of 2024 group for high school basketball.

Ba'ag consists of four teams: Varsity, Junior Varsity (10 freshmen playing up), Freshman and Eighth Grade.

Recently, Ba'ag has been playing in a variety of Native American circuit tournaments. The eighth-grade team went undefeated for an entire weekend and came ready to play every game, according to coaches. The JV/Varsity team were Showcase Champions, with eight freshmen

and one eighth-grader on the team, and they played players who were juniors and seniors in their division. The Varsity team recently went 3-1 and took the loss in a championship game, ending up in second place.

Up next for Ba'ag are tournaments in Phoenix on May 22-23; Oklahoma City April 30-May 2; preparation for the NABI tournament July 11-18; and games in Las Vegas, Nevada, June 25-27.

The teams are currently seeking local fundraising with food sales and raffles to help fund expenses.

Ba'ag is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization which focuses on youth sports. Seventy-five percent of the boys in the program are Native American. You can follow the team's journey on Instagram @ salt\_river\_baag.



The Ba'ag 8th grade squad. Photos courtesy of Ba'ag Basketball



The Ba'ag JVIV squad. Photo courtesy of Ba'ag Basketball



The Ba'ag Varsity squad. Photos courtesy of Ba'ag Basketball

## Help Keep USPS Workers Safe While Delivering Packages within the SRPMIC

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While dogs are our constant companions and beloved members of the family, dog bites are a public health issue. According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, about 4.5 million Americans are bitten by dogs each year. In 2019, there were 5,803 U.S. Postal Service workers victimized by dogs while delivering mail and packages to homes across the United States. As Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community residents, we can do our part to help keep our USPS workers safe.

Each year, the USPS observes National Dog Bite Awareness Week. This year it takes place April 11-17. The effort is also supported by the American Veterinary Medical Association. This week educates USPS workers on how to prevent dog attacks. USPS mail carriers are advised not to approach or pet strange dogs. Do not run from a dog, because its instinct is to chase. If a dog threatens the mail carrier, they should not scream or make eye contact, but simply back away slowly until the dog is out of sight.

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- Keep up with alerts from the USPS on hazards such as dogs on their routes.
- Report any dog incidents to their supervisors.
- Be aware of their surroundings by staying alert at all times.
- If they encounter a dog, don't assume



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it won't bite.

- Never startle a dog. Rattle a gate or make some noise before entering a fenced-in yard.

Homeowners can be responsible dog owners and help prevent an attack by controlling their dogs and using obedience training. Because they are territorial, dogs may see USPS letter carriers or other delivery persons as a threat, so dog owners should take precautions when anything is being delivered. Keep dogs inside the house, away from the door, in another room or on a leash. Or, put them in a fenced area outside temporarily. Please remember not to subject dogs to our summer heat for long periods.

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## Why Can't Younger Children Receive a COVID-19 Vaccine?

To date, no COVID-19 vaccine has been authorized for children under 16.

Because the immune systems in children and adolescents are different from adults, vaccines must be tested in younger age groups to ensure safety and efficacy in younger people.

All three vaccine manufacturers currently authorized by the FDA are conducting trials that include participants between age 12 and 18 with their parents' permission. Moderna also has started a clinical trial to test the vaccine in children under 12, including babies as young as six months. It may be late 2021 or even 2022 before there is enough evidence on the timing, safety, effectiveness and practical aspects of vaccinating children for the coronavirus, especially children under age 12.

Source: Maricopa County

# River People Health Center on Track For Mid-November Completion

are the interior finishes, bringing our systems online to climatize that building, and bringing all our IT building management systems online and getting those commissioned and up and running to support how this building functions. Those are critical. In addition to that, the equipment procurement and installation is going to be critical as well to be ready for turning the keys over to Health and Human Services,” said Sciacca.

Some of the upcoming work over the summer is going to be equipment installation. This includes fixtures, furniture, dental chairs and x-ray machines. Medical equipment technology is constantly evolving, and there is a massive amount of new technology being installed to support the services for the next 20 to 30 years.

“We find that building the building is sometimes ... easier ... than identifying the technologies and systems that will be implemented, whether it’s a pharmacy, distribution system, or a check-in process for primary care. All of that requires IT and in the end the users of the facilities to really coordinate and make it a seamless process for the patient,” said Steve Pokrzywka, Construction Services Division manager of SRPMIC Construction Management. “It’s very patient-oriented to where we’re trying to reach out to many different healthcare providers to use the latest technology to make their jobs efficient.”

After the anticipated construction completion in November, there will be a two-month window of time for final touches like bringing in the furniture, less infrastructure-heavy equipment and getting people moved in to work.

With three floors and many different services provided on each level, one of the main focuses is having the facility be patient-focused with central registration areas.

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

Several Community members and other Native Americans have been a part of building the River People Health Center through the general contractor and construction management company Arviso-Okland. About 20% of the labor on the construction project has been done by Native Americans. “We’re trying to improve that every month that we’re going along,” said Pokrzywka.

Transitioning from construction to permanent positions with Community-member preference priority, SRPMIC is holding a Community-member Hiring Blitz for River People Health Center. Many positions will be available, such as benefits coordinator, clerk, custodian, medical assistant, phlebotomist, physical therapist and more.

For more information on the Hiring Blitz, make an appointment with SRPMIC Human Resources by calling (480) 362-7537 or by email at [RPHC.JOBS@srpmic-nsn.gov](mailto:RPHC.JOBS@srpmic-nsn.gov). See ad on page 4.



Crews working hard in the lobby, waiting and registration area at the front entrance on the first floor of River People Health Center. At this stage, stairs are used and elevators are not yet operational.



Tribal designs are sprinkled throughout the building, incorporating meaningful SRPMIC cultural imagery for the River People Health Center.



Interior trade construction continues on the first floor of the River People Health Center.



First floor paint, lighting, wiring and flooring are being worked on at the River People Health Center.



Construction vehicle lifting supplies for crews.

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# River People Health Center on Track For Mid-November Completion



Painting being finished by a crew member on the first floor of the River People Health Center.



A northern view of the Community from inside an office on the second floor of the River People Health Center.



One of the rooms being worked on near the dental portion of River People Health Center on the second floor.



View of the south end of Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community from the third floor of the River People Health Center. Shown is the current construction parking and supplies area, which will eventually include a back parking lot and a retention pond.

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# Support Services Hosts Chronic Disease Self-Management Program

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Starting the week of April 19 and ending the week of May 24, Salt River Support Services will be hosting an "Invest in You" Chronic Disease Self-Management Program (CDSMP) for Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community members.

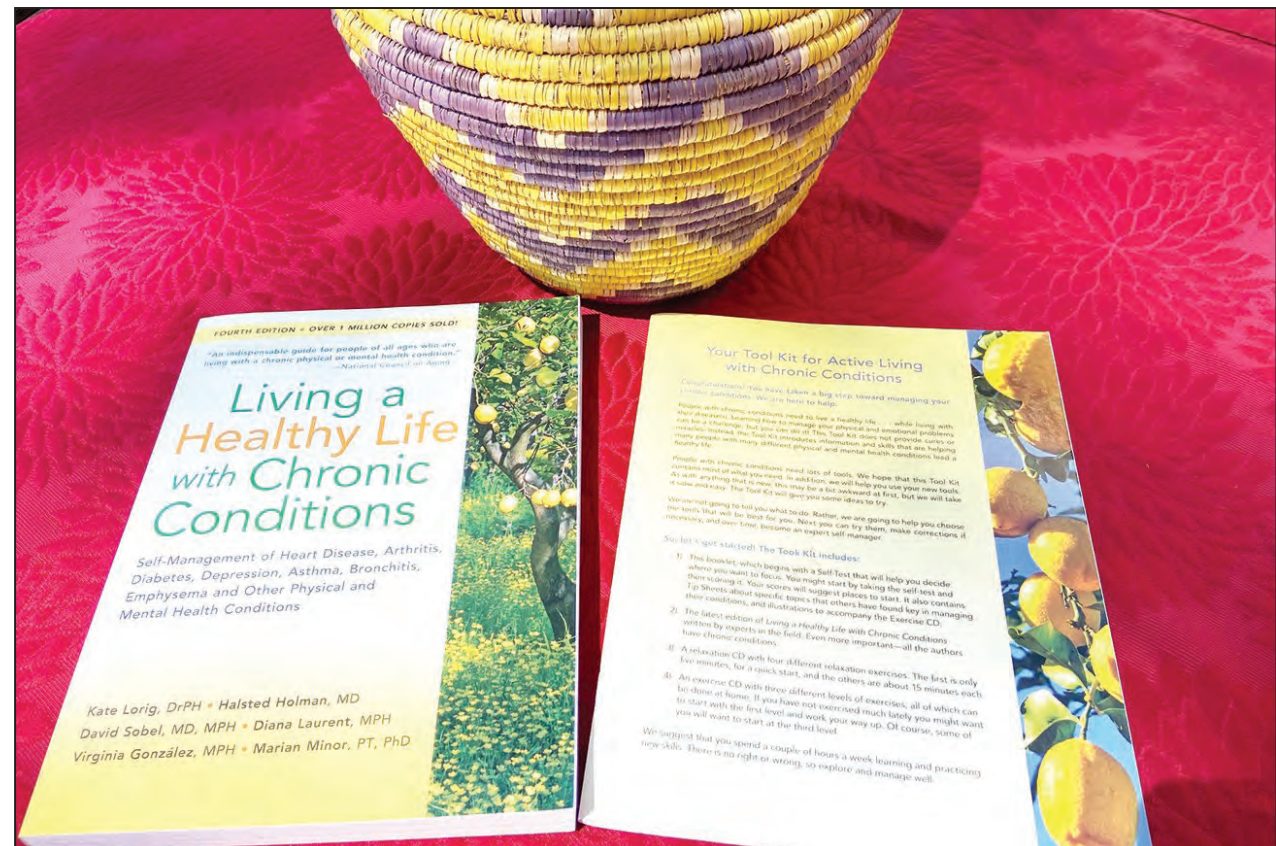
If you participate in congregate meals, home-delivered meals, homecare assistance or SSD recreation, or if you are assigned a social worker through Support Services, you are eligible to attend.

