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SRPMIC Hosts 2020 Virtual Swearing-In Ceremony



Council member Deanna Scabby with her family outside of the Council Chambers after being sworn in.

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When COVID-19 hit and the world came to a stop, we all had to find new ways to continue with our work. This includes the important functions involved with the trusted process of voting. This year, the Salt River

Pima-Maricopa Indian Community had an election for Tribal Council. That election still took place, just in a different way. After the results came in, David Antone, Wi-Bwa Grey and Deanna Scabby were elected as members of the SRPMIC Tribal Council.

The SRPMIC Inaugural Cer-

emony took place on December 11 at the Two Waters Complex. The live virtual ceremony took place on Vimeo. The ceremony was hosted by MC Mikah Carlos, and the invocation was delivered by President Martin Harvier. Acting Presiding Judge Darayne Achin provided the Oath of Office to the elected

Council Members. David Antone was accompanied by his wife Patricia Antone. Deanna Scabby was accompanied by her mother Beverly Smith. Wi-Bwa Grey did her oath via Skype with her son Maceo Sundust as her witness. Councilman Tom Largo provided the Benediction to close the ceremony.

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SRPMIC COVID-19

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December 2020 **Council District Meeting Information**

The following SRPMIC Council Meetings and Work Sessions are cancelled:

> Wednesday, December 23, 2020

> Thursday, December 24, 2020

> Wednesday, December 30, 2020

> Thursday, December 31, 2020

For more information on **Council District Meetings** please contact Council Secretaries at

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CHRISTMAS DAY

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President Harvier's Weekly Update -December 11

As of December 11, the Salt River Clinic reported that there have been 9,043 COVID-19 tests done at the facility. There have been 541 positive tests among Community members who reside within the boundaries of the Community. Of those, 434 have recovered. We also test non-enrolled members who live within the Community's boundaries; there have been 817 tests completed at the health clinic, and of those tested, 91 came back positive and 72 of those have recovered.

The pandemic is really hitting the whole country very hard. Remember to wear your face masks, wash your hands and



SRPMIC President Martin Harvier.

social-distance. We need to follow all the protocols. Right now we have 101 active CO-VID-19 cases; that is the highest number we have had in

the Community since the beginning of this pandemic. Ten individuals are hospitalized; again, that is the highest number since the pandemic began earlier in 2020.

We really need to start thinking about the choices that we

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SRPMIC Holds Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day Event



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a surge in the number of COVID-19 cases in the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (as of 12/2/2020). Maricopa County are also seeing another surge with projections being worse than during those seen over the summer.



Protect yourself, your family and your elders and DO NOT accidently bring COVID-19 home.

Gatherings in your home during the holiday season are high risk for spread of COVID-19. To keep you and your family safe visit by phone or virtually, instead of face to face.

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- 2. Quarantine a few days up to preferably 14 days BEFORE visiting.
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The newly elected representatives said a few words about their platforms for the upcoming term.

"I am humbled and privileged and just grateful that I was given the opportunity for a second term," Antone said. "I didn't think that it was going to go that way. The way I feel about things is you've just got to try, or you'll never know.

"We function for our government. My sole responsibility is to the people who elected me. I want to do the best I can for them."

Antone explained that his family members instilled in him the importance of serving the people of the Community.

"My family was in the arena, they always told me that 'Your responsibility is first and foremost to serve the members that live here,' and I take that very seriously. [We are] trying to get the governmental functions to work ... best ... in serving the people. Just overall, taking care of the welfare of the Community. Not only is my responsibility to the Community members, but ... as a Council [member] the other responsibility is to maintain our government by creating revenue streams. I think we do a good job of that, at least in my experience in the four years I served prior."

Council member Deanna Scabby said that with COVID-19, balancing the needs and the safety of Community members is top priority for her.

"My platform is taking care of our members as they go through this CO-VID-19 virus pandemic," Scabby said. "It's worldwide, it's statewide, it's local. Right now, not only just for myself, but for the rest of the Council, that's one of our biggest priorities. The safety of our members."

Scabby noted the difficulties that occur when Community members are surrounded by a large urban area that has different types of coronavirus restrictions.

"Some schools are allowing kids go [in person], and some of our students are going. It causes problems and exposure. But we can't live in a glass dome. That's one of the biggest things, is monitoring that [exposure]. We have a great team that does that," said Scabby. "The main objective right now is keeping the Community safe during COVID-19. This COVID virus has altered so much. And how are we, as a tribal government, going to roll with those punches to maximize what we have to better provide services to our people?"

In the August 6 issue of *O'odham Action News*, Council Woman Wi-bwa Grey, stated her platform when she was first elected and her commitment to SRPMIC.

'In January 2019, I was elected to represent District I and fill the empty Council seat of now SRPMIC Vice-President Ricardo Leonard," Grey said. "At my first Council meeting, I made a commitment to myself to learn as much as I can, and I have to admit I am still learning. In learning I also saw that some SRPMIC ordinances have surpassed their uses and need to be brought up to date. I have also taken the opportunity to listen to the wisdom and advice given by our former leaders. Through this political education, the most important thing I have learned is that CHANGE can't be DONE ALONE, that CHANGE can ONLY happen if we all do it TOGETHER."

Antone offered some final thoughts regarding how he feels about the experience in general.

"It takes a lot of courage to [run for Council] because you put yourself out there," Antone said. "I think that first term really ran me through the gamut of the criticism as well as the praise. It's been a journey; I'll tell you that. Overall, it was an experience that I will never forget. I am grateful for it."











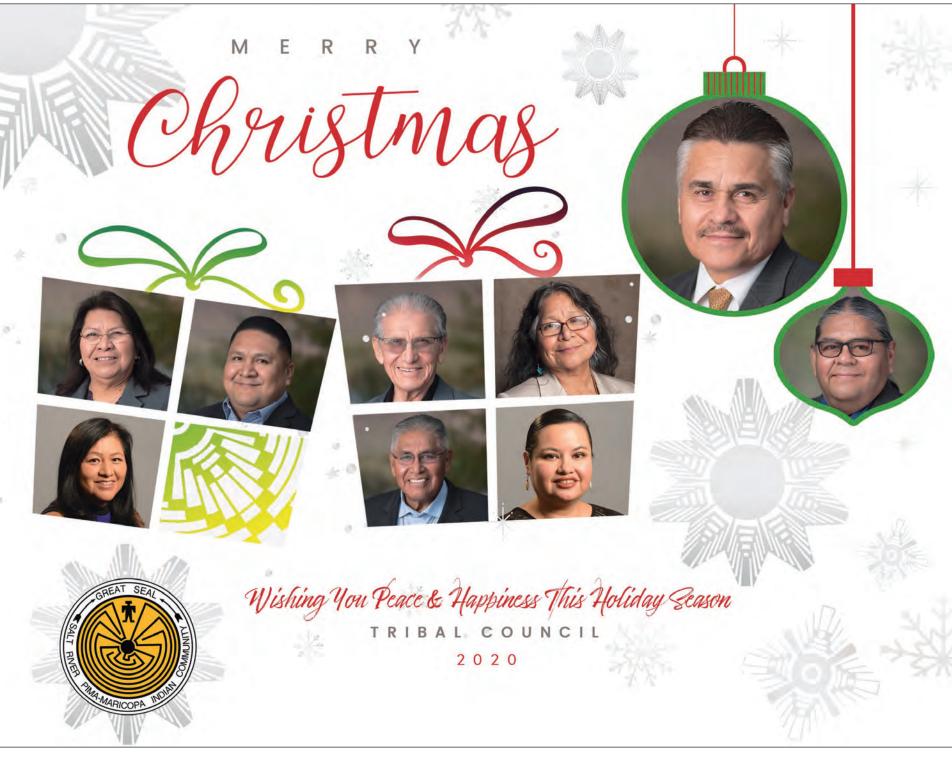


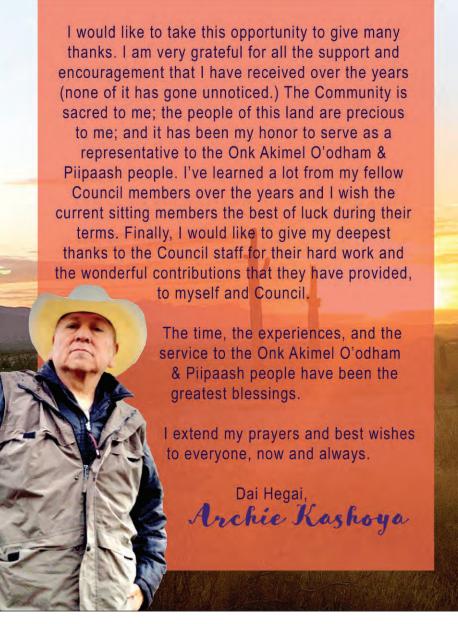


Wi-Bwa Grey was not present but did her oath via Skype due to social distancing.









Wishing You All a Happy & Safe Holiday Season

From Archie Kashoya

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President Harvier's Weekly Update - December II

make, specifically where we go and what we do. I encourage you during this holiday season to take care of yourself, to be safe and think about what you are doing.

The community manager sent an email to the tribal government staff stating that essential services are scheduled to run through January 11, 2021, until further notice.

The swearing-in ceremony for the newly elected Council members took place virtually for Council members David Antone, Wi-Bwa Grey and Deanna Scabby. You can view the ceremony at the following link: https://vimeo.com/490005025. Congratulations to our newly sworn-in Council members.

On Wednesday, December 9, we had our farewell Council meeting with outgoing Council member Archie Kashoya. He served eight years as a Council member for the Community. I want to say publicly that I appreciated Council member Kashoya's dedication to the Community and the work he did as a Council member. I am sure we are going to be seeing him around.

This past week, the Veterans Affairs Office put together the virtual remembrance for Pearl Harbor. I want to thank them for putting the event together and all the others who were part of the program. I felt everything went well and I want to thank everyone for participating. If you missed the virtual ceremony, you can view it on the Discover Salt River website at https://www.discoversaltriver.com/ussarizona-memorial-gardens-at-salt-river.

Last week, I mentioned that staff have been working on the process of distributing that relief payment. After

discussion with administration staff and departments, it was decided that the relief payment will take place on December 18. This date was chosen because e previous relief payment is being distributed until December 16, and that relief payment has to end before we can distribute this additional one. You will receive the December 18 relief payment the same way you received the previous payment, whether it was by direct deposit, pay card or check. If it was a check, it will have to go through the post office, and because it's the holiday season it might take a little longer to arrive. Members will not have to go online to fill anything else

I want to encourage you to take care of yourselves and your families and pray for those going through difficult times. Let's try to help each other.

God bless you. Let's shield up!



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A Brief Update on the Status of the COVID-19 Vaccine

BY KIRSTEN VANDEVENTER SRPMIC COVID-19 Incident Commander Emergency Management Coordinator (PHEP)

The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community COVID-19 Command team announced that the Community will be utilizing the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) playbook, CDC Playbook, as guidance in release of the COVID-19 vaccine to the Community.

According to the CDC Playbook, immunization with a safe and effective COVID-19 vaccine is a critical component of the United States' strategy to reduce COVID-19-related illnesses, hospitalizations and deaths and to help restore societal functioning. The goal of the U.S. government is to have enough COVID-19 vaccine for all people in the United States who wish to be vaccinated.

The first round of the COVID-19 vaccine is expected to be available in mid-December and will be administered in a phased approach. SRPMIC participation for the COVID-19 vaccine is voluntary by staff and the Community; however, there will only be a limited amount of vaccine available initially.

SRPMIC is partnering with Honor Health and Maricopa County to vaccinate our Phase 1a personnel.

The COVID-19 vaccine will be distributed through a Northeast Valley regional Point of Distribution (POD) site. SRPMIC qualifying staff will be notified to schedule an appointment at the time of vaccine availability. The initial vaccines will only be available to healthcare personnel and emergency medical services (EMS).

Here's the breakdown of those who will be eligible for the vaccine under this phased approach for Phase 1a.

