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Salt River Dance Group.

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On November 5, the Huhugam Ki: Museum celebrated its 35th anniversary with a special gathering held outside the museum

by Two Waters on the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community.

Many things have changed in the last 35 years inside and outside the Community, but Cody Achin, outreach coordinator for the SRPMIC Cultural Resources Department,

said that the goals of the Cultural Resources Department, specifically with the Huhugam Ki: Museum, remain the same.

Achin explained the origins of the Huhugam Ki: Museum, referring to former

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Community Council Representative Cheryl Doka and SRPMIC royalty stand with local mayors of valley municipalities that receive a portion of the 12 percent gaming grants.

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On October 31, a special luncheon was held to commemorate the partnerships that the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community has enjoyed with local municipalities and organizations through the state's shared gaming program. The 12 Percent Gaming Luncheon was hosted by the SRPMIC to recognize the Community's partnerships with 63 nonprofits and 12 cities across the state of Arizona.

"Our history tells us that our ancestors shared with those that came into our territory. Today, we have been given that same opportunity to be able to share with our neighbors," said SRPMIC

President Martin Harvier, who noted the Community's generosity through time. He reflected on the Community's ability to develop relationships with its neighbors and how that has become part of the "growing fabric" of the East Valley and the state.

The luncheon was opened by newly crowned Miss Indian Arizona and Miss Salt River 2021-2022 Sistine Lewis and current Miss Salt River Nani Reina. Council Member Tom Largo offered a brief welcome to the guests and thanked them for their participation in the 12 percent gaming program.

In keeping with tradition, SRPMIC Vice-President Ricardo

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## SRPMIC Member Releases Book, *The Seven Circles: Indigenous Teachings for Living Well*

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Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community member Anthony "Thosh" Collins and his wife, Chelsey Luger, celebrated their new book *The Seven Circles: Indigenous Teachings for Living Well* on October 25 at a book-signing at Changing Hands Bookstore in Phoenix.

The book reviews the seven circles of Movement, Land, Community, Ceremony, Sacred Space, Sleep and Food, a wellness model the couple developed in their work as consultants for Native Wellness Institute and Well For Culture.

"Our book feels like it's been generations in the making—not just our lifetime, not just the past 10 years of us working as wellness advocates, but really generations," said Luger. "As Indigenous people, we always acknowledge our ancestors and we ... also acknowledge our future generations, those who are to come."

Collins and Luger wanted to create the book because they said they noticed a lack of Indigenous wellness voices and content in the media. Their other goal is to eradicate stereotypes.

"When we think about In-



New book *The Seven Circles Indigenous Teachings for Living Well* written by Anthony "Thosh" Collins and Chelsey Luger is in stores and online now for purchase.

digenous health, when we think about Indigenous wellness, sometimes the first thing you think of is our health disparities," said Luger. "But that's such an incomplete story; it misses so much, and in fact Indigenous culture is wellness, [and it was around] before the word 'wellness' existed on this land."

They couple has created a "mind map" of the seven circles and how it took shape for the book.

"This was something we started building while working

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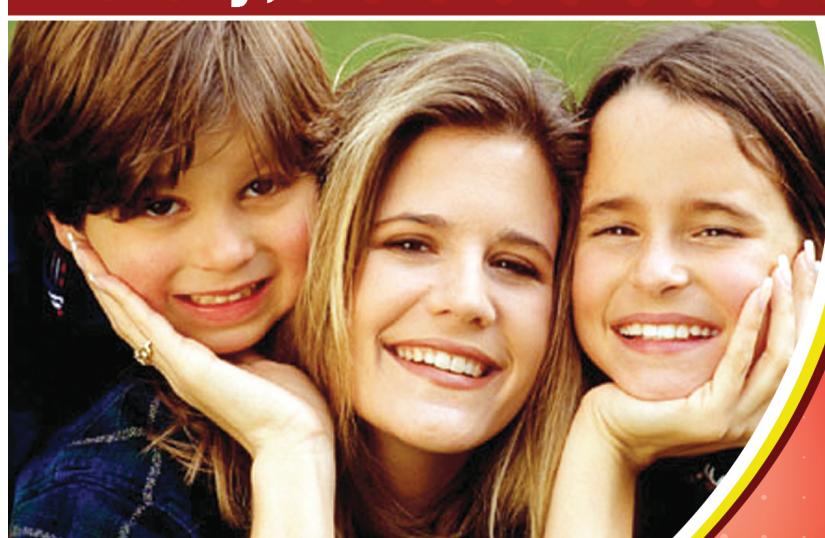
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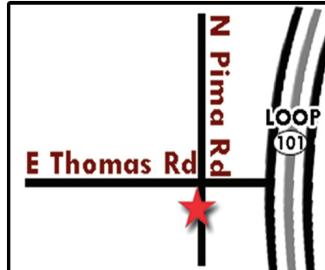
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# Huhugam Ki: Museum 35th Anniversary

SRPMIC Vice-President Alfreitta Antone's advocacy for the museum. "Her original vision was to continue the preservation of the O'odham and Piipaash culture, history and practices. All of that is the culmination of what a museum does: [show] who we were and who we are as a people."

Before the event kicked off, Antone's daughter, Cecilia "Tweety" Antone, spoke about her mother's involvement with the museum.

"About 40 years ago, when the late Mrs. Antone traveled representing [the SRPMIC], she visited many reservations, and all of them seemed to have a really nice museum," said Cecilia Antone. "She really wanted this museum. The Youth Home was coming to an end, and there was going to be this building [available] that she thought would be perfect for [the museum]."

At the time, Antone asked Council if it would be possible to establish a museum for the Community. Council unanimously said yes, and they put Antone in charge of the process.

"They didn't have any assistants or Community managers to delegate anything, so she had to do all the footwork herself. It was a mission, let me tell you," said Cecilia Antone.

Thirty-five years later, the mission continues, and there is a lot for the Community to celebrate.

During the anniversary celebration, food and art vendors lined the parking lot. Next to the Olas Ki (round house in O'odham), Community artists showcased how to make traditional pottery, beadwork and basketry.

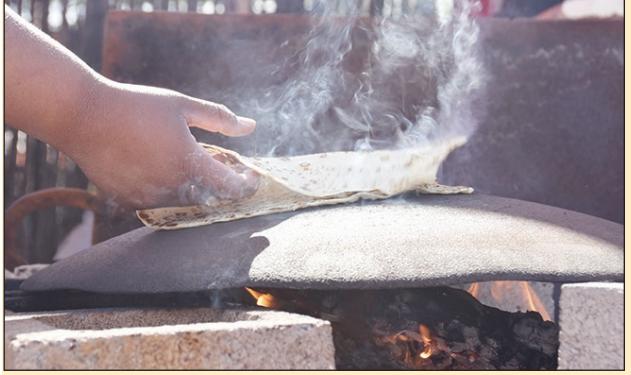
Preservation archaeologist Allen Denoyer from Archaeology Southwest provided a hands-on demonstration at the Olas Ki on how to refurbish or reconstruct a round house, by packing clay, stretching out willows and thatching arrowweed.

Behind the museum, fresh tortillas (cemait in O'odham and modiily in Piipaash) were prepared over a fire and given to the guests. People then lined up inside the museum, where there was a photo booth set up for memorabilia.

In front of the museum was a booth where people could write a future wish and have it added to a time capsule to be buried now and opened on the 50th anniversary of the museum in 2037.

Next to the museum there was a demonstration of the Peon game, a hand game where two opposing sides guess which hand of each player has a piece of bone or wood.

Michael Chiago attended the event to hold a book-signing for his recently published book, O'odham Lifeways Through Art, a collection of his paintings which illustrates the lives and traditions of



Fresh tortillas (cemait/modiily) are prepared over a fire behind the museum for guests to eat.

the O'odham and demonstrates the influences on O'odham culture.

At the end of the event, everyone enjoyed a cake commemorating the 35th anniversary of the museum. Afterward, the Salt River Dance Group and Gila River Dance Group performed basket dances.



Preservation Archaeologist Allen Denoyer from Archaeology Southwest provided a hands-on demonstration on refurbishing the Olas Ki.



Councilmember Diane Enos speaks to those in attendance for the 35th Anniversary of the Huhugam Ki: Museum.



A special cake commemorating the 35th Anniversary of the Huhugam Ki: Museum was cut up and given to people who attended the event.



A demonstration of the Peon Game, a hand game where two opposing sides guess which hand of each player has a piece of bone or wood.



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# Luncheon Recognizes Tribal Partners in Gaming

Leonard presented a blessing and a traditional O'odham song to welcome the guests. This was followed by a rendition of the national anthem by former Miss Salt River Isabella Dockerty. Students from Salt River Elementary School were also present to provide a round of traditional O'odham and Piipaash songs and a round dance.

During the luncheon, Harvier noted that, to date, more than \$1.6 million in gaming revenue has been shared with the state of Arizona and nearly \$220 million has been awarded to the tribal 12 percent programs. He said the partnerships continue to grow, and with the amended compacts of last year, the state as a whole benefits.

Grants have been awarded to public safety agencies including the St. Johns Police Department and the Hellsgate Fire District in northern Arizona. Other

organizations that have benefited from gaming revenue include the Phoenix Zoo and Hospice of the Valley, both of which have been longtime recipients of the grant funding.

