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## What Is Domestic Violence and Where Can I Find Help?

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Domestic violence is a term that describes a special type of abuse. Domestic violence is a pattern of behavior that harms a person's family or partner both physically and emotionally.

According to the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community's Domestic Violence Education & Support Group brochure:

"Generally, domestic violence is a pattern of controlling behaviors, including physical violence, sexual violence, or stalking by a current or former intimate partner, family member or caregiver. It is seen in male or female and same-sex partner relationships. Domestic violence takes many forms and includes a range of actions intended to control: isolation, intimidation, using children, emotional abuse, economic abuse, coercion and threats, minimizing, denying and blaming, cultural abuse, ritual abuse, male privilege and sexual abuse."

Lynda Rivers from SRPMIC Health and Human Services Behavioral Health Department explains that although the obvious forms of domestic violence



can be recognized, it is the scenarios that we think little about that can do long-term damage.

For example:

- Using someone for money
- Preventing someone from getting or keeping a job so they won't have money
- Keeping track of all the money
- Using intimidating looks or gestures to scare someone
- Threatening to hurt other family members
- Threatening to commit suicide

when a partner tries to leave the relationship

- Guilt-tripping a partner in doing something they do not feel comfortable with or do not want to do
- Embarrassing or humiliating one's partner

The most critical aspect of fighting domestic violence is asking for help and receiving it. Rivers' job is ultimately making sure someone is all right mentally, emotionally and physically by guiding people toward get-

ting the services they need. Rivers and the Behavioral Health Department have a multitude of programs that can help, including therapy, counseling and wellness.

Rivers teaches a 20-week class that is suitable for groups or one-on-one sessions, depending on how comfortable the individual feels. The first 10 weeks cover domestic violence on the outside, learning about the power of control, how to have healthy relationships, and the roles that genders play in domestic violence. The next 10 weeks goes in-depth for the person to learn self-care, stress management and how to set and meet overall goals.

If you are seeking help in any of these areas, contact the SRPMIC Behavioral Health Department at (480) 362-5707.

Although the past several months has been very challenging for everyone, SRPMIC's Prevention & Intervention Services will still host its annual Glow Walk in October. This year, due to COVID-19, the event will be virtual, which means they are asking participants to walk on their own. The flyer/announcement gives more

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## SRPMIC President Martin Harvier: September 11 Update



SRPMIC President Martin Harvier provided his weekly report on the third floor of Two Waters Building A.

Hello, Community members. As I come to you for our weekly update, the report from the Salt River Clinic is that there have been 5,000 COVID-19 tests completed here in the Community, 312 Community members have tested positive, and 275 have recovered. We also have non-members residing within the boundaries of our Community; 54 of those individuals have tested positive and 47 have recovered. It's always good to report that people are recovering from the coronavirus. Currently there are 27 members or residents actively fighting the disease, and six of them are hospitalized. Let's remember those who are in the hospital and pray for their full recovery.

### Animal and Fowl Ordinance Amendments

This past Wednesday at the Tribal Council meeting, there was some discussion about a Chapter 12 amendment to the Animal and Fowl Ordinance that came out some time ago. Because of COVID-19 and the conditions we are working in, there was some delay. Previously, meetings were held with Community members and input was given, which will be shared with the public soon. Watch O'odham Action News and the SRPMIC websites and communication tools for upcoming information on amendments to this ordinance, which pertains to abandoned animals, vicious

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## SRPMIC Flu Shot Campaign to Begin in October



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The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community's Health and Human Services (HHS) and Emergency Management departments will distribute the flu vaccine to the Community starting in October. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the plan for influenza vaccine distribution expanded this year to provide maximum opportunity for Community members to get vaccinated.

Influenza (the flu) is a respiratory infection that can cause serious complications, particularly in young children, older adults and people with certain medical conditions. Getting an

influenza vaccine, though not 100% effective, is the best way to prevent the misery of the flu and its complications.

To ensure safety when getting the flu vaccine, HHS and Emergency Management are planning social distancing and safety measures (such as a drive-up vaccination station) to prevent the spread of viruses. HHS is developing an information plan with Community Relations, and staff are being trained to be ready to assist Community members.

"The SRPMIC Emergency Management Program has had in place for many years a plan to distribute medicine to the entire Community within 48 hours," said SRPMIC Emergency Manager Cliff Puckett. "This plan,

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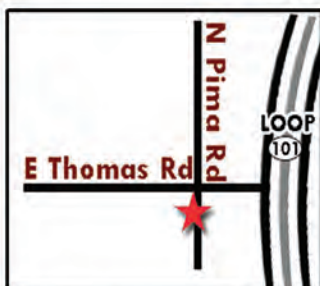
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# SRFD Holds Vehicle Extrication Training Event



Salt River Fire Department (SRFD) units participate in a Vehicle Extrication Training on Friday, August 28, 2020 at substation 294; the units simulated a two-vehicle rollover accident that involved a total of five victims.



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On a recent overcast morning, Salt River Fire Department (SRFD) Battalion Chief Mike Mink knelt on the ground, surrounded by broken glass and debris, writing instructions on a piece of cardboard to place on an overturned vehicle as he prepared for the SRFD's Vehicle Extrication Training. Earlier in the week, RezHawk Towing and Recovery donated four vehicles to create two mock accident scenes for use in a week of training for the SRFD to sharpen their skills for managing a vehicle extrication situation.

This training helps the SRFD when responding to motor vehicle accidents of a severe nature, explained Mink.

In one of the simulated accident scenes, a two-vehicle rollover accident had five victims: four adults and one infant. Items found on the scene indicated that alcohol and drugs were present in one vehicle, and that vehicle's occupant was trapped. In the second vehicle, two victims were trapped and one adult and an infant were ejected and lying in a field next to the accident scene.

"This is a critical scenario today because, as you can see over here, we have two simulated individuals that were ejected from the vehicle, which unfortunately does happen from time to time," said Mink. "When we arrive to a scene like this, we quickly triage patients. Triage is where we check to see how severely wounded the patient is

and whether they have any life-threatening injuries."

In this simulated accident, each victim had a piece of white tape stating their injuries, age and vital signs. Participating units referred to this information to determine which patients were the most critical and who needed to go to a trauma center.

After assessing the scene, the SRFD units quickly moved on to extrication, removing victims from the vehicles using hydraulic tools such as the jaws of life. They then moved the victims to a treatment area, a collection point where another unit of paramedics started providing primary medical care and getting the patients into ambulances.

"Extrication [involves] a whole litany of tasks. We have to stabilize the vehicles and figure out how to ... get the [rescuers] in safely without compromising the structure of the vehicle. They then have to get the patients out without [inadvertently wounding] any of our personnel or causing any further injury to any of the victims inside the vehicles," said Mink.

"This training is giving our aspiring captain and battalion chief candidates the opportunity to run incidents in a training atmosphere," said Mink. "Today we have a couple of Acting Captain Internship Program candidates [working on this rescue drill]. We give them a little bit of stress and let them do some decision-making in a safe environment before we certify them to move up as a captain. Today my captain on Engine 1 is acting battalion chief, who actu-



Once a victim is removed from the vehicle they are placed on a stretcher and moved to the treatment area.



One of the crash victims included an infant who was ejected from the vehicle into the field near by the crash site, emergency response brings the infant to the treatment area to assess their injuries.



SRFD Fire Engineer Casey Kingry operates an extrication tool to open one of the vehicles rear door.



Once the victims are removed from the vehicles, they are taken to the treatment area to be treated or to see who needs to be sent to a trauma center.

ally runs the Incident Command side of things. Once they get on scene, they will take over command. It will give them an opportunity to [coordinate] a significant medical response today, and I get to critique [their performance] as the battalion chief. Hopefully it's a learning opportunity for them."

Two Community members, SRFD Fire Engineer Joan Wood and Fire Captain Robert Scabby, both played a role in the two areas of the training. Wood took part in the extrication of the victims; she and her unit arrived on scene first, assessing the scene and seeing how many victims there were. They then gathered tools and strategized a plan to get the victims out and pass them over to Scabby and his unit for medical assistance and transport.

"The drill was terminated once we had every critical patient, which was

five, transported off the scene. In real life, that is when everything is done," said Scabby about how the training ended. "It was a pretty good drill; we had our dispatch center working in conjunction with us, so it was pretty realistic. [I]t was as real as you can get."

The training helps the SRFD units stay fresh on their skills of incident command and operations for medical response to an accident scene. With safety being their highest priority, this training will help them be prepared to conduct the exact same actions when called to respond to a vehicle accident on the Loop 101 Freeway, Beeline Highway or anywhere in the Community.



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# SRPMIC 2020 General Election: Community Elects Council Representatives

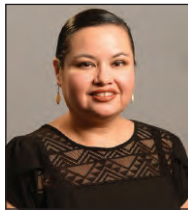
Newly elected Council representatives will serve a four-year term.

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## Salt River - District I (2) Council Member Seats - TOP 2 in red



A. David Antone  
416



Wi-Bwa Grey  
442



Archie Kashoya  
406



Jonathan Upshaw  
112

## Lehi - District II (1) Council Member Seat - TOP 1 in red



Whitney Che Grey  
55



Deanna Scabby  
124

Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community members 18 years and older had the opportunity to get out and vote in the 2020 SRPMIC General Election. The terms of Council representatives Wi-Bwa Grey, Archie Kashoya, and Deanna Scabby are expiring this year, making three Council representative seats available including two for District I (Salt River) and one for District II (Lehi).