PHASE 1A

SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY

- * Frontline Healthcare Personnel
- * Emergency Medical Services (EMS)

The COVID-19 vaccine for SRPMIC staff identified in Phase 1b will be provided through the SRP-MIC Point of Dispensing (POD) plan at a site to be determined on Community lands. This plan has been very successful as a way to provide the flu vaccine for the last two years. We do not currently have a timeline for the Phase 1b vaccine (estimate of pos-

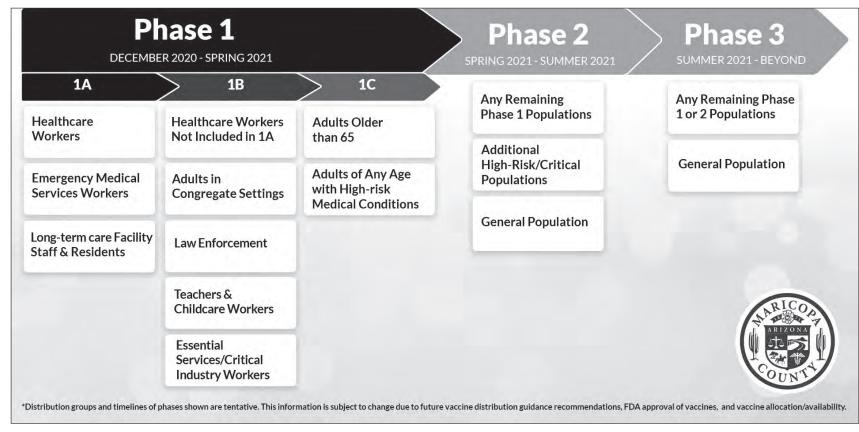
sibly January/February); however, we are aware of who will qualify to receive the COVID-19 vaccine in Phase 1b and they are listed here.

PHASE 1B

SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY

- Rest of Healthcare personnel not covered in 1a
- Essential Personnel (will be further defined at a later date based on guidelines)
- * Group residential settings (JTR and Group Homes)
- * Law Enforcement
- * Department of Corrections

Questions and unknowns about the COVID-19 vaccine and the process are still in discussion among health organizations and partners. The SRPMIC Command Team is striving to provide you verified reliable information as we receive it.



This chart is provided by Maricopa County on potential COVID-19 vaccination prioritization. SRPMIC will follow a similar phased approach.

Basic Information on COVID-19 Vaccines

SUBMITTED BY JOHN GODFREY

Assistant HHS Director

Health and Human Services

As we all wait patiently for a quick and safe end to the COVID-19 pandemic, we find ourselves overwhelmed by the amount of often-conflicting information from the media. The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Department of Health and Human Services would like to clear through the clutter and present to you the latest information based on science.

You may be hearing information right now about one or more possible vaccines to become available soon. Although this is good news, some of you may have questions and concerns regarding the vaccine. You will need good information to make a decision about the best plan for you and your family. Here is what we know:

Although vaccine development can take years, these COVID-19 vaccines were developed in a much shorter timeframe. The vaccines went through all the same regulatory processes that normal vaccines do, except in this case all levels of human studies (or trials) were overlapping. That means that all of the same steps were taken, but they happened simultaneously rather than one at a

time. Each trial examines a different part of the vaccine – its effect on the body, its safety, whether it works, and so on. Interestingly, most normal vaccine trials have between 3,000 and 6,000 volunteers—these new vaccine trials had tens of thousands of participants.

- There are two vaccines that have finished the clinical-trials process and will be applying to the FDA for an Emergency Use Authorization (or EUA). These vaccines are from Pfizer (44,000 trial participants) and Moderna (30,000 trial participants). Both vaccines may be authorized for use by mid-December.
- These two vaccines are using new technology to immunize the body against COVID-19. This technology involves using a molecule naturally found in our bodies to deliver information to our cells on how to fight the virus. This molecule is called messenger RNA (or mRNA). Messenger RNA delivers the "blueprints" to our cells for how to make the proteins necessary for our bodies to perform their important functions. In this case, mRNA has been modified to tell our cells how to make the protein to recognize COVID-19 and prevent it from entering our cells and making us sick. Messenger RNA is

quickly broken down by the body, so once the blueprints are delivered, the modified mRNA from the vaccine disappears from our system.

- To be effective, the vaccine will require two shots several weeks apart.

 The first dose is to prime the immune system and the second is a booster.
- Availability of the vaccine will be limited at the beginning. Currently, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is working on guidelines for who gets the vaccine first. Most likely it will be frontline healthcare workers and emergency services personnel. The reason for this is much like the preflight emergency instructions on a plane, when they tell you to ensure that your mask is safely secured before you assist others. Vaccinating these groups first will ensure that they are protected and healthy enough to assist and save those who are or will become sick.

Next, let's take a closer look at some common myths around vaccines.

MYTH: Vaccines always make me sick, so I don't take them.

FACT: Vaccines may cause some symptoms due to triggering the body's natural immune response; however,

those tend to be mild and short in duration. In addition, since vaccines may take a few weeks to become effective, you could become infected from exposure to the actual virus before the vaccine has an opportunity to work.

MYTH: I already had the virus, so I don't need to take the vaccine.

FACT: Information differs on how long you are protected from certain viruses after being exposed, so it is advisable to follow the latest CDC guidelines on when to take a vaccine. The recommendation for COVID-19 is that you get the vaccine even if you already had the virus.

MYTH: Vaccines are not safe and have been proven to cause autism and other long-term health problems.

FACT: In the United States, vaccines go through rigorous study and investigation before being approved for public use. To date there is no clinical evidence or proof linking vaccines to autism or any other medical complication. It is true that vaccines have a long history of preventing death in millions of people and ending past pandemics caused by polio, smallpox, measles, bacterial pneumonia and influenza.

As more information becomes available, we will share it with you.

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Caught in the Act: Illegal Dumping in the Community on the Rise

SUBMITTED BY CAROL HIBBARD Environmental Protection & Natural Resources Division, Community Development Department

When COVID-19 caused the State of Arizona to shut down on March 19, 2020, people suddenly found themselves with more time to do yard work and home cleanups. Landscapers and contractors then needed a place to dispose of all of the waste. The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, almost overnight, became the place for illegal dumping. The Community went from just three illegal dumpsites during the six months leading up to the shutdown to more than 20 dumpsites in just the first six months of the pandemic

The majority of illegal dumpers come from outside of the Community. Laborers from the Community Development Department, Environmental Protection & Natural Resources Division (CDD/EPNR) have been diligently cleaning up the dumpsites as they are discovered. What the dumpers don't know is that, if they are caught in the act of dumping, the Community's illegal dumping ordinance allows the Salt River Police Department to seize the dumper's vehicle. As a result of this, five vehicles have been seized since the pandemic began.

As an example, in October, a Community member witnessed a dump truck dumping piles of dirt on land owned by his family. The Community member did not contact the Salt River Police Department (SRPD); rather, he contacted a CDD employee. SRPD was eventually contacted and two members of the SRPD Ranger Division waited for the dumper to return, which happened within moments of beginning the stakeout. The dump truck was taken to the SRPD impound yard and a company representative picked up the driver. A June 2019 amendment to the ordinance now allows forfeiture of the vehicle if more than one cubic yard of waste is dumped. This amendment will be used with the dump truck in the SRPMIC Court during the fall of 2020.

We need your help to continue to discourage illegal dumping in the Community.

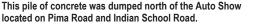
If you see anyone illegally dumping on the Community, please immediately call SRPD Dispatch at (480) 850-9230. Be ready to provide information: vehicle type and color, gender of people, number of people, clothing description, material being dumped and any other pertinent information.

You make a difference! Please continue to be aware and make the calls to the SRPD to stop illegal dumping!



A truck and trailer being seized, after they were caught in the act of dumping their waste within the SRPMIC boundaries. Photos submitted by Environmental Protection & Natural Resources Division, Community Development Department







These tires were dumped on the range.

Protecting Your Mental Health During COVID-19

BY JESSICA HUNTER, LPC. Behavioral Health & Services Manager, Adult & Family Services

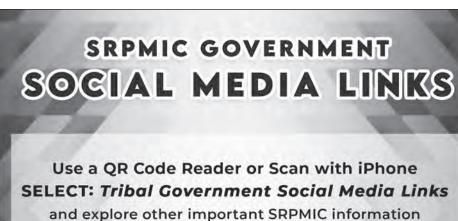
As the COVID-19 pandemic continues, what are the implications for mental health? Before answering that question, we need to first consider where we were before the pandemic. Families would congregate for church, celebrations and traditional gatherings, kids went to school with their friends and participated in extra-curricular activities, people's social lives had very few restrictions. Then the pandemic hit; schools closed, normal social group activities were cancelled, and most activities outside the home were put on hold. The result of all these safety and lockdown measures has led to an increase in financial stress, loneliness, anxiety and depression, grief, substance use, and sometimes reckless or dangerous behaviors, all of which are no helped by isolation and the inability to access community services the same way you did before.

Prof. Roderick McCormick, member of the Kanyen'kehà:ka (Mohawk) Nation, said that the lack of face-to-face contact and mental health support is amplifying the harms of the pandemic. "There's a disconnection, and [for a lot of people], that's going to be the main stressor" Prof. McCormick explained. "We [Indigenous people] prefer to communicate in person," although, he noted, some people use video or social media platforms. According to a recent survey, nearly 60% of adults in tribal

communities reported their mental health has become "somewhat worse" or "much worse" due to pandemic lockdown measures. Mental health workers also reports a rise in suicide rates, specifically among young people. And while the full impact of COVID-19 in substance use is not yet known, the CDC reports rising drug and alcohol use, as well as overdoses.

So what can you do to protect your own and your family's mental health? First, focus on the activities that you CAN do: stay connected with friends & relatives via phone, engage in activities such as board games and puzzles, try to do some exercise outside like talking a walk (YouTube is good too, Chair Yoga seems to be the new thing right now), try to get at least 8-hours of sleep each night, practice meditation or prayer daily, and try to limit your exposure to the news. And don't forget, BHS is here to help! Need someone to talk to? Want to learn some coping and mindfulness skill? Want to participate in our inperson day program?

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Do What's Best for Your Household

- Doing what's best for you includes eating healthy foods and getting enough sleep.
- Take care of your body and stay active to lessen fatigue, anxiety, and sadness.



Spend Time with Those in Your Household

- Hard choices to be apart this year may mean that you can spend many more years with your loved ones
- Do what is best for your health and the health of your loved ones. This year spend time with those in your own household.



THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

COVID-19 cases and deaths are rising across the United States. We all must remain vigilant. The changes we have had to make to routines and daily life are extremely hard, but these changes are even more important now and in the future. We must stop the spread of this new and dangerous virus. The more steps you and your family can take to prevent the spread of COVID-19, the safer you will be.

THREE IMPORTANT WAYS TO SLOW THE SPREAD

- * Wear a mask to protect yourself and others and stop the spread of COVID-19. Choose a mask with two or more layers of washable, breathable fabric that fits snugly against the sides of your face.
- Stay at least 6 feet (about 2 arm lengths) from others who don't live with you, and avoid crowds.

The more people you are in contact with, the more likely you are to be exposed to COVID-19.

* Wash your hands with soap and water for 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.

OTHER TIPS FOR STAYING SAFE

Avoid indoor spaces as much as possible, particularly ones that aren't well ventilated. You may find it harder to stay 6 feet apart in indoor spaces.

River People Health Center Construction Employment Job Fair January 2021

SUBMITTED BY STEVE POKRZYWKA
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SRPMIC Engineering and Construction Services

A construction employment job fair is being planned by SRPMIC Engineering and Construction Services, Arviso-Okland Construction and SRPMIC Human Resources to find trade workers to help with the ongoing construction of the River People Health Center. The Job Fair is scheduled for Thursday, January 14, 2021, at the Salt River Community Building between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Construction on the River People Health Center project at McDowell Road and the Beeline Highway continues and will be utilizing various trades over the next year. The project is seeking Community-member trade workers interested in employment through one of many subcontractors on the project.

The Job Fair will take all COVID-19 precautions to remain safe. Masks will be required. Subcontractors will set up tables outdoors in the parking lot (weather permitting) and provide applications while safely distancing during the event. Masks and hand sanitizer will be available on-site. General contractor Arviso-Okland and their subcontractors are practicing daily preventive measures that include personal protective equipment (PPE) and establishing standard work procedures, safely distancing to execute the work, and constant monitoring.

Some of the upcoming work includes framing, drywall, painting, building interiors, flooring, electrical, mechanical, plumbing, low voltage, site work, utilities, grading, drainage, landscaping and general labor. All work is eligible for Davis-Bacon prevailing wage rates.

If you are interested, we encourage



Construction on the River People Health Center project at McDowell Road and the Beeline Highway continues and will be utilizing various trades over the next year. Photos submitted by ECS



Some of the upcoming work includes framing, drywall, painting, building interiors, flooring, electrical, mechanical, plumbing, low voltage, site work, utilities, grading, drainage, landscaping and general labor.

you to inquire now or come by the job fair on January 14 to learn more about potential work opportunities.

If you are a Community member or if you have a family member who is interested, please contact Russell Williams with SRPMIC Human Resources at (480) 362-6623 or Russell.Williams@SRPMIC-nsn.gov to coordinate your skills match with upcoming subcontractors for hiring. The sooner you start the application process, the more opportunities we will have to match your skills.