"The first time we received funds from the Community was in 2004, and so it has been 18 years. We have a long history of partnership with the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community," said Bert Castro, president and CEO of the Arizona Center for Nature Conservation/Phoenix Zoo. He said the Phoenix Zoo is a nonprofit organization, so the grant funds are critical to their mission of preservation and rescue of endangered wildlife.

Cheryl Thomas, director of fund development for Hospice of the Valley, said, "[The grant funding] helped provide charity care for our patients. As a not-for-profit hospice, we care for

everybody who comes to us in need, regardless of their insurance status or financial resources."

Afterwards, awards were presented to the heads of local municipalities and governments across the Valley, from Apache Junction to the City of El Mirage. Special plaques were presented by Council Member Cheryl Doka and Miss Indian Arizona Sistine Lewis and Miss Salt River Nani Reina.

To conclude the event, President Harvier presented Council Member Tom Largo with a plaque in appreciation of the years of service he has provided to the Community and as a member of the 12 Percent Gaming Committee from 2003 to 2022.

"I wanted to take this time out to recognize Council Representative Tom Largo for his years of service on the 12 Percent Committee and to the Com-

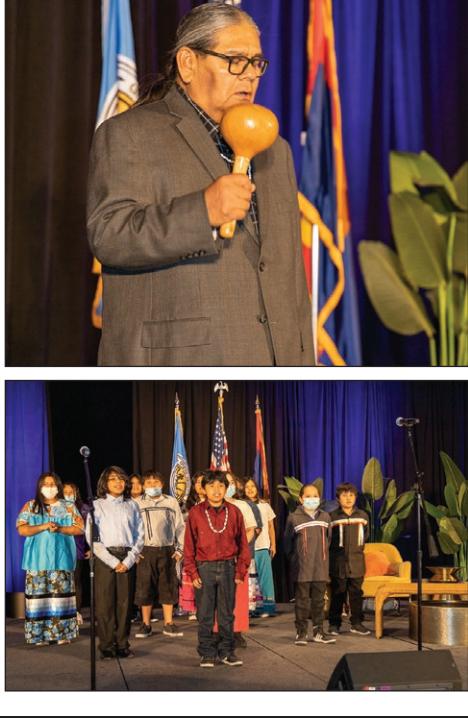
munity," said Harvier. "[He]has been a supporter of you and your organization receiving funds from the 12% committee."

Harvier presented Largo with a Holy Bible in recognition of his devotion to religion that was a big part of his years of service to the Community. He was also presented with a plaque inscribed with a thank-you message and a Bible verse.

Largo I want to thank my colleagues [all] of my council members, who I have been able to serve with and all of you for what you do for the population that we serve.

In addition, he said, "You are great people and we're just proud to be a part of [you] and [your] organization. To conclude his remarks, Largo blessed the Community's partners and the country for prosperous times ahead.

From Left to Right: Vice President Leonard Rivers provided the blessing and traditional song, Community member Isabella Dockerty sings the National Anthem. Bottom row Left to Right: SRES students sing traditional O'odham and Piipaash songs, 2022-2023 Miss Salt River Sistine Lewis welcomes the audience. Below: President Harvier presents Council Representative Tom Largo with a plaque in appreciation for his long-standing position on the 12% committee.



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## 'She Still Walks Among Us' Selected For Film Festivals



*She Still Walks Among Us poster with official selections from festivals. Photo courtesy of Marissa Johnson*

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In the early morning on June 21, 2021, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community member Marissa Johnson carried the traditional Kia-ha burden basket from the Community to Old Town Scottsdale.

To chronicle the historic walk, Johnson asked Cordell Parker of the Gila River Broadcast Corporation (GRBC) to capture the moments before, during and after the walk on video. What ensued was a documentary titled "She Still Walks Among Us," which was presented by the GRBC, directed by Johnson, and co-directed by Parker.

The documentary was submitted to two of the largest Native film festivals: the American Indian Film Institute's

annual American Indian Film Festival, which took place November 4-12 in San Francisco; and the LA Skins Fest, which took place at the Chinese Theatre in Hollywood November 15-20. The documentary was officially selected for screening by both festivals.

"The Community and I have history with the AIFI," said Johnson. When Johnson was a teenager, the Community partnered with the American Indian Film Institute Touring Program. AIFI toured different reservations to present a summer program to teach [Native] youth how to direct, shoot, act in and edit short films. "This is where I found my passion for film," she said. "I used the skills I learned from this program and expanded my knowledge. I must thank AIFI for opening that door for me. To see a film that I directed in the AIFF lineup as an adult is surreal."

how neat it would be to film the Kia-ha in modern times walking into Scottsdale.

"I was able to do one final interview with Royce-bad on his story of bringing back the Kia-ha," said Johnson. "Before he passed, we asked him if we could turn this project into a documentary and enter it in these festivals. We received his blessing."

Parker, who knew Manuel for a couple of years, said that his boss green-lighted the use of GRBC's camera equipment to film the walk after a conversation about honoring him.

"I was very focused on making sure I got as many shots of Marissa walking as I could and finding ways to symbolize the day's walk," said Parker. "It was a very big deal to me, and I wanted to make sure that we could convey [the Kia-ha's] historical significance in the



*The Kia-ha basket walkers and everyone involved in the walk take a photo early in the morning before the journey to Old Town Scottsdale. OAN Archives*

The documentary was originally intended to be a short video of the burden basket walk, but Johnson said that her mentor, Royce Manuel, who made the basket over a period of time and who has since passed away, would bring up

most detailed way possible."

Parker said there are future plans for the documentary to be screened somewhere on the Community and also to possibly stream it on the GRBC YouTube page.

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## Scottsdale Community College Names New President

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On July 1, Dr. Eric Leshinskie was named president of Scottsdale Community College after serving as the interim executive vice chancellor and provost for Maricopa County Community College District (MCCCD).

Leshinskie said his passion for education started when landed his first job out of college as an eighth-grade English teacher. "That's where I truly developed my love of and commitment to public education. I taught four years in Arlington, Virginia, and really loved every minute of it," he said.

Education led him to Arizona in 1998, where he worked in private industry training and development before returning to the public sector in 2003 with the MCCCD system. He said, "I really felt the calling to come back to public education."

He said there is a certain energy that he feels when working with MCCCD, to see students grow and learn and find their place within the colleges.

"While working at positions within Maricopa Community Colleges, I found myself becoming more involved in leadership roles where I was helping to lead a group or helping to lead a program or an initiative," said Leshinskie. Some these initiatives included addressing the workforce needs of surrounding communi-



New SCC President Dr. Eric Leshinskie. Photo courtesy of SCC

ties and starting programs for students to obtain hands-on experience in a profession, such as a pharmacy technician program, nursing programs, a computer information systems program and a thriving film program.

As president of Scottsdale Community College, Leshinskie has continued leading initiatives to help make it a place of belonging for students. "Well, first and foremost, the pandemic affected our students in our community in many ways, and not in good ways necessarily," he said. Many of them experienced isolation during the pandemic, and as they begin to return to the classroom, SCC will look at ways to support students by creating a sense of community.

"We realized how important it is to enhance our in-person experiences. So one of the focus areas of this first semester and moving into the spring semester [is creating] a vibrant in-person experience, because our students are telling us that's what they want and that's what they enjoy,"

said Leshinskie.

He added that is also important to show the students that SCC cares about them as people and cares about their academic goals, as well as enhancing the school's existing relations with the local communities like the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community.

He said, "I've been very fortunate to have a couple of meetings thus far with President [Martin] Harvier, talking about the strength of our relationship and ways we can continue to support SRPMIC and whatever it is they need. We are interested in workforce development for adults that we can offer within the Community or on our campus. We have many unique workforce development programs that are preparing the next workforce for tomorrow, and quite honestly, we're excited [about that]."

Leshinskie said that SCC serves as a way to lift barriers to higher education for SRPMIC members who want to attend college. Regarding the financial barrier, he said, "We're very lucky that with our relationship with SRPMIC, Community members can access Scottsdale Community College at no cost."

In terms of a Native cultural presence on campus, the school opened the Indigenous Cultural Center as a space for Native students to present instruction, organize community gatherings and new educational opportunities.

## SRPMIC COUNCIL MEETINGS Holiday Schedule



### ATTENTION COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND STAFF

Please note that Council meetings and Work Sessions have been cancelled for the following dates:

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WED 23	CANCELLED Executive Session Regular Session
THURS 24	CANCELLED Work Session THANKSGIVING

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DECEMBER	
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# Salt River Police and Fire Departments Host Public Safety Day

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On Friday, October 28, families gathered at the Accelerated Learning Academy football field (formerly the Salt River High School football field) to learn about the public safety departments in the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community at Safety Day, an event hosted by the Salt River Fire Department and the Salt River Police Department.

The event provided food, entertainment and live demonstrations to help educate the Community on what the staff of the Community's public safety departments do to serve and protect all those who live, work and visit in the Community. The police and fire departments set up emergency vehicles for people get in and feel what it's like to sit in a fire truck or police truck. An air medical helicopter landed on the football field, and youth were invited to sit in the pilot's seat.

As part of the live demonstrations, the SRPD performed a mock situation where they used a flash bomb to apprehend a suspect. Two dogs from the K-9 unit demonstrated how they find narcotics. The SRFD demonstrated the rescue of an injured individual (a mannequin) hanging from the ladder truck; firefighters used ropes to slide down to the victim and effect the rescue. They also dem-



Firefighter/EMT's Mike Juan and Alicia Randall help serve dessert to families.



