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## Three SRPMIC Relay Teams to Compete in Ironman Arizona

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In August, the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Council renewed the Community's partnership with the Triathlon Corporation/Ironman for the next three years. This allows the route of the Ironman Arizona bicycle portion to continue to pass through the Community. This year there is a change to the route; they are eliminating the use of McKellips Road, but they will continue to use Beeline Highway starting at the Country Club Drive Bridge to Beeline Highway to the border of the Community near Fountain Hills. The event will take place on November 21, so please plan accordingly.

This year, three Community-based relay teams will be competing. Each team consists of a swimmer, biker and runner and includes one SRPMIC member, one tribal employee and one Salt River Triathlete.

**Relay Team 1**  
 Fantasia Painter  
 (Community member), swim  
 MaLorie Charley-Krause  
 (Salt River Triathlete), bike  
 Caroline Sekaquaptewa  
 (SRPMIC Tribal Employee), run

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## Pima Road Widening Project to Begin Construction in Spring 2023



The intersection of McDowell Road and Pima Road, one of eight intersections with proposed improvements in the Pima Road Improvements project.

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In a partnership between the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community and the City of Scottsdale, the Pima Road and Granite Reef Watershed project is expected to begin construction in spring 2023.

The project is currently in the design phase, and based on the latest schedule, the design phase

is expected to be completed by November 2022. Construction is anticipated to end by spring 2025, with an expected completion time of two years.

Other partners on the project include the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT), the Flood Control District of Maricopa County (FCDMC), the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) and the Federal Highway Administration

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## Public Works Supervisor Now a Certified Arborist

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At the end of September, Public Works Road Landscape Maintenance Supervisor Jaydean Dallas put a year of studying to the test to become a certified arborist. Dallas, a Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community member and son of the late Patrick Carlton Dallas, worked in landscape maintenance for the Arizona Diamondbacks at Salt River Fields for five years. He then moved to the SRPMIC Public Works Department, where he has had the opportunity to take his knowledge and skills to a whole new level and apply for certification with the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA).

An arborist is a certified professional who obtains skills and knowledge as a tree care professional in areas such as tree biology, disease diagnosis, maintenance practices, safety and other practice areas within the tree care profession.

Dallas explained that he grew up around cornfields and cut and hauled wood for his childhood home up north. This played a big part in how he came to work in landscape maintenance.

“Being exposed to the forestry



Road Landscape Maintenance Supervisor Jaydean Dallas put a year of studying to the test to become a certified arborist.

side of life up there, I wanted to go [into] forestry, but I just kind of fell into landscaping here in the Valley,” said Dallas. “I found my niche in landscaping. I really like working outside. I had a couple of inside jobs before and I didn't really like those; I prefer to be outside.”

Dallas was approached by his management team to take the challenge and get certified as an arborist.

“Mr. Bacome (Roads Maintenance Supervisor Greg Bacome) is always advocating to [obtain] this certification or that certifica-

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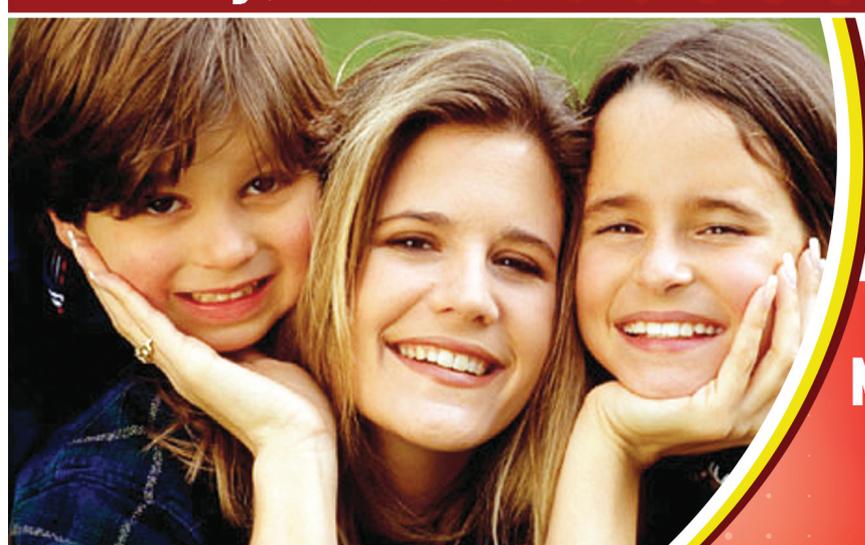


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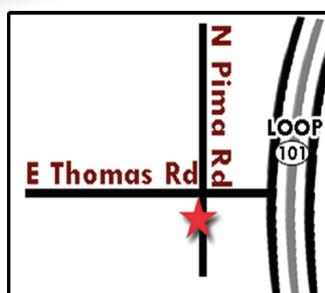
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# Three SRPMIC Relay Teams to Compete in Ironman Arizona

**Relay Team 2**  
Michelle Roan  
(SRPMIC Tribal Employee), swim  
Shashani Marcus  
(Community member), bike  
Felicia Sekaquaptewa  
(Salt River Triathlete), run

(Salt River Triathlete), bike  
Rachel Seepie  
(Community member), run

We caught up with three of the participants for a Q&A to ask about their participation in the Ironman Arizona Triathlon.

Good luck to all the relay teams! For more information about the Ironman Arizona Triathlon, visit [www.ironman.com/im-arizona](http://www.ironman.com/im-arizona).

**Relay Team 3**  
Wayne Sekaquaptewa  
(SRPMIC Tribal Employee), swim  
David Brown



## Fantasia Painter (Swimmer)

**Q: What inspired you to join an Ironman relay team?**

It is an honor and privilege to swim for the Community relay team. I feel very lucky to be able to do it. As to what inspires me, there are a lot of strong, smart and capable Indigenous women in our Community. My grandmother Monica Shaw, who is certainly among them, participated in the relay on the bike in 2014, and at the end of the day I'm just trying to keep up with her.



SRPMIC member Fantasia Painter will be a swimmer in relay team 1. Photo courtesy of Fantasia Painter

**Q: Is this your first time participating in the Ironman Triathlon? If not, how many times have you participated and how did you do?**

This is my second time participating in the relay. I also did the swim in 2019. I came in at just over 86 minutes. My hope for this year is to make it in around 86 minutes again.

**Q: What made you decide to do the swimming part of the relay?**

I think the swim is the easiest of the three events. It's the shortest time-wise. My great-grandfather used to say that the O'odham were strong runners and the Piipaash were strong swimmers. Maybe I'm connecting with my Piipaash side.

**Q: How did you prepare/train for the triathlon?**

Well, I swim a lot. They say that practice makes progress. I do three short swims and one long swim every week. Besides training, I watch a lot of YouTube. My grandmother says you can learn anything on YouTube, and I have definitely gotten a lot of tips on swimming drills and technique on there.

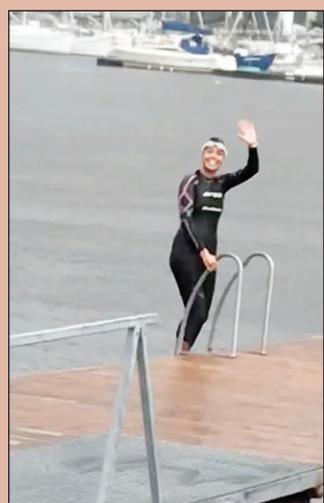
**Q: Which is the most difficult part of preparing for the competition, the physical or mental part?**

Mental. It takes a lot of consistency. A lot of people could swim 2.4 miles. But not everyone has the ability or commitment to train every week for 10 weeks.

**Q: What advice would you give to those who may be interested in participating in an Ironman?**

Do it! Whether you choose the swim, bike or run, do it. The race itself and the training leading up to it is an incredible experience. Start small and build up.

We are capable of so many great and impressive things. It just takes that first step. You will meet a whole bunch of Native folks putting in the miles (one way or another) along the way. Plus, you get a free t-shirt!



## Michelle Roan (Swimmer)



Michelle Roan (right) will participate in relay team 2, she and relay 3 participant Wayne Sekaquaptewa show their previous Ironman medals. Photo courtesy of Michelle Roan

**Q: What inspired you to join an Ironman relay team?**

I enjoy triathlons. In the sport of triathlons, there is minimal American Indian/Native American participation. The SRPMIC is fortunate to expose their Community members and allow other Native Americans to participate as well. The enjoyment of triathlons and participating with other American Indians/Native Americans makes participating in a huge, worldwide, well-known event such as Ironman worthwhile.

**Q: Is this your first time participating in the Ironman Triathlon? If not, how many times have you participated and how did you do?**

I have completed one individual Ironman, in 2019. Overall, I did well and enjoyed the day.

**Q: What made you decide to do the swimming part of the relay?**

Running is my favorite of the triathlon, so I wanted to challenge my comfort zone with the 2.4-mile open-water swimming distance.

**Q: How did you prepare/train for the triathlon?**

I like to follow a training plan provided by Camelback Coaching. It helps me stay on track. I also meet up with friends for runs, biking and swimming because the support helps during long training hours.

**Q: Which is the most difficult part of preparing for the competition, the physical or mental part?**

I personally think mental preparation is most difficult. For me, I get caught up in negative thinking, comparing myself to others, and on the physical discomfort, especially when I am tired. I try to use training time to mentally prepare for what I may experience mentally during the event.

**Q: What advice would you give to those who may be interested in participating in an Ironman?**

Get involved with a good supportive running/biking/swimming triathlon group. Although a triathlon is an individual event, the support from others will help your development physically and mentally. Plus, it makes training fun.

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

Thank you, SRPMIC, for continuing to support Native American representation in Ironman.

## Rachel Seepie (Runner)

**Q: What inspired you to join an Ironman relay team?**

I was inspired to join a relay team because it gives me the opportunity to hopefully inspire future individuals who want to do a marathon (26.2 miles), which is the distance I will be running/walking as a part of the relay team. You are never too old to start running or walking a marathon distance.