Salt River PSCD Donates Over 500 Cans For Food Drive



Cans collected by PSCD for the food drive.

BY CHRIS PICCIUOLO

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From November 5 to 23, the Salt River Public Safety Communications Division (PSCD) collected about 560 cans of food for the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Food Pantry. This was the first canned food drive effort by PSCD staff.

"The canned food drive was an internal effort for PSCD staff hosted through our internal Cheer Team," said Salt River PSCD Communications Manager Kimberly Clark. "Last year we did a collection effort for domestic violence victims during October, for Domestic Violence Awareness Month. This year, we decided we wanted to give back to the Community. We all feel SRPMIC is a great place to work, and the Community has gone above and beyond in

providing for each of us and our fami-

lies during the coronavirus pandemic. This effort gave us the opportunity to demonstrate our appreciation and to support families in the Community that supports us and our families."

As an incentive, a friendly internal contest was started between the PSCD day shift and night shift to see who could collect the most goods. Winners are able to go a week without wearing uniforms, which PSCD says is especially nice for dispatchers. The day shift came out on top, and staff can wear jeans for a few days.

PSCD staff are often on the sidelines supporting other department or Community efforts, like Shop with a Cop, Safety Day and Kickball with a Cop. This year, those events were suspended due to the pandemic. The canned food drive was a tangible way for PSCD to serve the Community.

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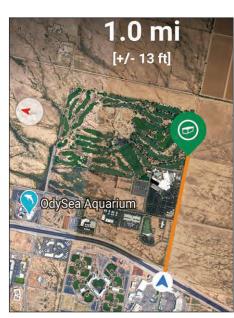


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Discover Salt River Brings Geocache to Talking Stick Entertainment District

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Discover Salt River, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community's tourism department, has set up a geocache tour around the Talking Stick Entertainment District. Geocaching is a worldwide game using GPS to create a treasure hunt. Geocaches are hidden in containers which can be found using GPS coordinates with your phone or other devices. Seven caches are on the tour through the Entertainment District. Just download the free geocaching app and create an account, search for "Discover Salt River," and start your tour. Once you find a cache, log your find and then place it back where you found it! #CacheMetAtSaltRiver





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Community Garden Coordinator Shares Knowledge of Devil's Claw with Native Health Phoenix

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In a Zoom presentation on Monday, November 30, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Garden Coordinator Jacob Butler shared his knowledge of the devil's claw plant with Arizona Native Americans through Native Health Phoenix's free virtual Devil's Claw Workshop. Native Health Phoenix offers a number of virtual workshops featuring members of different tribes sharing their traditional crafts, healthy cooking and storytelling.

More than 50 people tuned into the workshop, in which Butler discussed the history of the devil's claw, its cultural significance to Arizona tribes, its uses and how it has evolved over time. Butler also gave a step-by-step guide on how to create a bundle of devil's claw.

Butler began by introducing himself to the audience and explaining his knowledge of gardening and traditional O'odham foods. He and his crew continue to cultivate indigenous crops for the SRPMIC and generate seeds to make sure the plants will be available in the future.

"The devil's claw is used to make O'odham baskets," said Butler to the audience. "The baskets were traditionally made of willow, cattail and the devil's claw; they were woven tight to hold water and store things such as seeds and other foods."

Different O'odham tribes use different materials when making baskets. It all depends on what natural resources they have around them; for example, the Tohono O'odham people use yucca in their baskets, explained Butler.

Butler learned about basket weaving by helping SRPMIC basket makers gather materials such as cattail in the late summer and devil's claw. Although he has the knowledge, he has not attempted to weave a basket himself because of the tribal tradition that women are the weavers and the men help grow and gather the materials.

Because of the plant's "claws," individual plants easily can get stuck together and be a hassle to pull apart. That's why Butler recommends storing the plant in individual bundles.

"When creating these bundles, it's not only to help store them better, but it also helps you learn how to be patient and take the time to work through it and get it done," said Butler. "Those are lessons that can be implemented throughout your life."

As Butler created the bundles, he explained that devil's claw grows in the wild near floodplains or washes where there are occasional water sources. As time went on, devil's claw was domesticated and grown by farmers, who used it as a bug repellent, and weavers,



Community Garden Coordinator Jacob Butler provides his knowledge on the Devils Claw in a Zoom presentation held by the Native Health Phoenix; Butler demonstrates on how to make a devil's claw bundle to help store it for future use. He holds the claws up to show how it starts off and how it looks when its complete.



After gathering the devils claw it will look like this, that is why Butler suggests you create the bundles to help store it better.

who needed the dark material for their baskets. The seeds have also evolved as they were domesticated, changing color; wild devil's claw seeds are black and domesticated seeds are white.

Butler showed the audience how to make the devil's claw bundles. First, he divides up the claws by size, because he starts the bundle off by using the smaller claws. As he builds the bundle, he wraps the claws around the bundle, using the hooks to connect and hold it in place to make the bundle sturdy so it won't fall apart in transport. The end result is a bundle of devil's claw about the size of a basketball.

He also demonstrated an alternative way to store the claws, by cutting the claws, bundling them and tying them together until they are ready to be used. When preparing these, Butler said to shake out some of the seeds from the devil's claw to keep for future use. If you are giving the bundle away, leave some seeds for the recipient to have.

"The devil's claw itself is sticky and this results in gnats and flies sticking to the leaves, which has resulted in the bugs not destroying crops," said Butler. "They also smell like cat pee when they are growing, and it stinks, but I really like them because they do help keep the pests away from the plants and they help bring in bees to pollinate the plants."

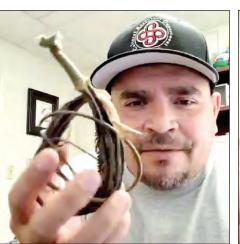
The difference between wild and domesticated devil's claw is that the wild flower is lavender or purple in color and



An alternative to storing it you can cut the claws and group them together like shown above and store for future use.

the claw itself is skinny. The domesticated devil's claw has a yellow flower and thicker and longer claws. The flower and seeds are edible; the flower is sweet like honeysuckle, and the seeds have a piñon or sunflower seed taste and help clean out your digestive system.

If you would like to learn more about O'odham and Piipaash language and traditions, visit the SRPMIC Cultural Resources Department at www. facebook.com/saltrivercrd/ or www. instagram.com/saltrivercrd/. For information on future virtual presentations from Native Health Phoenix, visit their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/nativehealthphoenix.



Jacob Butler shows his audience what a devil's claw looks like as he begins to show them how to create a devil's claw bundle to help store easily.



work with as he starts to bundle the claws together.



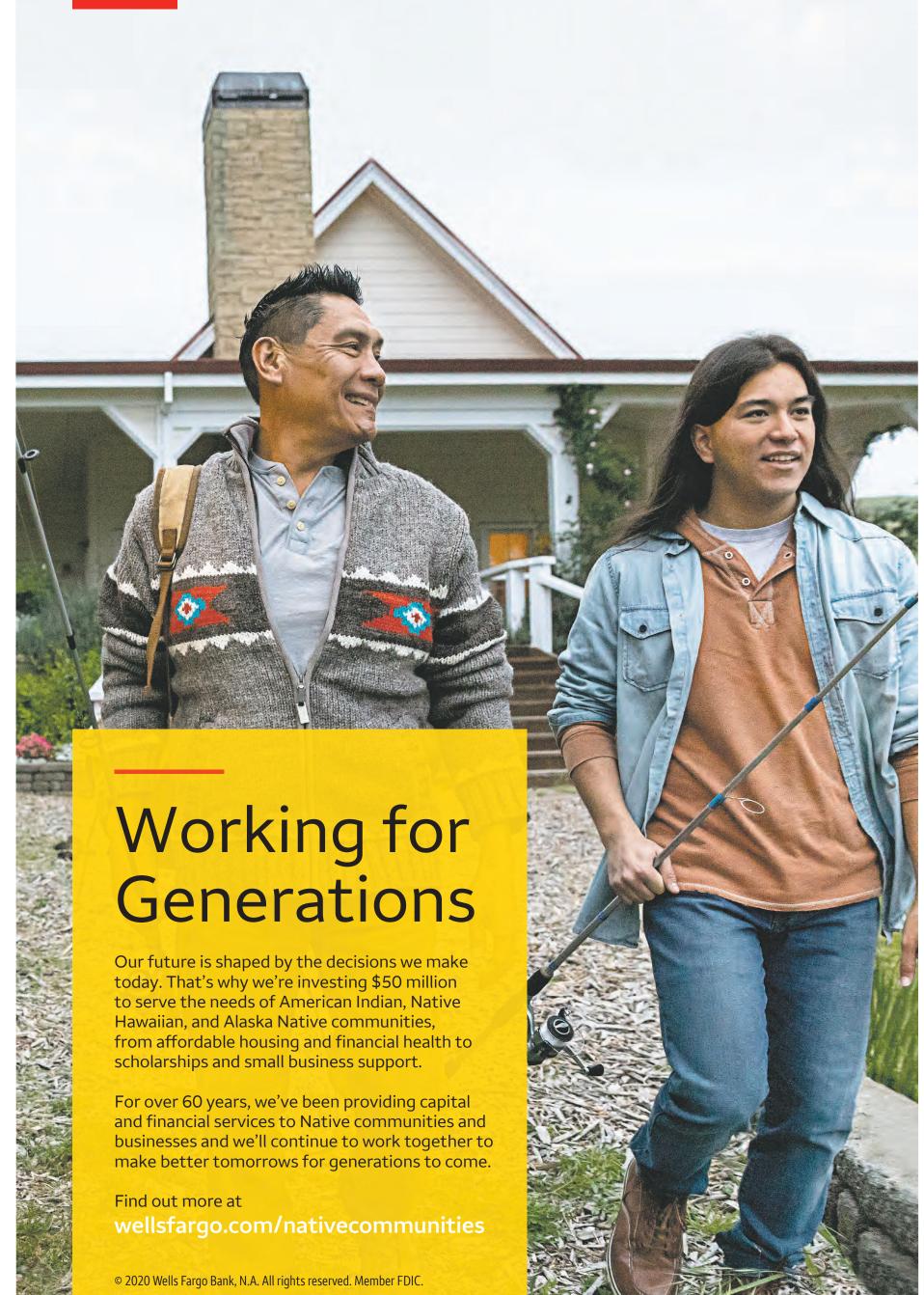
Butler explains how he uses the hooks of the claw to attach to other claws to help create sturdiness and to create a tight hold of the bundle.



Here Butler shows the audience a closer look at how he used the hooks to hold it all together.

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5 Places to See Holiday Lights Around the Community and Valley

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Are you looking for something to do to help get into the holiday spirit this season? Because of COVID-19, many of the usual holiday activities, such as the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Christmas Program and Light Parade and other holiday events around the Valley, have been cancelled.

But all is not lost—you can still experience holiday festivities safely. Driving in your vehicle to view holiday lights is a safe and enjoyable way to get in the holiday spirit. Enjoy the decorations on houses and attend drive-through events such as the Holiday Lights at Salt River Fields

Grab some hot chocolate, load up the car and enjoy the festive light displays in and around the Community.

- 1. Drive through the **SRPMIC Housing Divisions**, such as the VAII, Canalside, Red Mountain and Evergreen. It's free and within Community boundaries.
- 2. Holiday Lights at Salt River Fields is a 1.2-mile-long drive-through light display open until December 31. Cost is \$35 or \$40 per vehicle during the week and \$46 or \$50 on the weekends. Fast-pass tickets run from \$46 to \$75 and VIP tickets are \$300+, which includes a gift bag and carriage ride through the display. For



You can find many homes decorated in the Canalside housing division in the SRPMIC, this house lit up the street with their entire yard covered in holiday cheer.



Another home within the SRPMIC located near Thomas Road and Country Club Drive covered their yard in all things Christmas, they also have music that is playing to spread Christmas joy.

- more information, visit www.holiday-lightssrf.com.
- 3. The Phoenix Zoo's popular Zoolights is now "Cruise the Zoolights"! Take a drive through the Phoenix Zoo to view millions of twinkling lights and a musical light show. The drivethrough event runs daily from 5:30 to 10:30 p.m. through January 31, 2021. Admission is \$60 per vehicle for Phoenix Zoo members and \$75 for non-members. For more information, visit www.phoenixzoo.org.
- Arizona Lights in the Night is a new holiday light show open through January 3, 2021, located on the Loop 202 and Alma School Road. Guests will drive through a million lights synchronized to music, including a 600-foot tunnel. Cost is \$30 or \$60 per vehicle. For more information, visit www.arizonalightsinthenight.
- 5. World of Illumination: Arctic Adventure and Rockin' Christmas is the largest drive-through animated light show in Arizona. The Arctic Adventure show is located at Tempe's Diablo Stadium, and the Rockin' Christmas show is at Westgate Entertainment District in Glendale. Both locations will be open through January 3, 2021. Shows run from 6 to 10 p.m. every night. Tickets are \$29 per vehicle during the week (Monday-Thursday) and \$39 per vehicle on weekends (Friday, Saturday and Sunday). For more information, visit www.worldofillumination.com.

