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## Mesquite Pancake Breakfast Puts Traditional Spin on Classic Morning Meal

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According to the Salt River O'odham Piipaash Cultural Calendar, the month of June is known as *Ha:sañ Bahidag Maşad* (Saguaro Fruit Month) in O'odham and *Xly'a Xamxuk* (Sixth Moon) in Piipaash. For the O'odham, this marks the beginning of a new year.

While this is the time of the year for gathering saguaro fruit, the first mesquite pods (*viohogi* in O'odham and *'iyyaa* in Piipaash) growing from the mesquite tree (*kui* in O'odham and *'anaaly* in Piipaash) are also ready for harvesting. To mark this occasion, the Huhugam Ki: Museum held its annual Mesquite Pancake Breakfast, which was open to the public, on June 8.

Huhugam Ki: Museum manager Gary Owens said that the first mesquite pancake breakfast in the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community was held in 2006.

"We had no *vato* over the patio [then]," he said. "After a while,



Samples of mesquite ice cream are handed out to Community members and visitors to the annual Mesquite Pancake Breakfast at the Huhugam Ki: Museum on June 8. While mesquite and ice cream isn't a traditional combination for the Community, the ice cream provided a much-needed blast of cold on a hot and sunny morning.

we started to use this [event] as a vehicle for letting people know about the upcoming mesquite pod season."

Owens said that, to continue

this important tradition, there is still a need for Community members to go out every year and gather the mesquite pods and the arrowweed for the baskets that

carry the seeds.

Museum staff cooked the breakfast in the museum's kitchen.

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## SRPMIC's Community Emergency Response Team Hosts Public Meeting in Lehi



Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Emergency Management Coordinator Terry Nelson served as the host of the Salt River Community Emergency Response Team (SR-CERT) at the Lehi Fire and Police substation 292.

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As the 2024 monsoon season approaches with the hot Arizona summer already in full swing, the Salt River Community Emergency Response Team (SR-CERT) hosted a public meeting at Lehi Fire and Police Substation 292 on June 6 to provide updates to members of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community.

The SR-CERT is composed of SRPMIC members, staff, Enterprise employees and tribal government staff. Presently there are 47 credentialed members on the SR-CERT who can be deployed throughout the Community to assist during an emergency. At

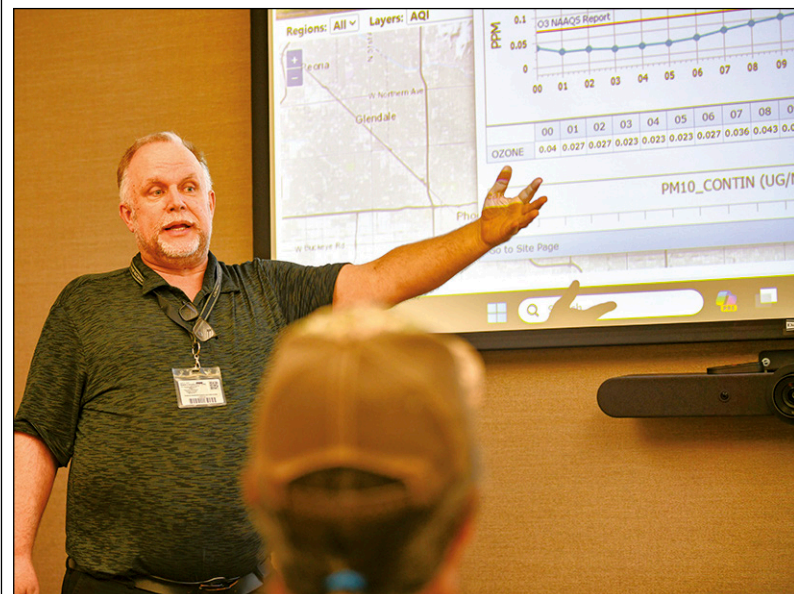
this time SR-CERT is actively recruiting additional members for the team.

Over the past few years, members of the SR-CERT have been on hand assisting and providing support to the Community during many different events. During the COVID-19 pandemic, SR-CERT staff assisted with the vaccination clinics, point of dispensing (POD) support for traffic, meeting with the Community during public outreach events, and more.

"We've decided to host this meeting in person. We wanted to bring the membership back together and give an update on where we're at with the CERT program," said Emergency

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## SRPMIC Air Quality Program Hosts Public Meeting on 2023 Air Monitoring Report



Ben Davis, Environmental Engineer for the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Air Quality Program, outlines the community's PM10 levels, which represents dust particles.

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On May 29, the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Air Quality Program (AQP) hosted a public meeting to reveal the department's air monitoring network report for the year 2023. Hosted in the Two Waters B building in the Stars Room, the meeting was nearly at maximum capacity with SRPMIC members and staff.

Environmental engineer Ben Davis served as the host and introduced the other members of the AQP team: Mangas Slinkey, senior environmental specialist; Stephanie Lane, senior environ-

mental specialist; and Zonnie Olivas, environmental specialist and the newest member of the AQP team. Senior Environmental Engineer Regina Leverette-Mason and Assistant Community Development Department Director Christopher Horan were also in attendance and assisted with answering questions from the public.

"I'm responsible for maintaining our [air quality] monitors that are out in the field, making sure they are operating within the guidelines of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)," said Slinkey as part of his introduction. Lane was out of the office during the meeting,

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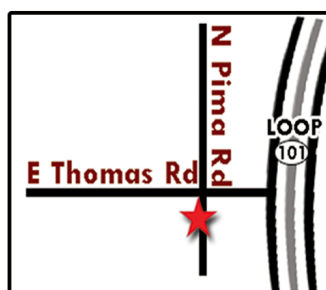
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# Night at the Huhugam Ki: Museum

BY GARY OWENS  
HUHUGAM KI: MUSEUM

Movies, popcorn, spaghetti, willow baskets, Piipaash pottery, tortilla blankets and treasure chests were all common sights on May 24 as the first ever “Night at the Huhugam Ki: Museum” took place.

Guests were treated to all of the above, as well as traditional and historical knowledge from exhibits in the museum gallery. Participants signed up to learn about the museum artifacts and why the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community has a museum for the people.

“Overnighters at museums have been increasing during the last two decades, and it has proven to be popular,” said Museum Manager Gary Owens Jr. “It’s a part of our programming that encourages outreach to the Community members, to let them know the importance of a place like this. We’re giving an opportunity to see behind the exhibits and tours and let the visitor come into closer contact with objects of their heritage.”

While some had to drop out due to other commitments, four children in the third and fourth grades and two adults braved the experience. After arriving, they parked their belongings on one of the sturdy cots sprinkled throughout the gallery. These were graciously supplied by the SRPMIC Health and Human Services department.

After a brief tour of the inside gallery, public safety was the first activity that was addressed. Colored dots were set up by every exit, and everyone went through the exercise of what to do in case of a fire and where to meet.

Then it was time to eat! A spaghetti dinner, with salad and garlic bread, was prepared by Candice Manuel, museum assistant. Manuel also baked cupcakes for the kids to decorate later. After cleaning up and a thorough washing of hands, it was into the gallery!

Cultural objects on display included willow baskets and pottery, plus the current exhibit, which shows off an O’odham/Piipaash war shield and a willow-bark skirt. Informational signs



A cot and cemit blanket used by children who stayed the night at the Night at the Huhugam Ki: Museum event.

explaining the work of the people were placed throughout the exhibits, and the corner kitchen display was adorned with choice pieces lent by the Community Relations Office.

The group sat and decorated their treasure boxes and learned about the importance of the salt trails walked by the ancestors. This tied into the archaeology display of the shell work by the Huhugam, and the crafters were given shells to put in their treasure chests.

As the night got longer, it was movie time!

The room was filled to the brim with excitement as popcorn and drinks were brought out into a safe area for snacking. Children wrapped themselves in their blankets (also generously donated by HHS) and were soon sitting on the clean rug to watch “Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian.” Popcorn breaks, cupcake breaks (in the kitchen) and movie viewing carried on into the next day as the other “Night at the Museum” movie began at 12:30 a.m. But by 1:30 a.m., all of the visi-



Kids decorating their treasure chests and learning about the importance of the salt trails walked by the ancestors. The crafters were given shells to put in their treasure chests.



Wrapped up in cemit blankets, it’s movie time! Kids watched two Night at the Museum movies during their sleepover.

tors were in their cots, covered with comfortable *cemit* blankets and resting their heads on pillows (also donated by HHS). Night security was provided by museum staff to keep everyone safe through the night.

By 5:30 Saturday morning, Manuel had arrived and began making a breakfast of fresh—and we mean *fresh*—tortillas. These were soon wrapped around bacon or sausage and eggs, which made a hearty breakfast burrito. An accompanying chaser of ice-cold orange juice sure hit the spot. The staff and kids watched Saturday-morning cartoons together, going in and out of the kitchen while breakfast was made. The children got a chance to explore the drying racks of cholla buds on the patio and run around the museum’s outside structures.