**Q: Is this your first time participating in the Ironman Triathlon? If not, how many times have you participated and how did you do?**

This not my first time participating on the relay team for Salt River.

I have been on the relay team as the swimmer twice, completing both 2.4-mile [swims], and I was once down for the bicycle portion but did not make it on to the course. This will be my first time taking part as the runner on a relay team. I have participated in the Ironman Arizona four times: I completed three races but did not finish one.

**Q: What made you decide to do the running part of the relay?**

I have been doing a lot of running and walking through 2020 and 2021 during the COVID-19 pandemic, and I believe I will be ready for the 26.2-mile distance. It's been four years since my last marathon distance.

**Q: How did you prepare/train for the triathlon?**

As I mentioned, during 2020 and 2021 I have been doing more running and walking here around Salt River and other outdoor locations in the Valley. What kept me going was joining a private Facebook group, the 100 Mile Challenge. The goal in the group was accumulate 100 miles each month, which I accomplished several times. The group was put together by Sam Taylor (a Hopi runner), and the majority of the group participants are Native Americans. I'm still in the group because everyone is inspiring and it keeps me motivated to continue running or walking.

**Q: Which is the most difficult part of preparing for the competition, the physical or mental part?**

I find the most difficult part of preparing for race is the mental part. If you're not mentally prepared, then your body will not be ready for the competition.

**Q: What advice would you give to those who may be interested in participating in an Ironman?**

Some advice I have given in the past is to start small. That is, get prepared in smaller races before jumping into the Ironman distance. There are mini triathlons, sprint triathlons, Olympic distance and half-Ironman distances. What I find helps is incorporating strength training, functional training and yoga two to three times a week. The strength training doesn't have to be hardcore heavy lifting. Investing in a decent road bike is good, and if you have the means, hire a triathlon coach who can help with swimming, cycling and running techniques. Find people who are involved in triathlons. Don't be afraid to ask them questions about how they got started.



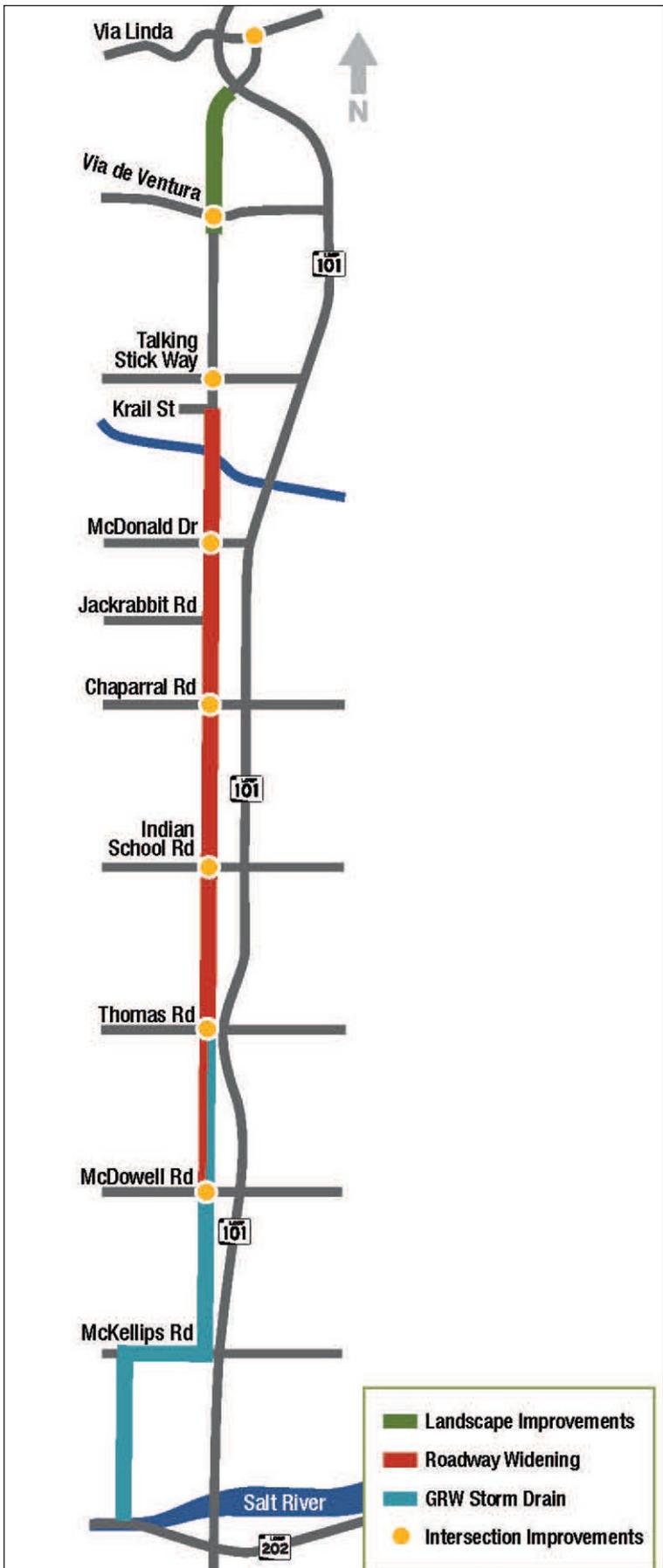
SRPMIC member Rachel Seepie will be a runner in relay team 3. Photo courtesy of Rachel Seepie



# Pima Road Widening Project to Begin Construction in Spring 2023

(FHWA). In the Community, Public Works is the lead department; other departments involved are the Community Development Department, Cultural Resources, Engineering and Construction Services, Finance, the Salt River Fire Department and the Salt River Police Department. The project was created

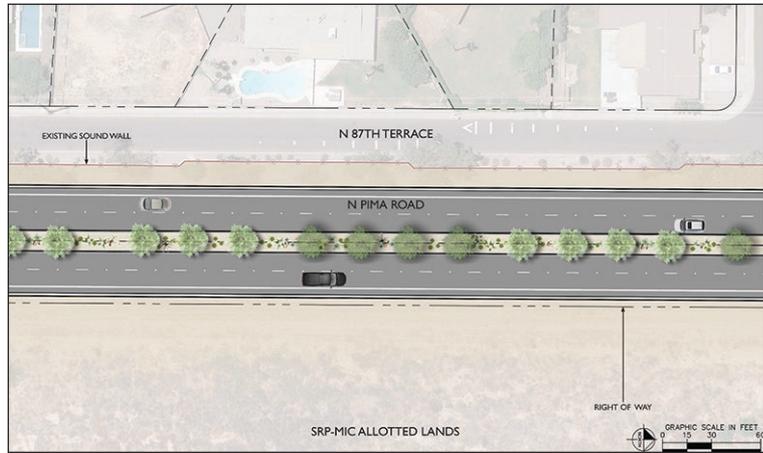
AutoShow at Salt River, various hotels and other businesses. “This development has led to increased traffic and overall general use of the area. The existing road and intersections are not built to handle the expected growth along the corridor. As you drive along the corridor, the road is fragmented between two lanes and four lanes,” said



Project rendering of Pima Road and the proposed landscape improvements, roadway widening, GRW storm drain and intersection improvements along the route from the Salt River at McKellips Road, north to Via Linda. Rendering provided by SRPMIC CDD

in response to ongoing commercial development along the Community’s commercial corridor, for which Pima Road is the access road and a major regional north-south reliever roadway for the Pima Freeway (Loop 101). The Pima Road corridor has seen significant development, such as Salt River Fields at Talking Stick, the Scottsdale

representative for SRPMIC Public Works. In response to the anticipated growth, a plan for improvements along Pima Road began in 2006. In 2007, a public scoping meeting took place, and in 2009, a Final Design Concept Report (DCR) detailing the planned improvements along the Pima Road corridor was completed, which has been the



Conceptual plan showing what the logistics of the Pima Road widening plan will look like. Rendering provided by SRPMIC CDD

guiding document for improvements made for over a decade.

In that span of time, Pima Road has been improved in sections by the Community or other developers.

The existing Pima Road is built along the boundary line between the Community and the City of Scottsdale. Currently, the northbound lane is in the Community, and the southbound lane is in Scottsdale. When Pima Road is widened, there will continue to be a portion of it that is within Scottsdale, and SRPMIC and Scottsdale will share maintenance responsibilities after construction is complete.

“When completed, Pima Road will be a four-lane road with a raised median, new curb and gutter, bike lanes, driveway modifications and intersection improvements, which include added turn lanes, new traffic signals and new ADA-compliant sidewalk ramps,” said a representative for SRPMIC Public Works.

“The new road will look much like Pima Road between Talking Stick Way and Via de Ventura.”

Traffic volumes along the project route currently range from 5,000 to 12,000 vehicles per day and are expected to increase as more development occurs. SRPMIC Public Works said that the road will be widened from 30 feet to 77 feet. Sidewalks will be installed by each developer.

To help push the project forward, the SRPMIC was able to secure grants. In 2019, the Community was awarded a \$49.8 million grant from the Federal Highway Administration to complete the full improvements to Pima Road recommended in the 2009 DCR.

The Nationally Significant Federal Lands and Tribal Projects (NSFLTP) grant was also awarded to the Community based on the Pima Road corridor’s need to improve safety, mitigate flooding impacts, alleviate traffic congestion, improve bike and pedestrian features, support economic vitality and growth, and to keep the road in a state of good re-

pair. Currently, the Community is working on the design of the recommended improvements.

McKellips Road to 84th Street and extends down 84th Street to the outlet at the Salt River.

• Landscape improvements from Via de Ventura to the Loop 101. In addition to the presence of road workers and equipment in the work zone, construction activity will cause restricted access and detours to adjacent businesses. SRPMIC Public Works said that every effort will be made to limit the duration and lessen impacts to businesses, with limited full closures of Pima Road and a goal to maintain two-way traffic throughout construction.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, traditional open-house public meetings have not been scheduled to discuss this project and other projects. Instead, virtual public meetings began in June 2021 and continue as opportunities arise.