Don't Forget - Third Directive of July 22, 2020 is still in effect: Curfew to Reduce the Spread of COVID-19, 8 p.m. until 5 a.m. daily.





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Community Member's Road to Twitch Affiliate

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Because the COVID-19 pandemic is causing us to stay home a lot more these days, people have found new hobbies or have rediscovered old ones. Many people have turned to video games for an escape. Video games are a popular pastime, and you can even watch other people play the game. While this sounds funny and a little backwards, a lot of people enjoy watching people play video games. It's a way to see what a game is like, get hints and tips you can use when playing the game yourself, and watch as players reach certain goals within the game.

Twitch is an online site where people can stream their game play. Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community member David Prieto is someone who has picked up streaming this year.

He said he started streaming his games about a couple of months ago. Why? "Because I wanted to play more different type of games," Prieto said. "I feel like I put in more time [playing]. I would play games [before], but I wouldn't stream myself playing. I just got in the habit of just turning it on because I wouldn't do that before."

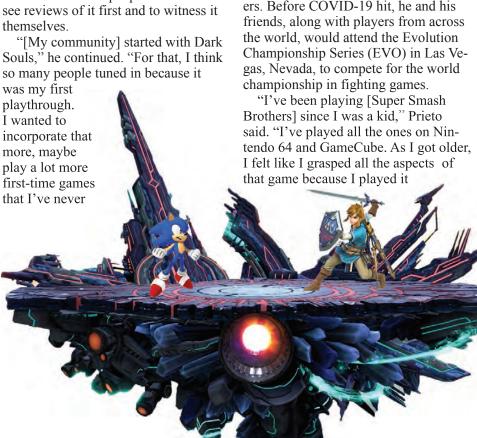
Why would people tune into his stream in the first place?

"I feel like it is more about trying to see what the game is all about first," Prieto said. "Watching how it all unfolds before actually buy it. Or, it can be also that some people don't have the money to buy all these games, because there are so many. I feel like [streaming] is for people who can't af-



Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community member David Prieto started streaming his games a couple of months ago. Photo submitted by David Prieto.

ford it and a lot of people who want to see reviews of it first and to witness it themselves.



played before. I feel like a lot of people come in because of that little niche.'

Prieto has been playing video games since he was a kid. His first console was the Nintendo Entertainment System (NES). He would play Super Mario at his friend's house, not knowing how the world of gaming would turn into what it is today, being able to play online with friends, video game conventions, virtual reality and tournaments. Prieto does play competitively in the Fighting Game Community, with his best game being Super Smash Brothers. Before COVID-19 hit, he and his

so much. I learned the ins and outs. I really wanted to put myself into it as I got older; I felt like I could do something more. Super Smash Brothers I like a lot. I think that was a good outlet for me to actually dive deeper into. I just wanted to play at a higher level than an average player would be playing at."

While it may seem like a fun hobby on the side, Twitch has become a place where people can earn money from streaming. Viewers can donate directly to the streamer or pay for a monthly subscription to a particular channel. Streamers also can earn money by meeting achievements such as banking certain amounts of hours, viewers and followers. You can build up your own community.

However, if you're just starting, it will take some work to reach a level where you can earn money. Prieto streams daily and puts in hours in front of the camera to reach his goal of being a Twitch Affiliate. Prieto shared where he wants his channel to go in the future as he looks to streaming more.

"I do like playing different types of games," Prieto said. "I think I do want it to be like a variety stream, just whatever I feel like playing. I would do a lot more to become an Affiliate. I would actually have more stuff to engage with the people that follow me. That's something I want

for the future, to have an actual small community."

To see David Prieto live-stream his game-playing on Twitch, head to www. twitch.tv/2fowl.



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When to Quarantine -

Stay home if you might have been exposed to COVID-19

Local public health authorities determine and establish the quarantine options for their jurisdictions. Quarantine is used to keep someone who might have been exposed to COVID-19 away from others. Quarantine helps prevent spread of disease that can occur before a person knows they are sick or if they are infected with the virus without feeling symptoms. People in quarantine should stay home, separate themselves from others, monitor their health, and follow directions from their state or local health department.

QUARANTINE OR ISOLATION: WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE? QUARANTINE keeps someone who might have been exposed to the virus away from others.

ISOLATION keeps someone who is infected with the virus away from others, even in their home.

WHO NEEDS TO QUARANTINE

People who have been in close contact with someone who has COVID-19—excluding people who have had COVID-19 within the

People who have tested positive for COVID-19 do not need to guarantine or get tested again for up to 3 months as long as they do not develop symptoms again. People who develop symptoms again within 3 months of their first bout of COVID-19 may need to be tested again if there is no other cause identified for their symptoms.

What counts as close contact?

- You were within 6 feet of someone who has COVID-19 for a total of 15 minutes or more
- You provided care at home to someone who is sick with COVID-19 You had direct physical contact with the person (hugged or kissed
- You shared eating or drinking utensils
- They sneezed, coughed, or somehow got respiratory droplets on

STEPS TO TAKE - STAY HOME AND MONITOR YOUR HEALTH

- Stay home for 14 days after your last contact with a person who has COVID-19.
- Watch for fever (100.4°F), cough, shortness of breath, or other symptoms of COVID-19
- If possible, stay away from others, especially people who are at higher risk for getting very sick from COVID-19.

Source: www.cdc.gov

Salt River Library DIY Gift Series

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The Salt River Tribal Library has found a unique way to interact with its patrons virtually. The library's next set of virtual Zoom sessions comes in the form of a series of demonstrations on making do-it-yourself holiday gifts. On Tuesday, December 1, the library set up a virtual beading session in which participants had received a box of materials and watched through Zoom how to make beaded jewelry pieces.

Information about the events is available online. "All the flyers that we have are usually posted on the WOLF's Facebook page,' said Library Assistant Latiesha Guy. "And then it'll get circulated through other postings

and things. ... On December 1 [we did] beading. The following Tuesday was DIY Holiday facial and body scrubs that you can make from items in your pantry. Then on December 15 we decorated gourd ornaments. We actually put those kits together with some items for those activities and mailed them out to participants. You do have to sign up in advance to

Guy led the second session of the series, the Sugar Scrub DIY. She explained how this session went and what the purpose is of these DIY projects.

"Essentially, it's a very informal session where I talked about the health and wellness benefits of scrubs and the fact that you can actually make them from home using items in your pantry," Guy said. "So, you don't even need to go out and buy all of these fancy items or anything. The whole focus being around holidays, this can be a good gift to give

to your friends or family. That's kind of the essence of the entire series.

This is just revolving around the idea that you can make some really cool things as gifts."

For the sugar scrubs, a couple of recipes were given out to all of the participants, as well as containers for storing the scrubs, explained

During the session, Guy began with a disclaimer that some of the ingredients may cause irritation. "Everybody's skin is different," she said. The session included recipes for a cinnamon lip scrub and coffee and ginger body scrubs. The recipes varied and used different ingredients.

To make a scrub, Guy explained, you can use an oil base, like coconut, olive oil or any basic oil you have around the house. Sugar is an exfoliant, so you can use regular white or brown sugar.

Lastly you add a fragrance, which can come from coffee, ginger, lavender or an essential oil. Mix those together to create your scrub.

"You can use them for anything. You can use them as lip, body, foot and facial scrubs," said Guy.

Guy gave some insight into how the sessions have been going since everything has been virtual.

"It's all a work in progress, I feel," Guy said. "I feel like we all have just been learning along the way. It's been positive and fun. This is our chance to interact with the Community and see people we haven't seen in a really long time. Just to really reconnect with the Community. Everybody is really excited."

To stay up to date with the library's events, visit the Way of Life Facility page on Facebook.

Don't Forget Santa's Cookies and Milk!

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It's a classic Christmas tradition to leave out some milk and cookies for Santa Claus on Christmas Eve. The tradition started more than 80 years ago to help teach children during the Great Depression the importance of showing gratitude for the

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gifts that they received during a time of economic hardship. According to www. nationaltoday.com, a website that catalogs the celebrations associated with every day of the year, 7% or nearly 1 in 10 Americans have never baked their own cookies. With Christmas

around the corner, there's

no better

to learn how to make cookies, both for Santa and maybe a few for yourself. Because we may be celebrating the 2020 holiday season in new ways, why not take this opportunity to learn new skills? You can learn how to bake cookies and give them out as gifts in the future. According to www.nationaltoday.com, 54% of Americans prefer homemade cookies over store-bought cookies.

December 4 is National Cookie Day, but any day could be cookie day! Here are two easy, classic cookie recipes to kick off your newfound baking skills. Baking these cookies can be a fun family activity—from baking to decorating, the entire family can get

> If you have trouble understanding baking terms and learn better visually, search YouTube.com for cookie-baking tutorials.

Sugar Cookie Recipe

Yield: Up to 3 dozen Prep: 15 minutes

Inactive (refrigerate dough): 2 hours

Baking time: 9 minutes

Ingredients:

- · 3 cups all-purpose flour
- ¾ teaspoon baking powder • 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup unsalted butter (softened)
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 egg (beaten) • 1 tablespoon milk

Step 1: In a mixing bowl, combine the flour, baking powder and salt. In a separate bowl, cream together the sugar and butter and beat until light in color; then add the egg and milk and combine. Gradually add the dry ingredients (flour, baking powder and salt mixture) into the wet ingredients (butter, sugar, egg and milk mixture) until it's all mixed into a dough. Divide the dough into two parts, wrap each in wax paper and refrigerate for two hours. Step 2: When you are ready to bake the cookies, preheat the oven to 375°F

Step 3: Sprinkle some flour or powdered sugar on the surface where you will be rolling out the dough. Roll out dough to 1/4-inch thick; move the dough around

surface. Once the dough is rolled out, you can use any type of cookie cutter, the rim of a cup or cut out shapes with a knife. Place cookies on a cookie until the cookies begin to turn brown around the edges. Once they are done let them cool until they are ready to serve or ice and decorate



hocolate Chip Cookie Mecipe

Yield: 4 dozen Prep: 20 minutes Baking time: 10 minutes

Ingredients:

- 1 cup butter (softened)
- 1 cup white sugar
- · 1 cup brown sugar (packed) · 2 eggs
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract • 1 teaspoon baking soda
- · 2 teaspoons hot water
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 3 cups all-purpose flour • 2 cups semisweet chocolate chips
- 1 cup chopped walnuts (optional)

Instructions:

Step 1: Preheat the oven to 350° F. Step 2: In a mixing bowl, cream together the butter,

white sugar and brown sugar until smooth. Add the eggs one at a time, then add the vanilla. Dissolve the baking soda in the hot water and add to the mixture along with the salt. Stir in the flour, chocolate chips and nuts (optional). Drop the dough by spoonful onto an ungreased

Step 3: Bake for 10 minutes or until edges are nicely browned. Allow to cool and serve.



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Piipaash and O'odham Traditions Continue During Winter Months

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The traditional Piipaash and O'odham family and creation stories and harvests continue as usual for Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community members who are not fazed by the limitations forced by the pandemic, and for those who feel a deep, necessary duty to keep cultural traditions strong during the winter months.

Jacob Butler, coordinator of the Community garden for SRPMIC Cultural Resources, said that in winter families would pass down creation stories and stories that had life lessons and ways of being. "They imparted our Himdag (way of life) in the lessons of the stories, the underlying constant that exists in all that we do. How we treat one another and view the world is our Himdag."

On a chilly December evening, SRP-MIC Director of Cultural Resources Kelly Washington and his family sit around a campfire at home. His children have heard the stories, but a night like this is a perfect opportunity to keep the stories fresh in the minds of the youth, in hopes that one day they will pass on the words to future generations as elders. His daughter wanted to hear the Xalychidom Piipaash coyote husband story again.

The condensed version of the story begins once upon a time in the Parker area along the Colorado River. The name of the people there, translated into English, is "Up River People" or "Northern People," synonymous with being from up or the northern part of the river. Some tribes there got along with each other, and others did not. The Xalychidom Piipaash were at war at that time with the Mojave and Quechan peoples.

Washington tells his daughter, "There used to be thousands of us, we were a big powerful group, but all of that warfare took its toll. We could handle one [tribe] or the other, but sometimes with coordinated attacks, they would come from both sides."