One parent commented on the importance of teaching children not only about their cultural heritage, but also how to work together and how to introduce children to new experiences in exploring. When the children and adults packed up, they all asked, “When are

we going to do this again?”

The Huhugam Ki: Museum would like to express thanks and give kudos to Nancy Mangieri and her HHS crew, including Tammy Walker; Community Relations and their fabulous tribal collection; museum staff members Frank H. and Lessie D. for the temporary exhibits; and Rob Hume and the IT and A/V departments for the use of the projector and finding a great screen. Also, thanks to Mr. Beetle for helping to set up exhibits and cots. And a special thank-you for Kenton K., who stayed up all night to keep guard over those who slept.

And who knows, maybe we’ll do a “Cool Summer Night at the Museum” for the adults. As they say on the Saturday-morning cartoons, “Stay tuned.”

*OAN reporter Chris Picciuolo contributed to this article.*

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## Mesquite Pancake Breakfast Puts Traditional Spin on Classic Morning Meal

en and danced to music by Jamaican reggae singer Desmond Dekker as they served scrambled eggs and prickly pear fruit syrup along with pancakes and ice cream made with mesquite flour. The mesquite flour was left over from last season’s harvest.

People lined up behind the museum to get their breakfast through the pick-up window. Elders remained seated in the shade while their meals were brought to them.

Also part of the festivities was an information booth from the museum, which offered a recipe for mesquite pancakes, copies of the Salt River O’odham Piipaash Cultural Calendar, samples of prickly pear fruit syrup and handouts about the Community’s traditional uses of mesquite. Antoinette Avis Pinon set up a table to sell her Maricopa “Pee Posh” pottery.

Mesquite pod gathering occurs before and after summer storms arrive and blow the seed (*kai* in O’odham and *dish* in Piipaash) to the ground. The mesquite harvest traditionally ends around September, when the trees produce a smaller secondary crop.

The museum has a hammer mill that pulverizes both the pods and the seeds to make the flour. In O’odham, mesquite flour is called *cu’i*; in Piipaash it is called *mvar*. Because mesquite flour does not contain gluten, the mesquite flour is added to white flour so it can be used in bread and cake recipes.



Booth for Maricopa “Pee Posh” Pottery by Antoinette Avis Pinon (left) and Lucy Pinon (right).



Video production specialist Darren Harris lends a hand in the kitchen. Many of the Cultural Resources Department staff chipped in for the breakfast, from cooking to mixing to serving, and more.



Mesquite pancakes and ice cream were handed out to elders while the rest of the visitors waited in line for their meals.



Huhugam Ki: Museum manager Gary Owens pours mesquite pancake batter onto the griddle.

# Scottsdale Community College's Junior ACE Program Introduces SRPMIC Youth to College Life

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Every year since 2008, middle-school youth from the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community have been given the opportunity to enroll in the Scottsdale Community College (SCC) Junior Achieving a College Education (Junior ACE) program. ACE is a nationally recognized, competitive application-based college preparation program for high school students to help them explore, prepare and work toward achieving a college education.

On June 4, the Junior ACE program held orientation for the 2024 class on the SCC campus, inside the Indigenous Cultural Center. During the weeklong opportunity, SCC faculty slowly introduce the youth to the college experience as they begin high school and start looking toward their future. This year's Junior ACE class

included more than 20 Community youths from Grade 5 through Grade 8.

Throughout the program, the students were given a firsthand look at the college experience SCC provides and the many fields of study they offer. They experienced an inside look at careers in science, technology, engineering, the arts and math (STEAM) and received information on physical fitness and nutrition. The students also were given details on dual-enrollment classes, college classes they can attend and earn credit for while still enrolled in high school.

SRPMIC Vice-President Ricardo Leonard welcomed the SRPMIC youth and thanked the SCC faculty team for hosting the weeklong program.

"I want you to put your whole heart into this program while at Scottsdale Community College," said Leonard to the youth during his welcoming speech.

He added, "The ACE program has

always been something to help open your eyes to help you find out what you'd like to do. If you'd like to work with animals, or in language, or maybe even in anthropology, there's so many opportunities here for you," he stated. "Find something here that is going to allow you to be happy to go to work every day. Take some time and take a look at what Scottsdale Community College has to offer."

Following Leonard's remarks, SCC President Dr. Eric Leshinskie greeted the new Junior ACE students and provided a few welcoming words to the class. Dr. Leshinskie began by having the youth raise their hands if they knew someone in their family who has attended or graduated from SCC.

"I'm so glad to see many of you have had family members and friends who attended or graduated from SCC. It's my hope that this week will get you to think about taking classes at Scottsdale Community College," he

said.

Dr. Leshinskie was previously the vice-president of academic affairs at Paradise Valley Community College and Glendale Community College. He joined SCC as president in July 2022.

The opening day of the Junior ACE program continued with Cody Achin, outreach coordinator for the SRPMIC O'odham Piipaash Language program in the Cultural Resources Department. Achin facilitated a presentation detailing the history of the SRPMIC from pre-colonial times to the present day.

The remaining days of the program featured academic workshops, family activities, motivational speakers, cultural events and more, with the hope that the students one day will become SCC graduates. By enrolling in the SCC Junior ACE program, they have all taken the steps to ensure that their future remains bright as they approach their high school and college years.



This year's Junior ACE class experienced a small taste of the college life that Scottsdale Community College provides which included field trips, guest speakers, workshops, nutritional classes, as well as activities for their families and loved ones.

## Senior Services Hosted an Expo in Celebration of National Senior Fitness Day

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Senior Services Health & Wellness hosted a senior fitness expo on National Senior Fitness Day, May 29. The event was held at Way of Life Facility (WOLF) and featured several health and fitness-related stations, including eight ongoing demonstrations. The event was in partnership with Diabetes Prevention, Fall Prevention and StrongLife.

"The expo was the brainchild of Dion Begay at Diabetes Prevention. He wanted to do a collaborative event for National Senior Fitness Day and build on the collaborative strength of our walking club to create more awareness of fitness programs throughout the community available to seniors. We also wanted to encourage our elders to be more mindful of their health and fitness goals," said Health & Wellness Program Manager Celinda Joe.

The event was spread throughout second floor of the WOLF, including the elevator lobby, walking track, senior fitness room, gym and program rooms. The seniors were escorted in small groups by the Salt River Fire Department to each station, where they received vital information and participated in demonstrations. Once the seniors had participated in the demos and presentation, they received a punch on a "passport," which they exchanged at the end for an event T-shirt and protein smoothie from Best Life Nutrition. "It was an exciting and different event because of how we moved

the groups of seniors to each station. It was fun watching them engaging and participating in each demo—doing tai chi and Zumba and trying the veggie meter," said Joe. "We heard many great comments from the seniors about the event and that they were excited to learn about programs they did not know were available to them.

Karen James was one of those seniors.

"I didn't know about the senior fitness room, or that the Steppers have a program where you don't really have to be a Stepper and perform, you can just do the moves," said James. "I liked the way that all the programs shared their information. It was fun, like chair Zumba. I have arthritis and diabetes. These programs really inspired me to exercise more. Getting in more movement will really help my health and even everything out."

"We really enjoy our collaboration with Diabetes and Injury Prevention, and we look forward to doing more collaborative events in the future that encourage our seniors to improve their health and remain active and independent as they age," said Joe.

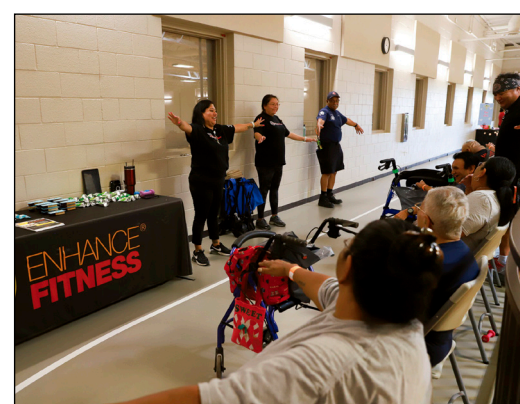
To learn more about Senior Services Health & Wellness activities, contact Celinda Joe at 480.876.7180 or celinda.joe@srpmic-nsn.gov.



The Salt River Steppers took a few moments after their demonstrations to get a group shot with Toby.



In addition to visiting information stations and participating in demonstrations, seniors also received a tour of the WOLF's dedicated Senior Fitness Room and learned about fall prevention from HHS Injury Prevention Coordinator Monte Yazzie.



Dozens of seniors participated in fitness demonstrations such as Enhance Fitness, Tai Chi and more.

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which allowed for Olivas to introduce herself next and begin her presentation.