The project has a website, [www.pimaroadimprovements.com](http://www.pimaroadimprovements.com), which provides project information, including a narrated presentation and a project information video that was presented at various district meetings at which Community members had the opportunity to ask questions and make comments.

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The project includes several components:

- Pima Road widening from McDowell Road to Krail Street (Krail Street is south of Talking Stick Way).

- Intersection improvements at McDowell Road, Thomas Road, Indian School Road, Chaparral Road, Jackrabbit Road, McDonald Drive, Talking Stick Way and Via de Ventura.

- Granite Reef Watershed Improvements, a large-diameter storm drain pipe that begins at Thomas Road and extends down Pima Road to McKellips Road, then follows



Near the site of the proposed Granite Reef Watershed improvements at McKellips Road, north of the Salt River.



Northbound Pima Road near the Scottsdale AutoShow at Salt River. The east side of the road shows an unpaved section that could be included in the widening of Pima Road.

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# Salt River Foster Care Program Seeking Community Members to Become Foster Parents

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Did you know that fewer than five Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community members are foster parents and more than half of the Community's children in foster care are placed outside of the Community? The Salt River Social Services Foster Care Licensing Team is looking for more SRPMIC members to help bring our children home.

Starting December 6, SRPMIC members can register to become licensed foster care parents. The first training session will start on January 5, 2022. "Currently about 80 children are residing in foster homes," said Foster Care Licensing Specialist Katie Avalos. "Right now, in Salt River and other Native communities across the country, there is a big gap in actual Native homes. We've had some luck getting kids into Native homes, but not necessarily into Salt River homes."

The Foster Care Licensing Team is working hard to license Native families within the Community, specifically Salt River families, to bring Community children back to their culture, back to their home.

"A lot of times we forget the things that children lose, but for any child placed in foster care they lose their neighborhood, their position in their family from oldest child or youngest child, and connections to relatives such as aunts and even friends of the family," said Avalos. "We tend to not think about the scope of that loss, and that's so much more compounded for Native children. We're moving them off of tribal community land, [which leads to] generational loss—things like language, culture and tradition that are lived experiences. It is hard on a non-Native family who is going to try to bring the child back here to engage them on a cultural level; it's not the same."

The Foster Care Licensing Team is searching for families from Salt River to open their hearts and homes so these children can come back to their Community. They need families that will continue to pass on that cultural knowledge, continue to support them in traditional ways and bring some more of that indigenous lived experience that foster children are not going to get in homes outside the Community, explained Avalos.

SRPMIC members who want to

become foster parents must take an 11-week training course consisting of a two-and-a-half-hour class each week. The participants will study the National Training and Development Curriculum (NTDC).

Avalos and Licensing Manager Norma Hernandez utilize this special curriculum in their foster care licensing training program. "We've been teaching it for about two years now. It has a specific Native American component to it. It's actually one of the only curriculums for foster care training that does have that component; we teach an American Indian/Alaska Native-based curriculum," said Avalos. "Norma and I both love this curriculum. It's very comprehensive. Next year will be the end of the pilot program, and after that we're going to make some adaptations to it. We are trying to shorten the hours on the initial training to get it down to a 15-hour training."

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the upcoming foster care training will be conducted virtually, every Wednesday from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Participants will go over topics such as:

- Child development
- Separation
- Grief and loss
- Trauma-related behaviors
- Effective communication
- Reunification
- Maintaining children's connections with siblings, extended family and community
- Cultural humility
- Impact of substance use
- Accessing services and support
- Creating a stable, nurturing and safe home environment

There are ongoing training requirements after the licensing training.

"We are never just leaving families out there. If a family comes to us with a specific need—for example, a family is struggling to get a child on a bedtime routine—we can provide training for them on that specific area," said Avalos. "The other thing we work really hard on is a training called Reasonable and Prudent Parenting Standards. There are certain hard limits and restrictions to what a foster parent can or cannot do, but under these new standards the goal is to get the children into the most family-like setting as possible and to allow foster parents to create the most normal experience possible. So, we're not tying foster families down with unreason-

## SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY SOCIAL SERVICES FOSTER CARE PROGRAM



### FOSTER CARE INFORMATION SESSIONS

Are you interested in supporting your community by providing care for children in need? Contact the Salt River Social Services Foster Care Licensing Team to learn more about becoming a licensed foster parent! Reach out today to schedule a one-hour information session. Our licensing specialists will provide you with an overview of the foster care process and will answer any questions you may have.

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able expectations of what can be done with foster children in their care. They are allowed to take them on vacation or let them go to sleepovers and camp, or participate in sports. They're allowed to have the most family-like experience until they can be back with their own family."

The SRPMIC is the only sovereign nation using the NTDC curriculum. The Licensing Team has been asked to share their knowledge in this curriculum with foster care operations in tribal communities in Arizona and the Pacific Northwest. Hernandez will be presenting at the National Indian Child Welfare Association (NICWA) conference in April 2022.

To become a foster parent, you must be 21 or older and have financial resources to meet your needs. Potential foster parents do not require a college

degree and do not need to be married or have had biological children.

"The primary goal of a foster parent, other than keeping that child safe and supported in a family setting, is to support the reunification process to develop a relationship with the biological family," said Avalos. "We need families here in the Community who can support these goals. Community children who maintain that connection to their culture do better in their long-term outcomes: higher rates of high school graduation, more college-level attainment and a better economic outcome in the long run. All of those things help build a better foundation for the Community. When children stay connected to their culture and Community, they grow and give back to their culture and Community."

## NOTICE TO COMMUNITY MEMBERS ABOUT TREE PRUNING

Salt River Project (SRP) has hired contractors from ACRT Inc and Asplundh Tree Expert Company to come onto the Community to identify, prune and remove vegetation around transmission power lines and easements. Operations will commence October 21, 2021 and are expected to continue through April 29, 2022.

Community Development Department's Environmental Protection & Natural Resources (CDD/EPNR) division have been coordinating efforts with both SRP and SRP Contractors to ensure the trimming operations meet the Community's conditions and requirements for ongoing maintenance.

SRP periodically prunes or removes trees that are near power lines to prevent unsafe conditions and to maintain reliable electric service. Trees that grow too close to overhead power lines can create fire and safety hazards, and cause power outages. SRP prunes or removes vegetation around lines that are part of the SRP electric delivery system. SRP uses an internationally recommended arboricultural technique called "directional pruning." This explains the various tree shapes that result from this pruning technique. However, this approach enables them to maintain the proper clearance from overhead lines and keep trees in place.

If you have any concerns regarding recent vegetation clearing activities, please call CDD/EPNR hotline at 480-362-7500.

## Can New Variants Of The Coronavirus Keep Emerging?

BY CHRISTINA LARSON  
AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Can new variants of the coronavirus keep emerging?

Yes, as long as the virus that caused the pandemic keeps infecting people. But that doesn't mean new variants will keep emerging as regularly, or that they'll be more dangerous.

With more than half the world still not vaccinated, the virus will likely keep finding people to infect and replicating inside them for several months or years to come. And each time a virus makes a copy of itself, a small mutation could occur. Those changes could help the virus survive, becoming new variants.

But that doesn't mean the virus will keep evolving in the same way since it emerged in late 2019.

When a virus infects a new species, it needs to adapt to the new host to spread more widely, says Andrew Read, a virus expert at Pennsylvania State University.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the delta variant is twice as contagious as earlier versions of the virus. And while it could still mutate to become more

infectious, it probably won't double its transmission rate again, says Dr. Adam Lauring, a virus and infectious disease expert at the University of Michigan.

"We've seen a stage of rapid evolution for the virus. It's been harvesting the low-hanging fruit, but there's not an infinite number of things it can do," Lauring says.

It's possible that the virus could become more deadly, but there isn't an evolutionary reason for that to happen. Extremely sick people are also less likely to socialize and spread the virus to others.

Experts are watching to see whether emerging variants could be better at evading the protection people develop from vaccination and infections. As more people get the shots, the virus would have to be able to spread through people who have some immunity for it to survive, says Dr. Joshua Schiffer, a virus expert at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center.

"The virus could take on a mutation that makes the immune response less effective," he says.

If that happens, scientists may recommend that vaccine formulas be updated periodically, just as annual flu shots are.



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## What's The Latest Advice On The Type Of Mask I Should Wear?

BY EMMA H. TOBIN  
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NEW YORK (AP) — What's the latest advice on the type of mask I should wear? It depends on your situation, but health officials say it should cover your nose and mouth, and fit snugly so there aren't any gaps on the sides of your face.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention also says to pick masks with two or more layers and a nose wire to prevent air from leaking out the top. It suggests holding your mask up to check if it blocks light, which means the fabric will probably filter out more particles.

If you want added protection, experts also suggest wearing two masks or pairing them with a mask fitter to ensure they don't leave any gaps.

It's also important to find a mask that's comfortable so you actually wear it, says Laura Kwong, an assistant professor in environmental health sciences at the University of California, Berkeley.

If supplies are available, people can opt for disposable N95 masks for personal use, the CDC says in updated guidance. Such masks are considered most effective at blocking virus particles. The agency had previously said N95 masks should be reserved for health care workers, but supplies have since expanded.

For people interacting with certain groups, such as those who are deaf or have hearing difficulties, there are also clear masks or cloth masks with clear plastic panels. Health officials say transparent medical masks should be prioritized for health workers and patients who need them.

## 2020 Arizona Teacher of the Year Recognized at White House

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On Monday, October 18, Arizona's 2020 Teacher of the Year, Salt River Elementary School teacher Lynette Stant, was recognized at the 2021 State and National Teachers of the Year event in Washington, D.C.

The week began with a ceremony honoring the National Teachers of the Year for 2020 and 2021. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2020 awardees were recognized alongside the 2021 Teachers of the Year.

The ceremony was hosted at the White House by First Lady Dr. Jill Biden and ended with advocating for education with congressional members at the Capitol.

"It was such an honor to represent the state of Arizona as the 2020 Teacher of the Year during Washington week," said Stant.