The tribe was thinking of leaving the area for a time because of the chaos. According to the story, the Coyote people heard that and didn't think it was right that they had to leave their home. The Coyote people devised a plan to remain. They sent two young men to the Piipaash village to have a young Piipaash woman to go with them. Her family thought she was dead because she disappeared.

The story goes that they traveled to the Coyote people's village and the people took on human form, living like human beings. The Coyote people said that they wanted the young woman to marry their leader's son and have a baby. This way, the strength of the Coyote people and the strength of the Piipaash people would be combined, their son would grow up to be a strong



Ga'ivsa, a course ground roasted cob made from Pima corn, from Ramona Farms. A 10% Native discount is available for purchases made at the Ramona Farms Farm Office Store.

warrior, and through that lineage and through his leadership, they would never lose a battle or have to leave their land.

She was mourned by her people because she was gone for a while. They told her to go back to her village and take her son with her, and her husband would visit with her for four days and The Xalychidom Piipaash ended up leaving there and joining other Piipaash groups on the Gila River. The group later went to Mexico for a while and eventually came back to Gila River again.

"Our group is the one that ended up moving to Lehi; that's our home now," said Washington. "In Lehi, we're Piipaash, but we're also Xalychidom Piipaash and that's the story of how we left." The moral of the story, according to Washington, is to mind your own business and not be blinded by your prejudice when you can only see the bad and not the good.

Besides telling stories like this, with the downtime of the pandemic, Washington suggests taking time to do traditional beadwork, basketry or pottery and work on speaking the languages of the Community. "This time is almost like a time of reflection," he said.

Harvest and Meal Traditions at SRPMIC

Having grown together for generations, the Xalychidom Piipaash and Akimel O'odham share the traditional harvests born out of the resources of the land. According to Butler, the O'odham traditionally did not have a winter growing season at Salt River. This time was historically spent harvesting and processing the foods grown over the

many ways the Community can still carry on with traditional foods. Chicos is a dried roasted corn that is very similar to ga'ivsa (dried, roasted cracked 60-day corn) and that can be added to soups or eaten as a dish itself. This can be found in Mexican grocery stores or the Mexican food section of the grocery store.



Salt River Pima peas growing in Reporter Chris Picciuolo's garden.

Another option would be to purchase tepary beans or Sonoran white wheat or O'odham club wheat. Some places that may carry this are the San Xavier Co-Op Farm, Ramona Farms or the Hayden Flour Mill Company. These, combined with gaivsa and chiltepin, make an awesome po:sol, according to Butler.

"Tepary beans with a smoked ham hock and a few small kokol (chiltepin) make a great meal," he said. "O'odham ha:al is a cushaw squash, and some Mexican grocers may carry them. They are very similar to the ones we grow. An easy recipe is to bake the squash, cut it in half, and add piloncillo (Mexican brown sugar) and a bit of butter to taste until the squash is soft and brown. Then either eat it as is, in the shell of the squash, or blend it into an O'odham squash pudding. It's really simple."

The SRPMIC Community Garden is currently shut down as the Community handles the pandemic. However, some plants sowed in the spring have been cared for and harvested while maintaining a shorter field schedule.

The SRPMIC Cultural Resources Department currently gives Community members an opportunity to live the traditions through videos. CRD offers words and phrases in Piipaash and O'odham on their social media channels, which can be a good launching point for families to talk to their children or call up relatives and have discussions about the languages while socially distancing.

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nights, but the catch was she couldn't talk about it. The plan was for the child, mother and the man to live in her village, with the son taking on coyote form.

When they arrived, the village saw her son only as a coyote puppy and they didn't want him around because of how they feel about coyotes. Eventually, the woman's brother ended up killing the puppy, not knowing it was his own nephew. He could not see him for who he was. The village started getting worried because they thought she had married into an enemy tribe and wanted to know what happened to her.

On the last night when her husband visited her, she told him what happened to her son. The next morning, it was announced that the plan for helping them wasn't going to happen because of what happened. They could only see the bad in them. She disappeared after that, and it was assumed that she went back to the Coyote people.

summer and fall.

This was also a time to spend with family doing those activities and sharing creation stories during the winter while the ko:i (rattlesnake in O'odham) slept. After the Spanish arrived at Salt River, they provided seeds that could be grown in the winter, like peas and wheat, giving the O'odham a winter growing season.

According to the stories passed down from elders, hunting of deer and rabbits was mostly done during the winter. This was to help minimize worms in the animals, which would be more prevalent during the heat of the summer.

Freshly stored squash, corn, beans and violog (mesquite beans in O'odham) were eaten from the previous harvest in the summer and the short-season harvest of the fall. Then, as the winter went on, dried and stored foods would be utilized.

During the winter months, there are



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.
 - * Wear a Mask.
- * 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.

SRPMIC Holds Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day Event

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On a December day at the USS Arizona Memorial Gardens at Salt River on tribal land, a Pearl Harbor Day of Remembrance was held to honor the more than 2,400 people who lost their lives on December 7, 1941

Many Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community members, visitors and veterans were in attendance in person to pay their respects on the windy morning. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the event also was livestreamed in two parts on the Discover Salt River website. The first part was the ceremony at the Memorial Gardens at 9 a.m. Then at 10 a.m., the Pearl Harbor ceremony in Hawaii, "Above and Beyond the Call," was also livestreamed on the website.

The event began with a welcoming address at 9 a.m., followed by a call-in of dignitaries, the singing of the national anthem in O'odham and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Miss Salt River Isabella Dockerty. SRPMIC Vice-President Ricardo Leonard then gave the invocation prayer and remarks, followed by words from SRPMIC President Martin Harvier.

The ceremonial activities began with a 21-gun salute, "Taps" and traditional flag breathing. After the laying of the wreath, Troy Truax Jr. gave the benediction as a veterans representative for SRPMIC, followed by closing remarks.

For Vice-President Leonard, this event brought back memories from when the American flag used in the ceremony, which had flown over the Pearl Harbor Memorial in Hawaii, was granted to the Community and American Legion Post #114 on October 12, 2007.

"Some of the [people] who were with us [in Hawaii] that day when we got the flag have since passed on. Mr. Robert Numkena gave feathers at that time and sang some songs. My son and I also sang some traditional songs for the people who had passed at that time," he said. "Then, the survivors came and presented the flag to the vice-president, and he presented the flag to us. That was their wish, that every December 7, we remember those people who have passed on and will continue to pass in the future. Joel Jefferson was a strong part of this; he actually made the [initial] contact and thought, 'Why don't we as a tribe have a flag?' It was an honor to be with them. I'm just happy to see this through and I know they would be too."

The Memorial Gardens spans the exact length and width of the USS Arizona, with more than 1,500 commemorative columns outlining the actual perimeter of the ship. Each column represents the life of a service member aboard the ship on the day of the attack. There are gaps within the column outline that represent individuals who survived the attack. Each column illuminates at the end of the day, transforming the memorial at night and representing the continuation of the memories of each individual.



21-gun salute during the Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day event.



President Martin Harvier addresses the crowd, who were socially distancing like the presenters.



A traditional flag breathing at the ceremony.

A restored Douglas C-47 that flew numerous combat missions during World War II took off from the Airbase Arizona Flying Museum at Falcon Field in Mesa and flew over the Memorial Gardens as a part of a Phoenix metro area flyover for the observance.

To view the ceremony, go online to www.discover-saltriver.com/uss-arizona-memorial-gardens-at-salt-river.

In addition to the ceremonies, a youth art contest was held for children in grades K-3, 4-7 and 8-12.

Entrants could draw or paint an image in remembrance of Pearl Harbor or the USS Arizona.

Three winners from each grade level were selected by the Discover Salt River Tourism team, SRPMIC Veterans Affairs Team and through a people's choice vote. Each winner received a \$50 gift card to a Talking Stick Entertainment District partner property. Artwork was displayed for judging from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The winner will be announced at a later date.



On December 5, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community members Rianna and Johanna Tate, ages 13 and 11, respectively, competed in the North American Grappling Association (NAGA) Brazilian Jiu-jitsu/Submission Grappling World Championship in Duncanville, Texas. The girls competed in both Brazilian Jiu-jitsu and No-Gi Grappling. Rianna 120 to 129 Female Gi NAGA World Champion and Silver Medalist in NOGI. Hanna 90 to 99 Female Intermediate Gi NAGA World Champion and NOGI World Champion. —Marissa Johnson, O'odham Action News. Photos submitted by Tate family.



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

SRPD Explorers: Where Are They Now?

BY OFF. CHRISTOPHER DAVIS
Salt River Police Department

Have you ever wondered where your former Salt River Police Department Explorers go after completing the program?

The SRPD Explorer Program is a law enforcement career-oriented program for the youth in the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community. SRPD Explorers is also a community-based policing program that will educate and involve the youth with police operations. Participating youth are held to the highest standards. SRPD Explorers must have good moral character, remain in school while in the program and be willing to volunteer their time to assist SRPD with community-based policing.

Let's catch up with Gabriel Wood,

a member of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, who was an SRPD Explorer for Post 909 for three and a half years. During his time with the program, Wood competed with other Explorers in team-building challenges at multiple competitions throughout Arizona. Wood received the Police Explorer of the Year award in 2013, which eventually led to his promotion to sergeant in 2016. Some of Woods's favorite events during his time in the SRPD Explorers were Shop with a Cop, Coffee with a Cop and the SRPMIC Public Safety Day. Wood enjoyed these events the most due to his interaction with the Community, where he was able to build strong relationships by sharing stories and life experiences with others.

Wood is now serving his Community as a police officer with the Salt River Police Department after graduating from the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office Police Academy on October 3, 2019—which also happened to be his birthday! In fact, at the time of graduation, Wood was the youngest police officer in his class in Arizona.

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SRPD MONTHLY CRIME STATISTICS October-Novemeber 2020

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

SRPD Calls for Service, Police Reports and Response Time Stats.				
CATEGORY Events Police Reports Priority ONE Calls Avg. ResponseTime (Priority One) Avg. ResponseTime (Priority Two)	OCT. 11,438 466 151 5.19 8.25	NOV. 8,449 400 136 5.10 10.06		

SRPD Arrested Persons Number of Native Adults & Juveniles			
CATEGORY	OCT.	NOV.	
Native Adults	70	39	
Native Juveniles	3	3	
TOTALS	73	42	

SRPD Arrested Persons Number of (Native, Non-Native, Adults & Juveniles)			
CATEGORY Native Non-Native TOTALS	OCT. 73 174 247	NOV. 42 136 178	
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SRPD Calls for Service, Police Rep Time Stats.	oorts and F	Response
CATEGORY Number of Telephone calls received Number of 9-1-1 calls received Number of Alarm signals received	OCT. 7,282 1,560 50	NOV. 6,406 1,366 56
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Time Stats.	Reports and Response	
CATEGORY Non-Injury Accident Injury Accident Fatality Accident Private Property Accident Citations DUI Arrests	OCT. 30 3 0 11 1,385 30	NOV. 15 3 0 12 754 34

SRPD Calls for Service, Police Reports and Response Time Stats.				
CATEGORY Assault Forgery/ Counterfeiting Fraud Embezzlement Stolen Property Vandalism	OCT. 17 2 9 0 0 29	NOV. 8 3 8 0 0		
Weapons violations Prostitution Sex Offenses Drug violations (sell/ manufacture) Drug violations (possession) Gambling DUI	6 0 7 2 42 0 30	5 0 3 0 19 0 34		
Liquor laws Drunkenness Disorderly conduct ARPA violations Suspicious Activity Persons &Vehicle Curfew (persons under 18) Runaway (persons under 18) Domestic violence	24 0 2 0 224 2 0 14 3	16 0 1 0 209 2 0 4 2		
All other violations (illegal dumping) Trespass Animal Problems TOTALS	3 1 82 494	0 61 388		

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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!

THANK YOU FOR DOING YOUR PART



TO REDUCE THE SPREAD & PROTECT LIVES



#SHIELDUPSALTRIVER!

NOTICE: UNCLAIMED PROPERTY

Pursuant to SRO-503-2019, the Finance Department is required to publish a periodic list of individuals for which the Community has unclaimed property. THE COMPLETE LIST OF INDIVIDUALS WITH UNCLAIMED PROP-ERTY IS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE COMMUNITY'S PUBLIC WEB

HTTPS://WWW.SRPMIC-NSN.GOV/GOVERNMENT/FINANCE/#FINANCEUNCLAIMEDPROPERTY

How do items get on the **Unclaimed Property list?**

Money generally is unclaimed for one of two reasons: a) an individual has passed away and heirs are unaware that their loved one was due money from the Community; or b) an individual has moved and has forgotten to update the Community with their new contact information

How do I prevent my money from becoming unclaimed?