There were four nominees for District I the nominees included former Council representative David Antone, incumbent Council representatives Wi-Bwa Grey and Archie Kashoya and a new candidate Jonathan Upshaw. In District I there were two nominees who included first time candidate Whitney Che Grey and incumbent Council representative Deanna Scabby.

All nominees had to be eligible to run for a seat on council, eligibility for a council seat included:

- Being an enrolled member of the SRPMIC.
- Registered to vote in Community Elections.
- Physically reside within the SRPMIC boundaries for at least one year, immediately preceding the election.
- Physically reside in the district, which they are running at least six months, immediately preceding the election.
- Be at least 25 years of age.

Community members stopped by their polling sites for District I (Salt River) at the Salt River Community

Building and the Lehi District II voters went to the Lehi Community Building. This year voters who went in person had to take extra safety precautions as they went to vote, wearing face masks/coverings and follow social distancing guidelines by staying six feet apart.

SRPMIC Council and the nominees gathered at the Salt River Community Building as the results were announced and certified by the Election Board. In District I, Wi-Bwa Grey was re-elected as she received 442 votes, followed by David Antone with 416 votes. In District II, voters re-elected Deanna Scabby with 124 votes.

"It feels good to be re-elected, it was hard especially during the pandemic to campaign and get to know the Community so I had to think outside the box in order to connect to the Community," said newly re-elected Council representative Wi-Bwa Grey after hearing the results of the election. "My heart and best interest are serving the Community and we're servants as Council members; if anyone has any questions or concerns, I am here."

Re-elected Council representative Deanna Scabby explained that although it has been a difficult time for everyone in the Community, she is very humbled to have the opportunity to continue to move forward and work harder as a Council representative.

Newly elected Council representatives will serve a four-year term and the next SRPMIC General Election will be held in September 2022; the terms of the SRPMIC President, Vice-President, three District I (Salt River) representatives and one District II (Lehi) representative seats will end.

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For more information, contact Prevention & Intervention Services, (480) 362-7350; Vurlene Notsinneh-Bowekaty, (480) 362-2706; Melanie Nosie, (480) 362-6678; or Elma Dawahoya, (480) 362-5447.

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## SRPD Dispatch Supervisor Marcy Thomas Graduates From Training Program



AZ DPS Sgt. Jesus Gastelum, DPS Professional Development Coordinator Pat Ficere, SRPD Dispatch Supervisor Marcy Thomas, PSCD Communications Manager Kimberly Clark and SRPD Commander Jonathan Gann during Marcy's LIT graduation presentation.



SRPD Dispatch Supervisor Marcy Thomas.

**SUBMITTED BY OFF. CHRISTOPHER DAVIS**  
 Salt River Police Department

Salt River Police Dispatcher Marcy Thomas began her career as a public safety communications dispatcher 20 years ago with the Gila River Police Department. After serving six years with Gila River, Thomas was hired by SRPD as a lateral dispatcher in February 2006. Today, after almost 15 years of serving the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, Thomas is the SRPD communications supervisor.

Between Gila River and Salt River, Thomas has served both communities as a trainer and an instructor for police, fire and emergency medical dispatching. Throughout her career, she has demonstrated service, respect,

professionalism and dedication for the communities she has served. Thomas has now achieved another amazing accomplishment that will not only increase her overall work performance, but also will assist the Community by strengthening her co-workers' knowledge, skills and abilities.

Earlier this year, Thomas completed the Department of Public Safety Leaders in Training Program. This is an intense training program that has been designed to enhance the leadership potential for law enforcement personnel who aspire to and are looking to transfer to leadership positions. Some of what this program consists of is 140 classroom hours, mandatory non-classroom structured assignments, and a formal staff study that each student must research,

complete and present.

Due to COVID-19, the graduation and presentation of certificates was postponed. To celebrate Thomas' amazing accomplishment, on Tuesday, August 11, Pat Ficere from the Arizona Department of Public Safety, Cmdr. Jonathan Gann of the Salt River Police Department and Communications Manager Kimberly Clark met with Thomas to present her with the DPS Leaders in Training certificate.

Throughout her career, Thomas has shown that no matter how long one has been in a certain career, one should never be complacent and always strive for various ways to improve. Congratulations, Marcy!

## Understand Your Risk

Since COVID-19 is a new virus with no vaccine, everyone is at risk for being infected. However, according to CDC, risk for severe illness from COVID-19 increases with age and even moreso for those who are immune-suppressed or have underlying health conditions such as:

- \* Chronic kidney disease
- \* COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease)
- \* Obesity (BMI of 30 or higher)
- \* Serious heart conditions, such as heart failure, coronary artery disease, or cardiomyopathies
- \* Sickle cell disease
- \* Type 2 diabetes
- \* People who live in congregate settings, such as a nursing home or long-term care facility are also at greater risk.

### Symptoms of COVID-19 include:

- \* Fever or chills
- \* Cough
- \* Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- \* Fatigue
- \* Muscle or body aches
- \* Headache
- \* New loss of taste or smell
- \* Sore throat
- \* Congestion or runny nose
- \* Nausea or vomiting
- \* Diarrhea

Check the CDC website for the latest list of symptoms associated with COVID-19.

If your symptoms worsen, especially if you experience difficulty breathing, contact your healthcare provider immediately. For more information see Sick or Exposed to COVID-19.

If you are at increased risk for COVID-19 complications due to age or because you have a severe underlying medical condition, it is especially important for you to take actions to reduce your risk of exposure. These actions can slow the spread and reduce the impact of disease.

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# Growing With Rousseau Farming Company



A sign for Rousseau Farming Company, located on the northwest side of SRPMIC.

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Crops are being watered near Rousseau Farming Company at SRPMIC.

Rousseau Farming Company is one of three farms that cultivate leased farmland on the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community. Since 1991, Rousseau Farming has been a mainstay in the Community; currently, they farm about 4,500 acres of land.

The farm has a year-round staff of about 75 managers, irrigators, tractor drivers and mechanics. During harvest time, Rousseau will bring on an additional 300 farm workers.

Winter vegetable crops are just now starting to be

planted for the cool-weather season. Rousseau grows both organic and conventional crops, such as broccoli, iceberg lettuce, romaine lettuce, green and red leaf lettuce, parsley and kale. The organic-only vegetables grown by the farm during winter include leeks, carrots, and green, red and rainbow chard.

Some crop plantings are staggered. For instance, in mid-November, broccoli is planted every week and continues to be harvested every day it is ready, until about the end of March.

Yellow sweet onions are grown in the springtime, and Rousseau plans to grow organic and conventional celery as well. Silage corn, which is feed for dairy cows, is planted in spring and harvested in the sum-

mer. Sweet corn and cantaloupe are also harvested in the Community; the harvest is usually wrapped up by around July 4.

To keep its employees safe during the extreme heat of the summer, owner Will Rousseau makes sure that the company takes care of them. "We had to be careful with our irrigation workforce and make sure that they had plenty of breaks, drank a lot of cool water and were properly attired with big hats, long sleeves and gloves," said Rousseau. "When it gets that hot here, none of the crops that we're going to harvest are still growing. We don't grow any alfalfa, but the other two farms do."

From summer to the beginning of fall, the farm usually is doing tillage, preparing the ground for the next crop.

"We'd like to continue to express our gratitude for the opportunity to be a good steward of the Community's asset, its land," said Rousseau. "It truly is a wonderful asset that we respect and admire and treat as though it were our own. We realize that it is not our own, that we're guests in the Community."

## SRPMIC Tribal Library Stays Busy During Pandemic

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The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Tribal Library has kept churning out programs for the Community during the COVID-19 pandemic, ensuring that Community members stay active in their pursuit of information.

For young children and families, the library has a series of Story Time events on different topics. Kindness Story Time was on September 15, and Culture Story Time takes place on September 29 (details of the library's events and Story Time topics can be found on the SRPMIC Way of Life Facility Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/SRPMIC.WOLF](http://www.facebook.com/SRPMIC.WOLF)).

"[Our] staff enjoys [hosting] these [events], and we are learning just how creative we can be!" said Melissa Rave, Salt River tribal librarian.

September is also Library Card Sign-Up Month. To celebrate, join the Salt River Tribal Library in spreading the word and getting library cards into the hands of children, teens and parents who, more than ever, need access to free resources and information.

"Our cardholders have thoroughly enjoyed past programs including Star Wars Family Night, Dr. Seuss Family Night and Leap into Science Family Fun Day," said Latiesha Guy, library assistant. "All of our programs are designed to incorporate fun, interactive activities with useful information and resources for all ages. Now we are glad to offer virtual programs the Community can enjoy from home, including Story Times, e-books, e-audiobooks, DIY tutorials and more!"



Photo courtesy of SRPMIC Tribal Library

The Summer Reading Program took place online this year, but Rave says those who participated did a great job, just as in any other summer. Readers tracked their reading minutes on their own and reported them, with a total of 5,376 reading minutes logged for all participating readers from June 1 to August 15 (that's nearly 90 hours!). Children up to 11 years old read for a total of 2,604 minutes; teens ages 12 to 17 read for a total of 210 minutes; and adults ages 18 and up read for a total of 2,562 minutes.