“I used to work with the Tohono O’odham Nation down in Sells,” began Olivas. Her presentation featured information regarding the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant, an EPA grant program that provides monetary compensation to states, governments, tribes and territories to develop plans for reducing greenhouse-gas emissions and other harmful air pollutants.

“The tribe felt this was an important program to prioritize going after the grant funds and to develop a plan,” Olivas said. SRPMIC was awarded the grant in July 2023.

Olivas then detailed how the grant has two phases, planning and implementation. In April, the AQP team submitted their application to receive additional grant funds to create methods to continue to improve the air quality in the Community.

“We also completed a Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory,” said Olivas. Greenhouse gas emissions include nitrous oxide, methane and carbon dioxide. During their investigation and research, the AQP discovered that the majority of the Community’s air pollution comes from vehicle emissions on nearby highways.

“That was really important for us to find out,” said Olivas. She explained that the Community has begun reducing greenhouse gas emissions by converting the Community’s fleet vehicles to electric energy, as opposed

to utilizing fuel.

To further gather information on how to improve the Community’s air quality, the AQP asked SRPMIC members to submit feedback to the AQP via an online QR code as well as in person. “We had a good turnout at the Senior Breakfast recently,” said Olivas. The AQP team visited with the seniors and received nearly 100 responses. “So far, we’ve received about 60 or so online questionnaires [from our QR code] as well,” Olivas said.

The feedback received from Community members will be analyzed by the AQP team as they create additional plans to continue maintaining good air quality throughout the Community.

“If we were able to get an app for Community members to get on their phones [to see the air quality levels], who would opt in to that?” asked Leverette-Mason to the group. When the majority of the attendees raised their hands, the AQP team said they would continue developing a plan to implement up-to-the-minute air-quality notifications for the Community.

Those interested in viewing up-to-the-minute air quality at the four SRPMIC air monitoring stations can visit the AQP SRPMIC monitoring website at <https://srp.agilaire.com/airvision>.

To contact the AQP directly, their email address is [epnr@srpmic-nsn.gov](mailto:epnr@srpmic-nsn.gov). They also can be reached at (480) 362-7500.



Cookies and cakes for sale on May 24 to fundraise for the SRPMIC Christmas Angels Program.

### Christmas Angels Program Holds Monthly Bake Sales

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On May 24, the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community’s Christmas Angels Program held a bake sale at the Round House Café to fundraise for the programs’ operations.

This spring, the program began holding monthly bake sales at the Round House Café to support the cause.

The program has a new theme for each month’s fundraiser. In July, the theme will be the Fourth of July (Independence Day).

In October and November, the program, which now operates year-round in the Community, will be opening up donations to SRPMIC departments that want to support a family or child during the holidays.

# SRPMIC's Community Emergency Response Team Hosts Public Meeting in Lehi

Management Coordinator Terry Nelson. Also in attendance were Charles Kmet, emergency manager; Joseph Urrea, emergency management coordinator; and Kirsten VanDeventer, emergency management coordinator.

Extreme heat, fire, floods, landslides, nuclear emergencies and severe thunderstorms are some of the situations for which the SR-CERT provides training. Though some emergencies may not necessarily be applicable to Arizona, the goal of the SR-CERT is to have all of its team members fully prepared for any emergency that may happen in the Community.

"This is our goal, to get our team to these levels," said Urrea as he detailed the in-person and online training courses that are required for team members on the SR-CERT.

This summer's heat and monsoon season will bring rainfall, high winds and extremely hot temperatures. As a result, SR-CERT will be setting up cooling centers within the Community for those who need a moment away from the high temperatures outside.

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"Cooling centers is another way in which SR-CERT will be able to provide assistance and support," added Urrea. "Individuals may get asked to provide

assistance at our cooling centers in the Community when they are activated."

During the public meeting, attendees asked Nelson if the SR-CERT offers

behavioral health and or de-escalation training. While it does not offer those courses, because of the feedback from the group, SR-CERT acknowledged the importance of that kind of training and will conduct additional research to possibly implement it in the near future. Additionally, there has been a need in the state of Arizona for CERT at the teenage level. Presently, the SR-CERT is conducting additional research to be able to implement CERT resources at the teen level in the Community.

"We want to get people credentialed and trained. We want to get those leaders identified," said Nelson. "We're working within our own budgets to make sure we can put on classes every year. We write grants too. We try to give our membership resources to take care of themselves, their families and the Community," Nelson stated.

If you or someone you know may be interested in joining the SR-CERT, contact Terry Nelson at (480) 362-7929 or terry.nelson@srpmic-nsn.gov.

## SRPMIC WIC Program Spotlight

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In a prime location on the first floor of the River People Health Center is the office of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community WIC program (Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children), which provides participant-centered WIC services to the Community.

The entrance is at the north corner of the building, which offers easy access to Community members as well as providers from the health center's pediatrics and women's care units.

In general, WIC supplies food, nutrition education and community resources to low-income families in need of as-

sistance, especially mothers of newborn infants and women who are pregnant, breastfeeding or have children under the age of 5. Millions of families across the United States are eligible to sign up for the WIC program, which is supported by federal grants.

There are three WIC programs in Arizona, according to Margaret Fisher, the SRPMIC WIC Community Health & Nutrition supervisor. The programs are the Arizona WIC, the Inter Tribal Council of Arizona (ITCA) WIC, and the Navajo Nation WIC. The SRPMIC WIC belongs to the ITCA WIC group.

"At SRPMIC WIC, our goal is to create a WIC clinic where participants are heard and are a part of our supportive community," Fisher said. "We offer non-

judgmental care that encompasses the whole person—mind, body and spirit." WIC provides families with supplemental foods, healthcare referrals and nutrition education.

Fisher continued, "We know caregivers work hard to provide the best for their kids. We support the family's wellness by partnering with them to provide culturally appropriate meal and snack ideas and foods that are good for growing bodies."

SRPMIC WIC's services extend throughout Maricopa and Pinal counties, ensuring accessibility not only to Community members but also to pregnant individuals and caregivers in those areas with children under 5 who meet the eligibility criteria. Because the Commu-

nity is bordered by the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation and the municipalities of Scottsdale, Tempe, Mesa and Fountain Hills, Fisher said that the SRPMIC WIC makes it easy for pregnant women and caregivers with children under 5 that reside in those areas to come the clinic.

"Our strategic location enables us to serve a diverse population, fostering healthy beginnings for families in need," said Fisher.

The ITCA website has a list of recipes and food preparation guides that provide options to restore and decolonize traditional meals. The list can be found at <https://itcaonline.com/programs/wic-program/traditional-foods/>.

## Meet the SRPMIC WIC Team



**JAMIE LEWIS, Senior Community Nutrition Specialist/Breastfeeding Lead**

Lewis is a high school graduate who has attended college and earned certifications that are very helpful for her position. She has worked with the WIC program in the Community since 2006.

"I provide breastfeeding information and help moms solve any issues that they may have with breastfeeding, which is very important to get newborns off to a healthy start. I am married to James Lewis and we have five kids. I love watching K-drama, shopping and hanging with my family."



WIC staff pose for a photo outside of the WIC office at the River People Health Center.



**JASMINE NEWELL, Community Nutrition Technician**

Newell has a high school diploma and attended college. A recent hire, she came on board with the WIC program in February of this year.

"In my role, I work at the front desk as our clients' first point of contact. Soon I will take on the role of a certifier. This will allow me to take on a few more tasks and be able to assist with the first part of the certification/recertification appointments. I am a Community member. My family comes from Lehi. I am married with two kids, ages 11 and 6. I have been working for the Community since 2018."



**MARGARET "MAGGIE" FISHER, SRPMIC WIC Community Health & Nutrition Supervisor**

Fisher has worked for the Community's WIC program for nine years. She has an International Baccalaureate Diploma; a bachelor of science degree (B.S.) in nutrition, food science and dietetics; and a master of science degree (M.S.) in professional counseling.

"I oversee the WIC program. My role involves a multifaceted approach to ensure the program's objectives are achieved effectively. This involves coordinating staff activities to ensure smooth program operations, training and mentoring employees to ensure they have the skills and knowledge needed to effectively carry out their roles within the program, and developing and implementing accountability measures to track the program's performance and ensure that high-risk participants receive the necessary support and services to meet their nutritional needs."



**BERNADETTE ANDERSON, Community Nutrition Technician**

Anderson has been with SRPMIC WIC since February 2023 and is a certified lactation educator and certified Indigenous lactation consultant. She recently completed her Doula certification and is continuing her education at Central Arizona College, taking a Dietetic Education Program course required by the Inter Tribal Council of Arizona.

"I'm from the San Carlos Apache Reservation and have lived in the city for the past 20 years. I have two older sons and one granddaughter. My youngest is an SRPMIC Community member."