Keep the Community informed whenever your contact information. particularly your mailing address. changes. The best/easiest way to do this is by using an Information Update form (available in person, or online for printing at

https://www.srpmic-nsn.gov/wp-cont ent/uploads/2019/02/FIN-Information UpdateVerificationForm.pdf). This will

notify departments such as Finance, Enrollment, Human Resources and Community Relations of the change all with submission of a single form. Another way to prevent money from becoming unclaimed is to cash any and all checks received from the Community within 90 days of the check date. After 90 days, Community checks are non-negotiable

Am I able to claim the money of a deceased family member?

In order to claim money of a deceased family member, you must provide a social security number for the decedent. You are required to provide a court order that proves you are an individual the Community Court recognizes as having lawful authority to collect the estate of the decedent.

I recognize a friend or relative on the Unclaimed Property List. May I file a claim on their behalf?

Before any information or property is released to you, you must provide the social security number for the property owner. You are required to prove that you are an individual the Community recognizes as an authorized agent for the living owner. Examples include:

- a complete copy of your valid power of attorney agreement (the original must be presented to our office and once validated, a copy will be taken)
- letters of appointment or order issued by a court of law
- letters of acceptance as trustee, Certificate of Trust or a copy of the Trust's title page and signature page along with the article of the Trust which names you as trustee
- copy of the minor's birth certificate

If I file a claim for unclaimed property, will I be notified if it is approved or denied?

Within ninety (90) days after a claim is field, Finance will give written notice of whether a claim is approved, whether more information is required, or if the claim is denied and the reasons for denial.

If my claim is approved, when can I expect payment?

Finance will pay an approved claim out within 30 days of approval date.

QUESTIONS, CONTACT: **COMMUNITY UNCLAIMED PROPERTY DIVISION** (480) 362-7225

IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE WITH **LEGAL MATTERS, PLEASE CONTACT: LEGAL SERVICE** (480) 362-5670



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PIMA~MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY

0005 East Osborn Road / Scottsdale, Arizona 85256-9722 / Phone (480) 362-7400 / Fax (480) 362-7593

NOTICE OF HEARING ON REQUEST FOR PERMANENT EXCLUSION OF BRANDON SKOUSON (DOB XX/XX/84).

November 23, 2020

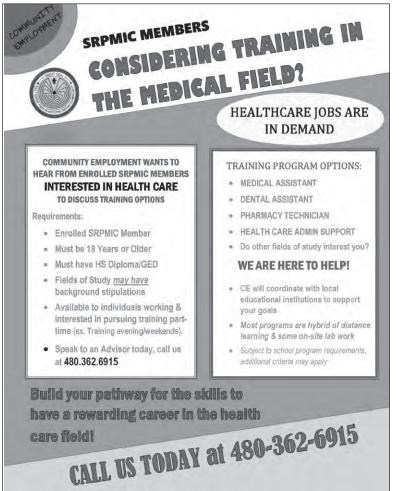


PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (SRPMIC) Council pursuant to Article VII, § 1(g) of the SRPMIC Constitution and Section 7-72 through 7-75 of the SRPMIC Code of Ordinances, appointed a committee to conduct an investigation/hearing to determine whether Mr. Brandon Skouson (DOB XX/XX/84 and whose pictures appears on http://srpmic-nsn. **gov/government/exclusion/**) should be permanently excluded from the boundaries of the

SRPMIC. Mr. Brandon Skouson is currently temporarily excluded from the boundaries of the SRPMIC, and summary information regarding this temporary exclusion may be obtained at http://srpmic-nsn.gov/government/exclusion/.

The Community's Exclusion Committee has scheduled a hearing to consider whether Mr. Brandon Skouson should be permanently excluded from the SPRMIC at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January, 19, 2021 via skype. Upon seeing this notice, Mr. Brandon Skouson should contact Theresa Rosier, Deputy General Counsel at (480) 362-7446 or Theresa.rosier@srpmic-nsn. gov to receive the skype phone number or log in code.

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

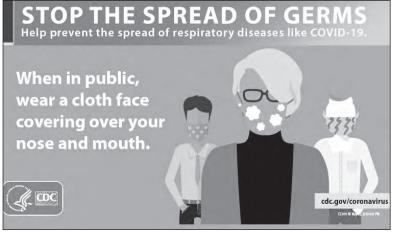




Salt River Landfill Salt River Materials Group **Seasonal Retail Jobs** SEASONAL RETAIL JOBS New Jobs Weekly *SOBODOBODO* LOCAL EMPLOYERS LOOKING TO HIRE







STAY AT LEAST 6 FEET AWAY FROM OTHERS WHO DO NOT LIVE WITH YOU

Indoors or outdoors, you are more likely to get or spread COVID-19 when you are in close contact with others for a total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period.

Remember that people without symptoms or with a recent negative test result can still spread COVID-19 to others.

DECEMBER SRPMIC 2020 BOARD VACANCIES

DEADLINE TO APPLY BY: DECEMBER 31, 2020

PLEASE READ UPDATED INSTRUCTIONS.

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

TAKING STICK GOLF CLUB

Salt River Community Golf Enterprise Board

(2) COMMUNITY MEMBER REPRESENTATIVES (SRPMIC Members may apply.)

(1) Professional Representative (All may apply.)

Now accepting applications for the Talking Stick Golf Club Enterprise Board

- Be willing to serve a 2-year term.
- Be willing and able to attend board meetings when scheduled.

Professional applicants are required to have experience in the following areas:

- Knowledge of business operations.
- Knowledge of the Community's vision and economic development.
- Have experience in resort/hospitality industry.
- Have worked/experience in major Golf Course/Resort Development.
- Have experience in Engineering or Project Contracting.

SALT RIVER LANDFILL

(1) SRPMIC COMMUNITY MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE

(SRPMIC Members may apply.)

(1) PROFESSIONAL REPRESENTATIVE (All may apply.)

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

Professional applicants are required to have experience/

- Waste Management Industry
- Construction, Environmental or Civil Engineering

Have knowledge of the Community's vision and land issues

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

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

EDUCATION BOARD

(1) COMMUNITY MEMBER/PROFESSIONAL REPRESENTATIVE

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

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

- Willing to serve a 3-year term.
- Must be a dedicated person committed to the mission of the Community's Education Department.
- Education Department and/or SRPMI Community Schools employees are not eligible to apply.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Attendance at regular, special, and educational meetings, work sessions, conferences, workshops, interviews, and special events within and outside of the community and state.
- · Members may also be selected for sub-committees.

CLEARANCES

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

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

STIPEND

· Members receive a stipend for Regular and "Special"

SADDLEBACK COMMUNICATIONS

A Division of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (1) Community Member Representative (SRPMIC

Members may apply.) (1) Community Member Representative on the Board of

Saddleback Communications Company is open for a term of three years. It is recommended that the Community Member representative have experience/knowledge in the electronic communication and telecommunications development, maintenance, operation of and/or banking and finance business. The open position represent 1 seats on a seven member Board.

Saddleback Communications is a Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community-owned enterprise, created to provide quality essential public telephone and related communications services to the residents and departments of the Community and to commercial enterprises throughout the state. Board members are responsible to the Community Council for directing and overseeing the management of Saddleback in the provision of those services.

The Saddleback Board meets on the third Tuesday of every months at 12:30 p.m. at the Saddleback offices at 10190 E. McKellips Road. Board members are compensated for regular scheduled or special meeting; meetings last approximately 3 hours.

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

MISS SALT RIVER COMMITTEE

Don't pass up a Great Opportunity to serve!

(2) Board Member Positions Available (All may apply.)

Qualifications:

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

Duties:

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

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

Meetings:

Attend monthly, regular, and special meetings as necessary.

Other: Must be willing to help during pageant week.

Knowledge of the Pima and Maricopa cultures a plus.

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Council Corner

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

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

NOVEMBER 4, 2020 – SKYPE COUNCIL MEETING ITEMS:

Business lease B-065 (Salt River Project Verde Electric Substation) / Designation of Land Use (DOLU) for Red Mountain Road – A resolution and supporting documents for the SRP Lease B-065 were presented. A resolution and supporting documents for the DOLU for Red Mountain Road were presented. Council tabled these items to a work session to clarify SRP and Community access issues.

Special Use Permit – Eagle Nestwatchers – Council approved the Special Use Permit for the annual monitoring of bald eagles in the Red Mountain area from February – June 2021.

Proposed Amendments to Court
Rules for Electronic Filing and
Service – Council approved the
ordinance amendments to the Salt River
Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
Court Rules of Civil Procedure
to authorize service and filing by
electronic means. Council also
approved amendments to Chapter 5 of
the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian
Community Code of Ordinances,
Rules of Criminal Procedure, Rules
of Civil Appellate Procedure, and
rules of Criminal Appellate Procedure

to Authorize Service and Filing by Electronic Means.

River People Health Center Video Update – A video presentation on the River People Health Center was presented for Community information.

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

Sixth Directive (Exemptions) – Council approved a Sixth Directive regarding safe gatherings for funerals, church services and the 2020 Inauguration.

Administrative Reports: The Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs (OCLA) provided a weekly report that included the United States 2020 Election information. The Chief of Police provided a summary of operations report for the week of October 28-November 3, 2020.

Community Member Comments: A request was presented for proposed excavation business opportunities in the Community through the processes set forth in the Community.

Executive Session: Admin Covid-19 Coordination, Directive, Tax Issue, OGC Legal Matters.

NOVEMBER 5, 2020 – SKYPE COUNCIL WORK SESSION ITEMS: No Work Session

NOVEMBER II, 2020 - NO COUNCIL MEETING:

Veteran's Day – President Harvier, Vice-President Leonard, participated in the virtual Veteran's Day Program. Council Member Doka was the speaker and provided a message in honor of all Veteran's.

NOVEMBER 12, 2020 - SKYPE COUNCIL WORK SESSION ITEMS:

Executive Session: Gaming update, Beeline Highway Pit Stop, Personnel Issue, Relief Fund.

Work Session:

Medical and Recreational Marijuana Use – A presentation was provided on the medical and recreational use of marijuana, key provisions of Prop 207 and Community law were discussed. Council will present a brief presentation on this subject at their upcoming district meetings for Community information and feedback.

Land Management Board
Ordinance – Updates/amendments
and LMB membership were presented
to Council. Council set the LMB
ordinance on the November 18, 2020
Council open session agenda to request
a public comment period.

Covid-19 Update – The Community Manager provided an overview of the current Community Covid-19 situation. Council consensus to extend the essential services to January 11, 2021.

Emergency Declaration

Clarification – Council discussed and clarified some questions that arose from the sixth emergency declaration.

NOVEMBER 18, 2020 - SKYPE COUNCIL MEETING ITEMS:

Amendment to Transaction Privilege Tax Ordinance – Amendments were presented to the ordinance. Council approved to amend Chapter 15.1, Section 50(1)(a) of the SRPMIC Code of Ordinances to update the transaction privilege tax to describe the sourcing of certain transactions involving tangible personal property.

Gaming Board Appointment(s) – Council tabled this item.

Election Ordinance Amendments - Amendments were presented to the

- Amendments were presented to the SRPMIC election ordinance. Council approved the ordinance amendments.

Driving under the Influence – Refusal to Submit – An ordinance amendment regarding driving or actual physical control while under the influence and refusal to submit for a 60-day public comment period was approved.

Proposed Plan for Swearing-In Ceremony – Council was presented the plan for the swearing-in-ceremony plans and adjustments due to the Covid-19 pandemic. No objections to the plan.

Land Management Board

Ordinance Update – The proposed LMB board ordinance amendments were presented. Council approved a 60-day public comment period.

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

Community Member Comments: A comment was presented in regards cultural and environmental concerns regarding Resolution Copper Mine. Council informed that SRPMIC has been involved with the Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona on the Resolution Copper Mine issue. The second question was about the extending the phase of essential services. Council informed that the SRPMIC government extended essential services through January 11, 2021.

Administrative Reports: OCLA presented a weekly report that included and update of the 2020 Election. The Chief of Police provided a summary of operations report for the week of November 3-17, 2020. Vice-President Leonard reported on the 2020 virtual Veteran's Day program. President Harvier provided an overview of weekly meetings and the National Congress of American Indians caucus meetings he participated in.

Executive Session: Gaming Enterprise Monthly Report, Senior Gift, Land Management Board Application Review, OGC Legal Matters.

NOVEMBER 19, 2020 – SKYPE COUNCIL WORK SESSION ITEMS:

Executive Session: Defenders of Wildlife v. AZ Navigable Stream Commission, Sovereign Immunity in SRPMIC Enterprises, Gaming, Community Relief Fund

NOVEMBER 25 & 26, 2020 :

No meetings during the Thanksgiving Holiday. Council wishes everyone a Happy Thanksgiving!