"It was a whirlwind adventure, but one I will never forget. My advocacy focus was humanizing Indigenous teachers and classrooms and asking members of our government bodies for their continued support on issues that matter to schools on tribal lands. The work doesn't just stop here. The advocacy work continues."

Salt River Elementary School Principal Dr. Amanda Guerrero said that she is so proud of Stant and all she has accomplished in her role as the 2020 Arizona Teacher of the Year. "Her tireless advocacy for students and teachers is so important to education, especially when it comes to Indigenous students, teachers and curriculum," said Guerrero.



Arizona's 2020 Teacher of the Year, SRES teacher Lynette Stant, in front of the White House for the 2021 State and National Teachers of the Year event in Washington, D.C. Photo provided by Lynette Stant

## Community Youth Join Mesa's Toro Football Club

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This fall, three Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community youth have joined the Mesa Toro NYS Football Club, on the 14U football team. Brothers Kaleb and Xavier Lucero and Jayson Dutchover are all seventh-grade students and participating in football for the first time.

Kaleb and Xavier are the sons of Elaine Lucero, and both attend Carson Junior High School. They represent two-thirds of a set of triplets and played both basketball and baseball while growing up. However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, they had to stop playing to avoid catching the virus and spreading it to their family members.

"We had nothing to do. Baseball isn't my thing anymore, and I wanted to try out football," said Xavier about why he joined the Mesa Toro Football Club. "I enjoy it."

The two hope to play football in high school at Westwood or Mountain View. They both like football better than baseball; they enjoy the physical aspect of it, getting to tackle the other players.

Kaleb's position is running back, but he has also learned to play linebacker. Xavier has the opportunity to learn to play corner, safety, offensive line, left guard and right guard, but his main positions are linebacker and wide receiver.

Jayson Dutchover is the son of Ipa Dutchover and Shunden Cadman and attends Stapley Junior High. He said that he wanted to play football this year because he likes watching the NFL. This is his first time playing on a football team, at defensive guard.

"I learned stance, which is stand and get ready," said Dutchover. "When



Jayson Dutchover plays defensive guard for the Mesa Toros NYS Football Club. Photo courtesy of Ipa Dutchover

you're supposed to get up and go against them, what I do [is] I stand up and then go, but I should be rising up to them and leaning into them," he explained, noting an area where he needs to improve.

Currently he wants to play football in high school, but he explained that he might change his mind. He does like playing football and baseball.

"I like watching football and watching the players who do the same position I play and see what they do to learn more," said Dutchover.

He also enjoys playing musical instruments, such as guitar, bass, drums and the trombone.

If your child is interested in joining the Mesa Toro Football Club, contact coach Roberts at (480) 939-1319 or visit their Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/mesatorofootball](http://www.facebook.com/mesatorofootball).



Seventh Graders Kaleb Lucero, Xavier Lucero and Jayson Dutchover played their first year of football for Mesa Toros NYS Football Club. Photo courtesy of Elayne Lucero



Xavier Lucero has had the opportunity to learn how to play the positions of play corner, safety, offensive line, left guard and right guard, but his main positions are linebacker and wide receiver during his first year of football with the Mesa Toros NYS Football Club. Photo courtesy of Elayne Lucero



Kaleb Lucero has had the opportunity to learn how to play the positions of running back and linebacker during his first year of football with the Mesa Toros NYS Football Club. Photo courtesy of Elayne Lucero

# Public Works Supervisor Now a Certified Arborist

tion, but the ISA was big because it's a person who knows plants and trees to have on the crew to lead guys and teach them," said Dallas. "The challenge of seeking the education, the craftsmanship; I was striving for the technical aspects of the job."

To become a certified arborist, Dallas first had to apply to take the exam. He explained that the application process was extensive. He had to get recommendations from both Public Works and his former employer at Salt River Fields at Talking Stick. The Public Works Department paid for his ISA membership cost, study materials and the cost of the exam.

While a number of SRPMIC government offices were closed during the COVID-19 pandemic, Dallas had the extra time to read through a stack of books and study for the exam.

"It was very broad, and I found a lot of the subsections were extensive. It was quite a bit of work, especially on topics that I didn't know a lot about, such as tree climbing," said Dallas about studying for the exam. "It was one big test, but it had 10 sections, and each section in itself is quite a bit of information."

The arborist certification will help Dallas as he and the Road Landscape Maintenance crew work on the right-of-ways and all the paved roads to maintain all the trees and shrubs, remove



weeds and keep the sidewalks clean in the Community. There are many different species of trees and plants, and each needs special care.

"I would like to thank Parks and Events Section Manager Silverio Medina, Roads Maintenance Supervisor Greg Bacome, Roads Section Manager Jennifer Jack and Assistant Public Works Director Mike Byrd. They've been big advocates [for me] in pursuing this education and getting the certification; they basically supported me in my endeavor," said Dallas.

"It's taught me to care about what I do. Being certified lets people know that I am serious about what I do. And maybe [I can] advocate to the Community that there are guys here that care about their work and want to do things the right way. Trying to pursue that side of it, getting the education and bringing it back to help [the Community], I think that's a big thing for me."



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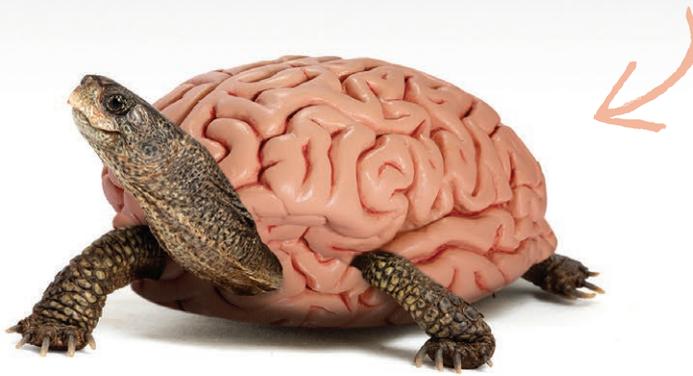
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# Salt River Schools SPOOKTACULAR

## Offers Halloween Fun for SRPMIC Families

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Salt River Schools' Safe Schools and Security Team held its annual Spooktacular event on Thursday, October 21. Cars lined up along Country Club Drive to Chaparral Road to the Salt River High School North Parking Lot for the evening drive-thru event, for which a number of Salt River Schools departments and Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community departments and programs set up Halloween-decorated booths.

This was the fifth annual Spooktacular; the event is usually held inside Salt River High School, but it was skipped last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This year, the Salt River Schools staff were happy that the SRPMIC Council approved the event.

"It's one of our biggest events. Everyone looks forward to it; it gets bigger and bigger every year," said Salt River Schools Communications and PR Director Taté Walker. "We have education departments, but there was also Public Works, the Children's Foundation, the Miss Salt River Pageant Committee and Court, the Salt River Fire Department, Youth Services and more. We can't forget about our Safe Schools and Security Team; they are the ones who put on this event every year, and they do an amazing job." To ensure that everyone had a spooky good time but a safe good time, everyone respected social distancing, stayed in their cars and collected Halloween treats that were prewrapped.

"Also, thank you to the Salt River Police Department, which always helps us out with traffic control," added Walker.

Because it was a drive-thru event, SRS decided to provide fun activities as people drove along the Trick-or-Treat Trail.

Earlier in the week, SRS staff members decorated pumpkins that represented their favorite books. The pumpkins, along with the books, were given to those families who decorated their vehicles. There was also a costume contest, and the top three costumes received a prize. The last contest was for best booth; every car filled out a survey and voted.

Makayla Howard, Salina Sampson and Sheralynn Sampson decided to decorate their car as they brought their little ones to the drive-thru event. Their white car was a great contrast for the red paint that mirrored blood splatter.

"We like Halloween and wanted to get into the Halloween spirit," said Howard as she held up her prize-winning pumpkin.

As families left the Trick-or-Treat Trail, they had to pass through two haunted school buses decorated by students from the Accelerated Learning Academy.

"The past couple of weeks have been crazy trying to pull this event together, but I am so grateful we were able to put this on for the Community," said School Security Officer Tara Grey. "We wanted the kids to come out, since ... there [was] no trick-or-treating in the Community this year. We just wanted to do something fun for the kids. We do this every year and it's our favorite thing."

To see the contest winners, photos and video, visit the Salt River Schools social media pages at [www.facebook.com/saltriverschools](http://www.facebook.com/saltriverschools) and [www.instagram.com/saltriverschools](http://www.instagram.com/saltriverschools).



# Legal Services Office Provides Estate Planning Assistance

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On October 16, the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community's Legal Services Office (LSO) held a presentation on estate planning at Council Member David Antone's District B Community meeting.

The presentation covered the American Indian Probate Reform Act of 2004 (AIPRA), which made many changes to the way trust or restricted land and property is inherited, as well as other changes about land management and purchases.

"At LSO, we provide our clients with a basic understanding of AIPRA so that they may make educated designations about their Indian land," said Rebecca Puentes, SRPMIC estate planning scrivener.

The LSO provides trust and estate planning services to the Community and emphasizes the importance of having a will and updating it periodically throughout your life. Community members who have questions as to whether it is appropriate to have a will can call LSO at (480) 362-5670 to go through an intake and discuss their options.

"Once the intake is reviewed and an attorney is assigned, the client is contacted to schedule an appointment," said Puentes.

"In the meantime, documents are collected to prepare for the appointment, including land inventories. At the first consultation we will ask the client for a list of their heirs or beneficiaries and the designations they would like to make for their Indian land or personal property."

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, telephone or video conferencing may be used to make appointments for the LSO. In-person appointments are limited but

are available when absolutely necessary. While intakes can be made on a walk-in basis, intakes made by telephone get processed in the same time frame.

"The Legal Services Office is still making the health and safety of our clients a top priority," said Puentes.

Besides estate planning, LSO also covers basic and common legal problems such as divorce, custody, evictions, civil lawsuits and the probate process.

Keep an eye open for an in-depth look at the probate process at SRPMIC in a future issue of O'dham Action News.