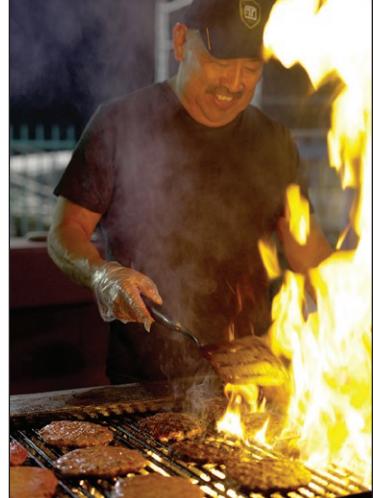
Salt River Police Department staff give Community members tours of their vehicles they use when on duty.



Salt River Fire Department demonstrated an rescue of a injured individual hanging from the air, using their ladder truck.



Sisters Ariana Smith and Kassandra Montano race through the cone course provided by the Salt River Public Works Roads Division.



Top: Retired SRFD Captain Kevin Makil came out to help grill for the Safety Day event.



Left: Youth enjoy their free goodies as they stand in line for a burger and hot dog.

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# Why Sleep Is Important If You Have Diabetes

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Diabetes Prevention Services provided three online workshops to Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community members and employees in October to provide education on type 2 diabetes. The first two workshops were "Basic Smart Eating for People with Diabetes" and "Stress Less 101." The last workshop was "Sleep Is Essential," which focused on the importance of sleep.

"Sleep is central to your well-being," said Community health educator Karina Watson. "Sleep is an alternate state of consciousness where we have limited interactions with our surroundings and are relatively quiet and still. But while we are quiet in our physical state, our brain is very active during sleep, carrying out many important functions. Sleep is essential to every process in the body and affects our physical and mental function and our ability to fight disease and develop immunity. Sleep is truly interdisciplinary because it touches every aspect of health."

According to the Sleep Foundation ([www.sleepfoundation.org](http://www.sleepfoundation.org)), the majority of healthy adults require at least seven hours of sleep per 24-hour period. The amount of sleep someone needs is largely determined by genetics and age.

## How Sleep Affects Your Health

Whether you are worried about something, are talking on the phone or can't put down a good book, there are many reasons why people occasionally experience sleep deprivation. But when you experience poor sleep most every night, you become susceptible to more health issues.

During the workshop, a video was screened telling the story of a nurse who works the night shift and how that affects her sleep and health. One of the major changes that the nurse experienced working nights was her eating habits. She gained 15 pounds over a couple of years and her hormones were affected by sleep deprivation. In addition, she experienced migraine

headaches and disorders of the stomach, muscles and joints.

After adding exercise and changing her schedule so she could get more sleep, the nurse noticed that she had more energy and life was better for her physically, mentally and spiritually.

"People's performance at work, school and other settings is affected by sleep deprivation. This includes focus, emotional, reactivity, discussion, decision-making, and risk-taking behaviors and judgment," said Watson. Getting adequate rest each night can regulate blood pressure and lower the risk of heart disease and stroke, and it also has a positive emotional impact, helping people to do well in social interactions, maintaining relationships, feeling positive and preventing depression.

## Stages of Sleep

The body goes through four different stages of sleep, cycling through each stage four to six times over the course of one night. The stages are defined as REM (rapid eye movement) or NREM (non-rapid eye movement).

Stage 1 NREM is the lightest stage,

in which you transition from wakefulness to sleep. Brain waves, heartbeat, breathing and eye movements slow down, and muscles relax. A person usually spends about 5% of their total sleep time in this stage.

Stage 2 NREM is a deeper sleep. Heart rate slows and muscles relax further, body temperature drops and eye movement stops. Brain wave activity slows, but there are brief bursts of electrical activity. People spend most of their total sleep time in stage 2, which helps consolidate new experiences and memories in the brain.

Stage 3 NREM is the deepest sleep and accounts for about 25% of total sleep time. Heart rate, breathing and brain waves dip to their lowest levels and muscles are completely relaxed. It takes a while to wake up from this stage, and this is when sleepwalking, bed-wetting and night terrors occur. In this stage the body works to repair itself, regrowing tissues, strengthening the immune system, and building bones and muscles. A person needs to spend sufficient time in this stage of sleep to wake up feeling refreshed.

Stage 4 of sleep is REM sleep, the stage when dreams and nightmares mostly occur. It usually begins about 90 minutes after a person falls asleep. The eyes move rapidly from side to side, and heart rate and breathing increase. Brain activity becomes closer to that seen in wakefulness. However, the arms, legs and muscles are paralyzed to stop the person from acting out their dreams. Experts believe that a person needs both REM and non-REM sleep for memory consolidation. People spend around 25% of their total sleep in REM sleep.

## Tips for Improving Your Sleep

Creating a healthy sleep and wake routine will make getting enough sleep a little bit easier.

- Avoid caffeine, alcohol or smoking, but if you must, be sure to stop one to two hours before bedtime. Although alcohol may help a person fall asleep, it leads to fragmented sleep and sleep interruptions.
- Create a relaxing environment in your bedroom. Make sure you have a comfortable and supportive mattress and pillow. Keep sheets and pillowcases fresh, washing them at least every two weeks.
- Set up a bedtime routine, a set of activities you perform in the same order every night during the 30 to 60 minutes before you go to bed. Bedtime routines can vary, but often include calming activities like taking a warm bath, reading, journaling or meditation. There are also online sleep meditation and relaxation videos that you can watch or listen to right before bed that help you relax.
- Leave the electronics alone. You may think your favorite show might help you go to sleep, but it can lead to binge watching. Also, scrolling through social media doesn't help anyone get any sleep.

For more information about Diabetes Prevention Services, visit [www.facebook.com/SRPMIC/](http://www.facebook.com/SRPMIC/) or [www.facebook.com/SRPMIC.WOLF/](http://www.facebook.com/SRPMIC.WOLF/).



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## SRPMIC Member Releases Book, *The Seven Circles: Indigenous Teachings for Living Well*

with Native Wellness Institute and our contributions for Well for Culture. We wanted to really focus on our foodways and movement, because Chelsea and I were both on this quest," Collins said. "We were of course influenced by the fitness culture, but we knew it was much more than what the dominant culture was presenting and [we] actually kind of recollect our upbringing and our teachings as Native people."

In the introduction, Collins and Luger say that their book is an invitation for all people to learn how to incorporate an Indigenous worldview into their wellness practice. The aim of their work—and by extension, this book—is to help people heal, to make them feel grounded, to help them feel at ease and in sync "in this complicated, noisy world where it's so easy to get lost. You live by and have been healed by the strength and power of our ancestral teachings. Living in



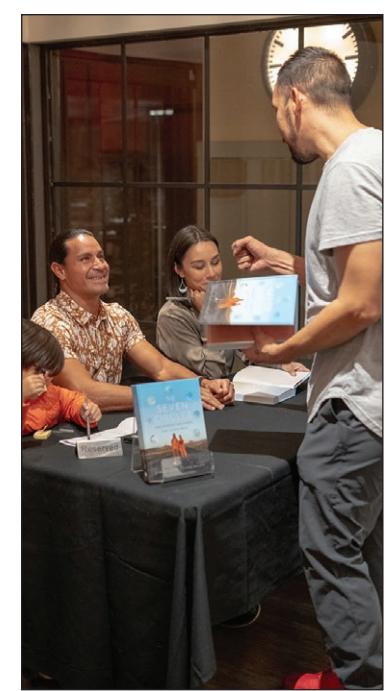
Anthony "Thosh" Collins and Chelsea Luger introduce their family as they introduce themselves to those in attendance at their book signing at Changing Hands Bookstore.

balance today, no matter who you are or where you come from, is truly possible."

"We're inviting folks to learn about Indigenous cultures

through this lens of wellness, and hopefully some of the tips, stories and tools they'll find between these pages will help them in their lives," said Luger.

The Seven Circles: Indigenous Teachings for Living Well is available at the Indigenous bookstore Birchbark Books as well as Changing Hands



Anthony "Thosh" Collins and Chelsea Luger autograph books for friends, family and guests at Changing Hands Bookstore.

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# Community Program Educates About the Signs of Domestic Violence

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Throughout October, the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Prevention & Intervention Services held a series of webinars and presentations for various groups on domestic violence.

"We, the Family Advocacy Center and woman support groups collaborated on different activities," said Vurlene Notsinneh-Bowekaty, community health educator with SRPMIC Prevention & Intervention. "To start off our events, a booth was set up at the Round House Café to give out information, and we went on to different activities."

She said the goal was to provide a source to reach out to in the event a person knows someone who is a victim of domestic violence or is experiencing domestic violence personally. In addition to the informative workshops, a Glow Walk on October 4 invited Community members to come out to raise awareness about domestic violence and suicide.

"We had about 150 Community members come out and walk," said Bowekaty. "We walked around the complex here in Salt River for people to remember their loved ones—they might know victims or survivors of domestic violence or know someone who committed suicide." She said the glow walk has been held for at least 10 years and has grown since its first inception.

The webinars provided information on domestic violence that is often overlooked—sometimes you can't see evidence of domestic violence. "Someone [might say], 'I'm a victim of domestic violence,' and the other person will say, 'Well, you look OK to me,'" said Bowekaty.