Support Services Manager Alphonso Havatone says that the program is for those with chronic health conditions, adults with disabilities and elders within the Community. "The program is really kind of client-centered because they really identify what their challenges are and what the steps are that they are going to make to improve around those challenges," said Havatone.

The program educates elders and those with chronic conditions on the fundamentals of creating an action plan for themselves, setting goals and being accountable weekly to the group on their progress. Chronic conditions for which self-management can be helpful include heart disease, diabetes, arthritis, depression, asthma and bronchitis.

"We talk about everything from eating right and stretching to sleep and understanding emotions, working with your healthcare professionals to solve problems. I think that's probably the biggest thing that the training does for our elders, is to practice problem-solving," said Avarae John, Senior Services social worker and CDSMP facilitator.

The program focuses on physical, mental and emotional issues. An example would be needing to get your weight down. John said that you can break up that problem into actions like drinking more water



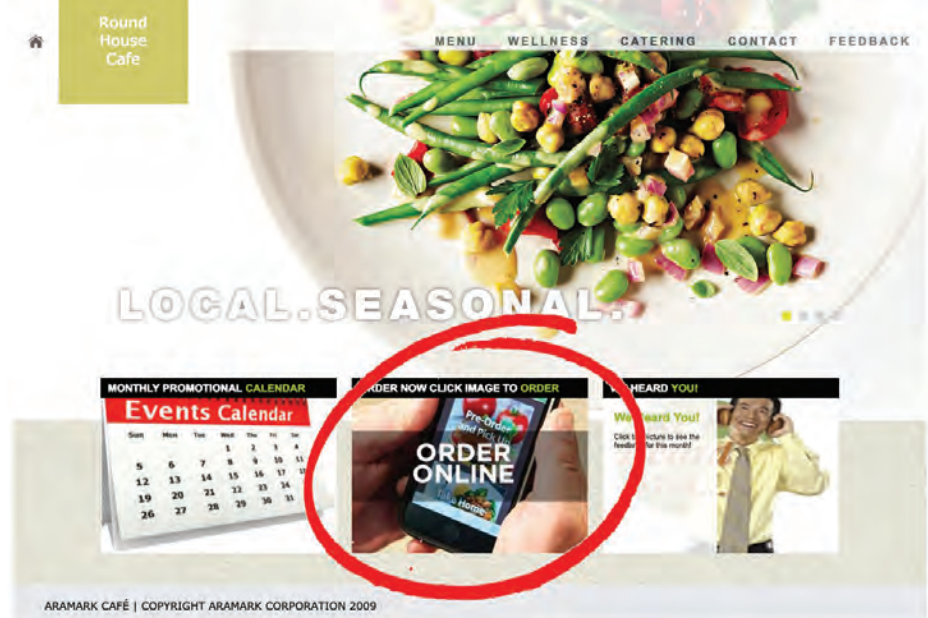
The workbook that Chronic Disease Self-Management Program participants are using, "Living a Healthy Life with Chronic Conditions," along with a tool kit for active living with chronic conditions. Photo courtesy of Senior Services

on a weekly basis, focusing on how many liters to aim for.

There are six classes total, and because of COVID-19 restrictions, the classes are being held on Skype through computers or phone calls. Participants will receive a workbook to follow along with, and computer users might also be given a disk to place in their drive.

Meals will be provided to those who successfully complete the program, and there will also be a raffle giveaway. Registration is limited to 18 people. To reserve a spot with the Chronic Disease Self-Management Program, contact your social worker or Senior Services at (480) 362-6350.

## AROUND THE COMMUNITY



The Round House Café is back in business. If you missed those made-to-order breakfast burritos or lunch specials, you can now place an order online for pickup. From your computer, tablet or mobile device, go to [www.roundhousecafe.catertrax.com](http://www.roundhousecafe.catertrax.com) and select the "Pre-Order and Pick Up" box. Choose either the breakfast or lunch menu. Breakfast items include breakfast sandwiches, burritos, yogurt parfaits, omelets, bagels, muffins and more. The lunch menu consists of deli sandwiches, salads, pizza, soup, burgers, chickens and more. Once you select an item, choose a quantity and click "Add to Cart." Nutritional and pricing information is included for each food item. When you've finished adding items, you can either register and set up an account or check out as a guest. It will then ask when you want to pick up your order. Add your payment information, and you'll get a confirmation to pick up your order at the designated time. Breakfast hours are from 7 to 10 a.m. and lunch hours are 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The Round House Café is located at 10047 E. Osborn Road. If you have any questions or need help with online ordering, call (480) 362-5538. —Tasha Silverhorn, O'odham Action News.

## Manny Gonzalez Named Lead Heavy Equipment Technician

BY CECELIA NASH  
SRPMIC Department of Transportation

Manuel "Manny" Gonzalez, who began working with the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Department of Transportation in 2002, has been named Lead Heavy Equipment Technician.

Gonzalez decided that he would like a career in automotive technology while attending Coronado High School, where he took classes in collision and repair. His career path has taken him to work in service shops as a technician, parts driver, lube tech and more.

During his years at the SRPMIC Transportation Department, Gonzalez has worked to repair and maintain systems on various diesel- and gasoline-powered equipment including emergency vehicles, school buses, sanitation vehicles, construction vehicles and forklifts.

It's not simply a matter of keeping the vehicles on the road; many have very complicated systems on board that require troubleshooting and repair as well. For example, a vehicle for the Salt River Fire Department has floodlighting systems, fire-suppression foam proportioning systems, and water pumping systems. Public Works trucks have hydraulic systems for lifting refuse containers. Additionally, each type of vehicle has its own rigorous safety and quality standards and must pass yearly inspections by the Department of Transportation and Department of Public Safety.

Gonzales has seen many changes since he started working for Fleet



Manuel "Manny" Gonzalez, began working with the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Department of Transportation in 2002.

Services. Over the years he has demonstrated dedication and leadership skills at DOT and has worked to keep up with the latest automotive technologies. In his new position, he will oversee the heavy equipment techs with their scheduling and technical assistance and continue his work on the vehicles himself.

Gonzalez said he feels proud and fortunate to work for SRPMIC. He has three children and enjoys playing sports with his family and taking nature hikes.

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# SRPMIC Celebrates National Library Outreach Day

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The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community has resources for library patrons of all ages at the Salt River Tribal Library, as well as specifically for students at Salt River Schools.

On April 7, Salt River Tribal Library staff celebrated National Library Outreach Day, an opportunity for library advocates to make their support known and for dedicated library professionals to meet their patrons where they are.

National Library Outreach Day is coordinated nationally by the American Library Association Office for Diversity, Literacy and Outreach Services; the Association of Bookmobile and Outreach Services; and the Association for Rural & Small Libraries. It is celebrated on the Wednesday of National Library Week.

The celebration at Meal Distribution brought the library to Community patrons. Two hundred books were given away to kids and teens, along with promotional-item giveaways and plenty of healthy snacks to go around.

Salt River Schools Library Media Specialist Nancy Yurek is finishing her eighth year in this position at Salt River Elementary School. Yurek said that she looked forward to making a trip over to the event to thank her library colleagues for all they do.

As a lifelong enthusiastic reader, Yurek's role at SRES is a natural fit. "[For me,] books were connections to other places, other lives and other eras. As I embarked on a teaching career, first in early childhood [education and] then as a first-grade teacher, it was easy to



Salt River Tribal Library staff give away free books for all ages at Meal Distribution.

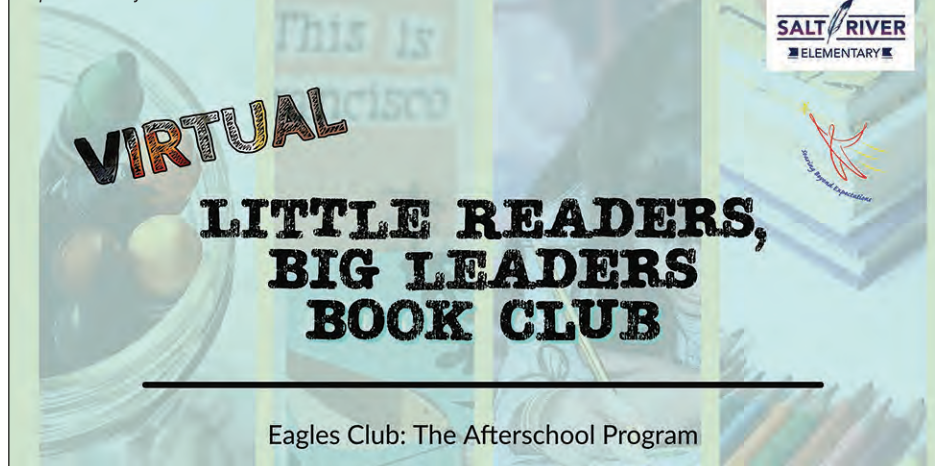
introduce concepts to children through the reading of books," said Yurek. "I am very proud of the program I have been building, and I look forward to new school years and promoting excitement for reading and learning at Salt River Elementary School."