# SRPMIC Hosts ACEs Webinar on Childhood Trauma

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"Imagine a glass of water," began Annamari Hogan, LPC, of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Health and Human Services Department during her May 21 webinar presentation titled "Understanding ACEs and the Impacts of Childhood Trauma."

The webinar educated attendees about the ACEs questionnaire (Adverse Childhood Experiences), a tool that was established in 1995 to help identify traumatic situations which can alter a person's perception and well-being as they enter adulthood.

SRPMIC Health Educator Melanie Nossie hosted the webinar, while Hogan served as the guest speaker. The audience of more than 100 was composed of SRPMIC members, staff and distinguished guests.

Back to that glass of water. "Our goal is to keep our cup from overflowing. When people experience childhood, historical, intergenerational or racial traumas, they wake up with water in their cup already. The more traumas that happen to them, the less room they have in their cup. This results in them spending more time in those extreme windows of fight or flight," Hogan explained.

The ACEs questionnaire has five main categories: emotional/physical/sexual abuse, emotional/physical neglect, witnessing a mother being treated violently, losing a parent to separation/divorce, and living with someone who abused drugs/alcohol.

"The ACEs questionnaire is not an official diagnostic tool. It's only meant to be an aid to correlate medical conditions and experiences," said Hogan. She also

**Behavioral Health Concerns Associated with ACEs**

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**Physical & Mental Health Concerns Associated with ACEs**

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- Heart disease
- Cancer
- Stroke
- COPD
- Broken bones

Childhood Domestic Violence Association

made it a point to clarify that adverse childhood experiences is not only a family issue; it is a public health crisis.

Hogan noted that each person responds to trauma differently, and it's important to always be mindful of when individuals are unable to process their individual traumas.

"When military folks return from service, they have wounds from the trauma they've experienced [while in service], yet they can be okay [upon returning home]," Hogan said. "Meanwhile, other people may struggle to re-integrate [into their family and community] upon their return home. Everybody experiences

trauma differently."

Hogan continued to highlight how the ACEs questionnaire can shed light when an individual chooses to not communicate regarding their troubles.

"The higher the ACEs score, the narrower [that person's] window of tolerance is. The goal is to widen that window of tolerance and to expand our ability to be mindful more often," she said. "We have to recognize how full is our glass," she added.

Hogan informed the class that two out of every three adults have at least one ACE, and if any ACE is present, there is an 87% chance that at least one other

ACE is present. ACEs are not experienced equally among different races and ethnicities.

She stated, "The more toxic the stress, the more it can negatively affect them—can be the operative word, because it differs by person."

Dustin Largo, teacher mentor with Salt River Schools, then discussed in the webinar chat how the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted the current youth in how they communicate and socialize with their classmates and teachers. Largo also mentioned the effects of how the virus uprooted families and schools and how it's imperative that we continue to support one another.

"Trauma exists, and trauma responses happen," said Hogan. "We must become trauma responsive. That must be our goal."

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**Governor Hobbs Proclaims June 2 Native American Citizenship Day**

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Arizona Governor Katie Hobbs announced with a proclamation on May 31 that June 2 shall be officially known as Native American Citizenship Day in Arizona.

The proclamation was handed to Indian Legal Clinic Director Patty Ferguson-Bohnee by Director of Tribal Affairs Jason Chavez, in the Office of Governor Katie Hobbs, during a Native American Right to Vote webinar.

“On the 100th anniversary of the Indian Citizenship Act, I’m proud to declare June 2 Native American Citizenship Day to realize equal citizenship for all our residents,” Governor Hobbs wrote in a post to X. “Arizona honors and respects the 22 Tribes and Nations that have called our state home since time immemorial.”

On June 2, 1924, the Indian Citizenship Act, also known as the Snyder Act, was signed into law by President Calvin Coolidge. Although the act was passed, Native American voters in Arizona still were barred from voting because the state considered Native Americans to be “under guardianship” and wards of the federal government.

It wasn’t until 1948, when the Arizona Supreme Court overturned *Porter v. Hall*, that Native Americans in the state of Arizona could vote. This came about because Fort McDowell Yavapai members Harry Austin and Frank Harrison successfully challenged the 1924 decision.

This new proclamation recognizes that, even a century after the Indian Citizenship Act, “The struggle for Native voting rights is ongoing, as significant barriers to the ballot continue to disproportionately impact Native American voters in the United States and in the State of Arizona.”

“From a historical perspective, Native people were the very last group of people to be recognized as U.S. citizens,” said Gary Bohnee, special assistant for the SRPMIC Office of Con-

gressional and Legislative Affairs. “However, from a voting perspective, it took many more decades of litigation and overcoming barriers for Native people in Arizona to be able to fully participate in elections.”

The proclamation states:

*WHEREAS, on June 2nd, 1924, the Indian Citizenship Act granted United States citizenship to all Native Americans born in the United States, in recognition of the many contributions of Native Americans to the United States, including during the first World War; and*

*WHEREAS, Arizona’s twenty-two Tribal Nations predate the State of Arizona; and*

*WHEREAS, for decades after the Indian Citizenship Act was signed into law, the State of Arizona continued to employ barriers to full citizenship, such as denial of the right to vote; and*

*WHEREAS, one century after the Indian Citizenship Act, the struggle for Native voting rights is ongoing, as significant barriers to the ballot continue to disproportionately impact Native American voters in the United States and in the State of Arizona; and*

*WHEREAS, the one hundredth anniversary of the Indian Citizenship Act marks a time for reflection on both the progress made to ensure equal citizenship for Native Americans despite countless historic injustices, and on the barriers to equal citizenship that remain for our Native American citizens; and*

*WHEREAS, the State of Arizona honors and respects Arizona’s Tribes, and commits to efforts that will realize equal citizenship for all Native Americans;*

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# Revisiting Recycling in the Community

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Now that the Materials Recovery Facility (MRF), owned and operated by Republic Services on Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community land, is again fully operational after a fire in 2019, the SRP-MIC Public Works Department is promoting Republic Services' recycling campaign, "Recycling Simplified," and continuing to pick up recycling from Community members.

The Public Works Solid Waste team continued to collect recyclables from residential, tribal government and commercial customers within the SRPMIC boundaries while the MRF was closed; however, with no MRF for the recyclables to be sorted and processed, they were diverted to the landfill during that time. Now, all recycling collection from the Community is again being processed at the MRF.

According to Gretchen Scott, assistant director, Public Works-Community Services, the Public Works Solid Waste team continues to empty the blue recycling bins weekly on Thursdays.

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Scott said that it is important for the Community to be environmentally responsible and protect the land for future generations.

"One way we can help accomplish this is by reducing landfill waste," said Scott. "A goal of the Public Works Department's Solid Waste section is to educate our customers on the importance of proper recycling. We ask you to work with us by sharing what you learn about what to recycle and encouraging others to recycle."

The new Public Works website, which can be found at [www.srpmic-nsn.gov/government/public-works/](http://www.srpmic-nsn.gov/government/public-works/), has an informational flyer regarding container pickup, recycling tips and the link to Republic Services' Recycling Simplified campaign, available to view and download.

When a new residence in the Community has been established, the new homeowners are instructed to contact Public Works Customer Service, which will submit a work order for the homeowner to receive two residential trash bins and one recycling bin, which is the standard for each household.

Reach out to Public Works Customer Service if your current recycling container is damaged and they will submit a work order to replace your container.

Commercial customers are instructed to contact Public Works Customer Service to amend their existing contract to include recycling services if they are not already contracted for those services.

The SRPMIC Public Works Solid Waste team will be monitoring recycling containers weekly for non-recyclable materials (unclean materials/trash). Recycling containers found with trash items will not be serviced and will be tagged with a notice indicating why. The container will be serviced on the next scheduled trash service day, according to Scott.

For assistance with recycling services in the Community, contact Public Works at (480) 362-5600 or email [PWCustomerService@srpmic-nsn.gov](mailto:PWCustomerService@srpmic-nsn.gov).

## WHAT TO RECYCLE AND WHAT NOT TO RECYCLE

The "Recycling Simplified" campaign breaks down recycling into these simple steps:

**Know what to throw:** flattened cardboard, metal cans, plastic bottles.

**Empty. Clean. Dry.** Recycled materials must be free of food and liquid.

**Don't bag items:** Never put recyclables in containers or bags.

**Some examples of items that should go into recycling containers:**

- Clean cardboard flattened to fit inside the bin (remove any tape or staples)
- Metal food cans (rinse clean with the label removed)
- Glass and plastic bottles (clean and dry)

**Some examples of items that should not go into recycling containers:**

- Cardboard pizza boxes that are stained with grease
- Cartons and bottles that smell bad/sour; for example, a ketchup bottle that still has ketchup in it
- Plastic bags and plastic wrappers

**Note:** Even a small amount can contaminate an entire truck of clean recyclables. If you're in doubt as to whether a specific container should be recycled, dispose of it with the regular trash.