Domestic violence can be emotional, spiritual, or even based on a person's status as a Native American. "It's interesting how in some cases you hear that a partner was abusive because the other person was 'too Native' or 'not Native enough,' which used to be unheard-of behavior," she said. An abusive partner may degrade or use stereotypes to subdue a person emotionally, even going to such lengths as preventing the person from taking part in a traditional ceremony.

Domestic violence also can take the form of isolation from family, friends and colleagues due to extreme jealousy. "It could involve isolating the victim from their loved ones or making them feel guilty," said Bowekaty.

## AROUND THE COMMUNITY



The Salt River Schools' Safe Schools & Security team celebrated Halloween with a Spooktacular event on October 27 at the "haunted" Lecture Hall at the Accelerated Learning Academy. Approximately 1,000 youth and families attended the indoor trick-or-treat event, which featured haunted rooms, a cake walk, a costume contest, spin-to-win games, Education and Community partner booths, and more. Some of the fun, eerie and spine-chilling costumes and themes seen at the event included skeletons, witches, "Stranger Things," Chewbacca, "Hocus Pocus," Spiderman, Snow White, and Mario and Luigi. - Chris Picciuolo, O'odham Action News. Photo provided by Taté Walker

# SRPMIC Council Modifies Law Permitting Medical Marijuana

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On October 19, the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Council enacted an amendment to Code of Ordinances Section 6-121, Possession or Use of Narcotics and Drugs. The amendment provides an exemption to the criminal law that now permits the use of marijuana for medical purposes.

Restrictions to this exemption include no possession or use of medical marijuana in a public place, no sale or cultivation of marijuana, no purchase of marijuana from any person or place other than a licensed dispensary in the State of Arizona, no driving or actual physical control of a vehicle while under the influence of marijuana, and no purchase or possession of more than 1.5 ounces—of which no more than 12.5 grams is in the form of cannabis concentrate—every two weeks.

The following medical conditions will qualify a patient for medical marijuana: post-traumatic stress disorder, glaucoma, HIV, AIDS, hepatitis C, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), Crohn's disease, agitation of Alzheimer's disease, or a chronic or debilitating disease or medical condition such as severe nausea, chronic pain, or severe or persistent muscle spasms.

Per Council, the policy Chapter 2: Human Resources, Policy 2-7 Drug and Alcohol-Free Workplace, remains in effect without any changes.

"Operationally, we are in the process of modifying/changing policies and procedures to fit the adoption of medical

use of marijuana," said SRPMIC Human Resources Director Steve Haydukovich. "These modifications will include the ability to account for the holder of a medical marijuana card issued by the State of Arizona and some potential changes to performing various types of testing, such as pre-employment, post-accident, reasonable suspicion and random testing, that we require of our employees."

Currently, 761 enrolled Community members make up 36% of the SRPMIC workforce.

Because marijuana continues to be a controlled substance under federal law, some positions in the government that receive federal funding will continue to be held to those federal regulations regarding the use and testing of marijuana, according to Haydukovich. These positions include employees who hold a commercial driver's license and safety-sensitive public safety positions.

While the Human Resources Department is recognizing the benefits of using medical marijuana under medical guidance, working while under the influence of marijuana remains prohibited and illegal, and departments may test employees under "reasonable suspicion" if they appear to be under the influence at work. In September, sibling tribe the Gila River Indian Community revised its criminal code to incorporate medical marijuana and decriminalize recreational marijuana.

*For more information see SRPMIC Council Enacts an Exemption for the Use of Marijuana for Medical Purposes Notice on page 16.*

## Community Honored as a 2022 'Champion of Sustainability'

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Salt River Project recognized the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community as one of its 2022 Champions of Sustainability on Tuesday, November 2, during an awards ceremony at the Hyatt Regency Scottsdale. The Community was honored along with 18 other businesses and organizations across Arizona that participate in SRP's Business Solutions program and lead the change in sustainability and innovation. The event highlighted SRP's 2035 Sustainability Goals related to energy efficiency, demand response, transportation electrification and electric technologies initiatives.

The Community received an award in the Growing Sustainable Communities category for its installation of 17 new Level 2 Electric Vehicle Chargers and the electrification of many of its vehicle assets. It's a move that brings both financial and environmental savings to the Community. The Community completed SRP's Electric Vehicle Charging and Fleet Assessment to convert 683 vehicles to electric and even rescued a van destined for the landfill by converting it from a combustion engine to electric power. The Community also has installed electric charging infrastructure to keep electric golf carts, trucks, forklifts, and even a school bus, charged and ready for use.

"We've recently opened up a new state-of-the-art ambulatory care facility called the River People Health Center," said SRPMIC Assistant Community Manager Doran Dalton as he accepted the award. "The facility not only provides much-needed healthcare to our Community and to other Indigenous



Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community Assistant Manager Doran Dalton and SRP Account Manager, Renewable, Sustainability and Energy Efficiency Executive Brian Bednar during the SRP 'Champions of Sustainability' Awards.

people, but it also emphasizes our commitment to being stewards of this planet by taking steps toward a sustainable and resilient future with the use of solar power, the availability of electric vehicle charging stations and our commitment to creating an electric vehicle program. We hope to continue that effort in building a more sustainable Community."

Dalton continued, "These efforts, of course, are not possible without the dedication and hard work of our leadership and staff, some of whom are in attendance today, and I want to thank them. And like most accomplishments and successes, we can't do this alone, so we want to thank SRP for being a partner in this. We're proud and happy to have that partnership with an organization because we have a common goal, and that's service to our communities. We hope to continue to pave the way as leaders and influencers not only in the state of Arizona, but across all of Indian Country."

# Heard Museum Receives Grant to Upgrade Library and Archives



The Heard Museum Archives/Library houses thousands upon thousands of periodicals, books and other material on indigenous artists both past and present at their central Phoenix location.



Folders and files boxes are regularly updated with references to works of art by indigenous artists from across the Southwest, including communities like SRPMIC.

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The Valley's internationally renowned museum dedicated to the presentation, interpretation and advancement of American Indian art has received a grant to upgrade its archives. The Heard Museum, founded in 1929, recently received a grant in the amount of more than \$245,000 from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) to upgrade the museum's collection of books and cultural artifacts housed in its Billie Jane Baguley Library and Archives.

According to a Heard Museum press release, the grant will "help improve the care and access to the Heard's extensive collection of American Indian materials, books, artist documentation, and archives housed in the museum's library."

Although the archives storage is not in disarray, the museum sought the grant to improve its current infrastructure. "With the grant funds, the Heard will strengthen the growth of the museum's library with safe storage conditions and increased public access to

its collections for exhibition, programmatic and scholarly purposes," said the press release.

"It will enable us to purchase compact shelving as well as do some virtual programming, such as having Indigenous speakers talk about, let's say, photography," said Mario Klimiades, director of the Billie Jane Baguley Library and Archives at the Heard Museum.

He described the museum's robust collection of books that have gone out of print and files upon files in rows that document the works of various Indigenous artists, including those from the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community. "We have collections from various indigenous authors [on topics such as] cooking and the culinary arts, and other subjects like voting, journalism, you name it," said Klimiades.

He said the Museums for America grant awarded by IMLS is competitive in itself, as many major museums across the country submit their applications to receive funding from the organization.

A cornerstone of the Heard's Billie Jane Baguley Library and Archives is its Native American Artists Resource Collection, a collection of individual files on

more than 25,000 American Indian artists, both living and deceased, documenting their artistic achievements. Each file contains biographical information on the artist, a list of the artist's exhibitions and awards, and participation in various fairs and art markets. Some artist files also have photos, artist statements, newspaper and magazine articles, résumés and interviews. The collection can be accessed in person at the museum, and limited information also is accessible online via the Native American Artists Resource Collection Online (<https://heard.org/library/naarc/>).

New material on artists is always coming in, and the staff works hard to process it in a timely manner.

"Many of the works that are in the library are available free of charge to the public, and we encourage the public to come in and see what our archives have to offer," said Klimiades.

For more information on the Billie Jane Baguley Library and Archives at the Heard Museum, visit <https://heard.org/library>.



## River People Health Center

# Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community members - employees and their families

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# 34th Annual Red Mountain Eagle Pow-wow

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On November 5 and 6, the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community hosted the 34th Annual Red Mountain Eagle Pow-wow at the Salt River baseball field. The event featured 368 registered dancers, eight drum groups and 21 visiting royalty princesses from across the continent and from other powwows.

The popular event was back after being put on hold for the last two years due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and it was packed, from the overflowing parking lots to the attendees under tents and in the bleachers.

"There were comments from so many people that this event [had the highest attendance] that they had ever seen at this powwow," said Red Mountain Eagle Pow-wow event coordinator Victorialyn McCarthy. "It was a lot bigger than we expected."

Grammy-nominated Northern Cree and Cruisin' South were the host drum groups for the event. About 70 vendors, including 16 food vendors, signed up ahead of time to provide meal options and display and sell arts and crafts.

The event began with gourd dancing, which occurred on both days, and SRPMIC member Paul Smith Sr. was honored during the dance.

The powwow included three grand entries for dancers from a variety of age groups, from age 60-plus to "tiny tots" (up to 6 years old). Special contests included the men's fancy spotlight dance, women's fancy spotlight dance, a hand drum contest, team dancing and the owl dance.

SRPMIC member Gabriel Scabby won third place in the men's fancy spotlight dance.

"I'm so excited for Gabriel!" said SRPMIC Community Relations Director Janet Johnson. "I see him participating every year, and he has tried every year to be recognized. He has skills!"