Salt River Tribal Library connects with SRPMIC at Meal Distribution.

# Virtual Little Readers Big Leaders Book Club

Graphic courtesy of Salt River Schools



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Salt River Elementary School is encouraging K-3 students to step up to the challenge of using 21st-century skills such as communication, collaboration, critical thinking and creativity by joining the Little Readers, Big Leaders Book Club through the Eagles Club Afterschool Program.

The Eagles Club is made possible with the 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) and serves approximately 120 students during the school year and about 100 in the summer in grades K-6.

The Little Readers, Big Leaders Book Club is designed to help younger students practice the recommended 20 minutes of daily reading to improve vocabulary, reading strategies and reading skills.

"When the pandemic set in, we needed something that was effective, easy to implement and needed minimal supplies. The Little Readers, Big Leaders Book Club hit all of those marks and

aligned with the Salt River Schools ongoing literacy efforts," said Devin Hardin, 21st CCLC program coordinator. "Students get an extra dose of reading in a relaxed environment with themes like belonging, friendship, confidence and kindness. The kids get into really great conversations. It has been exciting to see. Even younger siblings make their way over to sit in to listen."

Book club members have been reading books by authors Jacqueline Woodson and Junie B. Jones, and plans are in place to incorporate more books that are authored and centered around Indigenous stories.

The book club currently is virtual and meets twice a week for an hour after school through the Salt River Schools Microsoft Teams platform. Book club leaders use e-books as well as regular books.

The program is still accepting students and would love to grow the kindergarten class participation. You can register your student at [https://sres.saltriverschools.org/s\\_r\\_e\\_s\\_news/announcements](https://sres.saltriverschools.org/s_r_e_s_news/announcements).

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# Community Artist Leaves His Mark on Hayden House Rehabilitation Project

asked Butler if he would be willing to design something that would honor that past.

“Their idea was to create this gate for their courtyard. We bounced some ideas around, and they basically said that they didn’t want to tell me what to do, they just wanted me to give them something that would reflect who we (O’odham/Piipaash) are as a people and how we spent our time on the land. It was one of the first projects that I worked on digitally; it was really cool ... because I got to use graphic arts skills and create this vectored digital image that they could use to cut the panels out of steel, like a plasma cutter.”

## The Gate’s Design

The gate’s design represents the Salt River and the crossing. The top of the gate outlines the layout of the river as it exists there in Tempe. “It’s like a map of the river,” explained Butler. The other designs in the gate portray “A” Mountain/Hayden Butte, called Oidbad, which means dead fields, because that was the name of the village there where the Hohokam once lived. Agave once grew on Oidbad, and the plant is incorporated into the designs of the mountain.

“I marked the crossing where Hayden Ferry was with a coyote tracks to mark the path across the water,” said Butler. “There is an olas ki (dwelling) on there that marks the location of the Hayden House. Coming off the river are depictions of irrigated fields, because all along Salt River there was over 100,000 acres of farmland; I wanted to represent our agricultural heritage in that way. I also wanted to reflect who we are as artisans, so I put this large olla (pot) on the east side of the panel that’s a modern version of a red-on-buff pot with a bunch of designs on it. It’s an image of a pot I made years ago.”



Butler included an olla (pot) to represent oral traditions such as the songs and stories of the O’odham and Piipaash.



In March, workers install the steel fence that SRPMIC member and artist Jacob Butler designed for the Hayden House. Photo’s courtesy of Jacob Butler



The steel fence panels arrive on a flatbed truck in Tempe to be installed.

Butler continued, “The pot incorporates a modern version of an ancient tradition, and birds in flight represent our oral traditions, such as our songs and stories.

“I tried to represent a little bit of both the oral and material culture of our people and the farming of our people to really reflect a relationship with that land,” said Butler. “The pot itself also was meant to not only reflect our ancient traditions but emphasize that we’re still here, we still practice these things, and we still find value in the land and still have a connection to it.”

## The Project History

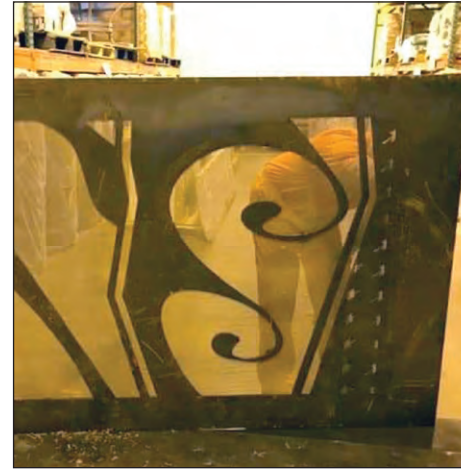
Two years ago, when Butler was



The fence is located at the back of the Hayden House to be admired by guests enjoying the courtyard.

asked to join the Hayden House project, he was a bit nervous—not only because he had to use a new art medium to design, but also because he needed to come up with a design that was going to be placed on a historical site.

“I was scared because I didn’t want to mess up, but you never know [how] you can succeed until you try,” said Butler. He had to learn how to use the digital program. “I worked with the developer to make sure it was going to work with the machine they were going to use to cut the panels. If you look around that area (where the building is located), there is a lot of construction going on with these really huge ultra-modern buildings, and that little corner



Arizona Correctional Industries helped build the steel panels by having prison inmates cut out the panels.

represents a specific time not only in Tempe’s history, but in Arizona’s history and our history as a people. Being asked to represent the tribe is special to me because it’s in a place that is going to be protected now.”

Butler explained that the project used a program called Arizona Correctional Industries that teaches trade skills to inmates at the state prison in Florence. They helped cut out the steel panels.

“The people who facilitated that program were on-site when the project was being installed, taking pictures of the process,” said Butler. “They were really excited because it was something that was totally different from what they are usually tasked to do, so for them it was a big highlight and [they were] excited when it was put up.”

The panels are made from a steel that will rust over time, creating a rustic-looking patina. The stainless-steel screens should stay silver. The gate’s contrast between shiny metal and rusted steel will give it a unique appearance.

“They acknowledge the fact that [the O’odham and Piipaash] have ties to the land, and our ties are so strong they wanted to represent our [people] in that design,” said Butler, expressing his gratitude to the City of Tempe for asking him to design the gate. “To be able to represent my artwork and also to represent our people is an honor. I am very grateful to be a part of this project.”

To learn more about the Hayden House Rehabilitation project, visit [www.tempe.gov/government/community-development/historic-preservation/hayden-house](http://www.tempe.gov/government/community-development/historic-preservation/hayden-house). The Hayden House is located on the southwest corner of Rio Salado Parkway and Mill Avenue in Tempe, where you can check out Butler’s artwork in person.

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<b>April Council Meetings</b>		Council may enter Executive Session as necessary.
EXECUTIVE SESSIONS: April 21, 28		Wednesdays at 10 a.m.
REGULAR SESSIONS: April 21, 28		Wednesdays at 1 p.m.
WORK SESSIONS: April 15, 22, 29		Thursdays at 10 a.m.
Community Members can view the public Council Meetings at: <a href="http://www.srpmic-nsn.gov/government/council/councilmeetings/">www.srpmic-nsn.gov/government/council/councilmeetings/</a>		
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**Collaborating Partner—Prevention & Intervention Services—Housing Services**

**PATHWAYS TO HOMEOWNERSHIP**  
**VIRTUAL SESSION APRIL 20, 2021 ~5:30 P.M.**

**Inviting Salt River Community Tribal Housing residents and interested enrolled community members to join this information session and receive beneficial information on the SRPMIC homeownership process to prepare for future homeownership.**

**Topics: ~ Your Personal Readiness ~ Evaluating Credit ~ Financial Preparedness**

**Two ways to register**

**Call Gracie Briones at (480) 362-7833 or email : [gracie.briones@srpmic-nsn.gov](mailto:gracie.briones@srpmic-nsn.gov)**

**Call Lori Calderon at (480) 362-5763 or email: [lori.calderon@srpmic-nsn.gov](mailto:lori.calderon@srpmic-nsn.gov)**

# SRPMIC Bald Eagles Thrive as U.S. Populations Soar

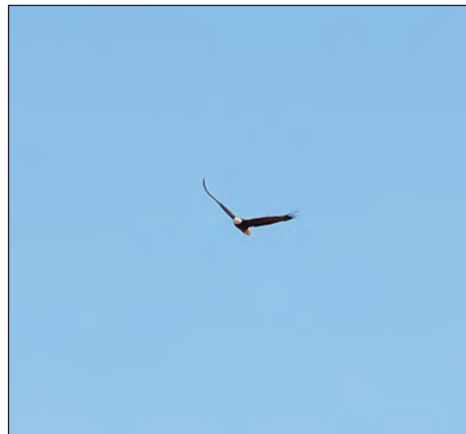
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According to a new report by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), American bald eagle populations have quadrupled since 2009.