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Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community

NOTICE 2021 Agricultural Lease Payment

In compliance with SRPMIC Emergency Declaration Directives for COVID-19, the 2021 Agricultural Lease payment to landowners will be made by mail, direct deposit, or SRPMIC Pay Card only. There will be <u>no</u> in person payout.

On **Friday**, **January 22**, **2021**, Agricultural Lease Payment checks will be mailed to your address on file or, if you have elected to use direct deposit, disbursement will occur to the financial institution on file with the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community ("SRPMIC") Finance Department. Incorrect information will cause a delay in receiving your payment. To update your address or direct deposit information, or to sign up for direct deposit, please contact:

SRPMIC Vendor Maintenance, ph: (480) 362-7729

(staff is available Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Arizona time)
The last day for Agricultural Lease Payment updates is December 16, 2020.
Please call as soon as possible.

Pay Card disbursement will be placed onto your SRPMIC Pay Card on Friday, January 22, 2021. To sign up for a SRPMIC Pay Card for your lease payment or to add your lease payment to an already issued SRPMIC Pay Card, please contact the SRPMIC Finance Department at (480) 362-7620. The last day for Agricultural Lease Payment updates is December 16, 2020.

Payments less than \$15.00. All direct deposit and Pay Card payments will be disbursed regardless of the amount. For checks less than \$15.00, landowners will need to contact the SRPMIC Finance Department and request that a check be mailed. Such checks will be processed 7-10 business days following the request after January 22, 2021.

Questions? Contact the SRPMIC Finance Leasing Payment Office (480) 362-7730.

*Agricultural lease payments will be made based upon farmer payments received and cleared through banking institutions by January 4, 2021.

SRPMIC COVID TESTING HOURS

Effective Monday 11/30/20

Monday through Friday 7:30 am- 11:55 am 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm

SRPMIC COVID Hotline 480-362-2603

Press Option: 2

DECEMBER SENIOR RAFFLE

December Senior Raffle happening every week of December.

First drawing will be on Tuesday Dec. 8, and last drawing will be on Dec. 29.

Must be an SRPMIC 55+ senior to be eligible for participation.

To sign up or for questions contact: Natasha at (480) 304-2136 or Jimi at (480) 494-6017.

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 HEARINGS AT THIS TIME ARE BEING HEARD TELEPHONIC, PLEASE CALL THE COURT MAIN **NUMBER 5 MIN PRIOR TO YOUR** SCHEDULED HEARING TIME, IF YOU DO NOT HAVE ACCESS TO A PHONE YOU MAY STILL APPEAR AT THE COURT. MASK ARE MANDATORY, IF YOU **ARE EXPERIENCING COVID-19** SYMPTOMS YOU ARE NOT ALLOWED INTO THE COURT BUILDING.

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

FAILURE TO APPEAR EITHER IN PERSON OR TELEPHONICALLY CAN AFFECT YOUR RIGHTS

ABDUAL-AZIM, NAFIA - Review Hearing Case: J-19-0190 Court Date: January 19, 2021 at 10 a.m

ALVAREZ, JOANNA MARIE - Review Hearing/Permanency Hearing Case: J-18-0116/0117 Court Date: January 4, 2021 at 9 a.m.

BALTAZAR-SALCEDO, ARNOLDO - Review Hearing Case: J-18-0092 Court Date: December 15, 2020 at

BAPTISTO SR., ANGELO TERRY -Review/Permanency Hearing Case: J-19-0007 Court Date: January 27, 2021 at 10 a.m.

C-20-0131

DEFAULT NOTICE

RESPONDENT

21ST MORTGAGE CORP.

entered against you.

against you.

JOSEPH ANTHONY ANTON

TO: JOSEPH ANTHONY ANTON,

1. A Complaint / Petition has been filed against

2. The Court record reflects that you have failed

to dismiss, request for extension of time or

you in this Court and your immediate attention

to this fact is urgent if you do not want judgment

to respond to defend by filing an answer, motion

other responsive pleading and you have failed

to attend hearings at the Court called for this

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

A default judgment may have serious, adverse,

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

6. If you do nothing, the Court may give Judgment

responses will be accepted

and irreversible consequences against you.

5. If you want to defend against the claim and

BENALLY, CHANTEL MAE- Review Hearing Case: J-12-0003 Court Date: January 6, 2021 at 10 a.m.

BENTANCOURT. EVA - Review

Hearing Case: J-18-0092 Court Date: December 15, 2020 at 10 a.m. BURKE, BRANDEE LYN - Review/ Permanency Hearing Case: J-19-

0007 Court Date: January 27, 2021 at 10 a.m. COOPS. ELIAS CHARLES - Review

Hearing Case: J-19-0132 Court Date: January 28, 2021 at 9 a.m.

COOPS, ELIAS CHARLES - Review/ Permanency Hearing Case: J-19-0131 Court Date: January 28, 2021

CURRY, WILLIE - Review Hearing Case: J-18-0124 Court Date: February 2, 2021 at 9 a.m.

Party may appear telephonically should COVID 19 restrictions remain in effect, by calling (480) 362-6315, 10 minutes before hearing

CURTIS, LILA STAR - Disposition Hearing Case: J-20-0100/0101 Court Date: December 8, 2020 at 10 a.m.

DOE, MANUEL - Review/ Permanency Hearing Case: J-18-0044 Court Date: January 19, 2021

GOODWIN. LEVI JON - Review Hearing Case: J-12-0003 Court Date: January 6, 2021 at 10 a.m.

GRANT WHITMAN - Permanency Hearing Case: J-17-0191/0192 Court Date: February 1, 2021 at

GUTIERRREZ, TONY ULYESE HILLIAN - Review Hearing Case: J-12-0161 Court Date: January 13, 2021 at 10:30 a m

HERNANDEZ, BYRON MANUEL-LEE - Review Hearing Case: J-14-0112/0111/0113 Court Date: April 19, 2021 at 11 a.m.

Hill Sr., Nehemiah Lamuel - Initial Termination of Parental-Child Relationship Case: J-20-0056 Court Date: January 19, 2021 at 11 a.m.

JUAN JR., SHANE ELSON -Evidentiary Paternity and Formal Hearing Case: J-20-0018 Court

Date: January 21, 2021 at 10 a.m. LARRANAGA, RAQUEL

CONSTANCE - Review Hearing Case: J-19-0018 Court Date: January 20, 2021 at 10 a.m.

LEWIS SR., DUSTIN BLAKE - Status Hearing Case: J-20-0069/0070 Court Date: January 8, 2021 at 9

Review Hearing Case: J-19-0132 Court Date: January 28, 2021 at LEWIS, ROSEMARY RACHEL-

LEWIS ROSEMARY RACHEL-

Review/Permanency Hearing Case J-19-0131 Court Date: January 28, 2021 at 9 a.m.

LOPEZ, ROXANNE - Permanency Review Hearing Case: J-17-0156/0157/J-18-0185 Court Date: January 6, 2021 at 9 a.m.

LORING, ANGELIQUE- Review Hearing/Evidentiary Termination of Parental-Child Relationship Hearing Case: J-13-0165/J-17-0064 Court Date: February 16, 2021 at 11 a.m.

MANUEL, ERIN ELYSE - Review Hearing Case: J-19-0192/0193/0194 Court Date: January 5, 2021 at 9

MANUEL, IAN JOSHUA - Disposition Hearing Case: J-20-0100/0101 Court Date: December 8, 2020 at

MARRUFO, MARISSA SHARON Permanency Hearing Case: J-17-0191/0192 Court Date: February 1, 2021 at 9 a.m.

PARLO ANTHONY SCOTT -Review/Permanency Hearing Case: J-18-0045/0046/0047 Court Date: January 19, 2021 at 9 a.m

PACHECO, ROSARIO - Initial Paternity Hearing Case: J-19-0157 Court Date: January 20, 2021 at

RENTERIA, ALYCE DARLENE Review Hearing Case: J-14-0112/0111/0113 Court Date: April 19, 2021 at 11 a.m.

RODRIGUEZ, MICHAEL - *Formal Hearing* Case: J-20-0032 Court Date: February 18, 2021 at 11 a.m.

UNKNOWN FATHER - Formal Hearing; Minor John Doe DOB: 03/14/2018 Case: J-20-0072; Mother Romelia Paul: Court Date: January 8, 2021 at 9 a.m.

VEST, DWIGHT EDMUND -

Disposition Hearing Case: J-19-0147/J-20-0046/0047/0048 Court Date: January 13, 2021 at 9 a.m.

WHITEWOLF, EVERON HESTON Review Hearing/Evidentiary Termination of Parental-Child Relationship Hearing Case: J-13-0165/J-17-0064 Court Date: February 16, 2021 at 11 a.m.

WHITMAN, GRANT JUSTIN C - Permanency Hearing Case J-17-0192 Court Date: February 1, 2021 at 9 a.m.

WOOD-ORTIZ ROSSI FLAINE -Review Hearing Case: J-20-0007 Court Date: December 16, 2020 at 11 a.m.

CIVIL COURT JURISDICTION:

SALT RIVER PIMA MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT

ADDRESS: 10040 EAST OSBORN RD. SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85256

CONTACT: (480) 362-6315

ALL HEARINGS AT THIS TIME ARE BEING HEARD TELEPHONIC, PLEASE CALL THE COURT MAIN NUMBER **5 MIN PRIOR TO YOUR** SCHEDULED HEARING TIME, IF YOU DO NOT HAVE ACCESS TO A PHONE YOU MAY STILL APPEAR AT THE COURT. MASK ARE MANDATORY, IF YOU ARE EXPERIENCING COVID-19 SYMPTOMS YOU ARE NOT ALLOWED INTO THE COURT BUILDING.

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

FAILURE TO APPEAR EITHER IN

PERSON OR TELEPHONICALLY CAN AFFECT YOUR RIGHTS ALVAREZ. APRIL - Review/OTSC

Case: CF-05-0346 Court Date: January 10, 2021 at 10 a.m. BACA-SOTO, CRUZ - Annual Review

Hearing Case: CF-18-0172 Court Date: February 24, 2021 at 9 a.m. BURNS, MARIO N. - Evidentiary

Guardianship Hearing Case: ĆF-20-0037 Court Date: January 4, 2021 at 9 a.m.

BUTLER, MARY JEAN - Probate Hearing Case: P-20-0017 Court Date: January 14, 2021 at 10:30

LEWIS JUANITA LORRAINE - Order

to Show Cause Hearing Case:

0078/CFCS-20-0024 Court Date: January 13, 2021 at 11:30 a.m. MILLER, ERLINDA FLORA - Probate

LUDLOW, RYAN - Default Judgment Hearing Case: CF-20-0076/CF-20-

C-17-0008 Court Date: January 5,

Judgment Hearing Case: D-20-0009

Court Date: January 7, 2021 at 11

LORING, RAMONA - Default

2021 at 11 p.m

Hearing Case: P-20-0020 Court Date: January 19, 2021 at 9 a.m.

MUNOZ, DELORES CLAIR - Probate Hearing Case: P-20-0020 Court

Date: January 19, 2021 at 9 a.m. **OSIF-VALENCIA, JANNELL FERN** - Probate Hearing Case: P-20-0020 Court Date: January 19, 2021 at

PONGYESVIA, JOSEPH PAUL - Civil Complaint Hearing Case: C-20-0048 Court Date: January 5, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.

THOMAS JR., CECIL WADE - Child Support Hearing Case: CFCS-20-0026 Court Date: January 11, 2021

THOMAS. MELISSA MARIE - Civil Complaint Hearing Case: C-20-0063 Court Date: January 5, 2021 at

1:30 p.m. TONEY, THEODUS III - Probate Hearing Case: P-20-0042 Court Date: January 26, 2021 at 9 a.m.

TONEY, TYRONE - Probate Hearing Case: P-20-0042 Court Date: January 26, 2021 at 9 a.m.

DEFAULT NOTICES

for what the Complaint demands. (Section 5-16.1, Judgment by Default)

DATED this 22nd of October, 2020

CLERK OF COURT - SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA COMMUNITY COURT

RYAN LUDLOW CF-20-0076/CF-20-0078/CFCS-200024 **DEFAULT NOTICE** JAIME NICHOLE DEEL, RYAN LUDLOW

TO: RYAN LUDLOW, 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

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 23rd of November, 2020.

CLERK OF COURT - SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA COMMUNITY COURT

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE NOTICE CASE NO. C-17-0008 IN THE MATTER OF: DANNY SMITH SR.