## ONLY place these items in the recycling containers



**Flattened Cardboard**



**Paper**



**Metal Cans**



**Plastic Bottles & Jugs**



**Glass**



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## How to prepare your recyclables



**Don't bag it**  
Never put recyclables in containers or bags



**NEVER place these items in the recycling container**

**Plastic Bags & Wrappers**

**Clothing & Shoes**

**Tools  
Food**

**Electronics & Batteries**

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# SRPMIC Hosts Job and Résumé Workshop for Community Youth

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“Welcome to our first youth summer job and résumé workshop for this year,” said Julie Sepulveda, Career Services Coordinator from the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Human Resources Department, on May 30 as she kicked off the Community’s job and résumé workshop.

The workshop was held in Two Waters Building A in the computer lab. Sepulveda was joined by her Human Resources colleagues Seneca Peters, employment compliance coordinator, and Zandria Ransom, special needs coordinator. Together, the trio helped a group of young adult Community members learn the ins and outs of creating their own résumés and applying for jobs for the first time.

“We’re here to assist; you can take as much time as you need,” said Sepulveda. “There’s no rush; we can work with you,” she added.

Sepulveda explained that Goodwill, Walmart and Target are just a few of the organizations located in the Scottsdale Pavilions that are currently looking to bring on new talent.

Additionally, the HR trio assisted with the process of completing a job application online. “We can help you with the online application questionnaires and are here to answer questions you may have about the process,” she said.

Sepulveda, Peters and Ransom answered questions regarding the process of creating a résumé and cover letter. During the workshop, attendees disclosed their work histories and some informed the class that they were looking to join the workforce for the very first time after several years of babysitting.

Creating a professional résumé and cover letter places a prospective employee at the front of the line to receive an interview or a job offer. Throughout the summer, SRPMIC’s Human Resources Department will be hosting additional workshops for those seeking employment.



Seneca Peters (left) and Julie Sepulveda (far right) were on hand to provide assistance in helping Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community youth create their own professional résumé.



Zandria Ransom, special needs coordinator, joined Peters and Sepulveda to provide additional assistance to SRPMIC membership during the workshop.

For information on the next job and résumé workshop, contact Julie Sepulveda at (480) 362-3276.

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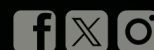


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### Can you summarize your educational background?

I graduated from Primavera Online in 2016 and graduated from Carrington College in 2019.

### Describe your most rewarding college experience.

When I made the Dean's List at the University of Phoenix.

### What are your future plans?

To get the career I want, continue to move forward and become an even better person, and continue to improve myself both financially and mentally.

### What do you hope to accomplish in the next 10 years?

I hope to make a good career out of what I am doing now and be able to support my family financially.

### Who or what influenced you to go to school?

I was self-motivated. I was tired of putting it off [education] and wanted to finish [my degree]. I don't like leaving things undone, and plus I wanted to make a living out of helping people. I finally found the career path I wanted to achieve.

### Did you face any obstacles while attending college/university? If so, how did you overcome them?

Yes I did, deaths in the family and personal issues at home made it difficult sometimes to want to continue. I got through it by reminding myself to keep going and that I can make it through until the end.

### What advice would you give people considering higher education?

To go for it, because it honestly helps and can make it so much easier to go to school because of the support you receive.

### Is there anyone you would like to thank?

I would like to thank all my friends and family for being a big support in my life and being there with me during this journey.

### Who are your parents and grandparents?

Tony Russell, Kathie Russell, Jean Wynne and Sydney Russell

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Sabrina Kavoka  
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Ramona Manuel  
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Juan Smith Jr.  
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# COUNCIL ACTIONS CORNER

Welcome to the Council Corner. Here you will find a recap of the weekly Council Meeting actions and other important information. The SRPMIC Council is conducts business by holding weekly Council meetings in-person. Regular Sessions and Work Sessions will be available for a delayed viewing at <https://www.srpmic-nsn.gov/> click on Tribal Government, Virtual Council Meetings.

## April 3, 2024 – Council Meeting Items:

**PUBLIC HEARING: Scottsdale AutoShow North Proposal** – Multiple requests for this project were presented for questions and comments: Lease, Conditional Use Permit, PD Overlay, and Right-of-Way. Will return for action on April 10, 2024 for follow-up action

**Designation of Land Use (DOLU) for McKellips Water Production Facility** – Council approved a resolution for this DOLU from the March 13, 2024 Public Hearing.

**Grant Request** – Safe Streets for All (SS4A) – Council approved a resolution for grant funding through the USDOT Safe Streets and Roads for All Program.

**Missing Murdered Indigenous People (MMIP) Awareness Proclamation** – A Proclamation was approved to declare May of each year as MMIP Awareness Month.

**Resolution for Indian Gaming Association Membership** – Council approved a resolution for the purposes of the Indian Gaming Association Annual Membership Meeting.

**Community Member Comments:** 1) Community member expressed constructive criticism regarding the recent election. Commented on the recent passing of the oldest Community Member. Suggested recording the stories of elders. 2) Community member requested Council make a statement for a cease-fire in Gaza.

**Executive Session Agenda Items:** Board Appointment (JSC), General Welfare Programs, SORNA Ordinance Amendment, Waymo Follow-up, CRO Discussion, COVID Memorial Project, Board Application Review (MSRC), Office of General Counsel Legal Matters

## April 4, 2024 – Council Work Session:

**Procurement Policy–SRBOA** – Community member businesses met with Council to discuss the proposed amendments to the draft procurement policy.

**Virtual Meet & Greet: Morongo Vice Chairman James Silva** – Council met virtually with the Vice-Chair of the Indian Gaming Association.

**Housing (Mesquite Trails/Lonely Cactus)** – Community Development/Housing staff met to discuss occupancy requirements, eligibility, application of rentals.

## April 10, 2024 – Council Meeting Items:

**Certification of Enrollment (1st Quarter)** – Council certified the 1st quarter enrollment of 11,151.

**Scottsdale AutoShow North Proposal** – Council approved a resolution on this proposal. This was follow-up from the April 3, 2024 public hearing.

**Resolution for General Welfare Program to Support Cultural Education** – Council approved a resolution for a general welfare program to support cultural education and events and to create and implement guidelines for the program.

**SORNA Ordinance Amendment** – Council approved a 90-day public comment period regarding this ordinance.

**Waymo Agreement** – Council approved a resolution for an agreement with Waymo which will permit Waymo

to operate within the Community designated service areas.

**FY25 State 911 Grant Program** – Council approved a resolution for application of grant funding through the AZ Department of Administration, Arizona 911 Grant Program.

**Amendments to Section 12-9, Restricting Roaming Animals** – Council approved a 90-day public comment period regarding the amendments to this ordinance.

**Grant Applications/Resolutions: Water Quality Program PPG, Water Quality Program, Air Quality Program** – Council approved resolutions for CWA Section 319, Section 106, and Inflation Reduction Act.

**Community Member Comments:** 1) Community member requested an executive session. 2) Community member expressed concerns about the proposed SORNA ordinance amendments. Requested follow-up on the concerns voiced at the senior only meeting.

**Executive Session Items:** Judicial Selection Committee, Gaming Enterprise Monthly Report, Constitution Amendments, Board Appointment (SB-Prof), Gaming Regulatory Ordinance, Office of General Counsel Legal Matters.

## April 11, 2024 – Council Work Session Items:

**Cemetery Master Plan** – The Team presented the overall master plan, land status, and other topics for all Community cemeteries.

**Executive Work Session items:** 21CP Task Update, Unclaimed Property Ordinance, Land Management Board Members

## April 17, 2024–Council Meeting Items:

**PUBLIC HEARING: Wahum-Proposed First Amendment** – Proposed amendments were presented for comments and questions. Will return on May 1, 2024.

**Gaming Regulatory Ordinance** – Council approved a 30 day public comment period on this ordinance.

**Exclusion Resolution** – Council approved a resolution for the exclusion of Jeffery Scott King.

**Adobe Agreement Resolution** – Council approved a resolution for Adobe Value Incentive Plan.

**2024-2028 Tribal Transportation Improvement Plan (TTIP)** – Council approved a resolution for SRPMIC’s 2024-2028 TTIP.

**Community Member Comments:** 1) Community member acknowledge Council on the work they do for the Community. Commented on the process for missing persons be improved. 2) Community Member thanked Lehi Representative and staff on the success of the Piipaash Matasheevm event. Voiced liability concerns of SRPD shooting range.

**Executive Session Items:** SRPD Update, Exclusion Resolution, Judicial Selection Committee, PCC and SRSR Enabling Ordinances, Office of General Counsel Legal Matters.