On March 24, the U.S. Department of the Interior put out a press release with the announcement. In the 1960s, bald eagles were almost extinct, "reaching an all-time low of 417 known nesting pairs in 1963 in the lower 48 states." According to scientists from the USFWS Migratory Bird Program, the bald eagle population has now climbed to an estimated 316,700 birds in the lower 48 states, with more than 71,400 nesting pairs.

"Today's announcement is truly a historic conservation success story. Announcements like ours today give me hope. I believe that we have the opportunity of a lifetime to protect our environment and our way of life for generations to come. But we will only accomplish great things if we work together," said U.S. Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland.

This is good news for the species, but despite this increase in numbers across the U.S., Arizona, and other southwest states, are still working to get the bald eagle population to a more comfortable



An SRPMIC bald eagle soars in spring, 2021.

status. The Salt River-Puma Maricopa Indian Community works closely with the Arizona Game and Fish Department to ensure long-term bald eagle conservation on Tribal land.

SRPMIC has three bald eagle nests that are active, which means that the eagles either have laid eggs or are in the process of laying eggs.

One of the nests, the Riverside Nest, is called an urban nest because it is not in a riparian area and is located among residences and commercial development. The other two nests are in a preserved riparian area within the Community.

According to SRPMIC CDD-EPNR Senior Environmental Engineer Gina Leverette-Mason, this marks the first year the Community is not going to band the bald eagle chicks at the Riverside Nest, due to COVID-19 pandemic safety protocols.

When banding is done, "Instead of climbing the tree, the Salt River Fire Department is kind enough to bring out their ladder trucks and they are allowed to go up in the bucket and pull the chicks down from the nest very carefully," said Leverette-Mason. "They'll put a little hood on the chicks and that will calm them. If you put something over their face, they will stay calm instead of trying to jump around or fight. Once the chicks are on the ground, we can then collect data that



Perched SRPMIC bald eagle from the 2018 OAN archives.

is needed."

The birds' weight and the size of their talons and beak will then be measured, and their size will determine if they are female or male. That's because the females are always larger than the males. They will then put a banding tag on the chicks so they can be identified no matter where they go, and their place and year of origin are recorded.

The bald eagles in the Sonoran Desert area are significantly smaller than bald eagles found in other regions, like Alaska. Because of their size, there was talk a few years ago about classifying the desert eagles as a subspecies, the "desert nesting bald eagle," but the classification wasn't approved. It has been argued that the size difference is explained by Bergmann's rule, a zoological principle that correlates external temperature and the ratio of body surface to weight in warm-blooded ani-



SRPMIC bald eagle chick in the nest from the 2018 OAN archives.

mals. Birds and mammals are observed to have larger bodies in colder climates as opposed to warmer climates.

## Student Athlete Ky-Moni Harney Takes a New Challenge by Trying Out for Cheer

BY TASHA SILVERHORN  
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Saguaro High School junior Ky-Moni Harney challenged herself this year by getting out of her comfort zone and trying out for a new sport. Harney felt that due to the COVID-19 pandemic she missed out on some of her high school experiences, and she wanted to try a new sport. She played basketball with the Sabercats in both her freshman and sophomore years.

"I wanted to push myself because I don't know how many opportunities, I will be able to have and I am glad I took that opportunity to try out and get on the team," said Harney. "I always wanted to do cheerleading and be part of the team, but it was about putting myself out there and pushing myself past my comfort zone. I didn't know any of the girls trying out, and it was really scary because I never talked to any of them before. But it was worth it."

There are two different cheer teams at the school, and Harney felt she made the right choice. She explained that she was on a team that works well together and has a lot of fun, but they also get down to business when it's time to perform drills and cheers.

Although this school year was different, the cheer teams participated in a majority of the football and basketball games.

Harney explained that it was hard because of the virus. The basketball team didn't want a lot of people at games, and they had to wear a mask 100% of the time at basketball games. They didn't get to perform a lot of the halftime shows at the football games, but they didn't have to wear a mask while performing out on the football field.

"There weren't a lot of parents that came to the games. The boys' basketball team didn't like the idea of us going to the games to cheer, and it felt unwelcoming. But after the first couple of games, it was really nice because they started helping us cheer and the coach was supportive in having us there to cheer for the team," said Harney. "A lot of the parents during football and basketball season would compliment us and say it was a lot nicer having us there to cheer on



SRPMIC member Ky-Moni Harney challenges herself this school year and tries out for the cheer squad. Photo courtesy of Theresa Harney

the team and keep the atmosphere alive."

Next year Harney will be a senior, and she plans to try out for cheer again. If she is unable to participate, she plans to try out for the girls' basketball team.

Her advice to other high school youth is to get out there and try.

"Even if you don't know people—I know that's a big issue, because people don't like to do things by themselves—I think it's great to just go for it," said Harney. "I felt at first, when I still didn't know anyone, it made me uncomfortable. I didn't want to go full-out with the dances and cheers because I felt uncomfortable. [But then] I realized that we're all here doing the same thing, and no one is going to make fun of you."

Harney would like to thank her mom, Theresa Harney, for helping her pay for everything, because cheer is expensive. She is also thankful to her dad, Vernon Myers, and her sisters for driving her to practice and helping out with money.

## National Navajo Code Talkers Day To Become Official State Holiday

Governor Doug Ducey signed legislation making National Navajo Code Talkers Day a legal state holiday every year on August 14, honoring the courage of the Code Talkers and their critical role in the Allied victory of WWII.

"The Navajo Code Talkers are American heroes," said Governor Ducey. "They assisted on every major operation involving the U.S. Marines in the Pacific theatre, using their native language to come up with an unbreakable code. More than 400 Code Talkers answered the call to serve our nation, and Arizona is grateful for their dedication to protecting our nation. I'm proud to sign legislation that makes National Navajo Code Talkers day an official holiday, and I thank Senator Peshlakai for leading on this initiative."

Under Senate Bill 1802, if National Navajo Code Talkers Day falls on a day other than Sunday, the Sunday following August 14 is to be observed as the holiday.

"It's important that all Arizonans remember the service and bravery of the Navajo Code Talkers," said Senator Jamescita Peshlakai, who sponsored the legislation. "Their crucial service during WWII will not be forgotten, and we will continue to honor them every August 14th. Thank you to everyone who supported Senate Bill 1802."

Last year, Ducey issued a proclamation and posted a video recognizing Navajo Code Talkers Day. The Governor has issued four proclamations to honor the Code Talkers since 2017.

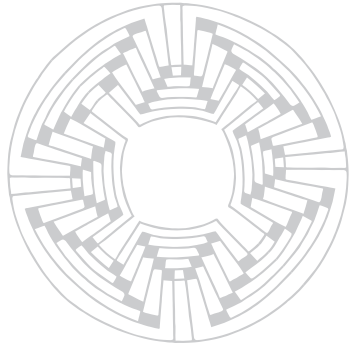
The United States government recruited and enlisted more than 400 Navajo men to serve in standard communications units. The Navajo Code Talkers used their unbreakable code to assist in every major operation involving the United States Marines in the Pacific Ocean theatre, including during the battle at Iwo Jima where they successfully transmitted more than 800 messages without error.

Navajo Code Talkers Day was established through a presidential proclamation by President Ronald Reagan on August 14, 1982. In 2014, Arizona passed legislation declaring every August 14 Navajo Code Talkers Day in Arizona.

## Public Input Requested on Roads Program

The Community has a Tribal Transportation Improvement Program (TTIP) showing the road projects planned over the next 5 years. The plan includes new roadway construction, traffic calming, safety improvements, pavement rehabilitation and road maintenance. A copy of the TTIP can be found on the Community's website at <https://www.srpmic-nsn.gov/government/public-works/transportation-planning/>. A hardcopy is also available for pick up by appointment only at the Public Works office at 10124 East Earll Drive, Scottsdale, AZ 85256.

Please contact Jennifer Jack, Public Works Department, Roads Section Manager, with any questions at (480) 362-7747 or [jennifer.jack@srpmic-nsn.gov](mailto:jennifer.jack@srpmic-nsn.gov). Comments may be submitted to Public Works at the mailing address or email indicated above. **The deadline for comments is April 30, 2021.**



## Arizona National Guard Lends a Hand at COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics

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If you recently received a COVID-19 vaccine, you might have noticed a few extra hands helping out at the last few vaccination clinics. Due to the high volume of Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community members, employees and family members who were eligible to get the Moderna vaccine, the SRPMIC Emergency Management COVID-19 Command Team reached out to the Arizona National Guard to help maintain the level of vaccinators for the remaining vaccination clinics within the Community.

"[T]ribal Health and Human Services was at the tip of the spear as nurses, providers, pharmacists and others who could [administer] shots were added to staffing rosters to support [our vaccination] operations. Others outside of HHS included Salt River Fire Department staff such as paramedics, who were also integrated into the vaccination staffing plan," said SRPMIC Emergency Management Coordinator Terry Nelson. "[L]ocating trained vaccinators within the Community employee base is a difficult task. The National Guard [played] an integral [role in ensuring] success ... for mass vaccination through the use of [added] vaccinators."

The Arizona Department of Health Services coordinates efforts in the state to support jurisdictions that need services in a public health emergency. The National Guard has trained medical units to assist communities in emergency situations, including mass vaccinations.