Scabby said that it was a good feeling to be back at the powwow, and his family from Oklahoma traveled to the Community to enjoy the event.

"The cherry on the top is I finally won," said Scabby. "Dancing all these years at Red Mountain meant a lot. Can't wait for next year."

First place in the men's spotlight dance went to



The first grand entry of the 34th Annual Red Mountain Eagle Pow-wow, just before the posting of the colors from Bushmaster's Post 114.



Pow-wow dancers performing during the first evening's grand entry.



SRPMIC Member Gabriel Scabby, who won 3rd place in the men's spotlight dance.

Preston Olney, and Lara Whiteye won the women's spotlight. The first-place winner of the drum contest was Southern Style, and the powwow concluded on the second day with Northern Cree winning the hand

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## Community Students Featured in Phoenix Suns' Native American Heritage Month Promotion

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Three Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community members, students Liam Enos and Jizelle Juan and Marcus Laslloo were featured in the Phoenix Suns' Native American Heritage Month promotions throughout November. The three had the opportunity to join youth from Arizona's other 21 tribes in a photo and video shoot wearing their traditional attire.

On November 10, the Suns released their new City Edition uniform recognizing the 22 tribes of Arizona. The unique teal uniform honors the Native American communities along with a new court design showing the word sun in the language of the 22 tribes.

Enos and Juan were selected from the Young River People's Council to represent the Community.

"I feel so grateful to be chosen to do something so big, to represent my reservation; and I feel like it's like something really important, especially since there were only two people picked from the group," said Enos. "It was really nice spending time with [the other Native youth] and also seeing all those other tribes."

Laslloo who is a student athlete and is Onk Akimel O'odham (Salt River), Akimel O'odham (Gila River) and A:shiwi (Zuni) was invited to the photo and video shoot and can be seen holding the SRPMIC flag in a video that was released on the Phoenix Suns social media pages.

In a second photo shoot, Enos was able to meet the Suns players after the shoot was over; unfortunately, Juan was unable to make that shoot, but both



Liam Enos (front row on the far left) and a number of Native American youth representing Arizona's 22 tribes get a group photo with the Phoenix Suns team after their participation in the 2022 Native American Heritage Month promotional photo and video shoot. Photo courtesy of Maricella Quintero



O'odham's from Gila River, Tohono O'odham and Salt River including SRPMIC member Marcus Laslloo stand on the court holding the SRPMIC flag for a photo and video shoot for the Phoenix Suns 2022 Native American Heritage Month. Photo courtesy of Helema Andrews



Jizelle Juan and Liam Enos stand next to a video wall that shows the word sun in all the languages of the 22 tribes. Photo courtesy of Angelica Valadez

were able to get their photos taken and videos shot for promotional videos that will be played at the next home game after the release of the City Edition uniforms.

"It felt really great; it was such an honor to be one of the people chosen to do this," said Juan. "I got to meet other people and we all dressed up in our traditional attire. My mom (Angelica

Valadez) made my dress. It was the first one she's ever made, and I wore my shell necklace that I made myself."

Visit the Phoenix Suns' social media pages to view how they are celebrating Native American Heritage Month.

# Recreational Services Leisure Education Introduces SRPMIC Youth to Careers

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The Community Recreation Services Leisure Education Division of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community is introducing Community youth to potential careers by hosting a series of classes at the Way of Life Facility.

"The Leisure Ed program is [designed] to benefit the Community and invite presenters to come in and [raise] awareness on different topics, especially on subjects to educate the youth," said Julian Rivers, [NEED HIS TITLE]. He said one example is basic computing classes for adults and the seniors.

Rivers said another purpose is to bring in Community members who are subject-matter experts on careers or pathways in which they have firsthand knowledge, "whether it is someone who came up through the Community and wants to share their knowledge or someone who was supported by the Community to go to school and wants to give back."

He said some of the classes are part of a series, as was done in the past with the financial skills literacy class for teens. "This time we wanted to bring [presenters from] the Veterans Service Office to come in and talk about the military and why they chose to join the service," said Rivers.

The classes are meant to be open discussions that explore questions the youth may have. "It's all about making things relatable to the kids, so they can have a better understanding of each topic," said Rivers.

There are plans to hold other classes that branch onto different professions, such dance and business management. In the near future classes will include guests like Davina Atwood, a Community member who owns and operates her own party-planning business.

"I think it would be great for the youth to hear about her story and how she got into party planning, and it would be good to learn about the ins and outs of how she runs her business," said Rivers. He added



Center: SRPMIC Veterans Service Office Representative Troy Truax shows the youth how to eat a Meal Ready to Eat, or commonly known as an MRE. This session, is one of several opportunities for SPRMIC youth to get an hands-on experience on the various careers available to them.

that these sessions allow the youth to connect with the guest speakers, some of whom are SRPMIC members or have firsthand experience working with tribal communities.

"Before, we had Providence First Trust Company come in and provide a presentation on finances. Obviously those speakers aren't from the Community, but they work with the tribe and have an office here," said Rivers.

In December the sessions will resume with a class featuring representatives from the Veterans Service

Office, to make up for a class that was cancelled in October. Next March, a new round of financial skills classes will be offered to adults.

Rivers said that presenting various career options to the youth is critical because "they're going to be going out into the world doing different things and they might consider [a class topic] we present as a career pathway."

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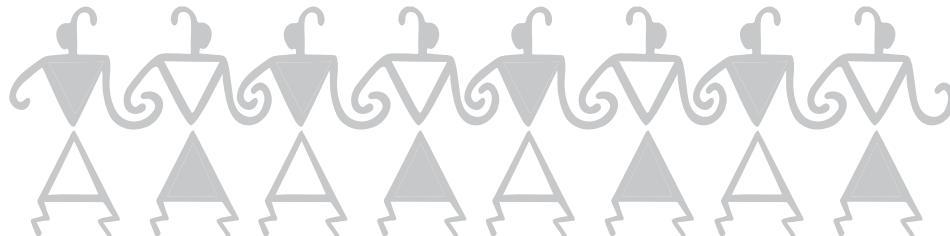
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# Public Works Holiday Trash Schedule

The Public Works Department will be closed on Thursday, November 24th in observance of Thanksgiving and Friday, December 23rd in observance of Christmas.

## THANKSGIVING 2022

All domestic trash will be serviced as regularly scheduled on Tuesday, November 22nd and Friday, November 25th.

All recycle containers will be serviced on Friday, November 25th.

## CHRISTMAS 2022

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Thank you & have a wonderful & joyous holiday season!

Any questions, please contact the Public Works Department at (480) 362-5600 or email PWCustomerService@srpmic-nsn.gov

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- 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  
Visit us on Facebook  
Pastor Charlotte Fafard  
**SERVICES**  
-Sunday Service, 1 p.m.  
-Communion first Sunday of the month

#### ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC MISSION

3090 N. Longmore, Scottsdale, AZ85256  
(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.

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.

## 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 p.m. to 5 a.m. If you have any questions, please contact Memorial Services at (480) 278-7050

# JUVENILE COURT JURISDICTION

JURISDICTION: SALT RIVER PIMA MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT

ADDRESS: 10040 EAST OSBORN RD. SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85256

CONTACT: (480) 362-6315

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

FAILURE TO APPEAR CAN AFFECT YOUR RIGHTS

Baltazar-Salcedo, Arnoldo - Review Hearing Case: J-18-0092 Court Date: December 8, 2022 at 11 a.m.

Baptisto, Amber Leigh Elena - Review/Permanency Hearing Case: J-16-0095 Court Date:

December 13, 2022 at 9 a.m.  
**Burns**, Christine Ann - Review/Permanency Hearings Case: J-21-0054/0055 Court Date: December 6, 2022 at 11 a.m.

**Chiago Sr.**, Vincent Vernon Lee - Review/Permanency Hearing Case: J-16-0173 Court Date: December 1, 2022 at 9 a.m.

**Chiago (Burke)**, Rosalinda Pauline - Truancy Hearing Case: ATR-22-0019 Court Date: December 1, 2022 at 4 p.m.

**Flores**, Guadalupe - Permanency Hearing Case: J-22-0072/0073 Court Date: November 30, 2022 at 9 a.m.

**Hernandez**, Jesus - Initial Termination of Parental-Child Relationship Hearing Case: J-23-0002/J-23-0003 Court Date: December 14, 2022 at 9 a.m.

**Hernandez**, Jesus - Review Hearing Case: J-22-0123/0124 Court Date:

December 14, 2022 at 9 a.m.  
**Lopez**, Alejandra Gail - Review/Permanency Hearings Case: J-21-0053 Court Date: December 6, 2022 at 11 a.m.

**Maez**, Scotty Joe - Review/Permanency Hearing Case: J-16-0095 Court Date: December 13, 2022 at 9 a.m.

**Manuel**, Ashlee Noreen - Disposition Hearing Case: J-22-0118/0119/0120 Court Date: December 13, 2022 at 1 p.m.

**Paul**, Derek Lloyd - Review Hearing Case: J-18-0117 Court Date: December 13, 2022 at 10 a.m.

**Standing Elk**, Dawn - Initial Termination of Parental-Child Relationship Hearing Case: J-23-0002/J-23-0003 Court Date: December 14, 2022 at 9 a.m.

**Standing Elk**, Dawn - Review Hearing Case: J-22-0123/0124 Court Date: December 14, 2022 at 9 a.m.

at 9 a.m.