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# Saddleback Communications Receives the Cornerstone Award at Broadband Communities Summit

Broadband Communities Magazine Recognizes Service Provider's Fiber to the Home Network Build for SRPMIC

Saddleback Communications, a provider of world-class, fiber-based voice and data communications to business and residential customers in the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (SRPMIC), announced today that it received the Broadband Communities (BBC) 2021 Cornerstone Award for its fiber-to-the-home (FTTH) deployment, which brought high-speed internet access up to 500Mbps to all SRPMIC member homes.

The award was presented to Saddleback President Bill Bryant at the Broadband Communities Summit, held in September at 27-30 at the Marriott Marquis in Houston.

"We're honored to receive the Cornerstone Award from Broadband Communities," said Bryant. "After a decade of development, Saddleback's FTTH network was completed just as the demand for reliable home internet connections skyrocketed during the pandemic. The investment has been a lifeline to our customers and is key to keeping them connected to what matters most."

BBC's Cornerstone Award is given

to communities, companies, private developments, municipalities and individuals with outstanding accomplishments in delivering telecommunications for the benefit of end-users. The award is reserved for recognition of the most notable deployments of FTTH in the U.S. and abroad.

"When it came time to replace its fragile copper network, Saddleback recognized the importance of world-class infrastructure, leapfrogging over any interim hybrid solutions and upgrading to fiber," said the BBC Cornerstone Award Judging Committee. "The Phoenix area provider now has speeds of up to 500Mbps available to every home in the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community. The exceptionally reliable, secure and innovative services now being offered to residents, students and businesses are helping to drive economic development and create new opportunities."

Saddleback's success also provides a blueprint for tribal broadband, which Bryant shared in his BBC Summit address, "Ensuring No Community Is Left Behind: A Blueprint for Advanc-



Saddleback Communications President Bill Bryant accepts the Broadband Communities 2021 Cornerstone Award for Saddleback's fiber-to-the-home (FTTH) deployment at the Broadband Communities Summit. Photo courtesy of Saddleback Communications.

ing Tribal Broadband." Bryant made a passionate appeal to the hundreds of providers in attendance to work with the 500+ Native American Tribes in the U.S. to "unlock the wisdom, creativity and economic opportunity in Tribal America." He urged attendees to work with the Tribal entities in their service areas to improve broadband connectivity to boost economic development in

their communities.

The message supports efforts to advance Tribal broadband by the National Tribal Telecommunications Association (NTTA), where Bryant serves as Vice President.

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## AGENDA

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How To Live Life Powerfully (Yoga-Infused)

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# Household Hazardous Waste and Shredding Event at SRPMIC

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On October 23, the Household Hazardous Waste and Shredding event was held at the North Two Waters Complex parking lot in the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, as part of the 2021 Virtual Fall Overhaul event.

Waste was dropped off by 147 cars, and staff from the Community Development Department's Environmental Protection and Natural Resources collected hazardous waste from 51 homes of seniors and those with disabilities.



Hazardous waste liquid being poured into a drum at the HHW and Shredding event on October 23.

In total, 5,645 pounds of hazardous waste was prevented from entering the landfill and 5,000 pounds of paper were shredded and sent for recycling.

American Shredding was on hand to shred paper with their large truck on-site. The shredded paper goes with the truck to their facility and is eventually hauled to a paper recycling facility. American Shredding will be back in the Community for the Earth Day event on April 23, 2022, which CDD hopes will be an in-person event.

"All of the waste is transported to a permitted hazardous waste treatment, storage or disposal facility (TSDF), but management of the waste depends on the type of waste," said CDD/EPNR Environmental Specialist Carol Hibbard.

"Examples of hazardous waste collected include used oil, antifreeze and latex paints, which are recycled. Mercury is recovered from fluorescent tubes and compact fluorescent bulbs and is reused to make new bulbs. Medical sharps are autoclaved (a process that sterilizes the biohazardous waste), compacted, and then either landfilled or sent to a waste-to-energy facility. Propane cylinders are emptied, cleaned and repurposed, while flammable liquids are either sent to a waste-to-energy facility or solidified for disposal."

On October 22, which was Fall Overhaul Friday, about 40 participants worked on home projects and annual projects such as standpipe painting, garden box assembly for Community seniors and litter cleanup at River People Health Center.

As participants exited, 200 starter trees were given away: about 160 velvet mesquites and 40 foothills palo verde trees.

CDD/EPNR also provided 100 recycling bins on a first-come, first-served basis. A handout depicting what items are recyclable was also provided.



Above: Trees and recycling bins given away as participants exit.

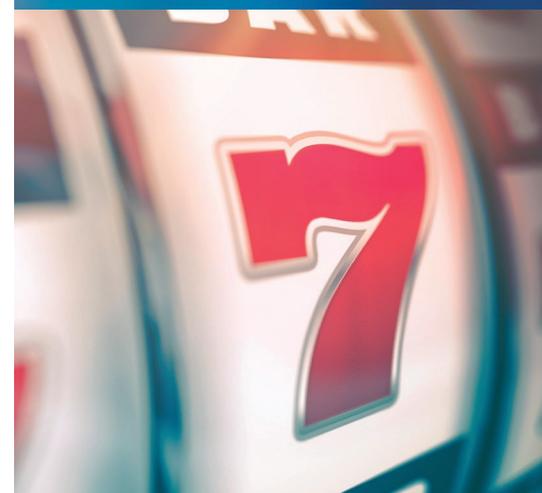
Right: American Shredding shreds papers on-site.



## Fall Overhaul 2021 Waste Collection

- 1,400 lbs. used oil
- 170 lbs. antifreeze
- 20 lbs. lithium batteries
- 5 lbs. batteries
- 170 lbs. lead acid batteries
- 25 lbs. compact fluorescent bulbs
- 10 lbs. fluorescent bulbs
- 120 lbs. flammable paint waste
- 170 lbs. aerosols
- 280 lbs. flammable liquids
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- 180 lbs. corrosive liquids
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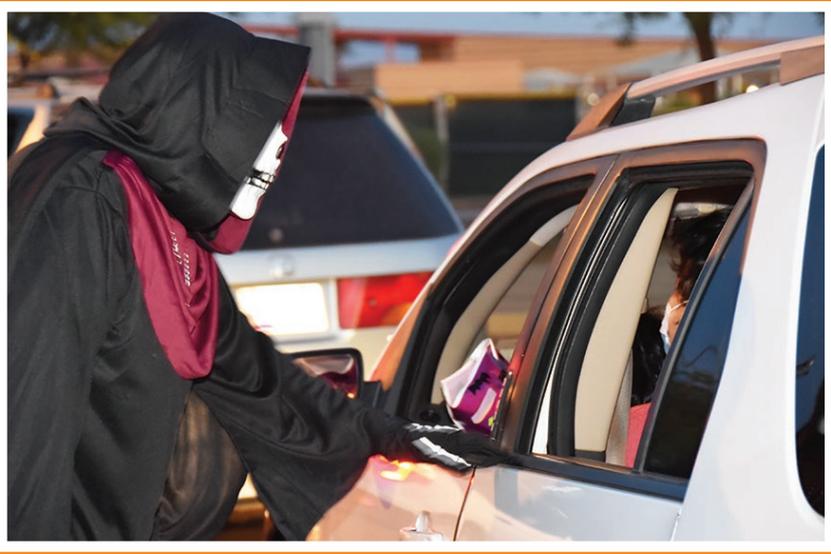
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On October 30, about 600 Community members participated in the Fall Festival Trunk or Treat event. The event was from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., but cars were still filing in through around 6:45 p.m. All kids and cars were given treats and nobody was left out.

"Sixteen departments and programs participated on a Saturday night to put a smile on our Community children's faces," said Community Relations manager Yvonne Schaaf.

"It was well attended and the majority of the groups enjoyed not only being out with their co-workers, but they were able to, safely I might add, visit with other staff they had not seen in quite a while."

The winner of the department decoration contest was Education Food Service, with "Scary Creature" as their theme.



## SRPMIC BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES

### THE SEVEN CHALLENGES PROGRAM

**TEEN GROUP**  
 Mondays & Thursdays  
 4 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. and  
 Tuesdays, 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.

**Where**  
 BHS Building  
 10215 E. Osborn Rd.



The Seven Challenges Program is designed for adolescent substance abusing or substance dependent individuals, to motivate a decision and commitment to change. It helps young people look at themselves, understand what it take to give up a drug abusing lifestyle--and prepare for and attain success when they commit to making changes.

**Call to Join Seven Challenges Counseling:  
 BHS (480) 362-5707**

### THE SEVEN CHALLENGES

- We decided to open up and talk honest-ly about ourselves and about alcohol and other drugs.
- We looked at what we liked about alcohol and other drugs, and why we were using them.
- We looked at our use of alcohol or other drugs to see if it has caused harm or could cause harm.
- We looked at our responsibility and the responsibility of others for our problems.
- We thought about where we seemed to be headed, where we wanted to go, and what we wanted to accomplish.
- We made thoughtful decisions about our lives and about our use of alco-hol and other drugs.
- We followed through on our decisions about our lives and drug use. If we saw problems, we went back to earlier challenges and mastered them.