"SRPMIC Emergency Management worked with our state partners at the



Arizona National Guard helps the SRPMIC at the COVID-19 vaccine clinics.

Arizona Department of Emergency and Military Affairs by submitting a resource request to obtain these resources to meet our mass vaccination efforts," said Nelson.

The National Guard members serve as vaccinators and support personnel in all areas throughout the Point of Dispensing (POD) vaccination operations. They also help greet patients, help with traffic control and observe patients for side effects after vaccinations.

"The National Guard members have been involved with other jurisdictions performing similar work in PODs throughout the state and had subject-matter expertise on large-scale event management of PODs. This lent a hand to the planning teams who learned about a concept which was new to the Community," said Nelson.

The National Guard will continue to help local jurisdictions, tribal communities and the SRPMIC with vaccination operations until the end of April.

"The National Guard is excellent to work with, as they already have a structure in place which supports command and coordination, which made for an easy transition into the SRPMIC POD Command Team system," said Nelson.

To get your COVID-19 vaccine at an upcoming scheduled clinic, call (480) 362-2603 and leave your name and phone number so a SRPMIC staff member can call you back to schedule your appointment.

## Public Works Department Bulk Trash Tips



Bulk trash must be placed at least five (5) feet from trash container pick-up area or close to the road.

Should be ten (10) feet away from any water meter, fence, tree, fire hydrant, utility boxes, mailboxes, vehicle or other fixed objects.

Please begin placing items at the roadside the week before your scheduled zone pick up date.

- ✓ Stack piles as neatly as possible and by category (appliances, trash, tree limbs, green waste).
- ✓ Any large amounts of magazines and or newspapers should be bundled up, boxed, tied or taped.
- ✓ Keep glass separate from other items by placing in small, sturdy cardboard boxes. Boxes should be taped shut and clearly labeled "glass".
- ✓ Place yard clippings (grass, leaves, palm tree skins, bark) in plastic bags. Bags must be securely tied.
- ✓ Cut down any larger tree branches into four (4) feet lengths and stack in a pile in your designated pick-up area.
- ✓ Remove or secure appliance doors as a safety precaution.

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

**SOLID WASTE CREWS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR REMOVAL OF LARGE DEBRIS. THE EQUIPMENT USED OFTEN LEAVES BEHIND SMALL DEBRIS. THIS IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE HOMEOWNER TO CLEAN UP.**

**THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT WILL NOT ENTER PRIVATE PROPERTY.**

**IF A RESIDENCE IS CITED FOR ILLEGAL DUMPING, PUBLIC WORKS WILL NOT REMOVE BULK ITEMS FROM THE RESIDENCE.**

**Questions/concerns regarding bulk trash pick-up, please contact Public Works Customer Service at (480) 362-5600 or email [PWCustomerService@srpmic-nsn.gov](mailto:PWCustomerService@srpmic-nsn.gov)**

# APRIL SRPMIC 2021 Board Vacancies - Deadline to apply April 30, 2021

PLEASE READ UPDATED INSTRUCTIONS.

1. APPLICATIONS CAN BE REQUESTED BY EMAILING: erica.harvier@srpmic-nsn.gov or ardell.moore@srpmic-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@srpmic-nsn.gov or ardell.moore@srpmic-nsn.gov FAX to: (480) 362-7593 MAIL to: SRPMIC Administration, 10,005 East Osborn Road, Scottsdale, AZ 85256
4. Submit application by 5 p.m. by the closing date.
5. Any questions, contact the Council Secretary at 480-362-7466 or 362-7465 or 362-7400.

## GAMING REGULATORY BOARD

### (2) Community Member Representative

The Board is primarily responsible for oversight of the SRPMIC gaming operations to assure compliance with rules and regulations. Must be able to commit to a three (3) year term.

\*Must be able to attain a gaming license which includes a background check and fingerprinting.

#### DESIRED QUALITIES:

- Follow procedures according to SR Ordinance 449-2014
- (See www.SRPMIC-nsn.gov, Code of Ordinances, Chapter 15.5-14)
- Knowledge of SRPMIC Gaming Ordinance and State Compact
- Knowledge of National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC) Regulations
- Knowledge of the Community's vision
- Background in gaming and/or legal experience
- Be able to attend regularly scheduled meetings and special meetings if needed.

Board members are compensated a stipend for regularly scheduled and/or special called meetings.

## SRPMIC ELECTION BOARD

### (1) District I (Salt River) Board Member

### (2) District II (Lehi) Board Members

Must be an enrolled member of SRPMIC and reside or declared in the home district you are applying for.

On November 18, 2020 the SRPMIC Council amended and restated the election ordinance to improve the Community's election process. The ordinance also continues establishment of a standing Election Board to ensure fair, accurate and consistent Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community elections.

Applications are being accepted for individuals who would like to be considered in serving as a member on this board.

Candidates for consideration are required to:

- Must be an enrolled member, 18 yrs. or older.
- Be a resident or non-resident declared in a home district of District I or District II.
- Be willing and able to attend election board meetings.
- Participate with discussion and input at election board meetings.
- Have good reading and writing skills.
- Able to work cooperatively with other board members.
- Be able to commit time and attendance on election-day before, during, and after polls close.
- Be responsible of ensuring an impartial and fair election.

## 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 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 (8am-5pm) hours may be necessary.

#### STIPEND

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

## MISS SALT RIVER 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 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 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 through various outlets. Such duties shall include:

1. Identify and schedule events for participation.
2. Chaperone, when available, Jr. Miss Salt River, Miss Salt River and the court 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. Be willing to put in time and effort into sharing the workload of the committee.
6. Open to learn about social media and other computer programs to promote the program and its ambassadors.
7. Other duties necessary as a MSR committee member.

#### Terms:

The Miss Salt River 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 and throughout the year with various task

Knowledge of the O'odham and Piipaash cultures a plus.

## SALT RIVER COMMUNITY CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION BOARD

### (2) Board Member Representatives

Board Members Needed

Are you creative? Are you resourceful? Are you innovative?

Salt River Community Children's Foundation Board

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 of Administration. For any questions contact the Board Secretary at (480) 362-7495.

## CASINO ARIZONA & TALKING STICK RESORT - GAMING ENTERPRISE BOARD VACANCIES

### (1) Professional Representative

Open to members and non-members.

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 fingerprinting and an extensive background check in order to obtain the required gaming license to be a member of the board.

## SALT RIVER FIELDS AT TALKING STICK

(1) Community Member Representative (SRPMIC Members may apply.)

(2) Professional Representatives (All may apply.)

(1) Professional/Financial Representative (All may apply.)

The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (SRPMIC), in partnership with the Arizona Diamondbacks and the Colorado Rockies Baseball Teams, will operate a Cactus League Spring Training Facility.

The Salt River Fields at Talking Stick board will be responsible to provide oversight, follow the vision statement of the Community, delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer, or equivalent, oversee business activities that meet the establishment criteria of the Enterprise/ Division, ensure the financial viability of the Enterprise/Division, and ensure that the Enterprise/Division complies with all applicable laws.

Applicants for Board of Directors must meet the following criteria:

Professional Representatives must have extensive professional or management experience in the following:

- Cactus League baseball operations
- \* Marketing and Advertising
- Hospitality industry\* Entertainment
- Facility Management \*Financial Management

Community Member Representative is not required to have professional or management experience but knowledge of or experience in these areas is helpful.

Additionally, candidates must be able to:

- Serve a 3-year term;
- Attend regular board meetings. Attend special board meetings, if called; and
- Have knowledge of the Community's vision.
- Submit a resume in addition to completing a SRPMIC board application.

# Secretary Haaland Creates New Missing and Murdered Unit to Pursue Justice for Missing or Murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives

WASHINGTON – On April 1, Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland announced the formation of a new Missing & Murdered Unit (MMU) within the Bureau of Indian Affairs Office of Justice Services (BIA-OJS) to provide leadership and direction for cross-departmental and interagency work involving missing and murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives. The MMU will help put the full weight of the federal government into investigating these cases and marshal law enforcement resources across federal agencies and throughout Indian country.

“Violence against Indigenous peoples is a crisis that has been underfunded for decades. Far too often, murders and missing persons cases in Indian country go unsolved and unaddressed, leaving families and communities devastated,” said Interior Secretary Deb Haaland. “The new MMU unit

will provide the resources and leadership to prioritize these cases and coordinate resources to hold people accountable, keep our communities safe, and provide closure for families.”

Approximately 1,500 American Indian and Alaska Native missing persons have been entered into the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) throughout the U.S., and approximately 2,700 cases of murder and nonnegligent homicide offenses have been reported to the Federal Government's Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program.

A task force on Missing and Murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives — Operation Lady Justice (OLJ) — was formed in 2019 to pursue these unresolved cases. Today's announcement builds on that work by designating new leadership and support positions, including a Unit Chief responsible for stakeholder collabora-

tion, continued policy development, and overall performance of the unit. The Department is also designating new positions with existing federal funding to support the investigative needs of the MMU, including the collection and analysis of performance data and coordination of services with the families of victims.

Investigations remain unsolved often due to a lack of investigative resources available to identify new information from witness testimony, re-examine new or retained material evidence, and review fresh activities of suspects. The MMU, in addition to reviewing unsolved cases, will immediately begin working with Tribal, BIA and FBI Investigators on active Missing and Murdered investigations.