TO: JUANITA LORRAINE LEWIS,

YOU ARE HEREBY ORDERED to appear before the above-entitled court on the 5th day of January, 2021 at 11:00 PM, in Court Room #2, and show cause why you should not be held in contempt for failing to make payments of \$100.00 to the Court on the 15th of every month until \$1300 is paid in full as Ordered on October 10. 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 4th day of November, 2020.

Anthony Little - Judge of the SRPMIC Tribal Court

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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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4TH QUARTER 2020 ELIGIBILITY DEADLINE **DECEMBER 31, 2020**

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

Deadlines for CHANGES

Direct Deposit Start-Ups and Changes: Wednesday, January 13th at 5 p.m.. This deadline is for new start-ups for direct deposit or changes to existing information. All forms MUST be submitted with a "VOIDED" check or statement from the bank with the Routing and Account Numbers. Forms received by this date will be effective for the January 2021 payout. Forms received after this date will not be effective until the April 2021 payout.

Per Capita Eligibility: Tuesday, January 19, at 5 p.m.. This deadline is for submitting the Adult SRP-MIC Member's Per Capita Information Certificate. Forms received by this date will be effective for the January 2021 payout. Forms received after this date will not be processed until the first week of February

Discontinue Direct Deposits: Wednesday, January 13, at 5 p.m.. This deadline is to discontinue an existing direct deposit.

***Failing to notify the Per Capita department when an account is closed may delay your Per Capita payment.

Tax Withholding Changes: Wednesday, January 19, at **5 p.m..** This deadline is for making changes to "Additional" tax withholding percentage or amount.

Site and can also be requested by e-mailing FINPERCAP1@ srpmic-nsn.gov . If you have any questions regarding: Tribal ID, Per Capita Eligibility & Change Forms call

Membership Services at (480) 362-7600; Tax Withholding &

Direct Deposits call Finance-Per Capita at (480) 362-7710.

Tax forms are available on the Finance Per Capita Intranet

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Salt River Library Offers Digital Magazine Access While WOLF Remains Closed

BY CHRIS PICCIUOLO O'odham Action News chris.picciuolo@srpmic-nsn.gov

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Way of Life Facility (WOLF) remains closed according to Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community guidelines, and so the Salt River Library is continuing to stay virtual with programs offered through the WOLF Facebook page.

"We, along with the other divisions of Community Recreational Services, have strived to offer virtual programming while working from home, and the library offers programs on Zoom at least twice a month," said Salt River Librarian Melissa Rave.

Library materials are still not offered for in person check-in or check-out, however, a vast collection of magazines are available for check-out through rbdigital, a digital magazine collection made possible by a service of Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records.

Available magazines include The New Yorker, US Weekly, National Geographic, Smithsonian Magazine, Native American Art Magazine and much more.



The Way of Life Facility (WOLF) remains closed due to the pandemic.

To sign up for an account with access to rbdigital, head to arizonastateaz.rbdigital.com and register with your Salt River Tribal Library card number.

Any Community member library patron who may still have books or DVDs can call the Salt River Library at (480) 362-6600 and leave a message with the book title and their name. The titles and materials will be auto-renewed the material for them. They may also email the library at TribalLibrary@SRPMICnsn.gov.

Community members are advised to place materials in a small bin or basket that is labeled so they will have it available when they are able to safely return it. As a reminder, there are no late fees for Salt River Tribal Library patrons.

O'odham Piipaash Language Program Plays Holiday Bingo

BY MARISSA JOHNSON O'odham Action News

marissa.johnson2@srpmic-nsn.gov

As the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community settles into remote working for many of its government departments, more events are taking place on the Zoom platform. Earlier in 2020, departments were tasked to find new interactive ways to deliver their services to Community members online, and they have responded, creating many different ways for Community members to interact with them as well as enjoy and attend their special events virtually through Zoom.

One of these events is the O'odham Piipaash Language Program's bingo sessions. Their Halloween Bingo event was a showcase of how people can enjoy a favorite annual event through Zoom. Now, the OPLP will be hosting Holiday Bingo on Friday, December 18 at 6 p.m. via Zoom.

"We got a lot of good feedback from our Halloween Bingo event. We were all surprised at how well it went," said Cultural Resources Department Outreach Coordinator Cody Achin. "The OPLP staff tested [the format to get] out the kinks in the weeks prior and assigned a role to each staff member to ensure that the whole experience ran as smoothly as possible for our participants."

Holiday Bingo will have contests for participants to win prizes, such as the ugliest Christmas sweater and the most creative holiday-themed Zoom background.

"With the upcoming Holiday Bingo, we will be making small adjustments to the format, but it should be just as

fun. It'll be a good bingo this year," Achin said.



O'odham bingo cheat sheet.



Piipaash bingo cheat sheet.



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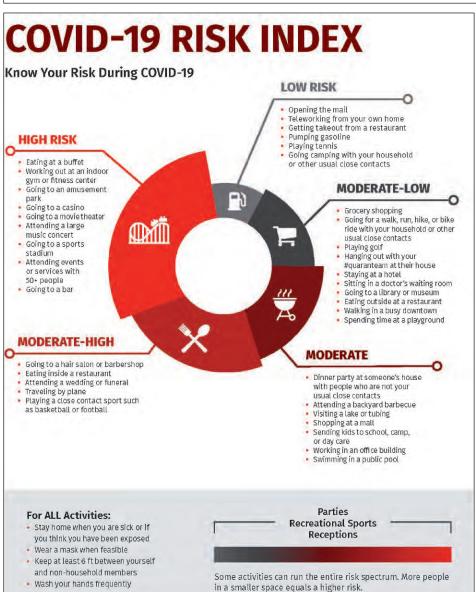
SRPMIC COVID-19 TESTING UPDATE

Testing results as of 12/14/2020

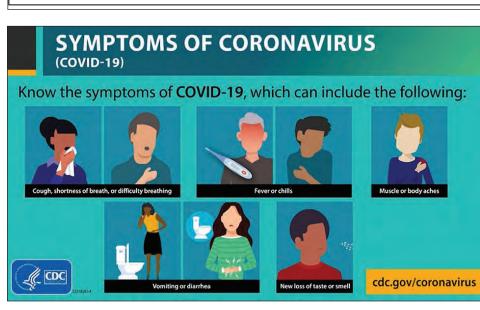
SRPMIC COVID-19 Information	Enrolled Residents	Enrolled Non- Residents	Non- Enrolled Residents	Non-Enrolled / Non-Residents	Total	All Residents	All Enrolled
Completed Tests	5325	1447	821	1955	9548	6146	6772
Positive	558	168	95	175	996	653	726
Negative	4656	1254	710	1738	8357	5366	5910
Currently Hospitalized	9	0	1	0	10	10	9
Recovered	458	143	77	150	828	535	601
Active Cases	81	16	11	24	132	92	97
Deaths	18	8	6	0	32	24	26

Numbers may change based on verification of address and enrollment

- ** Additional testing data has been provided by an external partner [dating back August 19]
- *** COVID-19 Results Round Up will go live week of Sept. 14 increasing data collection with individuals self-reporting



For more information, visit: azhealth.gov/COVID19



ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES



All domestic trash will be picked up as regularly scheduled on Tuesday, December 22, 2020 & Tuesday, December 29, 2020.

All domestic and recycle containers will be serviced on Thursday, December 24, 2020 & Thursday, December 31, 2020.

Please have your containers out in your designated pick up area by 6:00am for servicing.

> Thank you and have a wonderful & safe holiday! -Solid Waste Section (480) 362-5600

FY2021 Tribal Holidays and Events

The following Tribal Holiday and Event dates were approved by SRPMIC Council on October 23, during their regular Council Meeting. Events subject to change including cancellation or virtual event due to COVID-19.

New Year's Eve Dance & Midway** CANCELLED

Walk for O'odham & Piipaash, February 6, 2021

Spring Break Activities, March 8-12, 2021

Community Easter Egg Hunt, March 27, 2021

A GUIDE TO PHYSICAL DISTANCING

Physical distancing is a way to slow down or stop the spread of infectious diseases by limiting contact between you and other people.





In all categories, remain 6 ft. away from others

Use extra caution while:



Avoid or postpone the following:

· Group gatherings and playdates

· Concerts and theater outings

· Crowded stores and malls

· Visitors and non-essential

· Bars and restaurants

· Non-essential travel

No restrictions for:

- · Taking a walk or hike
- · Going for a drive
- · Yard work or playing in the yard
- · Spring cleaning
- In-home activities
- · Family game nights

elderly neighbors

· Group video chats · Calling to check on friends and



· Picking up food

- · Visiting a grocery store or pharmacy
- · Going to the library
- · Attending religious services
- · Playing in the park
- · Using public transit







REMEMBER:

Wash your hands regularly with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and avoid touching your face.

SRPMIC COVID-19 HOTLINE: 480-362-2603

SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY

Community Development Department

Physical Address: 10079 E Osborn Road, Third Floor, Scottsdale, AZ 85256 Mailing Address: 10005 E Osborn Road, Scottsdale, AZ 85256 Phone (480)362-7600 // Fax (480)362-5905

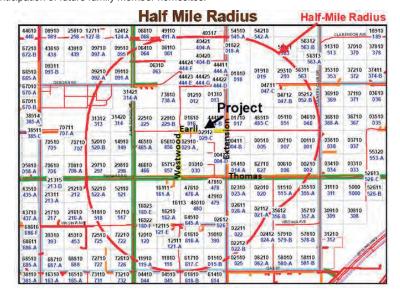
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

You are cordially invited to attend a Public Hearing that will be held by the Land Management Board. Although you might not own land in this particular project, our records indicate you own land within a half-mile radius of the project. As such, we are requesting your participation to ensure the project is compatible with the general plan and zoning ordinance and that it will not adversely affect adjoining landowners in the Community.

WESTWOOD STREET & EARLL DRIVE ROAD & UTILITY EASMENTS

Landowners and residents have asked for road and utility improvements on Westwood Street and Earll Drive. In addition, one sole landowner has requested their allotment be subdivided in anticipation of future family member homesites.



If you have any questions or concerns, you may call Meredith Duwyenie, Land Management Board Secretary at (480) 362-6865. If you cannot attend, you may submit your written comments to the Land Management Board Secretary

SRPMIC 's Air Quality Program would like to remind you to do your part in keeping our air clean during this winter.

Please try to not burn wood in the recommended restricted days. SRPMIC does not restrict Community members from burning wood, but we would appreciate the voluntary cooperation.

Please look at whentoburn.com for information about restrictions to burn.

https://www.whentoburn.com/

Any Questions? Call CDD-EPNR 480-362-7500

Put in your zip code and look for this -0-TODAY Clear 64° High 39° Low Winds blowing N at 3 MPH

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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

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



- 3/17/20 SRPMIC Council declared Emergency Declaration in
- 3/21/20—SRPMIC Memorial Services closed facilities for all wake/funeral services due to Community Declaration
- Stopped wake set ups at home and no family meetings •
- 4/1/20– 1st Directive by SRPMIC Council: Stay at home order and no public gatherings
- Encouraged wearing face masks
- **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
 - Requiring all attending funeral services, must wear

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

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. Bible Study at church, 6:30 p.m. -SOAR Group 2nd & 4th Friday every month at the church 7 p.m.

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

December 17, 2020

annette.f.lewis@gmail.com (480) 404-3284

SERVICES

-Sunday Services 10 a.m. -Communion First Sunday of every month 10 a.m. (separate)

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 11 a.m. now available through the Zoom app call church for Zoom ID.

SALT RIVER ASSEMBLY OF GOD

10657 E. Virginia Ave. Scottsdale, AZ 85256 (480) 947-5278

SERVICES

-Sunday Prayer 10 a.m. -Check out our Facebook page for

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

(480) 994-0952

(602) 292-4466 (cell) Administrator: Deacon Jim Trant Parish President: Cindy Thomas Father Alcuin Hurl and Father Antony

Sunday Mass 12 p.m. limited seating -Holy Hours, 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.

DEADLINE AT NOON JAN. 7 **DEC. 18 JAN. 21** JAN.8 FEB. 4 **JAN. 22** FEB.5 **FEB. 18** MAR. 4 FEB. 19

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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Commercial construction Margaret Rodriguez, (480) 250-7566

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Royce Manuel, (480) 694-6045 royce.manuel.awthum@gmail.com

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COVID-19 Essential Services

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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 (480) 946-9 227 Pharmacy Main Pharmacy Refill Line (602) 200-5384 Financial Assistance (480) 362-7350 (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
- 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

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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

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
- Patients will be notified by call/text when
- business day by 2 p.m. Prescriptions that require renewal by your provider may take up to 2 days.

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

-2 business days (no lina out 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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