# November 2021 - District Meetings

\* All District Meetings are held via Microsoft Teams\*

MEETING DATE/TIME	AGENDA	MEETING ENTRY INFO:
<b>CM Enos</b> <b>DISTRICT A</b> Mon., Nov., 15, 2021 5 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Special Domestic Violence Criminal Jurisdiction/VAWA Proposed Ordinance</li> <li>Medical Marijuana</li> <li>Community Member Comments</li> </ul>	Website: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/3kf7am97">https://tinyurl.com/3kf7am97</a> Phone: 412-664-5196 Conference ID: 593 449 646
<b>CM Antone</b> <b>DISTRICT B</b>	No November Meeting	
<b>CM Doka</b> <b>DISTRICT C</b> Sat., Nov., 6, 2021 9 am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SR Police Department Recruitment</li> <li>SR Fire Department Recruitment</li> <li>Estate Planning &amp; Probate Process</li> </ul>	Website: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/535utmny">https://tinyurl.com/535utmny</a> Phone: 412-664-5196 Conference ID: 473 949 000
<b>CM Grey</b> <b>DISTRICT D</b> Thurs., Nov., 4, 2021 6 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Amendment to 1-503 Civil Violation of Executive Orders</li> <li>Code Revision - Qualified Residential Treatment Programs</li> <li>Crime Statistics for District D</li> </ul>	Website: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/6ccty2mm">https://tinyurl.com/6ccty2mm</a> Phone: 412-664-5196 Conference ID: 517 778 206
<b>CM Largo</b> <b>DISTRICT E</b> Mon., Nov., 22, 2021 5 pm	Agenda TBD	Website: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/yuj3bh8j">https://tinyurl.com/yuj3bh8j</a> Phone: 412-664-5196 Conference ID: 512 469 427
<b>CM Scabby / CM Dallas</b> <b>LEHI DISTRICT</b> Tues., Nov., 16, 2021 5 pm	Agenda TBD	Website: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/yc6j99zw">https://tinyurl.com/yc6j99zw</a> Phone: 412-664-5196 Conference ID: 632 934 574

## November Council Meetings

Council may enter Executive Session as necessary.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS: November 3, 10, & 17 Wednesdays at 10am  
 REGULAR SESSIONS: November 3, 10, & 17 Wednesdays at 1pm  
 WORK SESSIONS: November 4 & 18 Thursdays at 10am

**Note: A Community Member Only virtual meeting will be held on Monday, November 8<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30 p.m.**

Questions can be directed to the Council Secretaries Office at (480) 362-7469  
**TO CONTACT THE COUNCIL MEMBERS:**  
 -Erica Harvier at (480) 362-7466  
 -Elyse Lewis at (480) 362-7464  
**TO CONTACT PRESIDENT HARVIER OR VICE PRESIDENT LEONARD:**  
 -Ardell Moore at (480) 362-7465  
 -Pat Rush at (480) 362-7438

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**BALTAZAR-SALCEDO, Arnoldo** - Review Hearing Case: J-18-0092 Court Date: December 9, 2021 at 11 a.m.

**BENTANCOURT, Eva** - Review Hearing Case: J-18-0092 Court Date: December 9, 2021 at 11 a.m.

**BURKE, Brandee Lyn** - Review Hearing Case: J-19-0007/Initial Child Support Hearing Case: J-21-0063 Court Date: November 18, 2021 at 9 a.m.

**BURKE, Veronica Jean Jr** - Exceptional Care/Review Hearings Case: J-18-0054 Court Date: January 5, 2022 at 10 a.m.

**CARLISLE, Mauricia Landean** - Review Hearing Case: J-08-1059/J-11-0042/J-12-0050/J-12-0051 Court Date: November 15, 2021 at 9 a.m.

**CARPENTER, Ce:dagi Ju:k** - Review/Permanency Hearings Case: J-12-0144/J-19-0055 Court Date: December 6, 2021 at 11 a.m.

**CARLOS, Andrew James** - Protective Custody Hearing Case: J-21-0133 Court Date: November 9, 2021 at 2 p.m.

**COOPS, Elias Charles** - Review/Permanency Hearing/Exceptional Care Hearings Case: J-19-0131/0132 Court Date: January 20, 2022 at 11 a.m.

**CURTIS, Lila Star** - Review Hearing Case: J-20-0100/0101 Court Date: December 9, 2021 at 10 a.m.

**CURTIS, Lila Star** - Review Hearing Case: J-21-0031 Court Date: December 2, 2021 at 11 a.m.

**Doe, Manuel** - Review/Permanency Hearings Case: J-18-0044 Court Date: November 16, 2021 at 10 a.m.

**ENOS, Rochelle Michelle** - Review/Permanency Hearings Case: J-17-0039 Court Date: November 9, 2021 at 11 a.m.

**JIMERSON, Felicia Kim** - Evidentiary Paternity Hearing Case: J-21-0104 Court Date: December 6, 2021 at 10 a.m.

**JIMERSON, Felicia Kim** - Initial Paternity Hearing Case: J-21-0111 Court Date: December 6, 2021 at 9 a.m.

**JIMERSON, Felicia Kim** - Initial Child Support Hearing Case: J-21-0110/0112/0113 Court Date: December 6, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.

**JOHNSON Sr., Tyson Delroy** - Evidentiary Child Support/Review Hearings Case: J-21-0067/J-11-0174 Court Date: November 8, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.

**JUAN SR., Shane Elson** - Review Hearing Case: J-21-0021 Court Date: December 8, 2021 at 9 a.m.

**KILGORE, Adriana Michelle Lee** - Evidentiary Guardianship Hearing Case: J-22-0002/J-22-0003 Court Date: December 13, 2021 at 11

a.m.

**KILGORE, Adriana Michelle Lee** - Review Hearing Case: J-18-0205/J-19-0019 Court Date: December 13, 2021 at 11 a.m.

**LEWIS, Rosemary Rachel** - Review/Permanency Hearing/Exceptional Care Hearings Case: J-19-0131/0132 Court Date: January 20, 2022 at 11 a.m.

**LOMAYAKTEWA, Gashomnim Kokoma** - Adjudication Hearing Case: J-21-0130/0131/0132 Court Date: November 17, 2021 at 11:30 a.m.

**LOMAYAKTEWA, Gashomnim Kokomo** - Formal Hearing Case: J-21-0125 Court Date: November 17, 2021 at 10 a.m.

**LOPEZ Sr., Ben Ross** - Review Hearing Case: J-18-0132 Court Date: February 14, 2022 at 10 a.m.

**MORATAYA Sr., Cesilio** - Review Hearing Case: J-18-0180 Court Date: December 16, 2021 at 9 a.m.

**OLIVAS, Lindsey Lorraine** - Initial Paternity Hearing Case: J-21-0121 Court Date: November 15, 2021 at 10 a.m.

**OLIVAS, Lindsey Lorraine** - Review Hearing Case: J-19-0031 Court Date: December 2, 2021 at 9 a.m.

**OLIVAS, Victor James** - Initial Paternity Hearing Case: J-21-0121 Court Date: November 15, 2021 at 10 a.m.

**OLIVAS, Victor James** - Review Hearing Case: J-19-0031 Court Date: December 2, 2021 at 9 a.m.

**PABLO, Anthony Scott** - Review Hearing Case: J-18-0045/J-18-0046/J-18-0047 Court Date: November 16, 2021 at 10 a.m.

**PERKINS, Landry T.** - Initial Guardianship Hearing Case: J-21-0108 Court Date: November 29, 2021 at 9 a.m.

**SANTO Sr., Blaine** - Exceptional Care Hearing Case: J-14-0016/0017 Court Date: November

30, 2021 at 9 a.m.

**SMITH, Patricia Mildred** - Exceptional Care Hearing Case: J-14-0016/0017 Court Date: November 30, 2021 at 9 a.m.

**SMITH, Patricia Mildred** - Review/Permanency Hearings Case: J-20-0091/0092 Court Date: December 15, 2021 at 10 a.m.

**STACEY, Jeffery Arthur** - Review/Permanency Hearings Case: J-20-0091/0092 Court Date: December 15, 2021 at 10 a.m.

**VALENZUELA, Frank** - Review/Permanency Hearings Case: J-12-0144/J-19-0055 Court Date: December 6, 2021 at 11 a.m.

**VALLES Sr., Robert Anthony** - Review Hearing Case: J-15-0174 Court Date: November 17, 2021 at 9 a.m.

**VILLEGAS, Pedro** - Initial Paternity Hearing Case: J-21-0111 Court Date: December 6, 2021 at 9 a.m.

**WALKER, Kasheen Lassale** - Initial Guardianship Hearing Case: J-21-0107/0108 Court Date: November 29, 2021 at 9 a.m.

**WILLIAMS, Craig Sterling** - Review/Permanency Hearings Case: J-17-0039 Court Date: November 9, 2021 at 11 a.m.

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**ANDREWS, Crystal Mae** - Default Judgment Hearing Case: C-21-0092 Court Date: November 16, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.

**ARTEAGA, Maria Selena** - Paternity Hearing Case: CF-21-0117 Court Date: December 8 2021 at 10 a.m.

**BARAJAS, Ivan** - Default Judgment Hearing Case: C-20-0144 Court Date: November 16, 2021 at 9 a.m.

NOTICE OF DEFAULT JUDGMENT:

Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community Court, State of Arizona, Maricopa County original jurisdiction court case number C-21-0029

Notice of Default Judgment is hereby given ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that default judgment against Respondent, Anissa Bejarano, is hereby ENTERED. It is further, ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that Respondent, ANISSA BEJARANO, shall pay \$9,702.69 to Petitioner, Country Club Cars. Payment shall be made to Petitioner within sixty (30) days of this Order. This order is final and shall be served on Respondent in accordance to Rule 5-20(c).

**CAREAGA, Gustavo** - Civil Complaint Hearing Case: C-21-0148 Court Date: November 30, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.

**CARROLL, Jamila Roxanne** - Initial Child Support Hearing Case: CFCS-21-0032 Court Date: November 15, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.

**LEWIS, Trista Mae** - Order to Show Cause Hearing Case: C-21-0034 Court Date: November 18, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.

**LOPEZ, Brandon Anthony** - Status Hearing Case: CF-18-0181 Court Date: November 29, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.

**MAEZ, Sylvia Ann** - Initial Child Support Hearing Case: CFCS-21-0034 Court Date: November 15, 2021 at 9 a.m.

**MELCHOR, Joannie Arlinda** - Order to Show Cause Hearing Case: C-21-0040 Court Date: November 18, 2021 at 10 a.m.

**OLSON, Scotty** - Evidentiary Guardianship Hearing Case: CF-21-0076 Court Date: November 17, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.