## April 18, 2024 – Council Work Session:

**No Work Session.**

## April 24, 2024 – Council Meeting Items:

**Unclaimed Property Ordinance Amendments** – Council approved ordinance amendments to Chapter 20, Article V by repealing Section 20-110 through Section 20-115 and replacing it with an amended version of Section 20-110 through Section 10-117. The purpose of the amendments is to improve the efficiency of the process regarding how the SRPMIC handles unclaimed non-monetary property.”

**Town of Gilbert-12% Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA)** – Council approved a resolution to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement and accompanying resolution to implement the Community’s 12% Contribution requirements of the Gaming Compact between the SRPMIC and State of AZ.

**US Department of Transportation (DOT) Grant Resolution** – Council approved a resolution for grant funding application.

**Community Member Comments:** 1) Community member commended the SRPD. Also, had questions regarding no sidewalks on Pima Road, SRHS Graduation Requirements, and assistance in getting rid of the weed stinknet.

**Executive Session:** Eagle Mountain Pulling Enclosure, Council Events, CM Request, Personnel Issue, Office of General Counsel Legal Matters.

## April 25, 2024 – Council Work Session:

**River People Health Center (RPHC) Transition** – Information was presented to Council to see if the RPHC should stay as a Tribal entity or an enterprise.

**Executive Work Session Items:** Council Ethics

## May 1, 2024 – Council Meeting Items:

**Proclamation for Foster Care Awareness Month** – Council approved a Proclamation in support of National Foster Care Month.

**Wahum Proposed First Amendment** – Council approved a resolution approving the first amendment to Business Lease B-530 between certain allotted landowners of land within the SRPMIC and the Wahum, LLC.

**Technical Code amendment 6-128, Sale of Marijuana**–Council approved a technical amendment to Chapter 6, Article VI, Section 6-128 of the SRPMIC Code of Ordinances to clarify that the sale of marijuana is prohibited in any quantity within the exterior boundaries of the Community.

**Announcement of Board Appointments** – Council announced the board appointments to the LMB. Joseph Garza and Maria Chavez were appointed for a 3 year term. Winter Wood was appointed to the SR Devco Board.

**Community Member Comments:** 1) .

**Executive Session:** SR Devco, Community Day Activities, Board Appointment (LMB), Office of General Counsel Legal Matters.

## May 2, 2024 – Council Work Session:

**Entrance Sign** – Community Development/Planning Division presented designs for a welcome sign near Scottsdale, Pima Road and 90th Street for Council discussion or next steps.

**Executive Work Session Agenda Items:** Strategy G (Long Range Economic Planning, SR Business Development)

## May 8, 2024 – Council Meeting Items:

**Special Recognition and Thank you Presentation** – Council recognized Mr. Andrew Kelly of Osborn Maldeon for his past service to the Community.

**River People Health Center Environmental Excellence Award Presentation** – The RPHC was awarded “The Crescordia”, the highest honor awarded in each category.

**Amending the Enabling Ordinance for Phoenix Cement and Salt River Sand & Rock Company** –

**Community Member Comments:** 1) Community member voiced issues for economic development for Community Businesses versus big box stores. 2) Community member requested revisions to Chapter 14 Alcohol Sales

Ordinance. 3) Community member informed Council of an incident by Public Works and the concerns of a tree cut at her residence and asked for remedy. 4) Community member acknowledged/thanked a Community member employee with the crisis department (Behavioral Health Services) that came and assisted with an incident with her bi-polar son.

**Executive Session:** Business Development Consultant, Review, Litigation, Office of General Counsel Legal Matters.

## May 9, 2024 – Council Work Session:

**Executive Work Session:** Air Quality Monitoring Station, Enterprise Reports (Talking Stick Golf, PCC & SRSR, Saddleback, Peerless)

## May 15, 2024 – Council Meeting Items:

**Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program Grant** – Council approved a resolution for grant funding through the US Department of Commerce, National Telecommunication and information administration.

**Resolution for Environmental Protection Agency Grant Funding** – Resolutions were approved for the CDD-EPNR Pesticide Programs Grant, CDD-EPNR Air Quality Program Grants, and CDD-EPNR Environmental Justice Program Grants.

**Announcement of Board Appointment** – Council appointed Jessica Sepulveda for a three year term on the 12% Gaming Contributions Committee.

**Community Member Comments:** 1) Community member commented on the length of the agenda and the amount of business handled in exec session. Council informed that the agenda’s fluctuate and not always short. 2) Community member reminded Council and Community of upcoming Veteran’s events.

**Executive Session:** Gaming Enterprise Monthly Report, Community Member Request, Board Appointment (12% Committee), OGC Legal Matters.

## May 16, 2024 – Council Work Session:

**Executive Work Session Agenda Items:** Enterprise Reports (Salt River Fields, Salt River Landfill, Salt River Devco), Yavapai Apache Water Settlement.

## May 22, 2024 – Council Meeting Items:

**PUBLIC HEARING: Cambria Hotel & Suites CUP (23-CUP-14)** – Information was presented on a Calendar Stick Lot III, LLC. Request for a Conditional Use Permit to allow a hotel use within Lot 3 at Calendar Stick Business Park for Cambria Hotel & Suites.

**Veteran Services** – The Veterans Staff provided information on planned Memorial Day Activities, including Flag Planting and Program.

**Pawanka Fund Grant Program** – A resolution was approved for the Cultural Resources Department to apply, receive, and implement grand funding through the Pawanka Fund Grant Program.

**Community Member Comments:** 1) CM reviewed concern of living off the Community and not having available resources and also suggested to have the Community share felon information with the federal government. 2) CM provided information on Bird Signing & Dancing practice at the Lehi Gathering Area. 3) CM reviewed high cost of living, suggested a stimulus payment; reviewed an issue with staff; requested dress blues for community member veterans; inquired about tickets for AZ Diamondbacks Native American Day; suggested Council visit the buffet

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to see the declining patronage.

**Executive Session:** Long Term Portfolio Investment Policy, Presiding Judge, Appellate Reappointment, Election Code Amendments, Office of General Counsel Legal Matters.

**May 23, 2024 – Council Work Session: No Work Session.**

**May 29, 2024 – Council Meeting Items:**

**Miss Salt River Royalty Farwell** – Council thanked the Miss Salt River/Jr. Miss Salt River royalty for their service to the community.

**Native Spirit Program** – Information and statistics were presented on the Native Spirit Program.

**Cambria Hotel & Suites Conditional Use Permit** – A resolution approved for Calendar Stick Lot III, LLC. Request for a Conditional Use Permit to allow a hotel use within Lot 3 at Calendar Stick Business Park for Cambria Hotel & Suites.

**Election Code Amendments** – Council approved the Technical Amendments to Election Code to update the inconsistencies between the Constitution and the Code of Ordinances.

**Community Member Comments:**

1) CM thanked the Police Chief for accommodating working community

members with an evening meeting; asked that meetings and events be held in the evening for community members; requested an update on the CP 21 report; thankful to see the Election change regarding felonies, noted individuals should not be allowed to run for office if they have crimes against children and/or manslaughter. 2) CM gave thanks for Memorial Day events; requested an update on his previous quest for a stimulus payout; asked who to contact for a MCA bill; noted the areas of dense mesquite needed to be cut.

**Executive Session:** Minor’s Trust Matter, Deferred Comp Plan, Child Support Ordinance, Appellate Reappointment, Office of General Counsel Legal Matters.

**May 30, 2024 – Council Work Session:**

**Blood Quantum Strategy Team** – Staff presented information on the current enrollment statistics and requested if there should be a study done to project the future population

**Housing Questions** – Item was tabled.

**Executive Work Session Agenda**

**Items:** SRMG Presentation, CM Request, Land Management Board, Presiding Judge Discussion.

**June 5, 2024 – Council Meeting Items:**

**Gaming Regulatory Ordinance** – The ordinance was approved to conform with the new 2021 Gaming Compact between the SRPMIC and State of Arizona and to incorporate necessary amendments as required in the Federal regulations.

**Resolution for UpToDate Inc. Software Subscription and License Agreement** – A resolution was approved for the software subscription and license agreement.

**Maricopa County Superior Court Letter of Agreement and Resolution** – Council approved a resolution to approve and authorize a letter of between the Superior Court of Arizona in Maricopa County and the SRPMIC through its department of Social Services to collaborate for the purposes of implementing best practices in Indian Child Welfare cases.

**Community Member Comments:**

1) Community member HR policies, CFML, loan deductions, SRFSI, Life Alert, and ECEC. 2) Community member discussed employment, development in the community, D-day event, and NARD tickets. 3) Community member gave a presentation on the cannabis and hemp industry.