The grand prize winner was Tizoc Lopez, son of Rito and Christy Lopez. He won the drawing for the Harkins Prize Pack, which included movie passes, movie cups and popcorn passes donated by Harkins Theatres. Other prizes earned during the Summer Reading Program were Peter Piper Pizza coupons, coupons for free lemonade at Raising Cane's, an Arizona State Parks Pass, and choice of either a free print book or a free e-book.

Rave offered some tips to help families adjust to this new routine of online

learning and reading at home.

"We wanted to give some tips as families return to the school year, which typically is done in person, as we start to see them coming to [the library] to check out books. But of course, this year was very different," said Rave. "So, we put a video together of some tips that can be applied to families at home during online learning. Reading is an important component of future learning from birth and beyond, so if we can spend some time reading, that's great."

Tips include how to reduce distractions by setting up a special space dedicated to reading where kids can read away from other activities. A bean bag, a pillow fort or just a comfy chair are all great places to sit and enjoy a book.

Parents should offer their kids multiple options for reading materials. In addition to print books, graphic novels, comic books and e-books are all great reading, according to Rave. "Consider their interests and abilities. If they choose the same book [they read before]—read it again! If they choose something at a higher reading level, read a paragraph or page at a time, then discuss what you read," she suggested.

Rave added, "It opens up the world when we take the time to have a conversation over what we read together! Set an appropriate time for each age. Reading to little ones is encouraged to get in that reading time daily."

For more information on library events and tips for online learning, contact the Salt River Tribal Library at (480) 362-6600.

**Let your friend know  
you're there if they  
need to talk.**

Source: AdCouncil.org

## September is National Suicide Awareness Month

There are ways everyone can help prevent  
suicide.

### WAYS TO HELP

- 1. Ask direct questions.**  
Even though it's hard, ask a person directly if they're thinking about suicide.
- 2. Listen to their answers**  
People with suicidal thoughts often feel alone, so be sure to let them know that you care deeply about what they have to say.
- 3. Do a safety check**  
If you're concerned for their well-being, try removing anything they could use to harm themselves, such as alcohol, drugs, medications, weapons, and even access to a car.
- 4. Don't keep this a secret**  
Let them know you'll help them come up with a plan that involves telling a professional who can utilize the many services and resources available to help.
- 5. Ensure they seek professional help.**

**Salt River Non-Emergency (480) 850-9230 or  
call 911 for Emergency Assistance  
Salt River Crisis (480) 850-9230  
Salt River Behavioral Health Services  
(480) 362-5707**



# SRPMIC MEMBER BUSINESS OWNER PROFILE



Pima Size It! t-shirt by Native Creative Apparel.

## Isaac and Christina Lopez, Owners Native Creative Apparel

520 N Vineyard Mesa, AZ 85201  
(480) 410-8685  
www.nativecreativeapparel.com.

Services: Silkscreen T-shirts and jackets for adults, toddlers and infants, including baby onesies. Designs incorporate Native themes using humor and history. Masks and a new shirt design coming in October.

Top photo: Native Creative Apparel selling merch at an event.

**Q: What made you want to start your own business, and why did you choose this type of business?** (OAN talked with Isaac for the interview)

**A:** I've been an artist throughout my whole life. I love to draw and make Native designs. When my wife (Christina) mentioned silkscreens, I thought that maybe I would give it a try. She wants to support my talent out in the Community, and that's how it came about. That's why Native Creative Apparel was created.

**Q: How has the COVID-19 pandemic affected your business?**

**A:** My wife and I are parents of a daughter. I work as well. We usually have her in daycare, but since this whole pandemic is going on, we decided to take her out of daycare for her safety. The business has been put on hold for a while. Plus, it's summer; my workshop in the garage has no AC unit, so it gets really hot in there. This will affect me and especially my materials, because of the water-based ink I use, which dries up quickly. So that's why we closed the silkscreen business for the summer. We will reopen in October and go through the end of spring.

**Q: To what do you attribute your**

**success?**

**A:** I attribute my success to everyone in the Community—not just in Salt River, but Gila River, Maricopa, etc. Basically our clothing features mostly humor and funny words, like our best-selling "Eeeyah!" design.

**Q: What are your company's goals?**

**A:** Our goal is for our company to be recognized in the world. I want to do silkscreen shirts involving not only the O'odham and Piipaash, but other tribes as well. So, that's pretty much our goal, to have the company recognized.

**Q: What is unique about your business?**

**A:** My business is my heritage. It's my heritage and it's for the other tribes out there.

**Q: If you could give one piece of advice to someone just starting out in business, what would that be?**

**A:** Start small and work your way up to big. Small is a good way to start your business, and when you keep doing what you're doing, it gets bigger and bigger. Trust me, it does work that way.



Representing Lehi, "God's Country" t-shirt by Native Creative Apparel.

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# SRPMIC MEMBER BUSINESS OWNER PROFILE



Progress photo of the Cultural Resources Department Repository on Longmore and McDowell. Photo courtesy of David Dallas

## David Dallas & Adam Mays, Owners Maydall Construction

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www.maydall.com

Services: General contracting, general engineering construction management

**Q: What made you want to start your own business, and why did you choose this type of business?**

**A:** At the time I started MayDall, I had been in the construction industry for almost two decades. I had my subcontracting company built up and operating like I had planned, and the next step was to become a general contractor. I partnered with a company that I had worked with as a subcontractor on many projects prior to forming our partnership. I believe it was a combination of timing and opportunity that ended up taking me to this next step in my career. I had to go through a learning curve at first, but I was only learning the second part of what I already knew as a subcontractor, so the transition went very well for me and I

learned very quickly what I needed to operate as a general contractor. After a few projects, we restructured our company so that I managed it and my partners supported me, giving me any resources that I needed. We have kept this structure for several years now and have had great success. We build a large variety of projects, from horizontal utility work to vertical new build and remodels. Some of our projects for the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community are the Way of Life Facility, the Police Evidence Building and the Data Center. We also did the Scottsdale Auto Show Infrastructure and Pond Relocation, Topgolf Bar remodel and facility enclosure, and the CAZ Sports Bar at Casino Arizona.

**Q: How has the COVID-19 pandemic affected your business?**

**A:** Our main client is the SRPMIC, and the casino shutting down has greatly affected my business. Many projects are on hold until we see what happens with COVID-19 and casino revenue. We are staying busy right now but will be finishing up our current projects early next year. We will be experiencing a gap between projects I fear, which could be up to a year or possibly longer. The hardest part is the people we have lost. The health and prosperity of our Community is what is most important. I can figure out how to keep my company alive, but my bigger concern is for our Community and our elderly. I hope we can make it through this pandemic with as little loss of life as possible. Now is the time for us to come together as a community and protect our most vulnerable.

**Q: To what do you attribute your success?**

**A:** Hard work and the opportunity I have been given by the Community, particularly the SRPMIC Public Works and Engineering and Construction Services (ECS) departments, who are my main clients.

**Q: What are your company's goals?**

**A:** To continue to grow the business and eventually expand to other Native American communities.

**Q: What is unique about your business?**

**A:** My employees have been working with me for many years. We have trained them to provide the best service possible. We have great relationships with every entity of the tribe we work with, including all the inspectors. I am a very hands-on owner and oversee our operations very closely. I attend all our owner, architect and contractor meetings and am always accessible to the tribe. I believe the buck stops with the business owner, so the owner should know what their teams are doing. I make sure the tribe is treated like the VIP client they are. Having the outstanding employees that I do makes that job relatively easy. We have our challenges on every project, but we always work through them with the Community and have a fun time along the way.

**Q: If you could give one piece of advice to someone just starting out in business, what would that be?**

**A:** Always set yourself up to succeed. Know your capabilities, as we all learn and grow at different paces. Timing is very important in business and in life. Remember nothing replaces hard work, and always pass on opportunity to others every chance you get.





## Eric and Rachel Schurz, Owners

RezHawk Towing & Recovery, LLC

9041 E. McKellips Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85256

(480) 735-9730

eric@rezhawktowing.com

Services: Towing, lock-outs, roadside assistance, fuel, tire changes and battery exchanges



RezHawk Towing and Recovery, LLC utilize their tow truck as float for the SRPMIC Young River People's Youth Council during the Community's annual Light Parade. Photos courtesy of RezHawk Towing and Recovery, LLC

**Q: What are your company's goals?**

**A:** Eventually we want to branch out and provide towing services to other tribal communities. We want to be a Native-owned business working on tribal lands—and, one day, across the nation.

**Q: What is unique about your business?**

**A:** We treat our Community like family members; we go above and beyond to help our fellow Community members the best that we can.

**Q: What made you want to start your own business, and why did you choose this type of business?**

**A:** It's everyone's dream to be their own boss, and when I started working for the Community, I started learning a lot of things that would be beneficial to us, such as the procurement policy that promotes the success of Community-member-owned businesses. [Helpful business assistance programs] have been put in place by our previous Council representatives for Community members to thrive. I had to think of what type of business would be successful in the Community [and provide a service] that the members need. I prayed about it, and over the next few days I saw so many tow trucks driving around the Community. I thought, *That's it! There is no towing company out here in the Community.* If we provided towing service, we would automatically get the contract because we would be the only Community-member-owned business doing that. So, I contacted all the proper departments to see what I needed to do, and once I got all the boxes checked off, I submitted everything to get the tow-

ing contract for the Salt River Police Department and a license to operate in the Community.