**Thomas**, Alyssa Summer - Status & OTSC Case: C-18-0052 Court Date: December 15, 2022 at 10 a.m.

**Unknown Father** - Permanency Hearing Case: J-22-0072/0073 Minor S.M.C (10/3/2005) Minor C.V.C (2/20/2015) Mother Marie Carlos (2/24/1983) Court Date: November 30, 2022 at 9 a.m.

**Whitman**, Jason - Permanency Hearing Case: J-22-0072/0073 Court Date: November 30, 2022 at 9 a.m.

**Avila**, Frank - Probate Hearing Case: P-22-0060 Court Date: November 29, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.

ADDRESS: 10040 EAST OSBORN RD. SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85256

CONTACT: (480) 362-6315

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

FAILURE TO APPEAR CAN AFFECT YOUR RIGHTS

**Avila**, Frank - Probate Hearing Case: P-22-0060 Court Date: November 29, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.

**Cruz**, Diana Marie - Evidentiary Guardianship Hearing Case: CF-22-0076 Court Date: December 5, 2022 at 9 a.m.

**Escalona**, Kristina Pretty Dove - Status Hearing Case: C-18-0127 Court Date: December 1, 2022 at 9 a.m.

**Herrera**, Xia Rae - Civil Complaint Hearing Case: C-22-0141 Court Date: December 5, 2022 at 10:30 a.m.

**Lopez**, Josiah Nathan Manfred - Evidentiary Child Support Hearing Case: CFCS-22-0021 Court Date: November 29, 2022 at 10:30 a.m.

**Macias**, James Val - Probate Hearing Case: P-22-0051 Court Date: December 5, 2022 at 10 a.m.

**Manuel**, Roy - Civil Complaint Hearing Case: C-22-0144 Court Date: December 1, 2022 at 10 a.m.

**Martinez**, Xavier - Evidentiary Guardianship Hearing Case: CF-22-0076 Court Date: December 5, 2022 at 9 a.m.

**Olson**, Scotty - Order to Show Cause Hearing Case: CF-21-0076 Court Date: December 8, 2022 at 9 a.m.

**Thomas**, Alyssa Summer - Status/OTSC Case: C-18-0052 Court Date: December 15, 2022 at 10:30 a.m.

## CIVIL COURT JURISDICTION

JURISDICTION: SALT RIVER PIMA MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT

## DEFAULT NOTICES

**BEAR, SPENCER SUMMONS J-22-0086**

**SUMMONS IN PATERNITY S.R.P.M.I.C §§ 10-1 THRU 10-10**

I.T.M.O.: A.G. (D.O.B.: 4/27/2017)

TO: Spencer Bear

A Paternity Petition has been filed in this Court in which it is represented that [person's name] is the father of the child(ren) named above. In the Petition, it requests that the Court determine paternity and enter judgment.

Within 30 calendar days after receiving this Summons and the Paternity Petition, you must file a written response. If you refuse to attend the hearing or to defend by filing a written response, the Court may enter a default judgment of paternity.

THEREFORE YOU ARE ORDERED to APPEAR for an Initial Paternity Hearing before the Salt River Juvenile Court on December 1, 2022, at 11:00 a.m., in Court Room #3 before Judge Darmody.

NOTICE, Violation of this Order is Subject to Proceedings for Contempt of Court Pursuant to Salt River Community Code Section 6-42. The Court May Find the Parent, Guardian or Custodian in Contempt for Failure to Appear at a Court Hearing or For Failure to Follow Court Orders.

CLERK OF COURT - SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA COMMUNITY COURT

**CAREAGA, GUSTAVO DEFAULT NOTICE C-22-0106**

**21ST MORTGAGE CORPORATION V.**

**GUSTAVO CAREAGA**

To: Gustavo Careaga, RESPONDENT

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

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

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

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

5. If you want to defend against the claim and avoid default judgment entered against you, you must file a written answer, motion to dismiss or other responsive pleading within thirty (30) days from when you are

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

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

DATED this 26th of September, 2022.

CLERK OF SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY TRIBAL COURT

**GRIEGO, ALFREDO SUMMONS J-22-0086**

**SUMMONS IN PATERNITY S.R.P.M.I.C §§ 10-1 THRU 10-10**

I.T.M.O.: A.G. (D.O.B.: 4/27/2017)

TO: Alfredo Griego

A Paternity Petition has been filed in this Court in which it is represented that [person's name] is the father of the child(ren) named above. In the Petition, it requests that the Court determine paternity and enter judgment.

Within 30 calendar days after receiving this Summons and the Paternity Petition, you must file a written response. If you refuse to attend the hearing or to defend by filing a written response, the Court may enter a default judgment of paternity.

THEREFORE YOU ARE ORDERED to APPEAR for an Initial Paternity Hearing before the Salt River Juvenile Court on December 1, 2022, at 11:00 a.m., in Court Room #3 before Judge Darmody..

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CLERK OF COURT - SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA COMMUNITY COURT

**HERNANDEZ, JESUS SUMMONS J-23-0002/J-23-00003**

**TERMINATION PARENTAL RIGHTS OF: S.D.H. (D.O.B.: 11/16/2005; A.S.H. (D.O.B.: 1/25/2007)**

TO: Jesus Hernandez

A Petition to Terminate Parental Rights has been filed on October 5, 2022 in this Court against you, which alleges grounds for the termination of your parental rights of the above captioned child(ren). You may obtain a copy of the Petition by calling (480) 362-6315. A hearing has been set to determine whether the petitioner has proven that allegation(s) support a legal basis for termination of parental rights.

THEREFORE YOU ARE ORDERED to APPEAR for an Initial Hearing for Termination of Parental Rights

before the Honorable Judge Darmody at the Salt River Juvenile Court located at 10040 E. Osborn Road Scottsdale, Arizona 85256 on December 14, 2022 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. NOTICE: Violation of this Order is Subject to Proceedings for Contempt of Court Pursuant to Salt River Community Code Section 6-42. If Good Cause is Not Shown, the Court May Find the Parent, Guardian or Custodian in Contempt for Failure to Appear at a Court Hearing or for Failure to Follow Court Orders. Further, the Parties Should be Advised that the Hearing for Termination of Parental Rights May Proceed Without the Parent or Necessary Respondent Present. Failure to Appear May Result in the Hearing Being Held Without the Parent and the Parental Rights of the Parent may be Terminated.

CLERK OF COURT - SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA COMMUNITY COURT

**MARTINEZ, AMBRIA JEAN ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE NOTICE CF-22- 0132**

I.T.M.O.: S.N. (D.O.B.: 8/1/2014)

TO: Ambria Jean Martinez,

YOU ARE HEREBY ORDERED to appear before the above-entitled court on the 13th day of December, 2022 at 10 AM, in Court Room #1, and show cause why you should not be held in contempt for failing to facilitate and ensure that the minor child is transported to the designated area in Phoenix..

FAILURE TO APPEAR will result in a Bench Warrant issued for your arrest for Contempt of Court from (\$6-41) of the Code or Ordinances.

ORDERED this 14th day of October, 2022.

RAYMOND L. DEER, JUDGE OF THE SRPMIC TRIBAL COURT

**STANDING ELK, DAWN SUMMONS J-23-0002/J-23-0003**

**TERMINATION PARENTAL RIGHTS OF: S.D.H. (D.O.B.: 11/16/2005; A.S.H. (D.O.B.: 1/25/2007)**

TO: Dawn Standing Elk

A Petition to Terminate Parental Rights has been filed on October 5, 2022 in this Court against you, which alleges grounds for the termination of your parental rights of the above captioned child(ren). You may obtain a copy of the Petition by calling (480) 362-6315. A hearing has been set to determine whether the petitioner has proven that allegation(s) support a legal basis for termination of parental rights.

THEREFORE YOU ARE ORDERED to APPEAR for

an Initial Hearing for Termination of Parental Rights before the Honorable Judge Darmody at the Salt River Juvenile Court located at 10040 E. Osborn Road Scottsdale, Arizona 85256 on December 14, 2022 at 9:00 A.M. in Court Room #3.

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CLERK OF COURT - SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA COMMUNITY COURT

**SWAN, DEJUAN J-22-0127**

**SUMMONS IN PATERNITY S.R.P.M.I.C §§ 10-1 THRU 10-10**

I.T.M.O.: N.L.T. (D.O.B.: 10/28/2019)

TO: Dejuan Swan

A Paternity Petition has been filed in this Court in which it is represented that Dejuan Swan is the father of the child(ren) named above. In the Petition, it requests that the Court determine paternity and enter judgment.

Within 30 calendar days after receiving this Summons and the Paternity Petition, you must file a written response. If you refuse to attend the hearing or to defend by filing a written response, the Court may enter a default judgment of paternity.

THEREFORE YOU ARE ORDERED to APPEAR for an Initial Paternity Hearing before the Salt River Juvenile Court on December 1, 2022, at 10:00 a.m., in Court Room #3 before Judge Darmody.

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CLERK OF COURT - SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA COMMUNITY COURT

## COVID TESTING SITE

BEGINNING OCTOBER 31ST, THE COVID TESTING SITE WILL BE OPEN MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS & FRIDAYS FROM 7:30 A.M. - 6 P.M.