**Executive Session:** CM Land Issue, Grievance, Office of General Counsel Legal Matters.

**June 6, 2024 – Council Work Session:**

**Executive Work Session Agenda Items** – Business Development Update, Moss Adams.

**June 12, 2024 – Council Meeting Items:**

**These items were scheduled on the Council Meeting Agenda. This meeting was held at LEHI COMMUNITY BUILDING.**

- Swearing-In Ceremony of Judges
- Water Service Line Inventory Grant
- FY25 Education Business Unit Budget
- Child Support Ordinance Amendment
- ASU Student Placement Agreement for OCLA
- License Agreement with City of Phoenix for SRPD
- Salt River Business Development Formation

**Community Member Comments**

**Executive Session:** Amended & Re-stated Employee 401(k) Plans, Housing Questions, Appellate Justices Virtual Meet & Greet

**June 13, 2024 – Council Work Session: No Work Session scheduled.**

**June 19, 2024 & June 20, 2024**

**No Council meetings this week. Office closed on Juneteenth (6/19/24).**

## LEGAL NOTICES

**JUVENILE COURT JURISDICTION: SALT RIVER PIMA MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT**  
**ADDRESS: 10040 EAST OSBORN RD. SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85256**  
**CONTACT: (480) 362-6315**  
**ALL JUVENILE COURT CASES REPORT TO COURTROOM #3 ON THE 1ST FLOOR.**  
**FAILURE TO APPEAR CAN AFFECT YOUR RIGHTS**

**Baptisto, Nathaniel** - Review Hearing Case: J-13-0087 Court Date: July 8, 2024 at 11 a.m.

**Lewis, Robi** – Disposition Hearing Case: J-23-0026 Date: July 1, 2024 at 1:30 p.m.

**Paul, Derek Lloyd** – Mother: Joanna Marie Alvarez (DOB: 01/28/1974) Minor: C.N.A. (DOB: 02/27/2009) Review Hearing Case: J-18-0117 Court Date: June 27, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.

**Swan, Dajuan Anthony** - Review Hearing Case: J-22-0127 Court Date: July 10, 2024 at 10 a.m.

**Valencia, Victor** - Review Hearing Case: J-13-0086 Court Date: July 8, 2024 at 11 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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**Carlos, Anthony Svegi Judum** - Entry of Default Judgement/Order to Show Cause Case: CV-24-0847 Court Date: July 10, 2024 at 9:30 AM

**Chiago, Janette Pauline** - Entry of Default Judgement Case: CV-24-0851 Court Date: July 9, 2024 at 10 AM

**Lewis, Dustin** - Restraining Order Hearing Case: CV-24-4144 Court Date: July 3, 2024 at 11:30 AM

**Lewis, Geoffrey** - Restraining Order Hearing Case: CV-24-4145 Court Date: July 3, 2024 at 11:30 AM

**Cruz, James** - Evidentiary Guardianship Hearing Case: CV-24-2419 Court Date: July 10, 2024 at 10 AM

**Miles-Correa, Julia Jade** - Initial Paternity/ Custody/Child Support Case: CV-24-3638 Court Date: July 10, 2024 at 1:30 PM

**Thomas, Yolanda Marie** - Review Hearing Case: J-23-0021 Court Date: July 17, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

**Rivers, Efen Lee** - Evidentiary Guardianship Hearing Case: CV-24-3174 Court Date: June 24, 2024 at 10:30 AM

**Wesley-Howard, Aristen Jared** - Initial Paternity Hearing Case: CV-24-3412 Court Date: July 1, 2024 at 9 AM

## DEFAULT NOTICES

**ANDREWS, JACQUELINE NOTICE OF DEFAULT JUDGMENT**  
Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community Court, State of Arizona, Maricopa County original jurisdiction court case number CV-24-1340

Notice of Default Judgment is hereby given ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that default judgment against Respondent, Jacqueline S. Andrews, is hereby ENTERED. It is further, ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that Respondent, Jacqueline S. Andrews, shall pay Petitioner, Lorenzo Cashoya the amount of \$1,100.00. Payment shall be made to Petitioner within ten (10) days of this Order. This order is final and shall be served on Respondent in accordance to Rule 5-20(c). For a copy of this Order please contact the Salt River Court at 480-362-6315.

**BELTRAN, ALLAN**  
Notice of Default Judgment:  
Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community Court, State of Arizona, Maricopa County original jurisdiction court case number CV-24-0649

Notice of Default Judgment is hereby given ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that default judgment against Respondents, Allan Beltran and Molly Martinez, by Graceland Properties LLC is hereby ENTERED. It is further, ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that Respondents, Allan Beltran and Molly Martinez, shall have ten (10) days to respond from date of publication. For a copy of this Order please contact the Salt River Court at 480-362-6315.

**CARLOS, ANTHONY SVEGI JUDUM DEFAULT NOTICE CV-24-0847**  
To: Anthony Svegi Judum Carlos, RESPONDENT

1. A Complaint / Petition has been filed against you in this Court and your immediate attention to this fact is urgent if you do not want judgment entered against you.

2. The Court record reflects that you have failed to respond to defend by filing an answer, motion to dismiss, request for extension of time or other responsive pleading and you have failed to attend

hearings at the Court called for this matter. 3. If you do not defend against this suit within Thirty (30) days from the date the Process Server hands you this or you are served with it otherwise as permitted under the Community Code, the Court may enter default judgment against you.

4. A default judgment may have serious, adverse, and irreversible consequences against you.

5. If you want to defend against the claim and avoid default judgment entered against you, you must file a written answer, motion to dismiss or other responsive pleading within thirty (30) days from when you are served with this Notice. The Court will not extend time for your response and you must make your response in writing, no oral responses will be accepted

6. If you do nothing, the Court may give Judgment for what the Complaint demands. (Section 5-16.1, Judgment by Default)  
DATED this 2nd of April, 2024

**CARLOS, ANTHONY SVEGI JUDUM ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CV-24-0847**

TO: Anthony Svegi Judum Carlos, Respondent  
YOU ARE HEREBY ORDERED to appear before the above-entitled court on the 10th day of July 2024 at 9:30 AM, in Court Room #1, and show cause why you should not be held in contempt for failing to appear for an Order to Show Cause and Entry of Default Judgment Hearing on May 9th, 2024.

FAILURE TO APPEAR will result in a Bench Warrant issued for your arrest for Contempt of Court from (§6-41) of the Code or Ordinances.  
ORDERED this May 9th, 2024  
Judge Raymond L. Deer,  
SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY TRIBAL COURT

**CHIAGO, JANETTE PAULINE DEFAULT NOTICE CV-24-0851**  
To: Janette Pauline Chiago, RESPONDENT

1. A Complaint / Petition has been filed against you in this Court and your immediate attention to this fact is urgent if you do not want judgment entered against you.

2. The Court record reflects that you have failed to respond to defend by filing an answer, motion to dismiss, request for extension of time or other responsive pleading and you have failed to attend hearings at the Court called for this matter.

3. If you do not defend against this suit within Thirty (30) days from the date the Process Server hands you this or you are served with it otherwise as permitted under the Community Code, the Court may enter default judgment against you.

4. A default judgment may have serious, adverse, and irreversible consequences against you.

5. If you want to defend against the claim and avoid default judgment entered against you, you must file a written answer, motion to dismiss or other responsive pleading within thirty (30) days from when you are served with this Notice. The Court will not extend time for your response and you must make your response in writing, no oral responses will be accepted

6. If you do nothing, the Court may give Judgment for what the Complaint demands. (Section 5-16.1, Judgment by Default)  
DATED this 20th of May, 2024

**HOYAH JR., GODFREY**  
Notice of Judgment and Order for Legal Modified Custody  
Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community Court, State of Arizona, Maricopa County original jurisdiction court case number CF-18-0059; CF-18-0060

Notice of Judgment and Order for Legal Modified Custody is hereby given ORDERED AND ADJUDGED and is hereby ENTERED on the 15th day of May, 2024. It is further, ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that Tonishia Lewis is awarded sole legal custody and legal decision making of minors. Parenting time is at the Mother's discretion until further order of the Court. This order is final and shall be served on Respondent in

accordance to Rule 5-20(c).

**MARTINEZ, MOLLY NOTICE OF DEFAULT JUDGMENT:**  
Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community Court, State of Arizona, Maricopa County original jurisdiction court case number CV-24-0649

Notice of Default Judgment is hereby given ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that default judgment against Respondents, Allan Beltran and Molly Martinez, by Graceland Properties LLC is hereby ENTERED. It is further, ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that Respondents, Allan Beltran and Molly Martinez, shall have ten (10) days to respond from date of publication. For a copy of this Order please contact the Salt River Court at 480-362-6315.

**MASAWISTEWA, MORIAH CV-23-3859**  
**NOTICE OF DEFAULT JUDGMENT:**  
Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community Court, State of Arizona, Maricopa County original jurisdiction court case number CV-23-3859

Notice of Default Judgment is hereby given ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that default judgment against Respondent, Moriah Masawistewa, hereby ENTERED. It is further, ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that Respondent, Moriah Masawistewa, shall pay court ordered Child Support and has ten (10) days to respond from date of publication. For a copy of this Order please contact the Salt River Court at 480-362-6315.