**Q: How has the COVID-19 pandemic affected your business?**

**A:** It has affected our business tremendously, because we provide towing services for the SRPD, Casino Arizona and De Rito Properties. I would say that 85% of our business relied solely on the traffic throughout the Talking Stick Entertainment District. With everything shutting down, there were no cars on the road, and our business went from being 24/7 to nothing. My trucks sat there and didn't move for weeks. I learned that when you start your own business, get caught up on your bills and build up savings that covers at least three months of your income, so if something like this happens you will have some cushion. [Prior to COVID-19], all our profits went into savings. But with COVID-19, three months came and went, and we started going into the red. I had to get out there and do what I needed to do to get the bills paid. But things have started picking up in the last few weeks.

**Q: To what do you attribute your success?**

**A:** A lot of things, but mainly my wife Rachel and our children; they keep me in line and accountable. When I was incarcerated, she was there for me; I made a promise that when I got out, I was going to take care of them. I am still living up to that promise every day. I also attribute my success to the resources provided to SRPMIC members. I learned life skills from the Fatherhood Program, Parenting Program, the Cultural Resources Department's Community Garden Program, Environmental Protection and Natural Resources' Range Management Program, and counseling through Behavioral Health. Jacob Butler at the Community Garden and Garfield King Sr. with the Range Management Program helped me tremendously. Working with Garfield taught me a lot about who I am and where I come from. He always pushed me and he told me to get out there and work.

For example, just today I cut through Bunnyville on my way home, and a guy had been stuck out there since the morning. He said he didn't have money, but I got him out of there and sent him on his way. We also hold a quarterly raffle of unclaimed vehicles for SRPMIC members and donate vehicles to public safety departments for training purposes.

**Q: If you could give one piece of advice to someone just starting out in business, what would that be?**

**A:** Don't give up when you come up against roadblocks; be like a wall of water and find your way through. Eventually you're going to overcome it and get past it. Don't try to do everything all in one day—take it one step at a time, and before you know it, your daily routine is going to be running a successful business.

## Voting by Mail- It's Easy and Safe

BY ANGELA WILLEFORD  
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There will be an important election on November 3, 2020. This year we will elect a President of the United States, a U.S. Senator for the State of Arizona, a Congressional Representative, and state and local officials. In addition, several initiatives will be on the ballot.

Your vote in this election is very important. However, with the COVID-19 pandemic ravaging the country, the SRPMIC Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs is encouraging all Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community members to sign up to vote by mail. Voting by mail, comfortably and safely in your own home, means you don't need to stand in line to vote and eliminates potential exposure to the COVID-19 virus.

If you do not usually vote by mail, go to the following website to request a one-time vote-by-mail ballot, good for the November 3 General Election only: [my.arizona.vote/Early/Application-](https://my.arizona.vote/Early/Application-Login.aspx)

[Login.aspx](https://my.arizona.vote/Early/Application-Login.aspx).

Here are five steps to make sure your mailed ballot will count in this year's election:

1. Follow the directions on how to complete the ballot. For example, if the instructions state to use a black or blue pen, use those colors. If it asks you to fill in the oval, make sure you fill it in completely and only mark inside the oval.
2. Do not forget to sign your ballot before you mail it back. Not signing your ballot may cause it to be rejected.
3. Your signature on the ballot should closely resemble the signature on your driver's license. This signature is on file with election officials.
4. Remember to mail your ballot back by Tuesday, October 27. If you do not meet this deadline, drop your ballot off at an in-person polling location or a ballot drop box before the

polls close at 7 p.m. on Election Day. The polling location at Salt River, the Community Building, will be open early from Saturday, October 31, through Election Day, Tuesday November 3.

5. Lastly, check the status of your mail-in ballot. Go online to <https://my.arizona.vote/AbsenteeTracker.aspx> to confirm that your mail-in ballot has been received.

For more information, please contact Angela Willeford at [angela.willeford@srpmic-nsn.gov](mailto:angela.willeford@srpmic-nsn.gov). In addition, information on candidates and their positions on tribal issues is available for your review at [www.srpmic-nsn.gov/government/administration/ocla/](https://www.srpmic-nsn.gov/government/administration/ocla/).

### 2020 November General Election Timeline

**Monday, October 5**  
Voter registration deadline

**Wednesday, October 7**  
First day for counties to mail ballots to voters (and first day of in-person early voting)

**Friday, October 23**  
Last day to request a ballot-by-mail or sign up for the Permanent Early Voting List (PEVL)

**Tuesday, October 27**  
Recommended deadline to mail back your completed ballot

**Tuesday, November 3**  
Election Day—All ballots must be received by 7 p.m.

Source: Arizona Secretary of State, <https://azsos.gov/elections> and <https://my.arizona.vote>



# Preparing for the U.S. General Election on November 3

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The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community General Election is now over, with two Salt River District I seats going to Wi-Bwa Grey and A. David Antone, and one Lehi District II seat going to Deanna Scabby.

The Community is now focusing on preparing for the U.S. General Election, which is coming up on Tuesday, November 3. Leading up to Election Day, there are a few deadlines for the Community to be aware of.

- If you want to vote in the General Election, you must register to vote by Monday, October 5. The SRPMIC Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs (OCLA) is planning an upcoming voter registration drive to help get the word out about the registration deadline.

Due to COVID-19, the SRPMIC is suggesting that individuals in the Community may want to vote by mail this year. Voting by mail means no standing in line at the polls and no possible exposure to the COVID-19 virus. An individual can request a one-time ballot by mail at the following website: [my.arizona.vote/Early/ApplicationLogin.aspx](https://my.arizona.vote/Early/ApplicationLogin.aspx).

- **Wednesday, October 7** is the first day for counties to deliver the mail-in ballots to voters (and the first day of in-person early voting).
- **Friday, October 23** is the last day to request a mail-in ballot or to sign up for the PEVL, or Permanent Early Voting List, which allows a voter to automatically receive a ballot by mail for every election he or she is eligible to vote in. For more information, go to the website for the Arizona Secretary of State at <https://azsos.gov/votebymail>.
- **Tuesday, October 27** is the recommended deadline to mail back your ballot, and OCLA will be reminding the Community as that deadline approaches.

OCLA Intergovernmental Relations PR Project Manager Angela Willeford has a message for the



Community: "Our ancestors couldn't vote, but YOU CAN! Vote 2020. For questions, call (480) 845-2370, and please visit [www.srpmic-nsn.gov/government/administration/ocla/](https://www.srpmic-nsn.gov/government/administration/ocla/) to learn more about the candidates in the SRPMIC District and their positions on issues of importance to tribal communities."

- **The General Election is on Tuesday, November 3. Make a plan for how you intend to cast your ballot. For further information on voting options, visit the Arizona Secretary of State website at <https://azsos.gov/elections/voting-election>.**



## DON'T LET YOUR GUARD DOWN

- \* Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- \* Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- \* Stay home as much as possible, but especially when you are sick.
- \* Put distance between yourself and other people, at least 6 feet.



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# MMA: Tate Girls on the Journey of Champions

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A year ago, *O'odham Action News* sat down with Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community members and sisters Johanna Tate, 11, and Rianna Tate, 13, to talk about their rigorous mixed martial arts training. Their dream is to make it to the Ultimate Fighting Championships and the Olympics as Native American representatives.

When COVID-19 shut down their gyms, the girls remained active at home, running along the canal and training through Zoom classes online. Their father, Joe Tate, who is also trained in Brazilian jiu-jitsu, boxing and muay thai, helps coach them outside on the mats.

The Tate girls are known for their vast knowledge of martial arts styles, including kickboxing, boxing, muay thai, mixed martial arts, wrestling and the two types of Brazilian jiu-jitsu, gi and nogi. They have competed in tournaments across Arizona, Nevada, California and New Mexico. Their tight daily schedule begins at 6 a.m. with an hour of strength training. They then go to school at Valiant College Preparatory during the day, attending emotional intelligence training

immediately after. Then they attend their training clubs, like the Thorobred Wrestling Club. Even with COVID-19, the Tate girls have managed to pick up a new skill, karate.

"It's really hardcore, but we hang into it and we try our best every day to improve our stuff," Johanna Tate said. "It's really fun; I enjoy doing it. In karate, I am a white belt with two strips. In wrestling, I've been doing a lot of footwork drilling."

As for the older sister, Rianna goes into detail about learning to keep going after a loss.

"We would run, then watch wrestling and jiu-jitsu videos," Rianna Tate said. "We would re-look at our matches we had won and lost. For the ones we lost, we [identified our mistakes and worked on those moves more]. But it's really not a loss; it's a learn. You learn from your mistakes."

Their rigorous training is all for their dream. Even dreams as big as those of the Tate sisters have to start small somewhere. It all started with their biggest inspiration, Nicco Montaño (Diné), the first Native American UFC Champion. At one point in the beginning, the girls almost gave up on their dream, but they ran into Montaño at a mixed martial arts tourna-

ment. She happily talked to them and encouraged them to keep pushing forward to their dream. Since then, Montaño has continued to support the Tate girls by watching over them through their social media accounts.