**PACHECO, Rosario** - Entry of Default Judgement Case: CF-21-0033 Court Date: December 6, 2021 at 11 a.m.

**SCHURZ, Deveny May** - Entry of Default Judgement Case: D-21-0017 Court Date: November 16, 2021 at 11 a.m.

**SMITH Jr., Emery Uriah** - Evidentiary Guardianship Hearing Case: CF-21-0124 Court Date: December 1, 2021 at 9 a.m.

**Unknown Father Minor Jane Doe** DOB: 06/06/2018 - Evidentiary Guardianship Hearing Case: CF-21-0115 Court Date: December 6, 2021 at 9 a.m.

**VALENCIA, Victor Patrick** - Initial Paternity Hearing Case: CF-21-0087 Court Date: November 15, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.

**WAKOLEE, Melanie Grace** - Petition for Name Change Case: CF-21-0121 Court Date: November 18, 2021 at 10 a.m.

**ZOTIGH, Jeremiah Jimmy Taylor** - Order to Show Cause Hearing Case: CF-21-0101 Court Date: November 17, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.

**ZOTIGH, Sosha** - Order to Show Cause Hearing Case: CF-21-0101 Court Date: November 17, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.

## DEFAULT NOTICES

### SUMMONS

J-21-0129

In the Matter of Jane Doe (D.O.B.: 5/14/2011)

TO: Robert Daniel, Parent/Guardian

A Petition for Paternity has been filed in this Court in which it is alleged that Robert Daniel is the child(ren)'s father. The Petitioner requests that the Court determine paternity and enter judgment.

THEREFORE YOU ARE ORDERED to APPEAR for the Initial Hearing for Paternity Hearing before the Honorable Judge LeBeau, the Salt River Juvenile Court on November 16, 2021 at 9:00 A.M. in court room #3.

Pursuant to Administrative Order No. 14-0004, effective August 4, 2014, legal counsel, parties, and their respective witnesses shall be present in the courthouse at least fifteen (15) minutes prior to any proceeding.

If you fail to attend a hearing or to file an answer or response, the Court may enter a default order of paternity.

CLERK OF COURT - SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA COMMUNITY COURT

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### SUMMONS

J-21-0122/0123/0124

In the Matter of Jane Doe (D.O.B.: 7/10/2015)

Jane Doe (D.O.B.: 5/26/2016)

John Doe (D.O.B.: 7/20/2017)

TO: Stephanie Jackson, Parent/Guardian

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

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

November 16, 2021 at 10:00 A.M. in court room #3..

Pursuant to Administrative Order No. 14-0004, effective August 4, 2014, legal counsel, parties, and their respective witnesses shall be present in the courthouse at least fifteen (15) minutes prior to any proceeding.

Notice: If you fail to attend a hearing or to file an answer or response, the Court may enter a default guardianship order appointing the Petitioner as legal guardian of the child(ren) and take any other action that is authorized by law.

CLERK OF COURT - SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA COMMUNITY COURT

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### SUMMONS

J-21-0129

In the Matter of Jane Doe (D.O.B.: 5/14/2011)

TO: Felicia Jimmeron, Parent/Guardian

A Petition for Paternity has been filed in this Court in which it is alleged that Robert Daniel is the child(ren)'s father. The Petitioner requests that the Court determine paternity and enter judgment.

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PIMA-MARICOPA COMMUNITY COURT

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VERONICA RAQUEL JUAN

COUNTRY CLUB CARS

v.

VERONICA RAQUEL JUAN

C-21-0114

DEFAULT NOTICE

To: Veronica Raquel Juan, RESPONDENT

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

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

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DATED this 24th of September 2021

CLERK OF COURT - SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA COMMUNITY COURT

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NOTICE OF DEFAULT JUDGMENT:

Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community Court, State of Arizona, Maricopa County original jurisdiction court case number CFCS-21-0021

Notice of Default Judgment is hereby given ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that default judgment against Respondent, Anthony Aaron Manuel, is hereby ENTERED. It is further, ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that Respondent, Anthony Aaron Reyes, shall pay \$889.12 to Petitioner, Amber Ostroski. Payment shall be made to Petitioner within thirty (30) days of this Order. This order is final and shall be served on Respondent in accordance to Rule 5-20(c).

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### SUMMONS

J-21-0122/0123/0124

In the Matter of Jane Doe (D.O.B.: 7/10/2015)

Jane Doe (D.O.B.: 5/26/2016)

John Doe (D.O.B.: 7/20/2017)

TO: ANTHONY SCOTT PABLO, Parent/Guardian

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

THEREFORE YOU ARE ORDERED to APPEAR for the Initial Hearing for Termination of Parental Rights Hearing before the Honorable Judge Achin, the Salt River Juvenile Court on November 16, 2021 at 10:00 A.M. in court room #3..

Pursuant to Administrative Order No. 14-0004, effective August 4, 2014, legal counsel, parties, and their respective witnesses shall be present in the courthouse at least fifteen (15) minutes prior to any proceeding.

Notice: If you fail to attend a hearing or to file an answer or response, the Court may enter a default guardianship order appointing the Petitioner as legal guardian of the child(ren) and take any other action that is authorized by law.

CLERK OF COURT - SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA COMMUNITY COURT

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PAULINE BLAINE BEJARANO

v.

ROSARIO PACHECO

CF-21-0033

DEFAULT NOTICE

To: Rosario Pachaco, RESPONDENT

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**AVAILABLE AT  
SRPMIC COVID-19 CLINIC**

**COVID-19  
BOOSTER  
SHOTS**

The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (SRPMIC) now offers the COVID-19 booster shot for those 65 years and older, and those 18+ with underlying medical conditions, based on the CDC guidance, that put them at higher risk for severe COVID-19.

**All COVID-19 vaccines - Pfizer, Moderna and the Johnson & Johnson (J&J), are available to those who have been fully vaccinated and meet the CDC guidance for a booster. COVID-19 Vaccines are also available if you would like to receive one.**

Other groups may receive a booster shot based on their individual risk and benefit. Meet with your health provider to determine if the booster shot is right for you.

**Call the COVID-19 Hotline for an appointment at (480) 362-2603**

Source and for more information: <https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2021/p1021-covid-booster.html>

**LOCATIONS**

**SALT RIVER CLINIC**  
10005 E. Osborn Rd, Bldg. 61  
Scottsdale, AZ 85256

Every Tuesday 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
Individuals must have a SR Chart and an appointment

Call 480-946-9066 to make an appointment

**COVID-19 VACCINE CLINIC**  
Salt River Gymnasium  
1880 North Longmore Road  
Scottsdale, AZ 85256

Friday from 7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Closed for a lunch 12 - 1 p.m.

COVID-19 Vaccines available **EVERY FRIDAY**

**WHO CAN RECEIVE A COVID-19 BOOSTER SHOT:**

- Community Members & family (No incentive payment for a 3rd dose or booster shots will be given.)
- Community Residents & family
- SRPMIC Business & Enterprise Employees and family members
- SRPMIC member owned business and employees and family members



SAVE THE DATE  
**VIRTUAL**  
*Enrolled Community Member ONLY Meeting*

**Monday, November 8, 2021 | 5:30PM**

SALT RIVER PIMA- MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY  
**COMMUNITY MEETING**

More Details Coming Soon

**TOPICS:**

- \* COVID
- \* Housing
- \* Gaming
- \* Employment
- \* Medical Marijuana

**DOWNLOAD THE MICROSOFT TEAMS APP AND CREATE AN ACCOUNT**

**BY COMPUTER**

- \* Go to [www.microsoft.com](http://www.microsoft.com)
- \* Sign up for FREE

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- \* Create New Account

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**DEFAULT NOTICES**

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DATED this 7th of October 2021

CLERK OF COURT - SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA COMMUNITY COURT

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TERRANCE ROBERT DAVIS WILLIAMS

v.  
DEVENY MAY SCHURZ

D-21-0017

**DEFAULT NOTICE**

To: Deveny May Schurz, RESPONDENT

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DATED this 28th of September 2021

CLERK OF COURT - SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA COMMUNITY COURT



**Public Works Holiday  
Trash Schedule**



**Thanksgiving 2021**

All domestic trash will be picked as regularly scheduled on Tuesday, November 23rd and Friday, November 26th.

All recycle containers will be serviced on Friday, November 26th.

**Christmas 2021**

All domestic trash will be picked as regularly scheduled on Tuesday, December 21st.

All domestic and recycle containers will be serviced on Thursday, December 23rd.

The Public Works Department will be closed on Thursday, November 25th in observance of Thanksgiving and Friday, December 24th in observance of Christmas.

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

**Thank you and have a wonderful & joyous holiday season!**

If you have any questions, please contact the Public Works Department at (480) 362-5600 or email: [PWCustomerService@srpmic-nsn.gov](mailto:PWCustomerService@srpmic-nsn.gov)

# 2021 SRPMIC Christmas Angel Program

We are looking for donations and sponsors for the 2021 SRPMIC Christmas Angels Program.

Please consider sponsoring a child or family, or supporting the program with a donation of gift cards or toys.

All donations go directly to Community families in need.

## DETAILS:

11/1: Sponsorships begin

12/3 All gifts due to Social Services for distribution

For Details to Sponsor Contact:

Annamari Hogan at (480) 643-0593 or [annamari.hogan@srpmic-nsn.gov](mailto:annamari.hogan@srpmic-nsn.gov)

Savvy Senior

## How Does Social Security Work When a Spouse or Ex-Spouse Dies?

**Dear Savvy Senior,**

Who qualifies for Social Security survivor benefits? My ex-husband died last year, so I would like to find out if me or my 17-year-old daughter are eligible for anything?

Divorced Survivor

**Dear Divorced,**

If your ex-husband worked and paid Social Security taxes and you and/or your daughter meet the eligibility requirements, you may very well be eligible for survivor benefits, but you should act quickly because benefits are generally retroactive only up to six months. Here's what you should know.

Under Social Security law, when a person who has worked and paid Social Security taxes dies, certain members of that person's family may be eligible for survivor benefits including spouses, former spouses and dependents. Here's a breakdown of who qualifies.