**N.S.E. NOTICE OF JUDGMENT AND ORDER OF CHILD SUPPORT**  
Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community Court, State of Arizona, Maricopa County original jurisdiction court case number CFCS-23-0018

Notice of Judgment and Order of Child Support is hereby ORDERED AND ADJUDGED and is hereby ENTERED on the 4th day of January, 2024. It is further, ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that Respondent N. S.E. shall pay child support to Petitioner, B. P. Payment shall be made to Petitioner within 30 days of service

of this order and once every thirty (30) days thereafter until this order expires or otherwise modified. The Order of support presumptively terminates May 30th, 2039. This order is final for purposes of appeal. Please contact the Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community Tribal Court for any questions regarding this matter at 480-362-6315 Monday through Friday 8am to 5pm.

**R.B. NOTICE OF JUDGMENT AND ORDER OF CHILD SUPPORT:**  
Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community Court, State of Arizona, Maricopa County original jurisdiction court case number CFCS-23-0018

Notice of Judgment and Order of Child Support is hereby ORDERED AND ADJUDGED and is hereby ENTERED on the 28th day of February, 2024. It is further, ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that Respondent R.B. shall pay child support to Petitioner, B. P. monthly. Payment shall be made to Petitioner within 30 days of service of this order and once every thirty (30) days thereafter until this order expires or otherwise modified. The Order of support presumptively terminates May 30th, 2039. This order is final for purposes of appeal. Please contact the Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community Tribal Court for any questions regarding this matter at 480-362-6315 Monday through Friday 8am to 5pm.

**WESLEY-HOWARD, ARISTEN JARED NOTICE OF DEFAULT JUDGMENT:**  
Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community Court, State of Arizona, Maricopa County original jurisdiction court case number CV-24-0864

Notice of Default Judgment is hereby given ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that default judgment against Respondent, Aristen Jared Wesley-Howard, is hereby ENTERED. It is further, ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that Respondent Aristen Jared Wesley-Howard, shall pay Petitioner, Country Club Cars and has ten (10) days to respond after being served. For a copy of this Order please contact the Salt River Court at 480-362-6315.

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### ONGOING

**DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP**, 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month from 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. in room 3104 (Cloud), 3rd floor of RPHC. This free, confidential, and safe group of individuals support one another by utilizing their collective experiences and learned wisdom. This gathering is for adults diagnosed with diabetes. For more information, contact (480) 362-3355

**TAI CHI FOR SENIORS**, Tuesdays 9-10 a.m. at WOLF Senior Room and Thursdays 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. at Senior Services North Annex. Join Senior Services for tai chi, an ancient Chinese martial art used today as an effective moving meditation that improves the health of the mind and body. All abilities and fitness levels are welcome. For community seniors 55+ and adults with adaptive needs. Questions? Call 480.362.6350.

**YOGA FOR FALL PREVENTION**, Mondays 9 a.m. – 10 a.m. at WOLF Senior Room. All Fitness Levels Welcome! Sign up with Celinda Joe at (480) 876-7180 and request transportation if needed.

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**WATER AEROBICS AT WAY OF LIFE FACILITY POOL**, 45-minute sessions on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays at 10 a.m., 12 p.m., and 1 p.m. No registration required. Questions? Call (480) 362-6310

**NAMI FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP**, First and Third Wednesdays of each month from 12 p.m. – 1 p.m. at RPHC 3rd Floor, Room 3104. Contact (480) 362-6948 for more information.

**NICWA SPONSORED POSITIVE INDIAN PARENTING**, 8 sessions happening weekly on Wednesdays beginning May 8, 4:30 - 6 p.m. at River People Health Center. For more Info & to Sign Up: Text or Call Glendalyn Naqua-Hyeoma at (602) 784-0979

**WELLBRIETY 12 STEP AND MEDICINE WHEEL**, Wednesdays and Fridays 9:30 a.m. – 11 a.m. Wellbriety is a Native American recovery fellowship that blends spiritual practice with the 12-Step program. Its approach to recovery focuses on healing and is rooted in the Teachings of the Medicine Wheel, the Cycle of Life, and the Four Laws of Change. Wellbriety emphasizes creating new thought patterns, attitudes, and feelings about sobriety based on traditional concepts and Native American teachings.

**TALKING CIRCLE FOLLOWING WELLBRIETY**, Wednesdays and Fridays 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. Following the Wellbriety session, participants are invited to join the Talking Circle to share insights and experiences related to living in recovery and honoring traditional practices, including fellowship, community, and connection. Talking Circle sessions also take place every Wednesday and Friday, from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

**WARRIOR'S SUPPORT CIRCLE**, 2nd Thursday Warrior's Support Circle is a talking circle aimed at offering our Veterans a safe space to meet and share their life experiences, challenges, and successes. The circle offers a free, confidential space for members to take steps towards recovery by gaining insight from others and learning more about PTSD, adjustment issues after reintegration into the civilian world, and to discuss general challenges that accompany service in the military.

**CRAFT COMMUNITY REINFORCEMENT AND FAMILY TRAINING**, Support group for families of loved ones battling substance abuse/addiction/dependence. Fridays 4 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. at RPHC Room 3106 (3rd Floor) For More Information please contact Shea Hinton at (480) 362-2739

**SALT RIVER VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION ORIENTATION**, Bi-weekly on Tuesdays 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. Human Resources, Two Waters Building B. Walk-ins welcomed! Contact (480) 362 2650 for more information.

### HA:ŞAÑ BAHIDAG MAŞAD XLY'A XAMXUK JUNE

**25 ALA CLASS OF 2024 GRADUATION**, The Accelerated Learning Academy will honor its Class of 2024 graduates on Tuesday, June 25, at noon at the Talking Stick Resort Ballroom. Call the ALA at (480) 362-2130 with any questions.

**25 PATHWAY TO HOMEOWNERSHIP**, 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. at Two Waters, Bldg. B. Room 106. Pathway to Homeownership is an orientation to the SRFSI Homeownership Program. This class is open to SRPMIC Community Members that would like to learn about the program requirements and how to prepare financially to apply for a mortgage loan with SRFSI. To register, email gracie.briones@srpmic-nsn.gov or call (480) 362-7833.

**26 ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS WALK**, 8 a.m. check in and 8:30 a.m. walk begins at Friendship Park. The walk with recognize and bring awareness to World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. The walk is sponsored by the Senior Services Adult Protective Services. T-shirts for the first 60 walkers! Sizes are limited. For more information contact: (480) 362-6350 and ask for the APS team.

**27 GATHERING SAGUARO FRUIT PRESENTATION & VIDEO SCREENING**, The Huhugam Ki: Museum will be hosting a presentation and video screening of the partnership with the Huhugam Heritage Center, showcasing the picking and cooking of saguaro fruit. Sign up in-person during normal business hours at the Huhugam Ki: Museum. Contact CRD with questions at 480-362-6320

**27 CM BUTLER DISTRICT A MEETING**, 6 p.m. at SRPMIC Council Chambers. Topics to include Amendments to the Chapter 6.5 – Sex Offender Registration and Community Notification, additional topics to be added, and Community Member Comments. Schedule was current at time of publishing, please contact Council Secretaries with questions at (480) 362-7469

**27 THRIVING WITH DIABETES**, 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. at RPHC Teaching Kitchen. Join us and come hungry for a day of learning with a light breakfast and catered lunch. Sessions include Diabetes A-Z, Healthy eating, being active, knowing medications, knowing your numbers, finding solutions, reducing risks, and healthy coping. Please call 480 362-3355 to register and save your seat.

**27 COMPUTER CLASSES FOR SENIORS**, 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. at Two Waters Building A – Red Mountain Computer Lab (A117). Community Seniors 55+ are welcome to attend computer basics classes provided by SRPMIC IT Customer Care Division. Transportation is available by contacting (480) 362-6350

**28 CM ANTONE DISTRICT B MEETING**, 6 p.m. at SRPMIC Council Chambers. Topics to include plans for the new SRFD Station, Amendments to Guardianship Ordinance, and Community Member Comments. Schedule was current at time of publishing, please contact Council Secretaries with questions at (480) 362-7469

### JU:KIABIG MAŞAD XLY'A PXYKEE JULY

**4 COMMUNITY JULY 4 CELEBRATION**, 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. at ALA Football field. Join us for food, games, and a spectacular fireworks show! Free meal while supplies last, food trucks on site as well. This is an alcohol/drug/tobacco/gang free event. See ad on page 9 for more information!

**4 SRPMIC OFFICES CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF 4TH OF JULY**, Please plan accordingly.