When we first interviewed the Tate girls, they were well on their way to achieving their dream by training and focusing every day. Determined to reach the Olympics, they put in the hard work to get better after every one of their

matches. When COVID-19 hit, the world stopped in many ways, but that did not stop the Tate girls from continuing to train.

"Before we go to training, we pray, we wash our hands and our body, and we wash and disinfect our wrestling gear," Rianna Tate said.

By adapting to the situation and finding ways to stay active and expand their knowledge of martial arts, the Tate girls are truly inspiring in these times.

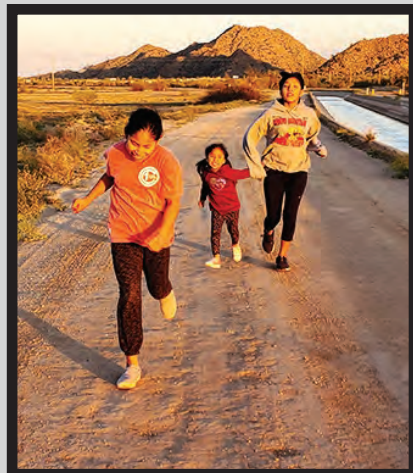
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Photo courtesy of Community Relations - Digital Signage Division



Tate sisters rejoice in taking home the gold. Thanking their coaches and family for all their support. Photo courtesy of Joe Tate



Tate sisters running alongside canal with little sister. On weekends the girls rest, do homework and spend time with their family. Photo courtesy of Joe Tate



Rianna Tate winning her match bringing her a step closer to becoming a UFC champion. Photo courtesy of Joe Tate



Johanna Tate giving it her all against her opponent. As her family cheer in O'odham to help support her. Photo courtesy of Joe Tate

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## SRPMIC President Martin Harvier - September 11 Update

dogs and the leash law. I encourage you to look at the information and the changes being made to Chapter 12.

### Voter Registration Deadline: October 5

There is an important date coming up: The deadline to register to vote in the November election is October 5. Whether you vote at the polls or by mail, please just exercise your right to vote. For more information on the upcoming elections, see pages 9 and 10 of this issue.

### 2020 Census

Census workers are currently going door to door, and it's my understanding that about 48% of Community households have completed the Census. We would like as many families as possible

to participate. If you see Census workers come to your door, they will show you their badges and let you know why they are there. Please participate in the Census; it means a lot to the Community as far as funding for the next 10 years. If you prefer, you can go to [www.2020Census.gov](http://www.2020Census.gov) to fill out your census form quickly and easily online.

If you complete the census, you can enter to win a great prize. Text (480) 845-2370 with your name and a screenshot verifying that you completed your Census form. You must be a resident or enrolled member of SRPMIC; limit 1 entry per household. Prize winners this week: Anissa Bejarano, \$100 gift card; Jacob Butler, laptop computer. The winner of the 55-inch television is Karen James.

### September 11

September 11 is a date that Americans will never forget. Nineteen years ago was the attack on the World Trade Center in New York. I think everyone can remember where they were and how they were feeling that day. We lost 2,977 lives that day. The first responders who went to work that day didn't know what was going to happen. Employees who went to work didn't know how the day would end. Today let us think back and remember those lives that were lost, and let us never forget.

Let's continue to pray for our Community and our Country, and we will get through this.

Remember to Shield Up! God Bless you.



Our lives have changed in 2020, as a Community we continue to work together to slow the spread of COVID-19. We appreciate you for staying home, changing your lifestyle, and being more vigilant about germs. We know none of this is easy.

Shield Up Salt River! Together, we can do this!

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# Essential Workers Spotlight: Health Service Transportation Drivers



CHR Health Services Transportation driver Tina Lewis drops off an SRPMIC member at the Salt River Clinic.

new and interesting every day. We mainly transport people to dialysis and pick up prescription medications for people who don't have transportation. The job has changed a lot since COVID-19; now we only go if it is dialysis or another really important appointment.

**Tina Lewis:** We pick people up for any medical appointment. During the COVID quarantine, it's mostly for dialysis. Every two weeks we change schedules. I like the early morning best, because we are so busy with that schedule that the shift goes by really fast.

**Chery Montañó-Lewis:** Our schedule changes every two weeks. I like it because we get to see different people all the time.

**Kevin Jose:** I like my schedule. I like how it changes. I like the opportunity

responsibility for the health of our clients, and what we do reinforces the message that we care.

**Q: What are the challenges that the department is facing?**

**Celeste:** [We are] short-staffed because we didn't hire. It takes longer [for pick-ups] due to cleaning between customers so we can stay safe.

**Tina:** I find it challenging when clients are not ready when we get to their home. We can only transport one family or client at a time, so if a client isn't ready, it might make the next client late. I will call my supervisor and she will go pick up the next client so that I can wait for the client who is running behind.

**Cheryl:** We are short-staffed sometimes. We mostly transport dialysis patients, because most other medical



Health Services Transportation drivers Kevin Jose and Cheryl Montano-Lewis inside the transportation trailer.

to meet different Community members and other clinical staff. I like knowing all the staff in the different clinics like [SRPMIC] Behavioral Health, the Salt River Clinic, Wellness and dialysis.

**Q: What are HHS employees doing during the pandemic to keep the Community going strong?**

**Cheryl:** Transporting clients to their appointments so that they stay healthy, especially dialysis patients who shouldn't miss their treatments.

**Kevin:** We encourage Community members to stay healthy and stay home. We get a chance to reinforce the "Zero Hero" message. We get to encourage Community members to take care of themselves: wear a mask, wash their hands, take care of their family.

**Tina:** We have always worn gloves, but now we wear masks all the time as well, to keep everyone safe. We wipe our vans down after every client, not just at the end of day. We also require clients to wear their masks in the van.

**Q: What are your experiences as essential workers during this time?**

**Celeste:** Our clients are really thankful. They tell us to be safe. They are glad we are still here to transport them to appointments.

**Tina:** We knew we had an important role in picking up and driving clients. But with the virus, it was scary. The patients we take already have a medical condition, so we had to be even more careful because we want to keep them and ourselves safe. The patients are so grateful and thankful. They thank us every time we transport them. It gives us a good feeling to know that they appreciate what we do, but it is more important to know that we are helping them out.

**Cheryl:** It has been harder during this time because we have to wear our masks all the time and wipe everything down after every transport. We have to do that to keep everybody safe.

**Kevin:** We have had to be a lot more careful during this time. We have the re-



Health Services Transportation driver Esperanza Guerrero gets ready for pick-up.

clinics are doing telehealth visits when they can.

**Kevin:** It is a challenge to be careful so that we don't get sick. We are a small team and we work together great. We are supportive of each other. We are like-minded and all really care about our clients.

**Q: What are some of the positives coming from your experiences?**

**Tina:** I have learned to be more aware and ask more questions of the clients so that I know what is going on. I knew what was going on before COVID, but I am more careful to talk to my clients now about how they are doing.

**Kevin:** This has been an amazing experience to work with such a great team.

**Q: Is there anything else you would like to add?**

**Celeste:** We have a really good team. Everybody has been giving 100%. We have been working hard to continue doing what we do.

**Tina:** Our boss is brilliant. Melinda Thomas has been a really good leader. She has taught us a lot, and she is always willing to help us by transporting patients when we need that done. We are a good team.

**Cheryl:** It makes our work a lot easier because our team rarely calls out sick. Everyone shows up and spreads out the work.

BY CHRIS PICCIUOLO  
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The last issue of *O'odham Action News* featured a variety of essential workers in the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community who have made an impact on the Community and kept it running smoothly during the COVID-19 pandemic.

This article will focus on Health Service Transportation drivers in the Health & Human Services Department. The drivers pick up Community members for medical appointments, many of them for dialysis. Drivers are trained in the Community Health Representative (CHR) role.

The CHR program is a unique concept for providing healthcare, health promotion and disease-prevention services. CHRs have demonstrated how they assist and connect with the Community, and their work has become essential to the spectrum of tribal community-oriented primary healthcare

services.

According to the Indian Health Service, CHRs are great advocates, in part because they are familiar with the communities they serve and have tribal cultural competence. Their dedicated work has assisted many Community members in meeting their healthcare needs. The health promotion and disease-prevention efforts that CHRs provide have also helped people from the Community improve and maintain their health. By providing health education and reducing hospital readmissions, CHRs have contributed to lowering mortality rates. The demand for CHRs continues to grow.

We talked with a few of the drivers about what it has been like working during the pandemic in such an important role.

**Q: What are the drivers' duties, and what is the schedule like for drivers?**

**Celeste Lomavaya:** The schedule changes all the time; there's something

## SRFSI Small Business COVID-19 Response Loan

Has your business been financially impacted by the COVID19 Pandemic?

SRFSI Small Business COVID-19 Response Loan can assist with getting your business back on track.

### Minimum Eligibility Requirements:

- 1) An existing enrolled SRPMIC Community Member (at least 18 years of age) owned small business impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. (\* 2 years of business ownership)
- 2) Small business must be located within Maricopa County, Arizona.