**Widow(er)'s and divorced widow(er)'s:** Surviving spouses that were married at least nine months are eligible to collect a monthly survivor benefit as early as age 60 (50 if disabled). Divorced surviving spouses are also eligible at this same age, if you were married at least 10 years and did not remarry before age 60 (50 if disabled), unless the marriage ends.

How much you'll receive will depend on how much money (earnings that were subject to Social Security taxes) your spouse or ex-spouse made over their lifetime, and the age in which you apply for survivor benefits.

If you wait until your full retirement age (which is 66 for people born in 1945-1954 and will gradually increase to age 67 for people born in 1960 or later), you'll receive 100 of your deceased spouses or ex-spouses benefit amount. But if you apply between age 60 and your full retirement age, your benefit will be somewhere between 71.5 – 99 percent of their benefit.

There is, however, one exception. Surviving spouses and ex-spouses that are caring for a child (or children) of the deceased worker, and they are under age 16 or disabled, are eligible to receive 75 percent of the worker's benefit amount at any age.

**Unmarried children:** Surviving unmarried children under age 18, or up to age 19 if they're still attending high school, are eligible for survivor benefits too. Benefits can also be paid to children at any age if they were disabled before age 22 and remain disabled. Both biological and adoptive children are eligible, as well as kids born out of wedlock. Dependent stepchildren and grandchildren may also qualify. Children's benefits are 75 percent of the workers benefit.

You should also know that in addition to survivor benefits, a surviving spouse or child may also be eligible to receive a special lump-sum death payment of \$255.

**Dependent parents:** Benefits can also be paid to dependent parents who are age 62 and older. For parents to qualify as dependents, the deceased worker would have had to provide at least one-half of the parent's financial support.

But be aware that Social Security has limits on how much a family can receive in monthly survivors' benefits – usually 150 to 180 percent of the workers benefit.

### Switching Strategies

Social Security also provides surviving spouses and ex-spouses some nice strategies that can help boost your benefits. For example, if you've worked you could take a reduced survivor benefit at age 60 and switch to your own retirement benefit based on your earnings history – between 62 and 70 – if it offers a higher payment.

Or, if you're already receiving retirement benefits on your work record, you could switch to survivors benefits if it offers a higher payment. You cannot, however, receive both benefits.

You also need to know that if you collect a survivor benefit while working, and are under full retirement age, your benefits may be reduced depending on your earnings – see [SSA.gov/pubs/EN-05-10069.pdf](http://SSA.gov/pubs/EN-05-10069.pdf).

For more information on survivor benefits, visit [SSA.gov/benefits/survivors](http://SSA.gov/benefits/survivors).

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit [SavvySenior.org](http://SavvySenior.org). Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.

## Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community COVID-19 TESTING AVAILABLE

NASAL OR ORAL SWABS / SALIVA TEST

\*SALIVA TESTING REQUIRES NO FOOD, DRINK, CHEWING GUM, SMOKING OR VAPING 30 MINUTES PRIOR TO TESTING

MONDAY-FRIDAY | 7:30 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.  
Lunch Break from 12:00 P.M. - 1:00 P.M.



### Who can be tested at the SRPMIC COVID-19 SITE?

- No age restriction, testing is available for all ages.
- SRPMIC Tribal Enrollee and Family Members (immediate family and/or living in household) of any age.
- Non-Tribal Enrollee living within the Community Boundary in a SRPMIC Enrolled Member's Home.
- SRPMIC Government Employee only.
- Enterprise Employees only.

### IN ADDITION:

- Clients with an established Salt River Clinic chart
- Individuals providing a Certificate of Indian Blood (CDIB)
- Anyone referred by Salt River contact tracing team.

### LOCATION

SRPMIC COVID-19 SITE  
10237 E. Osborn, Scottsdale, AZ 85256

An appointment is recommended. Those with an appointment will be seen first. WALK-INS ARE WELCOME.

### CALL THE COVID-19 HOTLINE (480) 362-2603 FOR AN APPOINTMENT

- COMMUNITY MEMBER / HOME BOUND, press option 4
- ALL OTHERS press option 2
- Leave your name and phone number
- Salt River Clinic staff will call you back to schedule an appointment



#ShieldUpSaltRiver

# PUBLIC WORKS NOTICE

SRPMIC Council has approved the nightly closures of the Salt River and Lehi Cemeteries due to continued vandalism.

The Salt River and Lehi Cemeteries will be closed from 8:00 PM to 5:00 AM.

If you have any questions, please contact Memorial Services at (480) 278-7050



## MEMORIAL SERVICES Wake and Funeral Services

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

- Memorial Services and Cemeteries office open regular hours: 8:00AM - 5:00PM Monday-Friday.
- Family may meet staff at office or cemetery

### SERVICES PROVIDED DURING PHASE 2

- One (1) wake and/or funeral service per day at each facility: Memorial Hall and Xalychidom Piipaash Nyvaash
- Wakes and funerals may be scheduled between 7AM and 9PM. ALL services, except Traditional overnights must end **no later than 9PM.**
- If a family chooses to keep loved one at the facility overnight, no one will be allowed to stay with loved one. Family may choose to have mortuary transport loved one back to mortuary after wake service. (Transport fee may apply)
- Overnights will be allowed for Traditional O'odham and Piipaash services ONLY.
- Families will be responsible for overseeing and running the kitchen during services to include the serving of food and cleaning up after services. Day labor may or may not be available at this time.
- Nursery and family room closed at this time.
- Memorial Services will create and post funeral announcements, if requested by family.
- Wakes and Funeral services will **not be allowed** at the homes at this time, due to Community 11th directive.
- Memorials will not be held at this time.
- Facilities will not be available to hold family meetings at this time.
- Masks must be worn while attending services, 6 feet social distancing will be required, and if you are sick please stay home.

### GRAVESIDE SERVICES PROVIDED DURING PHASE 2

- Tent, table, chairs provided
- Staff may assist with burial
- Casket cart/table for Urn
- If family wishes to dig grave, tools will be available
- Handwashing station, hand sanitizer and port-a-john available
- Must wear masks and follow social distancing guidelines

Please Call Memorial Services at (480) 278-7050 for any questions

## 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

- Visit us on Facebook Live and in person. Search for Lehi Church of the Nazarene
- Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.
- Worship Service, 10:45 a.m.
- Sunday Night Service, 6:30 p.m.
- Wed. Bible Study at church, 6:30 p.m.
- SOAR Group 2nd & 4th Friday every month at the church 7 p.m.
- Monday night Prayer Meeting, 6 p.m.
- Singspiration, last Sunday of the month at 6 p.m.

### FERGUSON MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

1512 E. McDowell Rd. (Lehi)  
Mesa, AZ 85203  
Pastor Neil Price  
(480) 278-0750

#### SERVICES

- Worship Service, 10 a.m.
- Thurs. Bible Study Service, 7 p.m.
- Sunday service 10 a.m. now available through the Zoom app call church for Zoom ID.

### LEHI PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1342 E. Oak  
Mesa, AZ 85203  
Pastor Annette Lewis  
annette.f.lewis@gmail.com  
(480) 404-3284

#### SERVICES

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

### 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.
- Bible Study Wednesdays 6 p.m. via Zoom
- Churches Zoom ID: 7081368738 pwds : 3r28HAJ

### SALT RIVER ASSEMBLY OF GOD

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

#### SERVICES

- Sunday Morning Prayer 10 a.m.
- Worship 11 a.m.
- Evening Worship 6 p.m.
- Thursday Evening Worship 6 p.m.

### SALT RIVER CHURCH OF CHRIST

430 N. Dobson Rd.  
Mesa, AZ 85201  
(720) 626-2171  
SaltRiverChurchofChrist.com

#### SERVICES

- Bible Class 9:30 a.m. -10:30 a.m.
- Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
- Sunday Bible Class 6 p.m.
- Bible Study Wednesdays 7 p.m.
- Provides transportation services for Community members call phone number

### SALT RIVER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

P.O. Box 10125  
Scottsdale, AZ 85271  
E: SaltRiverPresbyterian@gmail.com

#### SERVICES

- Sunday Service, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.
- Communion First Sunday of the month

CDC/SRPMIC Guidelines followed

### ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC MISSION

3090 N. Longmore, Scottsdale, AZ 85256  
(602) 292-4466 (cell)  
Administrator: Deacon Jim Trant  
Parish President: Cindy Thomas  
Father Peter McConnell and Father Antony Tinker

#### SERVICES

- Sunday Mass 12 p.m.
- Holy Hours 1 p.m.

## SRPMIC EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### JOB TITLE

### CLOSING DATE

Senior Community Relations Newspaper Recruiter	11/5/21
Career Counselor	11/6/21
Senior Project Manager (Water Resources)	11/7/21
Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor	11/7/21
Exceptional Student Services School Teacher	11/8/21
Accounts Payable Clerk III	11/9/21
Community Relations Assistant (Newspaper)	11/9/21
Senior Planner	11/9/21
Building Maintenance Worker	11/10/21
Irrigation Ditch Rider (Zanjero)	11/10/21
Water Distribution Worker I	11/10/21
Youth Development Specialists	11/10/21
Water O&M Technician	11/11/21
Police Officer (Lateral)	11/13/21
Special Systems Supervisor	11/14/21
Water Distribution Worker III	11/16/21
Central Plant Operator	11/17/21
Irrigation Maintenance Technician	11/19/21
Pediatrician	11/20/21

Accountant	Continuous
Senior Accountant	Continuous
Instrumentation and Controls Technician	Continuous
School Teacher – Gifted	Continuous
Community Relations Manager (Multimedia)	Continuous
Licensed Practical Nurse (Community Health)	Continuous
Substitute Teacher	Continuous
Lifeguard	Continuous

For more information contact the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community - Human Resources Department  
Address: 10005 E Osborn Road Scottsdale, Arizona, 85256  
Phone : (480) 362-7935 Website: <http://www.srpmic-nsn.gov/employment/>

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