AT HOME TESTS ARE AVAILABLE MONDAY - FRIDAY 8 A.M. - 5 P.M. AT THE WELLNESS CENTER



Remote, Hybrid & In-Person by Appointment Options

Registration is on-going, and studies are self-paced. Instructional delivery options are customized to individual student needs.



480-362-2142

Erica.Litz@saltriverschools.org

# SRPMIC Council Enacts an Exemption for the Use of Marijuana for Medical Purposes

On Wednesday, October 19, 2022, the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Council enacted an amendment to Code of Ordinance Section 6-121, Possession or Use of Narcotics and Drugs. This amendment provides an exemption to the criminal law that now permits the use of marijuana for medical purposes. This means that an individual that possess or uses marijuana for medical purposes and follows all the rules attached to such use, would not be arrested or charged with a violation of the Community's criminal laws. In order for this criminal exemption to apply, the individual must possess a valid medical marijuana card issued by the State of Arizona, also known as a registry identification card. Other restrictions to this exemption include:

- No possession or use in a public place.
- No sale or cultivation of marijuana.
- No purchase of marijuana from any person or place other than a licensed dispensary in the State of Arizona.
- No driving or actual physical control of a vehicle while under the influence of marijuana.
- No purchase or possession of more than 1 ½ ounces, of which no more than 12 ½ grams is in the form of cannabis concentrate, every two weeks.

At this time, Council Policy, Chapter 2: Human Resources, Policy 2-7 Drug and Alcohol Free Workplace remains in effect without any changes. While there is currently a

criminal exemption in the law for the use of marijuana for medical purposes, the use of marijuana for any purpose is still prohibited from an employment policy perspective. The Human Resources Department will be analyzing the Drug and Alcohol Free Workplace Policy in the coming months and employees will be notified if any changes are made with respect to the use of marijuana for medical purposes.

For information regarding the process for obtaining a medical marijuana card with the State of Arizona please consult the following website:

[www.azdhs.gov/licensing/medical-marijuana/index.php](http://www.azdhs.gov/licensing/medical-marijuana/index.php)

A qualifying patient, who has been diagnosed with one of the debilitating medical conditions will need to get a written certification from a physician (medical doctor, osteopath, naturopath, or homeopath licensed to practice in Arizona) with whom he/she has a physician-patient relationship. The written certification has to be on a form provided by the Arizona Department of Health Services within 90 days before submitting an application for a registry identification card. After obtaining the written certification from the physician, the qualifying patient can apply online for a registry identification card. The Arizona Department of Health Services only accepts applications submitted online.

The following medical conditions will qualify a patient for medical marijuana:

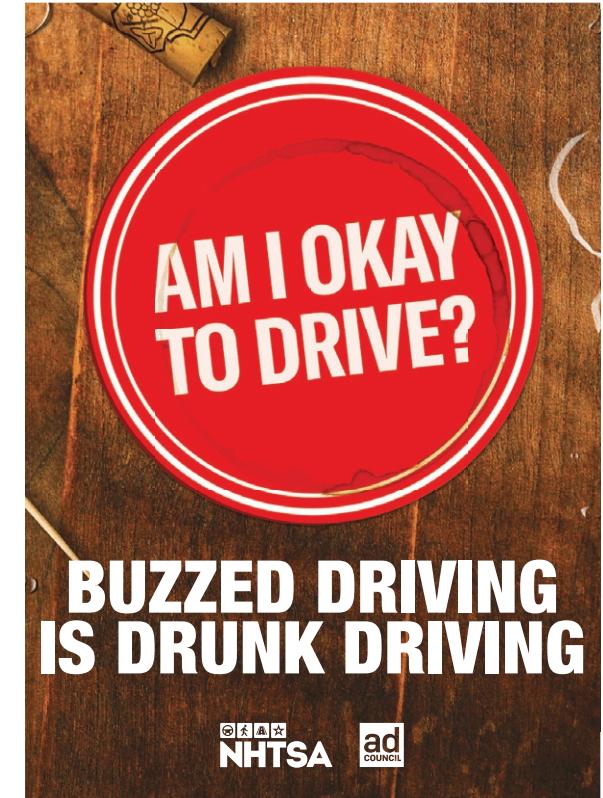
- Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)

- Cancer
- Glaucoma
- Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)
- Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS)
- Hepatitis C
- Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS)
- Crohn's Disease
- Agitation of Alzheimer's disease
- A chronic or debilitating disease or medical condition or the treatment for a chronic or debilitating disease or medical condition that causes:

- o Cachexia or wasting syndrome;
- o Severe and chronic pain;
- o Severe nausea;
- o Seizures, including those characteristic of epilepsy;
- o Severe or persistent muscle spasms, including those characteristic of multiple sclerosis.

The cost to obtain a registry identification card is \$150.00 and the card is valid for 2 years. Some individuals may be eligible to pay \$75.00 to obtain a registry identification card if they qualify for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). It will cost \$10.00 to amend, change or replace a registry identification card. Additionally doctors charge approximately \$75.00 to \$150.00 for an appointment where you get your qualifying condition approved for medical marijuana use. A doctor appointment is needed every time you get a card, whether the card is new or being renewed.

If you have questions, call (480) 362-7450.



## SR CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2022  
1 P.M. - 5 P.M.  
TWO WATERS COURTYARD  
&  
FRIENDSHIP PARK

HOLIDAY SHOPPING, ENTERTAINMENT,  
KIDS AREA, SENIOR BINGO, PHOTOS WITH  
SANTA, GOODIES, SNACKS AND CANDY  
BAGS!



SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY  
presents the annual

# THANKSGIVING DINNER



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH | 10AM-2PM

PROGRAM AT 11:00AM

ENTERTAINMENT • DOOR PRIZES • KIDS ACTIVITIES • CONTESTS

SERVING BEGINS AT 11:30AM

MENU: TURKEY, DRESSING, HAM, MASHED POTATOES, GRAVY, BEANS, CORN, SQUASH, CRANBERRY SAUCE, SALSA, ROLLS, PUMPKIN PIE!!

DRINKS: SODA, COFFEE & BOTTLED WATER

TWO WATERS COURTYARD

COME ENJOY A MEAL  
WITH FAMILY & FRIENDS!

# SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY

# THANKSGIVING DRIVE THRU TURKEY & FOOD BOX EVENT



MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2022  
10:30 AM - 1 PM

SALT RIVER COMMUNITY BUILDING  
NO OVERNIGHT PARKING

REQUIRED IN ORDER TO RECEIVE YOUR ITEMS:  
• MUST BE 18 AND OVER.  
• ONE TURKEY/FOOD BOXES.  
• HOLIDAY PRODUCE ITEMS PER HOUSEHOLD.  
• A SHORT INTAKE WILL BE CONDUCTED WHILE YOU WAIT IN LINE.

#### INTAKE QUESTIONS:

NAME, ADDRESS, DATE OF BIRTH,  
HOW MANY IN THE HOUSEHOLD?

#### MUST SHOW ONE OF THE FOLLOWING PROOF OF RESIDENCY:

AZ STATE DRIVER'S LICENSE,  
AZ STATE ID OR SRPMIC TRIBAL ID  
OR MAIL WITH YOUR NAME AND  
ADDRESS ON THE FRONT.

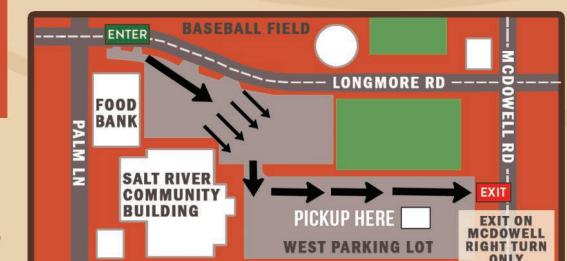
NO PROOF OF INCOME REQUIRED.

**FREE WHILE SUPPLIES LAST**

#### ITEMS TO BE DISTRIBUTED:

- WHOLE FROZEN TURKEY
- TRIBAL FOOD BOX
- EMERGENCY FOOD BOX
- HOLIDAY PRODUCE

THERE WILL BE A DEDICATED SENIOR (55+) ONLY LINE.  
MUST BE IN VEHICLE/NO WALK UPS.



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Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community

# \*NOTICE\*

## 2023 Agricultural Lease Payment

The 2023 Agricultural Lease payment to landowners will be made by mail, direct deposit, or SRPMIC Pay Card only. There will be no in person payout.

On **Friday, January 20, 2023**, 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 12, 2022.

Please call as soon as possible.

**Pay Card disbursement will be placed onto your SRPMIC Pay Card on Friday, January 20, 2023.** 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 12, 2022.

**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 20, 2023.

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

\*Agricultural lease payments will be made based upon farmer payments received by January 3, 2023.



If you have a story idea, please contact  
OAN at (480) 362-7750

Leave your name, number and brief message and we will return your call.

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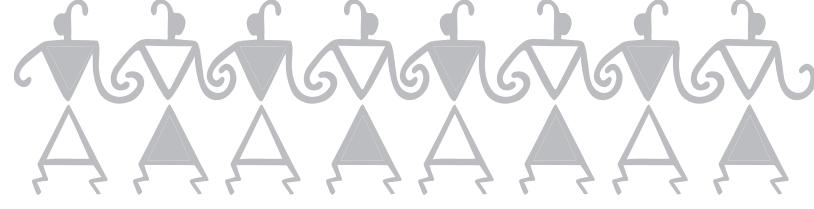
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### NOTICE OF EXCLUSION DECISION Erik Thomas Sanchez

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community ("SRPMIC") Council pursuant to Article VII, §1(g) of the SRPMIC Constitution and Sections 7-72 through 7-75 of the SRPMIC Code of Ordinances voted on October 26, 2022 to permanently excluded Erik Thomas Sanchez from the boundaries of the Community. It was determined that Erik Thomas Sanchez is a nonmember whose presence is detrimental to the peace, health, or morals of the SPRMIC.