The MMU will also enable the Department to expand its collaborative efforts with other agencies, such as working to enhance the DOJ's National

Missing and Unidentified Persons System (NamUs), and developing strategic partnerships with additional stakeholders such as the FBI's Behavioral Analysis Units (BAU's), the FBI Forensic Laboratory, the US Marshals Missing Child Unit (MCU) and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC).

“Whether it's a missing family member or a homicide investigation, these efforts will be all hands-on deck,” Secretary Haaland continued. “We are fully committed to assisting Tribal communities with these investigations, and the MMU will leverage every resource available to be a force-multiplier in preventing these cases from becoming cold case investigations.”

For more information, please visit Missing & Murdered Unit (MMU) — Operation Lady Justice at <https://www.bia.gov/bia/ojs/missing-murdered-unit>.

# FEMA Launches COVID-19 Funeral Financial Assistance

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought overwhelming grief to many families. At the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA), the mission is to help people before, during and after disasters. FEMA is dedicated to helping ease some of the financial stress and burden caused by the Coronavirus.

Under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 and the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, FEMA will provide financial assistance for COVID-19-related funeral expenses.

This month the Federal Emergency Management Agency will start reimbursing people for funeral costs that occurred on or after January 20th, 2020 up to \$9,000 per funeral. There are cases where the virus swept through families, and people who apply for assistance for multiple deaths could receive up to \$35,500, officials said.

FEMA officials has established a

phone number for applicants that will be active beginning April 12th. You will be able to call this number to get an application completed with help from FEMA's representatives. Calling in is the only way you can apply. This process is independent of SRPMIC government so you will have to work directly with FEMA.

Be aware FEMA is receiving reports of scammers reaching out to people offering to register them for funeral assistance. FEMA has not sent any such notifications and do not contact people prior to them registering for assistance.

Once an applicant has applied for COVID-19 Funeral Assistance and is provided an application number, they may provide supporting documentation to FEMA a few ways:

Those eligible to apply should start compiling records such as an official death certificate that shows the death occurred in the United State and attributes it to COVID-19, as well as

receipts or contracts that document funeral expenses, FEMA officials said. The agency also asked applicants to start gathering any documents that show whether they received help for funeral costs from other agencies or sources.

Multiple people who may have helped pay for one funeral can plan to submit one application, and those who receive the assistance will get it in the form of a check or by direct deposit. All applicants will have to provide any funding assistance that they have already received and this amount will be deducted from the amount the applicant receives from FEMA.

FEMA will begin accepting applications for funeral assistance on Monday, April 12th through its dedicated call center. For more information: <https://www.fema.gov/disasters/coronavirus/economic/funeral-assistance>

## Who is Eligible?

To be eligible for funeral assistance,

you must meet these conditions:

- The death must have occurred in the United States, including the U.S. territories, and the District of Columbia.
- The death certificate must indicate the death was attributed to COVID-19.
- The applicant must be a U.S. citizen, non-citizen national, or qualified alien who incurred funeral expenses after January 20, 2020.
- There is no requirement for the deceased person to have been a U.S. citizen, non-citizen national, or qualified alien.

## How to Apply:

COVID-19 Funeral Assistance Line Number

Applications begin on April 12, 2021  
844-684-6333 | TTY: 800-462-7585

Hours of Operation

Monday-Friday

8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Central Time



## MEMORIAL SERVICES DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

*As part of our continuing efforts to help prevent the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19) throughout the Community, the following restrictions are in place for all funeral services and planning*

### CONTACTING MEMORIAL SERVICES

The next of kin can contact Memorial Services at 480-278-7050 to notify Memorial Services staff of the passing of a loved one. The next of kin will need to provide the full name and birthdate of the loved one who has passed to begin the verification process. Families can schedule to:

- Meet via Skype with Memorial Services staff
- Meet over the phone with Memorial Services staff

### TRADITIONAL PIPAASH CREMATION

Families must seek guidance from a traditional advisor. The family must notify Memorial Services staff if they are planning a Piipaash cremation.

### SERVICES TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

- No wakes, funerals or family meetings held at any tribal facility or at any home within the Community
- No funeral announcements will be posted by Memorial Services staff. This is the responsibility of the family.
- No set ups will be provided at the home

### SERVICES PROVIDED DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

- Graveside service at cemeteries ONLY (20 people maximum and services not to exceed 2 hours)
- Family and guests over the age of 7 years must wear masks
- 30 x 20 tent provided at cemetery
- Hand wash station, hand sanitizer, and port-a-john will be available
- 10 chairs spaced 6ft apart (Please do not move chairs and practice social distancing)
- If family wishes to hand dig grave, tools will be provided
- Casket cart or table for urn

### Time Line of Memorial Services changes due to the following Emergency Declarations

- **3/17/20**—SRPMIC Council declared Emergency Declaration in Community
- **3/21/20**—SRPMIC Memorial Services closed facilities for all wake/funeral services due to Community Declaration
  - Stopped wake set ups at home and no family meetings at facilities
- **4/1/20**—1st Directive by SRPMIC Council: Stay at home order and no public gatherings
- **4/19/20**—2nd Directive by SRPMIC Council: All individuals 7 years or age and older within the Community are required to wear a face mask outside their residence
  - Encouraged wearing face masks
  - Requiring all attending funeral services, must wear face masks
- Memorial Services changed services to graveside ONLY (Limited to 20 people at services & up to 2 hours per services)

Families needing Memorial Services assistance during this time may call Memorial Services at (480) 278-7050 to schedule an appointment.



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## PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY

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### NOTICE OF HEARING ON REQUEST FOR PERMANENT EXCLUSION OF LAWSON ARTHUR WATSON (DOB XX/XX/75).

April 7, 2021

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (SRPMIC) Council pursuant to Article VII, § 1(g) of the SRPMIC Constitution and Section 7-72 through 7-75 of the SRPMIC Code of Ordinances, appointed a committee to conduct an investigation/hearing to determine whether Mr. Lawson Arthur Watson (DOB XX/XX/75) and whose pictures appears on <http://srpmic-nsn.gov/government/exclusion/> should be permanently excluded from the boundaries of the SRPMIC. Mr. Watson is currently temporarily excluded from the boundaries of the SRPMIC, and summary information regarding this temporary exclusion regarding allegations of domestic violence and other illegal activity.

The Community's Exclusion Committee has scheduled a hearing to consider whether Mr. Watson should be permanently excluded from the SRPMIC at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 25, 2021 via skype. Upon seeing this notice, Mr. Watson should contact Theresa Rosier, Deputy General Counsel at (480) 362-7446 or [Theresa.rosier@srpmic-nsn.gov](mailto:Theresa.rosier@srpmic-nsn.gov) to receive the skype phone number or log in code.

Mr. Brandon Watson may attend the hearing, but if he chooses not to attend, the Exclusion Committee will still hold the hearing and render its decision. Mr. Watson has the right to an advocate or legal counsel at the hearing. In addition, the hearing will be conducted in an informal manner.

## SRPD MONTHLY CRIME STATISTICS February -March 2021

The Uniform Crime Report (UCR) program was established in the 1920s by the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) to standardize crime reporting nationally, this report has become the Country's leading crime indicator, this is the reason the Salt River Police Department lists these particular crimes.

### SRPD Calls for Service, Police Reports and Response Time Stats.

CATEGORY	FEB.	MAR.
Events	6,940	6,301
Police Reports	392	384
Priority ONE Calls	309	471
Avg. ResponseTime (Priority One)	6.22	5.56
Avg. ResponseTime (Priority Two)	9.57	10.52

### SRPD Arrested Persons Number of Native Adults & Juveniles

CATEGORY	FEB.	MAR.
Native Adults	58	39
Native Juveniles	5	7
TOTALS	63	46

### SRPD Arrested Persons Number of (Native, Non-Native, Adults & Juveniles)

CATEGORY	FEB.	MAR.
Native	63	46
Non-Native	131	127
TOTALS	194	173

### SRPD Calls for Service, Police Reports and Response Time Stats.

CATEGORY	FEB.	MAR.
Number of Telephone calls received	6,346	6,722
Number of 9-1-1 calls received	1,334	1,540
Number of Alarm signals received	47	37

### SRPD Calls for Service, Police Reports and Response Time Stats.

CATEGORY	FEB.	MAR.
Non-Injury Accident	16	26
Injury Accident	2	5
Fatality Accident	0	0
Private Property Accident	10	8
Citations	827	549
DUI Arrests	27	20

### SRPD Calls for Service, Police Reports and Response Time Stats.

CATEGORY	FEB.	MAR.
Assault	9	4
Forgery/ Counterfeiting	1	3
Fraud	11	11
Embezzlement	1	0
Stolen Property	0	0
Vandalism	18	14
Weapons violations	3	9
Prostitution	0	0
Sex Offenses	7	3
Drug violations (sell/ manufacture)	2	1
Drug violations (possession)	22	34
Gambling	0	0
DUI	27	20
Liquor laws	9	11
Drunkenness	0	0
Disorderly conduct	2	4
ARPA violations	0	0
Suspicious Activity Persons & Vehicle	175	203
Curfew (persons under 18)	1	1
Runaway (persons under 18)	0	0
Domestic violence	9	6
All other violations (illegal dumping)	2	4
Trespass	0	0
Animal Problems	94	116
TOTALS	393	444

### SRPD Calls for Service, Police Reports and Response Time Stats.

CATEGORY	FEB.	MAR.
Aggravated Assault	6	3
Arson	2	0
Burglary	10	8
Homicide	0	1
Rape	2	5
Robbery	2	0
Theft	59	60
Vehicle Theft	5	5
TOTALS	87	82

## SRPMIC Water Quality Report Now Available

The 2020 Salt River Water Quality Report, which contains important information about the source and quality of your drinking water, is available to view online at <https://www.srpmic-nsn.gov/SaltRiverWQR/>

Customers who receive tap water in Lehi can see their report at:  
<https://www.srpmic-nsn.gov/LehiWQR/>

Customers who receive tap water in North Mesa can see their report at:  
<https://www.srpmic-nsn.gov/NMesaWQR/>

Customers who receive tap water in Landfill can see their report at:  
<https://www.srpmic-nsn.gov/LandfillWQR/>

To request a printed copy of this report, please contact the Public Works Department at (480) 362-5600 or email at [PWWaterResources@SRPMIC-nsn.gov](mailto:PWWaterResources@SRPMIC-nsn.gov).