**\*NOTE: This loan product will only be available as long as the SRPMIC Emergency Declaration is in place.**

### HOW TO APPLY:

Contact SRFSI for loan application and additional information.

MICHAEL CAMPOS  
480-362-7541  
[Michael.campos@srpmic-nsn.gov](mailto:Michael.campos@srpmic-nsn.gov)

GRACIE BRIONES  
480-362-7833  
[gracie.briones@srpmic-nsn.gov](mailto:gracie.briones@srpmic-nsn.gov)

\*Additional documentation may be requested upon receipt and review of your SRFSI Small Business COVID-19 Response Loan application.

### Loan Details:

- 1) **Loan Amount/Interest Rate:** Unsecured loan with a \$10,000.00 maximum loan amount with a 2.50% fixed rate.
- 2) **Loan Fees:** Credit report fees and flat loan original fee totaling \$100.00
- 3) **Repayment Plan:** Requires an automatic source of repayment
  - a. Up to 3 years (including 180 day deferment) for loan amounts up to \$5,000.00.
  - b. Up to 5 years (including 180 day deferment) for loan amounts up to \$10,000.00.
- 4) **Must meet all eligibility and underwriting requirements in accordance with SRFSI's Lending Policies.**
- 5) **Loan Forgiveness:** Loan forgiveness will be applicable if the following conditions are met.
  - a. Half of the total loan amount is paid in full; AND
  - b. SRPMIC Community Member employment is maintained for at least 6 months; this must be documented and made available to SRFSI.

### Minimum Guidelines:

- No minimum credit score requirement
- Must submit a report of how the funds were used and receipts within 120 days of receipt of loan funds.
- Must attend at least 1 and up to 5 business technical assistance sessions virtually with SRFSI Staff of Consultant.



## SRPMIC Flu Shot Campaign to Begin in October

under the Community's Emergency Operations Plan, was put in place for cases such as a pandemic or terrorist attack involving biological or chemical weapons that would require us to distribute medicine, either in the form of a pill or a shot, to the entire Community in a short period of time. This is called a Point of Distribution (POD) plan."

Emergency Management, in partnership with HHS and other SRPMIC departments over the years, has exercised this plan and revised it as needed. When the Community distributes the upcoming flu vaccine, and eventually the COVID-19 vaccine, the POD plan layout will be used to efficiently vaccinate the Community's population.

Because flu viruses evolve so quickly, last year's flu vaccine may not protect you from this year's flu viruses. New flu vaccines are released every year to keep up with rapidly adapting flu viruses.

Mayo Clinic reports that this year's flu shot will offer protection against three or four of the influenza viruses expected to be in circulation this flu season. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends annual flu vaccination for everyone age six months or older. A high-dose flu vaccine as well as an additional vaccine will also be available for adults ages 65 and older.

Vaccination is especially important for people at high risk of influenza complications, including pregnant women, older adults and young children.

According to HHS Community Health Nurse Nancy Mangieri, R.N., although the flu shot doesn't always provide total protection, it's worth getting.

It takes up to two weeks to build immunity after a flu shot. When you get vaccinated, your immune system produces antibodies to protect you

from the viruses included in the vaccine. But antibody levels may decline over time—another reason to get a flu shot every year.

The flu vaccine does not protect you from getting COVID-19. However, it's especially important to get the flu vaccine this season because the flu and COVID-19 cause similar symptoms. The flu vaccine could reduce symptoms that might be confused with those caused by COVID-19. Preventing the flu and reducing the severity of flu illness could decrease the number of people needing to stay in the hospital.

Private manufacturers make the flu vaccine and take about six months to produce it. Salt River Pharmacy has already placed its vaccine order, and it will be ready to supply the influenza vaccine to the Community starting in October. The Community will have the vaccine it needs to be protected for the 2020-21 influenza season.

### Get Your Flu Vaccine!

Flu vaccination on the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community begins in October. Tentative proposed sites and times:

- \* Salt River Clinic: Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- \* Wellness Center: Monday to Thursday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- \* Lehi Community Building: Friday & Saturday, October 16 & 17, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- \* Salt River Community Building: Friday & Saturday, October 23 & 24, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

## Consumer Alert: Use Care When Buying a Car Online

SUBMITTED BY THE SRPMIC LEGAL SERVICES OFFICE

Recently, the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Legal Services Office has noticed an increase in acts of fraud committed against Community members who purchased vehicles on Craigslist, NextDoor and Facebook Marketplace. Given the economic hardships caused by COVID-19, there has been an overall increase in fraud perpetuated through online marketplaces.

The fraudulent schemes have taken several different forms. In one instance, the fraudulent advertisement uses stock photos or generic photos obtained from the internet to convince consumers to purchase items that do not exist. The consumer pays for the vehicle or other high-dollar-value item with prepaid gift cards, green dot money cards, wire transfer, Venmo or PayPal, but the item is never delivered. In other instances, Community members have met the seller, paid for the vehicle in cash, and taken the vehicle home without obtaining the title. The seller promises to deliver the title within a few weeks, but fails to do so, usually because the seller does not have it.

There are several reasons why sellers do not hand over the title:

1. The vehicle may have been stolen.
2. The vehicle is encumbered by a lien, usually a title loan.
3. The seller was duped by a previous seller.

If the vehicle is stolen, it may be confiscated by the police and returned to the rightful owner. If there is a lien or a title loan on the vehicle, the lienholder can legally repossess the vehicle if the seller defaulted on the loan.

For every vehicle purchase, you must make sure the title transfer occurs at the time of the sale. If you do not formally transfer the vehicle title into your own name, you do not legally own the vehicle. If you do not get a title at the time of the sale, it is very difficult for law enforcement or Legal Services to take legal action against the seller.

Here are some best practices for online vehicle purchases to ensure you will not become a victim:

- When possible, purchase your vehicles from a car dealer licensed with the Arizona Motor Vehicle Department and Department of Financial Institutions.
- Beware of ads that are time sensitive and feature vehicles priced at a large discount to fair market value. If the deal seems too good to be true, it probably is.
- Do not respond to emails from individuals soliciting your purchase.

- Do not ever purchase a vehicle with prepaid cards, green dot debit cards, wire transfers or money orders. Such payment methods are preferred by fraudsters because they are virtually untraceable.
- Ask the seller to send a copy of the title and a photo of the seller's driver's license before meeting to complete the transaction. Use the internet to search the VIN number of the advertised vehicle and the seller's name and contact information.
- Physically inspect the vehicle before completing the purchase. Avoid any



vehicles that show signs of theft, such as broken windows or exposed ignition wires.

- Test-drive the vehicle to ensure that there are not any major mechanical defects. If the seller refuses to let you test-drive the vehicle, you should not proceed with the sale. If possible, take the vehicle to a repair facility for an independent mechanical inspection.
  - Review the seller's ratings on the online marketplace. If the seller just created the account and has no rating history, the account may have been created solely for the purpose of a fraudulent sale.
  - Inspect the title to verify that all liens have been paid and the seller owns the vehicle free and clear. Match the seller's ID card with the title and take photos of both.
  - Ensure that the seller has properly signed the title over to you before completing the purchase.
  - Create a purchase order or bill of sale. You must have the properly signed title and a purchase order for MVD to complete the title transfer.
  - Keep a record of all conversations with the seller.
  - Communicate entirely through the auction and payment site, if possible.
  - Never, under any circumstances, should you pay for a vehicle with cash or untraceable virtual funds and leave without the title.
- If you have any questions or would like legal advice before completing such a transaction, call the Community Legal Services Office at (480) 362-5670.



Salt River  
PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY  
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The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (SRPMIC) would like to report the following COVID-19 testing information from the SRPMIC Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)

### SRPMIC COVID-19 TESTING UPDATE

Testing results as of 9/14/20

SRPMIC COVID-19 Information	SRPMIC enrolled CM living within the Community boundary	SRPMIC enrolled CM who do not reside within the Community boundary	Non-Member living within the Community boundary	Non-Member associated with SRPMIC who does not reside within the Community boundary	Totals
Completed Tests	2745	839	430	1062	5076
Positive	322	103	60	87	572
Negative	2423	736	370	975	4504
Currently Hospitalized	2	3	1	0	6
Recovered	298	92	49	86	525
Active Cases	12	6	6	1	25
Deaths	12	5	5	0	22

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

We encourage SRPMIC members experiencing symptoms or those who do not have any symptoms but want to be tested, to utilize the Community's COVID-19 Hotline at (480) 362-2603.

Please call the hotline for information and to schedule an appointment.

Testing is done at the S.R. Clinic.

Press 1: Information about COVID-19 and Clinic hours of operation

Press 2: Schedule an appointment for testing

Press 3: Request a copy of your COVID-19 test results



If you have a story idea, please contact Tasha Silverhorn at (480) 362-7731

### Be a Hero. Stay Zero.

Help eliminate household-to-household visitations. Stop the spread of the virus in Salt River.



### #ShieldUpSaltRiver



## LEGAL NOTICES

### JUVENILE COURT JURISDICTION:

SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT

ADDRESS: 10040 EAST OSBORN RD. SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85256

CONTACT: (480) 362-6315

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ALL JUVENILE COURT CASES REPORT TO COURTROOM #3 ON THE 1ST FLOOR.