The SRPMIC Council's decision is in an order entitled "An Order by the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community ("SRPMIC") Council to uphold the decision of the SRPMIC Exclusion Committee and Permanently Exclude Erik Thomas Sanchez from the territory and boundaries of the SRPMIC". See SR-4003-2023. Erik Thomas Sanchez is not allowed to be within the territorial boundary of the Community and therefore, he is not to drive through, work, visit others, reside or come within the Community boundaries at any time for any reason.



### PROPOSED RESIDENCY ORDINANCE

The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Council is currently considering the enactment of a Residency Ordinance. The purpose of the Residency Ordinance is to determine which non-members may be permitted to reside within the Community, track/monitor these non-members residing within the Community, and place requirements upon these non-members with respect to certain tribal programs like jury service (in limited cases). The following is a structural breakdown of the proposed ordinance:

- Section 17-16 states the purpose(s) of the ordinance and defines certain terms.
- Section 17-17 specifies the various non-members who may reside within the Community.
- Section 17-18 lists the requirements for registration by non-member residents.
- Section 17-19 includes civil violations for not complying with the proposed ordinance.
- Section 17-20 includes the obligations of non-member residents.
- Section 17-21 re-affirms the Community's ability to utilize and enforce the exclusion process.

The proposed ordinance is open for public comment until January 19, 2022, and will be discussed at meetings and venues throughout November and December in 2022 and January 2023. The Community Council is hoping to receive additional Community member feedback on this proposed ordinance. You can also locate the full text of the proposed ordinance at: <https://www.srpmic-nsn.gov/government/ogc/proposed-ordinances/>

Please submit any questions or comments to Jeff Harmon at [jeff.harmon@srpmic-nsn.gov](mailto:jeff.harmon@srpmic-nsn.gov) or (480) 362-5409. All comments will be presented to Council at the end of the public comment period.

### 4th Quarter 2022 ELIGIBILITY DEADLINE December 31, 2022

Must be eighteen (18) years old, enrolled, and living to be eligible for the January 2023 Per Capita Payment.

#### DEADLINES FOR CHANGES

##### Direct Deposit Start-Ups and Changes:

**Tuesday, January 10 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 2023 payout.

Forms received after this date will not be effective until the April 2023 payout.

##### Discontinue Direct Deposits: Tuesday, January 10 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.

##### Per Capita Eligibility: Tuesday, January 17 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 2023 payout. Forms received after this date will not be processed until the first week of February 2023.

**Tax Withholding Changes: Tuesday, January 17 at 5 p.m.** This deadline is for making changes to "Additional" tax withholding percentage or amount.

Tax forms are available on the Finance Per Capita Intranet Site and can also be requested by e-mailing [finpercap1@srpmic-nsn.gov](mailto:finpercap1@srpmic-nsn.gov).

**If you have any questions regarding: Tribal ID, Per Capita Eligibility & Change Forms** call Membership Services @ (480) 362-7600

**Tax Withholding & Direct Deposits** call Finance-Per Capita @ (480) 362-7710



2022

# INAUGURAL CEREMONY

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2022**

SALT RIVER GRAND BALLROOM-TALKING STICK RESORT  
9800 E. TALKING STICK WAY, SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85256

**6:30PM | PROGRAM, DINNER & DANCE**  
**MUSIC BY GERTIE AND THE T.O. BOYS**

## OATH OF OFFICE

*Martin Harvier*  
PRESIDENT

*Ricardo Leonard*  
VICE PRESIDENT

*Jacob Butler*  
COUNCIL MEMBER

*Mikah Carlos*  
COUNCIL MEMBER

*Cheryl Doka*  
COUNCIL MEMBER

*Michael Dallas, Sr.*  
COUNCIL MEMBER

## COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS:

THE PHASE THE COMMUNITY WILL BE IN ON THIS DATE WILL  
DICTATE THE COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS THAT WILL BE FOLLOWED.



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## Calendar of Events

### NOVEMBER

**18-20 41st ANNUAL ORME DAM VICTORY DAYS "Carrying On The Strength And Perseverance Of Our Yavapai Ancestors,"** includes Pow-wow, golf tournament, rodeo, parade. For more information go to <https://www.fmyn.org/event/41st-orme-dam-victory-days>

**19 COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER** – 11 p.m. Saturday, November 19, 2022 Two Waters Courtyard. Program starts at 11 a.m. Serving begins at 11:30 a.m. Menu: Turkey, Dressing, Ham Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Beans, Corn, Squash, Cranberry Sause, Salsa, Rolls, Pumpkin Pies. Drinks: Soda, Coffee, Bottled Water. Entertainment, Door Prizes, Kids Activities, Contests. Come enjoy a meal with family and friends. For more information see ad on page 16.

**19 DISTRICT B MEETING CM ANTONE** – CANCELLED due to Thanksgiving Program.

**21 SALT RIVER SCHOOLS EDUCATION BOARD MEETING** – 5:15 p.m. Monday, October 21st, 2022, Education Board Room, 4836 N. Center St, Scottsdale, AZ, Meetings will be held in person and virtually during the 2022-2023 school year. The Education Board welcomes your attendance and appreciates your interest in our students. Questions can be directed to Education Board Secretary, LaRue Jackson at (480) 362-2500

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**21 THANKSGIVING DRIVE THRU TURKEY & FOOD BOX EVENT** – 10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Monday, November 21st, 2022 Hosted by St. Mary's Food Bank. S.R. Community Bldg. at the Salt River Community Building. No overnight parking. Free while supplies last. See ad on page 16 for more information.

**24 THANKSGIVING DAY, TRIBAL OFFICES CLOSED.**

**25 DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING, TRIBAL OFFICES CLOSED.**

**28 DISTRICT E MEETING CM LARGO** – 6:00 p.m. Monday, November 28, 2022 WOLF Room #560 11725 E Indian school Rd, Scottsdale, AZ. Agenda: HHS Prevention & Intervention Services; CM Comments.

### DECEMBER

**1 THRIVING WITH DIABETES: HEALTHY COPING** - Attend our 8-week course and learn how to manage your diabetes! Limited to 12 participants. Meeting will be held in the Teaching Kitchen at RPHC. You MUST be vaccinated to attend meetings. Approved for 15 WellPath or 15 Strong Life Points. 12/01/22 Healthy Coping.

**3 APS ELECTRIC PARADE** – 7 p.m. Saturday, December 3rd, 2022. Celebrate the Christmas Holiday Season with the APS Electric Parade. The parade has been a Phoenix tradition for more than 30 years. The Parade starts on Central Ave & Montebello in downtown Phoenix.

**5 SALT RIVER SCHOOLS EDUCATION BOARD MEETING** – 5:15 p.m. Monday, December 5th, 2022, Education Board Room, 4836 N. Center St, Scottsdale, AZ, Meetings will be held in person and virtually during the 2022-2023 school year. The Education Board welcomes your attendance and appreciates your interest in our students. Questions can be directed to Education Board Secretary, LaRue Jackson at (480) 362-2500

**6 READING ALL THE WAY "NIGHTMARE BEFORE CHRISTMAS"** – 6

p.m. – 8 p.m. Tuesday, December 6th, 2022 in the ALA gymnasium (park in the lot along Highland Avenue south of the football field). The theme for the event "The Nightmare Before Christmas" and we will have a pajama contest for individuals and families? Visit out School and Community partners for games, treats, and resources! This event is free and open to the public! Call (480) 362-2500 with any questions.

**7 PEARL HARBOR DAY**

**10 COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**, 1 p.m. – 5 p.m. at the Two Waters Courtyard & Friendship Park. Holiday shopping for one of a kind gifts, entertainment, kids area, senior bingo, photos with Santa, goodies/ snacks and candy bags!

**10 HOLIDAY LIGHTS PARADE**, starts at 5:30 p.m. Bring your chairs to enjoy colorful entries from community programs and departments...don't forget SANTA will be there too!!! Parade begins at Salt River Gymnasium parking lot, proceeds north on Longmore Road and turns East on Osborn Road ending at the Two Waters North Employee Parking Lot.

**12 EMPLOYEE HOLIDAY EVENT** – All Government Offices (with the exception of those with essential services to the Community) will be closed from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

**16 SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY INAUGURATION CEREMONY** – 6:30 p.m. at the Salt River Grand Ballroom – Talking Stick Resort 9800 E. Talking Stick Way, Scottsdale, AZ. Program, Dinner & Dance: Music by Gertie and the T.O. Boys. OATH OF OFFICE: Martin Harvier, President; Ricardo Leonard, Vice President; Jacob Butler, Council Member; Mikah Carlos, Council Member; Cheryl Doka, Council Member; Michael Dallas, Sr., Council Member. See ad on page 15.

**23 DAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS, TRIBAL OFFICE CLOSED.**

**26 CHRISTMAS DAY (observed), TRIBAL OFFICES CLOSED**

**31 SALT RIVER COMMUNITY NEW YEARS EVE DANCE AND MIDWAY** – Saturday, December 31st, 2022