For a translation of the water quality report or to speak with someone about the report please call (480) 362-5600 or email at [PWWaterResources@SRPMIC-nsn.gov](mailto:PWWaterResources@SRPMIC-nsn.gov).



**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 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](mailto:membercomments@srpmic-nsn.gov). Reminder, Council should not receive comments about any pending court issues, any Human Resources issues, or issues related to juveniles.

## MARCH 10, 2021 – SKYPE COUNCIL MEETING ITEMS:

**Spring Break** – No Council Meeting held.

## MARCH 11, 2021 – SKYPE COUNCIL WORK SESSION ITEMS:

**Spring Break** – No Council Meeting held.

## MARCH 17, 2021 – SKYPE COUNCIL MEETING ITEMS:

**River People Health Center Video** – A video was presented for a “Call to SRPMIC Artists” for art to be exhibited in the River People Health Center.

**Proposed Ordinance re Community Enterprises** – Council tabled an ordinance to repeal and replace Chapter 1, Section 1-35 of the SRPMIC Code of Ordinances regarding Community Enterprises to clarify the legal relationship of the enterprises to the Community.

**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 a vaccine update.

**Administrative Reports:** The Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs (OCLA) provided an update on the Federal and State congressional and legislative updates and appointments. The Chief of Police provided a weekly report on major crimes occurring in the Community.

**Executive Session:** Gaming Enterprise Monthly Report, CM Event Update, COVID-19 Update, Project Clarification, Board Application Review (SRCGE, SRLF), OGC Legal Matters.

## MARCH 18, 2021 – SKYPE COUNCIL WORK SESSION ITEMS:

**Housing Update** – The Community Development Department Director provided an update on the Community Housing Development and Homesite Status. Item will return for Council discussion.

**Residential Water Rates** – This item was tabled for a future Council Work Session.

**Medical Marijuana** – A presentation regarding the Endocannabinoid System, the different between Hemp and Marijuana, types of Cannabis plants, risks of marijuana and medical benefits of Marijuana was presented. The presentation was informational only.

**Executive Session:** Gaming Update.

## MARCH 24, 2021 – SKYPE COUNCIL MEETING ITEMS:

**Grant Application – Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation**

**(CTAS)** – A resolution was presented to authorize application for, and receipt and implementation of, grant funding through the United States of Justice (DOJ), CTAS for Public Safety and Community Policing, and Tribal Justice Systems Program. Council approved the resolution.

**Proposed Code Amendments for Special Domestic Violence Criminal Jurisdiction (SDVCJ)** – This item was tabled at the beginning of the meeting. Will be back on next week’s agenda.

**Grant Application – Grants to Tribal Governments for SDVCJ** – This item was tabled at the beginning of the meeting. Will be back on next week’s agenda.

**Covid-19 Update** – The Community Manager provided an overview of the current Community Covid-19 situation and testing results for the week. He also gave a vaccine update.

**Administrative Reports:** The Chief of Police provided a summary of operations report for the week. The Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs (OCLA) provided a weekly report that included federal, state, and tribal updates.

**Executive Session:** Exclusion Request, SRMG Beeline Update, SDVCJ, Vulnerable Persons, OGC Legal Matters.

## MARCH 25, 2021 – SKYPE COUNCIL WORK SESSION ITEMS:

**No open items.**  
Executive Session: Gaming Update, Education Discussion, Section 12-Farming Lease.

## MARCH 31, 2021 – SKYPE COUNCIL MEETING ITEMS:

**Salt River Fields Board Appointment** – Council reappointed Christie Dash to fill the expired term of the Community Member Representative. She will serve a 3-year term.

**Proposed Code Amendments for Special Domestic Violence Criminal Jurisdiction (SDVCJ)** – Council directed staff to address the Council/Community comments received.

**Grant Application – Grants to Tribal Governments for SDVCJ** – No action taken due to direction of previous agenda item.

**Amendments to Land Management Board By-Laws** – Council approved the proposed amendments that were identified to adequately and efficiently conduct business.

**Talking Stick Trademark** – Background was provided on the use of the Talking Stick Trademark and the question whether to renew the trademark or let it lapse was posed. Council approved the recommendation to let the trademark lapse.

**COVID-19 Update** – The Community Manager provided an overview of the current Community Covid-19 situation and testing results for the week. Information was also provided on the Covid Memorial site.

**Administrative Reports:** The Chief of Police provided a summary of operations report for the week.

**Executive Session:** Gaming Update, Gaming Ordinance, OGC Legal Matters.

## APRIL 1, 2021 – SKYPE COUNCIL WORK SESSION ITEMS:

**Housing Update** – The Community Development Department (CDD) Director continued their presentation regarding Community Housing Development and Homesite Status that was first presented at the March 18, 2021 Council Work Session. Presentation was informational. CDD Staff will return to Council with 6-8 months for follow-up.

**Residential Water Rates** – Five options for Residential Water Rates were presented to Council. For future Council action.

**Regular Session Minutes** – Council reviewed and approved the past month’s open session minutes.

**Executive Session** – Gaming Update, Executive Session Minutes, Director’s Retirement, Community Member preference suggestion.

**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/>.

**Some of the Information includes, e.g.:**

- President’s Weekly Recaps
- Emergency Operations Comand (EOC) Updates
- SRPMIC Declarations and Ordinances
- Office Closures and Services Affected
- Finance Pay Cards



## Now Accepting Applications for the 2021-2022 School Year

- \* Early Head Start (Prenatal to 3 years)
- \* Preschool/Head Start (3 to 5 years)
- \* Home-Based Program (Prenatal to 3 years)

**Completed applications are due May 28, 2021**

Applications available at ECEC or online at [ecec.saltriverschools.org](http://ecec.saltriverschools.org)

**For more info, contact Jessica Holmes, Enrollment Technician at (480) 362-2222**

**ECEC location: 4836 N Center St., Scottsdale, AZ 85256**

## Spring Celebration Drive-Up Celebration at Meal Distribution

BY CHRIS PICCIUOLO  
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On April 1, a Spring Celebration drive-up event was held at the Salt River Schools Meal Distribution.

Many Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community departments made the fun event possible, with staff from Salt River Elementary School, the Early Childhood Education Center, Food Services, the Education Board and the Miss Salt River Committee contributing to the festivities.

Cars lined up to receive full-sized game sets, toys, puzzles and books from staff at the Early Childhood Education Center, who also sponsored the balloon arches welcoming the Community to the event.

Miss Salt River Isabella Dockerty handed out cookies and presented the



The Easter Bunny arrived to help staff give away plastic eggs filled with school supplies.

Easter basket raffle; winners were chosen on Facebook Live after the event. The Easter Bunny was also on hand to help staff distribute plastic Easter eggs filled with erasers, while Food Services staff made a “Bunny Bait” trail mix, which is a mixture of whole-grain cereal, bunny-shaped graham crackers and marshmallows.

Food Services Manager Shannon Reina said that it is amazing how all the departments come together to hold these events for the Community. Since the early days of the COVID-19 pandemic on March 17, 2020, Food Services has served more than 94,000 meals via drive-up service.

“We have accomplished so much, and even though it has been difficult, I will be sad when we no longer get to serve drive-up meals,” said Reina.



Pete the Cat gives two thumbs up to families as they drive by at Meal Distribution.



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







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## AGGREGATES – MORE THAN JUST ROCKS

Kyle Henderson | SRMG Director of Aggregate Operations

### “It’s not Rocket science, It’s Rock Science”

We all use aggregate products every day and might not realize it. Here are the basics of how we make our products and how important they are for everyday life.

#### Natural Material

Natural material is excavated from designated mining areas and loaded into haul trucks. The material is stockpiled near the primary feeder at the crusher. This material ranges in size from microscopic particles to 30” boulders.

#### Crushing

The raw feed material is then picked up with a front end wheel loader and loaded into a hopper. The natural 4” minus material goes to the sizing screen while 4-30” Rocks are sent to the jaw crusher to be reduced to 6” minus. All of this material is then conveyed to an 8’ x 20’ sizing screen. This screen allows all the material that is smaller than 1 1/8” go through

to be stacked as ABC or Wash Plant Feed. The larger material that is 1 1/8” to 6” is sent to a cone crusher to be reduced to 1 1/8” minus. That final product is used for base material under concrete and asphalt projects or Wash Plant feed material.