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**ANTONE, IRENA KIM** - Review Hearing Case: J-17-0005 Court Date: September 28, 2020 at 9 a.m.

**ANTONE SR., NICHOLAS LEVI** - Evidentiary Guardianship Hearing Case: J-20-0015 Court Date: September 17, 2020 at 9 a.m.

**BEJARANO, SALINA RAE** - Review Hearing Case: J-19-0041 Court Date: October 20, 2020 at 10 a.m.

**BIAKEDDY, ARLEN CASEY** - Review Hearing Case: J-19-0045/0046 Court Date: October 15, 2020 at 10 a.m.

**CARPENTER, CE:DAGI JU:K** - Evidentiary Guardianship Hearing Case: J-20-0031 Court Date: September 23, 2020 at 10 a.m.

**CARPENTER, CE:DAGI JU:K** - Exceptional Care/ Review Hearing Case: J-19-0055 Court Date: September 23, 2020 at 11 a.m.

**CHIAGO SR., VINCENT VERNON LEE** - Permanency Review Hearing Case: J-16-0173/ 0175 Court Date: September 22, 2020 at 11 a.m.

**CONGER, CHERELLE LEE** - Formal Hearing Case: J-20-0032 Court Date: September 21, 2020 at 9 a.m.

**CONTRERAS JR., RUBEN DAVID** - Evidentiary Paternity Hearing Case: J-20-0033 Court Date: September 21, 2020 at 11 a.m.

**CONTRERAS JR., RUBEN DAVID** - Permanency Review Hearing Case: J-16-0176 Court Date: September 22, 2020 at 11 a.m.

**CURRY, WILLIE** - Permanency Hearing Case: J-18-0124 Court Date: October 19, 2020 at 11:30 a.m.

**CURTIS, LILA STAR** - Formal Hearing Case: J-20-0100/ 0101 Court Date: September 14, 2020 at 10 a.m.

**LEWIS, ERICA RENEE** - Formal Hearing Case: J-20-0046/ 0047/ 0048 Court Date: September 22, 2020 at 9 a.m.

**MANUEL, CHELSEA PAIGE** - Permanency Review Hearing Case: J-19-0045/ 0046 Court Date:

October 15, 2020 at 10 a.m.

**MANUEL, EZEKIEL RUBEN** - Review Hearing Case: J-19-0041 Court Date: October 20, 2020 at 10:30 a.m.

**MANUEL, IAN JOSHUA** - Formal Hearing Case: J-20-0100/ 0101 Court Date: September 14, 2020 at 10 a.m.

**MORATAYA, CESILIO SR** - Review/ Permanency Hearing Case: J-18-0180 Court Date: October 1, 2020 at 9 a.m.

**PERCY, GARRETT CECIL** - Review Hearing Case: J-18-0155 Court Date: October 13, 2020 at 9 a.m.

**RAMIREZ SR., GABRIEL MARK** - Review/ Permanency Hearing Case: J-17-0102 Court Date: September 15, 2020 at 9 a.m.

**RENERIA, ALYCE DARLENE** - Review Hearing Case: J-14-0111/ 0112/ 0113 Court Date: October 20, 2020 at 11 a.m.

**RODRIGUEZ, MIKE** - Formal Hearing Case: J-20-0032 Court Date: September 21, 2020 at 9 a.m.

**SPEX, DEVEN ARLESSE** - Permanency Review Hearing Case: J-11-0186 Court Date: September 30, 2020 at 10 a.m.

**SPEX, DEVEN ARLESSE** - Review/ Initial/ Evidentiary Guardianship Hearings Case: J-16-0234/ J-20-0030 Court Date: September 30, 2020 at 9 a.m.

**TAHNAZANI, ALFRED OWEN** - Status/ Order to Show Cause Hearing Case: ATR-20-0013 Court Date: September 28, 2020 at 10 a.m.

**VALENCIA, ALICIA MARIE** -

Permanency Review Hearing Case: J-16-0173/ 0175/ 0176 Court Date: September 22, 2020 at 11 a.m.

**VEST, DWIGHT EDMUND** - Formal Hearing Case: J-20-0046/ 0047/ 0048/ J-19-0147 Court Date: September 22, 2020 at 9 a.m.

**WELLINGTON, RACHEL LYNN** - Annual Review Hearing Case: J-19-0064/ 0065 Court Date: September 29, 2020 at 11 a.m.

**WHITMAN, GRANT JUSTIN C** - Review Hearing Case: J-17-0192 Court Date: October 27, 2020 at 9 a.m.

### CIVIL COURT JURISDICTION:

SALT RIVER PIMA MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT

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CIVIL COURT CASES REPORT TO COURTROOM #1/ #2 ON THE 1ST FLOOR.

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**ANTONE, VANESSA TORIE** - Order to Show Cause Hearing Case: CF-19-0159 Court Date: October 8, 2020 at 9 a.m.

**BAPTISTO SR., ANGELO TERRY** - Entry of Default Judgement Case: C-20-0017 Court Date: October 1, 2020 at 9:30 a.m.

**CEDILLO, HECTOR** - Order of Protection Hearing Case: DVOP-20-0017 Court Date: September 28, 2020 at 10 a.m.

**CHIAGO, JOANNA** - Restraining Order Hearing Case: R-20-0044 Court Date: October 8, 2020 at 11 a.m.

**ENOS, MONICA** - Bond Forfeiture and Order to Show Cause Hearing Case T-19-0241, CR-19-0468, CR-19-0488, CR-20-0104, CR-20-0384 Court Date: October 14, 2020 at 10 a.m.

**HERNANDEZ, ROBERT B.** - Order to Show Cause Hearing Case: C-19-0099 Court Date: October 8, 2020 at 9:30 a.m.

**JOHNSON SR., LEVI GABRIEL** - Order to Show Cause Hearing Case: T-19-0241/ CR-19-0468/ CR-19-0488/ CR-20-0104, CR-20-0384 Court Date: October 14, 2020 at 10 a.m.

**LINK, GARY LOUIS** - Vehicle Forfeiture Hearing Case: VI-20-0004 Court Date: October 8, 2020 at 10 a.m.

**LEWIS, JULIA ALICIA** - Initial Child Support Hearing Case: CFCS-20-0017 Court Date: October 7, 2020

at 9 a.m.

**LUDLOW, RYAN** - Custody Hearing Case: CF-20-0076 Court Date: October 8, 2020 at 9 a.m.

**RODRIGUEZ, MICHAEL ISMAEL** - Order to Show Cause Hearing Case: CF-19-0159 Court Date: October 8, 2020 at 9 a.m.

**SAIZA, JOEY DANIEL** - Evidentiary Guardianship Hearing Case: CF-19-0141 Court Date: September 24, 2020 at 10 a.m.

**SPEX, TRAVIS EUGENE** - Entry of Default Judgment/ Order to Show Cause Hearing Case: C-20-0083 Court Date: October 22, 2020 at 9 a.m.

**STEVENS, ANNA ROSE** - Restraining Order Hearing Case: R-20-0044 Court Date: October 8, 2020 at 11 a.m.

**STEVENS, ORLANDO GENE** - Restraining Order Hearing Case: R-20-0044 Court Date: October 8, 2020 at 11 a.m.

**UNKNOWN, FATHER** - Evidentiary Guardianship Hearing Case: CF-19-0115- Minor: John Doe 10/ 25/ 2012-Mother Lacey Burns, **Court** Date: September 21, 2020 at 9 a.m.

**VALLES SR., ROBERT ANTHONY** - DEFAULT NOTICE - Divorce Hearing Case: D-20-0005 Court Date: October 8, 2020 at 1:30 p.m.

**VAVAGES, VANJA LEE** - Order to Show Cause Hearing Case: CF-18-0052 Court Date: October 1, 2020 at 9 a.m.

## DEFAULT NOTICES

### ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE NOTICE CASE NO. C-19-0099 IN THE MATTER OF: ROBERT B. HERNANDEZ TO: ROBERT B. HERNANDEZ,

YOU ARE HEREBY ORDERED to appear before the above-entitled court on the 8th day of October, 2020 at 9:30 AM, in Court Room #1, and show cause why you should not be held in contempt for Failure to make Court ordered payments as ordered on July 22, 2019.

FAILURE TO APPEAR will result in a Bench Warrant issued for your arrest for Contempt of Court from (§6-41) of the Code or Ordinances. You are entitled to subpoena witnesses on your behalf and to be represented by counsel.

ORDERED this 24th day of August, 2020.

Raymond L. Deer - Judge of the SRPMC Tribal Court

### SUMMONS J-17-0064 IN THE MATTER OF: JOHN DOE (D.O.B.: 6/ 12/ 2013) TO: ANGELIQUE LORING

A Petition to Terminate Parental Rights has been filed in the Court against you which alleges grounds for the termination of your parental rights of the above captioned child(ren).

THEREFORE YOU ARE ORDERED to APPEAR for an Initial Hearing for Termination of Parental Rights before the Honorable Judge Achin, the Salt River Juvenile Court on September 29,

2020 at 11:30 a.m. in Court Room #3.