#### Washing

The 1 1/8” minus material from the crusher is then stacked over a tunnel feeder. The dry material is conveyed up to a 3 deck wet screen. This wet sizing screen has spray bars over all of the screens to wash the dirt and clay materials off of the solid particles of aggregate. Each deck sizes the material to make a variety of washed rock products that are used in concrete. These products include a 3/8” rock called #8, a 1/2” rock called #7, a 3/4” to 1” mixed rock called #57, and a 3/4” minus rock.

The fine material that is 3/16” minus is sent to another process with a screw or a cyclone to separate the dirt and clays and make clean concrete sand. These liberated clays

are sent to a settling pond or a plate press and later used for reclamation.

#### Quality Control

Each of our products is tested before they are sold. Our QC lab performs various tests to make sure our products meet gradation and durability specifications according to industry standards.

#### Batch Plants

Our customers for Aggregates, Cement, and Pozzolans are ready mix concrete producers. We allow them to set up plants on our sites in exchange for the purchase of our products. A batch plant is a system of bins and conveyors that is designed to weigh each material precisely to create a “batch” of concrete that will meet certain strength requirements. The batch of concrete is put into mix trucks and delivered to

projects. Concrete requires a wide range of aggregate products depending on the application.

As you go about your day take the time to look around and see if you could live without aggregates. When you wake up in the morning and set your feet on the ground remember that your houses foundation is most likely concrete. The road you drive on is made of asphalt or concrete and most of the infrastructure including sewage lines, sidewalks, curbs, and canals are made of concrete.



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both divisions of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community

## Calendar of Events

### APRIL

**Thru April 30 RIVER PEOPLE HEALTH CENTER- COMMUNITY MEMBER HIRING BLITZ**  
Presented By: SRPMIC-Human Resources Department - Simply call, email, or make an appointment with Human Resources - Opportunities include direct hires, temporary employment, on-the-job training, internships, and enrollment and training programs. Look out for more information from your SRPMIC Human Resources Beginning April, Contact Human Resources at Phone: (480) 362-7527 Email: [rphc.jobs@srpmic-nsn.gov](mailto:rphc.jobs@srpmic-nsn.gov) (see ad on page 4).

**17 VIRTUAL GRAND OPENING OF THE SRPMIC CULTURAL REPOSITORY**, 10 a.m. Ribbon cutting Livestream: <https://vimeo.com/event/869434> Join the Cultural Resources Department and Community Relations for the NOTE: Due to Community restrictions, there will be no public attendance. 11 a.m.- 2p.m. Public Drive Around route information coming soon Tune to FM 107.7 for featured programming. Giveaways at the end of route. Participants must remain in their vehicles. For more information contact Cultural Resources Department (480) 362-6325.

**20 PATHWAYS HOMEOWNER-SHIP VIRTUAL INFORMATION SESSION**, 5:30 p.m. Inviting Salt River Tribal Housing residents and interested enrolled Community members to join

this information session and receive beneficial information on the SRPMIC homeownership process to prepare for future homeownership. Topics - Your Personal Readiness, Evaluating Credit and Financial Preparedness. To register - Call Gracie Briones at (480) 362-7833 or Lori Calderon at (480) 362-5763 or send email to [gracie.briones@srpmic-nsn.gov](mailto:gracie.briones@srpmic-nsn.gov) / [lori.calderon@srpmic-nsn.gov](mailto:lori.calderon@srpmic-nsn.gov)

**17 CM ANTONE DISTRICT B**, 9 a.m., Agenda not scheduled at time of print. All meetings are online via SKYPE to connect to Website: <https://meet.srpmic-nsn.gov/councilmeeting/F16HFCQV> Phone: (480) 362-5990 Conference ID: 903450. Community members can also provide public comments, concerns and/or input by emailing: [membercomments@srpmic-nsn.gov](mailto:membercomments@srpmic-nsn.gov)

**23 LAST DAY FOR SRPMIC VEHICLE AUCTION BIDS SUBMIT AND CLOSING DATE**, 5 p.m. located at empty lot near SRPMIC Employee parking lot. Department of Transportation invites all enrolled community members to submit sealed bid. All bidders are required to wear a mask while viewing auction items at all times. Bids submit and closing date is Friday, April 23, 2021 at 5 p.m. Sharp - no exceptions. For more information on viewing dates/schedules available contact Department of Transportation (480) 362-7315

or contact Cecelia Nash (480) 362-7606.

**23 POKER DEALER ORIENTATION & POKER CLASSES, ORIENTATION-** 10 a.m.-12 p.m. The Casino Arizona and Talking Stick Resort Enrolled Community Member (ECM) Development Department is pleased to offer Poker classes to enrolled members of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community. If you are 18 years of age or older and are interested in joining the Talking Stick Resort team as a Poker Dealer, we encourage you to participate. **POKER CLASSES begin Monday, April 26, Monday - Friday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.** All events held at the Casino Human Resources Office, 8900 E. Chaparral Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85256. For more information, please contact Lisa Miguel at (480) 850-7761 or Rebecca Tenorio at (480) 850-5473. (see ad on page 9)

**26 CM LARGO DISTRICT E**, 5 p.m., Agenda not scheduled at time of print. All meetings are online via SKYPE to connect to Website: <https://meet.srpmic-nsn.gov/councilmeeting/412VZFHH> Phone: 480-362-5990 Conference ID: 116261. Community members can also provide public comments, concerns and/or input by emailing: [membercomments@srpmic-nsn.gov](mailto:membercomments@srpmic-nsn.gov). For more information contact the Council Secretary Office at (480) 362-7469.

**26 CM SCABBY / CM DALLAS LEHI DISTRICT**, 5 p.m., Agenda not scheduled at time of print. All meetings are online via SKYPE to connect to Website: <https://meet.srpmic-nsn.gov/councilmeeting/RVV7BYQ8> Phone: (480) 362-5990 Conference ID: 9646716 Community members can also provide public comments, concerns and/or input by emailing: [membercomments@srpmic-nsn.gov](mailto:membercomments@srpmic-nsn.gov) For more information contact the Council Secretary Office at (480) 362-7469.

**30 2021 IS THE SNRP'S 10TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY!** The calendar is a small view of a wide variety of resources for adults and children. Let's touch base for links to many in-person and/or virtual resources! - The Arizona Youth Leadership Forum will have a virtual conference this year. Youth Leaders who are selected will receive support and mentorship. Please apply on-line or call. - The Autism Expo will be hosted at a new location. To participate with this in-person and free expo, please register on-line or call. Call or email: (480) 362-6980 or [Zandria.Ransom@srpmic-nsn.gov](mailto:Zandria.Ransom@srpmic-nsn.gov) to see calendar for April events, see [www.srpmic-nsn.gov/community/specialneeds/](http://www.srpmic-nsn.gov/community/specialneeds/)

**30 PUBLIC INPUT REQUESTED ON ROADS PROGRAM**, 5 p.m. end of day. The Community has a Tribal Transportation Improvement Program (TTIP) showing the road projects planned over the next 5 years.

The plan includes new roadway construction, traffic calming, safety improvements, pavement rehabilitation and road maintenance. A copy of the TTIP can be found on the Community's website at <https://www.srpmic-nsn.gov/government/public-works/transportation-planning/>. A hardcopy is also available for pick up by appointment only at the Public Works office at 10124 East Earl Drive, Scottsdale, AZ 85256. Please contact Jennifer Jack, Public Works Department, Roads Section Manager, with any questions at (480) 362-7747 or [jennifer.jack@srpmic-nsn.gov](mailto:jennifer.jack@srpmic-nsn.gov). Comments may be submitted to Public Works at the mailing address or email indicated above. **The deadline for comments is April 30, 2021. (see ad on page 14).**

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**7 FIRST FRIDAY CHATS WITH HIGHER ED:** Join Higher Education staff with Community Employment presentation, 10 a.m.- 12 p.m. online session. Learn how to ace that interview, prepare for a career and about current/future Community opportunities. Ask questions, get advice, learn from the experts, and feel confident about your higher education goals. Chat sessions are scheduled the first Friday of every month from 10 a.m. to Noon via Microsoft Teams. Email [HigherEd@saltriverschools.org](mailto:HigherEd@saltriverschools.org) to register for the meeting link or to ask questions!

Thru 28 NOW ACCEPTING

**APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR** • Early Head Start (Prenatal to 3 years) • Preschool/Head Start (3 to 5 years) • Home-Based Program (Prenatal to 3 years) **Completed applications are due May 28, 2021.** Applications are available at the Early Childhood Education Center or online [ecec.saltriverschools.org](http://ecec.saltriverschools.org). For more information: Jessica Holmes Enrollment Technician (480) 362-2222. (see ad on page 17).

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### Community Relations IN-PERSON Office Hours

Community Relations Office is preparing to resume in-person visits for limited services beginning April 12. Community Relations can be reached at (480) 362-7740.

**Hours of Operation for in-person:**  
Monday - Friday  
8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

**Temporarily closed from**  
12 p.m. - 12:30 p.m.

AVAILABLE BY PHONE ONLY  
FROM 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.

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