Pursuant to Administrative Order No. 14-0004, effective August 4, 2014, legal counsel, parties and their respective witnesses shall be present in the courthouse at least fifteen (15) minutes prior to any proceedings. NOTICE: Violation of this Order is Subject to Proceeding for Contempt of Court Pursuant to Salt River Community Code Section 6-42. If Good Cause is Not Shown, in the Court May Find the Parent, Guardian or Custodian in Contempt for Failure to Appear at a Court Hearing or for Failure to Follow Court Orders. Further, the Parties Should be Advised that the Hearing for Termination of Parental Rights May Proceed Without the Parent or Necessary Respondent Present. Failure to Appear May Result in the Hearing Being Held Without the Parent and the Parental Rights of the Parent be Terminated.

CLERK OF COURT - SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA COMMUNITY COURT

### ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE NOTICE CASE NO. CF-19-0159 TO: JULIAN ISMAEL RODRIGUEZ,

YOU ARE HEREBY ORDERED to appear before the above-entitled court on the 8th day of October, 2020 at 9:00 AM, in Court Room #1, and show cause why you should not be held in contempt for Failure to Appear for Guardianship Evidentiary Hearing on 2/ 6/ 20 at 9:00 a.m.

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ORDERED this 24th day of August, 2020.

Raymond L. Deer - Judge of the SRPMC Tribal Court

### TRAVIS EUGENE SPEX C-20-0083 DEFAULT NOTICE COUNTRY CLUB CARS V. TRAVIS EUGENE SPEX TO: TRAVIS EUGENE SPEX, RESPONDENT

1. A Complaint / Petition has been filed against you in this Court and your immediate attention to this fact is urgent if you do not want judgment entered against you.
2. The Court record reflects that you have failed to respond to filing an answer, motion to dismiss, request for extension of time or other responsive pleading and you have failed to attend hearings at the Court called for this matter.
3. If you do not defend against this suit within Thirty (30) days from the date the Process Server hands you this or you are served with it otherwise as permitted under the Community Code, the Court may enter default judgment against you.
4. A default judgment may have serious, adverse, and irreversible consequences against you.
5. If you want to defend against the claim and avoid default judgment entered against you, you must file a written answer, motion to dismiss or other responsive pleading within thirty (30) days from when you are served

with this Notice. The Court will not extend time for your response and you must make your response in writing, no oral responses will be accepted

6. If you do nothing, the Court may give Judgment for what the Complaint demands. (Section 5-16.1, Judgment by Default)

DATED this 8th of September, 2020.

CLERK OF COURT - SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA COMMUNITY COURT

### ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE NOTICE CASE NO. C-20-0083 TO: TRAVIS EUGENE SPEX,

YOU ARE HEREBY ORDERED to appear before the above-entitled court on the 22nd day of October, 2020 at 9:00 AM, in Court Room #1, and show cause why you should not be held in contempt for Failure to Appear for Entry of Default Judgment/ OTSC Hearing on 9/ 8/ 2020 at 9:00 a.m. after being duly noticed.

FAILURE TO APPEAR will result in a Bench Warrant issued for your arrest for Contempt of Court from (§6-41) of the Code or Ordinances. You are entitled to subpoena witnesses on your behalf and to be represented by counsel.

ORDERED this 8th day of September, 2020.

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CLERK OF COURT - SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA COMMUNITY COURT

## PUBLIC NOTICE Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Court

The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Court has been operating on a reduced schedule since March 23, 2020 pursuant to the Community's Local Emergency Declaration related to the Coronavirus (COVID19). As a result of the reduced schedule, many hearings scheduled from March 23, 2020 through September 2020 were vacated (cancelled) and will be rescheduled as the Community government and the Court enter a phased return to normal operations.

- If you are a party to any hearing that was vacated and you have questions about the status of your pending matter, please contact your attorney or advocate.
- If you are a victim of a crime and have questions about the status of the criminal case, please contact the **Tribal Prosecutor's Office at (480) 362-5400.**
- If you are a defendant in a criminal matter and you do not have an assigned attorney or advocate or do not know who your attorney or advocate is, please contact the **Defense Advocate's Office at (480) 362-5660.**
- If you are a Community member who needs legal assistance in a civil matter, the **Legal Services Office** may be able to help. You can contact them at **(480) 362-5670.**
- If you have any scheduling questions about a pending Court matter, please call the **Court at (480) 362-6315.**

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Over \$10K in debt? Be debt free in 24-48 months. Pay a fraction of what you owe. A+ BBB rated. Call National Debt Relief 866-541-6885. (AzCAN)

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Michael Smith- Owner Piipash LLC (602) 524-2955 (cell) (480) 947-6400 (store) piipash@hotmail.com

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## CHURCH LISTING

### LEHI CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

1452 E. Oak St. Mesa, AZ 85203

Mailing Address: PO Box 4628 Mesa, AZ 85211

Pastor Merrill Jones (480) 234-6091

### SERVICES

-For Sunday Services available on Facebook Live. Search for Lehi Church of the Nazarene  
-Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.  
-Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.  
-Wed. Worship Service, 6:30 p.m.  
-SOAR Group 2nd & 4th Friday every month.

### FERGUSON MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

1512 E. McDowell Rd. (Lehi) Mesa, AZ 85203

Pastor Neil Price (480) 278-0750

### SERVICES

-Sunday School, 9 a.m.  
-Worship Service, 10 a.m.  
-Wed. Bible Study Service, 7 p.m.  
-Sunday night Women's Bible Study 6 p.m.  
Limited to 10 people at a time and planning to go digital.

### LEHI PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1342 E. Oak Mesa, AZ 85203

Pastor Annette Lewis annette.f.Lewis@gmail.com

(480) 404-3284

### SERVICES

-Sunday service suspended until further notice

### THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST PAPAGO WARD

2056 N. Extension Rd. Scottsdale AZ, 85256

(480) 947-1084

### SERVICES

-Sunday service suspended until further notice

### PIMA CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

12207 E. Indian School Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85256

Pastor Marty Thomas (480) 874-3016/

Home: (480) 990-7450

### SERVICES

-Sunday service suspended until further notice

### SALT RIVER ASSEMBLY OF GOD

10657 E. Virginia Ave. Scottsdale, AZ 85256

(480) 947-5278

### SERVICES

-Sunday service suspended until further notice/ Check out our Facebook page for updates

### SALT RIVER CHURCH OF CHRIST

430 N. Dobson Rd. Mesa, AZ 85201

(720) 626-2171

### SERVICES

-Small Sunday Service 10:45 a.m.-

11:45 a.m.

-No Bible Classes until further notice.

### SALT RIVER INDEPENDENT CHAPEL

10501 E. Palm Lane Scottsdale, AZ 85256

Rev. Melvin C. Anton (480) 941-5419

### SALT RIVER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

P.O. Box 10125, Scottsdale, AZ 85271

### SERVICES

-Sunday service suspended until further notice

### ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC MISSION

3090 N. Longmore, Scottsdale, AZ 85256

(480) 994-0952

(602) 292-4466 (cell)

Administrator: Deacon Jim Trant

Parish President: Cindy Thomas

Father Alcuin Hurl and Father

Antony Tucker

SERVICES

-Sunday Mass 12 p.m. Closed till further notice.

-Church will be open on Sundays from 10 a.m. -- 2 p.m. limited people

-Private prayer, with 10 people or less.

Please call the Church ahead of time to confirm information.

Information was correct at the time of print, however, services may have changed since then.

## O'ODHAM ACTION NEWS DEADLINES

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### DEADLINE AT NOON

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SEPT. 18

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SEND INFORMATION TO DODIE MANUEL at dodie.manuel@srpmic-nsn.gov OR JESSICA JOAQUIN at jessica.joaquin@srpmic-nsn.gov For more information please call (480) 362-7750

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## 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 PIIPAASH 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
- Memorial Services changed services to graveside ONLY (Limited to 20 people at services & up to 2 hours per services)
- 3/21/20- SRPMIC Memorial Services closed facilities for all wake/funeral services due to Community Declaration
- Encouraged wearing face masks
- Stopped wake set ups at home and no family meetings at facilities
- 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
- 4/1/20- 1st Directive by SRPMIC Council: Stay at home order and no public gatherings
- Requiring all attending funeral services, must wear face masks

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

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### COVID-19 Essential Services

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### SRPMIC DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (DHHS)

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

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

### DHHS ESSENTIAL SERVICES IMPORTANT NUMBERS:

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

**The following services are open to ENROLLED SRPMIC MEMBERS and TRIBAL ENROLLEES SALT RIVER INTEGRATED HEALTH CARE (SR Clinic) Patient Services**  
**Hours of Operation: 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday**

### Patient Visit Services:

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

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

### HHS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES Outpatient Counseling

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

### Journey to Recovery

Hours of Operation: 24/7

### HHS FIDUCIARY GUARDIANSHIP PROGRAM (480) 362-5500

Hours of Operation: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday to Friday  
Emergencies are handled on a case by case basis.

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Patients identified by Contact Tracing and Public Health

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

### Experiencing Symptoms

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

### No Symptoms

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

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

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

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

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

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

**SRPMIC COVID-19 TEST SITE MOVED TO NEW LOCATION NORTHEAST OF THE CLINIC**  
SRPMIC COVID-19 test site moved to a new location just northeast of the clinic in front of the

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



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