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‘Build Back Arizona’ Tour Launches in the Community: Tribal Leaders Highlight Planned Investments from Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

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On Friday, December 10, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community President Martin Harvier, Ak-Chin Indian Community Chairman Robert Miguel and Gila River Indian Community Governor Stephen Roe Lewis held a press conference in Bunnyville, located on the Community, to discuss the tribal benefits from President Joe Biden’s Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act). On November 15, President Biden signed the more than \$1 trillion bill into law.

The law is designed to fund much-needed infrastructure improvements across the United States. This money will go toward improving aging roads and bridges, providing high-speed internet access for all, improving water infrastructure and replacing lead pipes, improving freight and passenger railroads, investing in public transportation, and more. The funding is expected to be distributed over five years.

Between \$20 billion and \$30 billion will go to tribal communities for infrastructure improvements. President Harvier explained that in our fast-growing region, the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law will help provide adequate maintenance for the existing infrastructure of the Community, especially in the areas of clean water, broadband coverage, surface transportation and public transportation improvements.



SRPMIC President Martin Harvier shared with the media the Community’s plan for improvements with the investments from President Joe Biden’s Bipartisan Infrastructure Law; improvements such as clean water, broadband coverage, surface transportation and public transportation improvements.

“I have had the opportunity on a number of occasions to comment on the infrastructure needs of our Community,” said Harvier. “An illustration that stands out is that each day nearly 600,000 vehicles use the highways and roadways through our Community. There is a great need to provide adequate maintenance to the existing infrastructure

of the Community and to provide necessary improvements.”

While the Community uses its own revenue to support infrastructure needs as it can, the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law will provide potential funding opportunities in a variety of infrastructure categories specifi-

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Salt River Emergency Management Program Receives National Award



Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community’s Emergency Management Program members (L-R) Emergency Manager Cliff Puckett, Emergency Management Coordinator (PHEP) Kirsten VanDeventer and Emergency Management Coordinator Terry Nelson.

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In October, the National Indian Health Board recognized the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community’s Emergency Management Program with an Area/Regional Impact Award for outstanding service to American Indian/Alaska Native health. The award honors an individual, program or organization whose work has contributed to improving American Indian/Alaska Native healthcare or has effected change on an area or

regional basis.

“This national recognition is a reflection of the strong relationships and coordination from each department in the Community, established well before COVID,” said SRPMIC Emergency Manager Cliff Puckett.

In January 2020, SRPMIC Emergency Management stood up a Command & Coordination team, which began enhancing preparedness communication to the Community about COVID-19. COVID Incident Commander Kirsten VanDeventer stated, “Our effectiveness

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Theodus “Odie” Toney Retires From Salt River Fire Department



Odie Toney standing in front of Engine 292 at the Lehi Salt River Fire Department two days before his retirement.

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Salt River Fire Department firefighter Theodus “Odie” Toney hung up his gear on December 11, retiring after providing just shy of 30 years of fire service in the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community.

Even though Toney is retiring, he said that he still has “plenty of gas in the tank” at 53 years old and is looking forward to his next chapter: the police force.

“I went back to school and I don’t want to waste my educa-

tion, especially my bachelor’s degree in criminology,” said Toney.

Toney retired sooner than he wanted to, but with positions posted within the Salt River Police Department that suit his education, such as crime scene specialist, he felt as though now was the time to make a change.

“I exerted [myself to complete] a lot of years of schooling to get that kind of job. I had goals for myself after getting out of the fire department. I wanted to get out and challenge myself to do something different,” said Toney.

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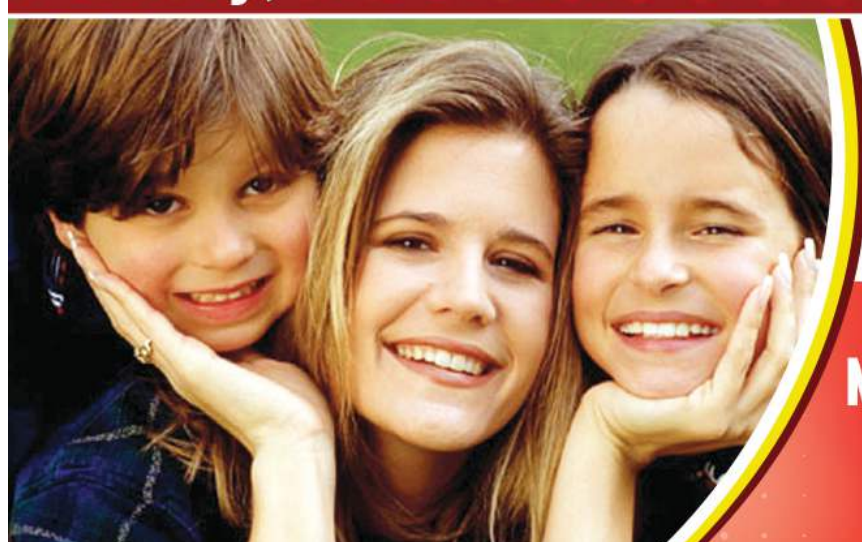
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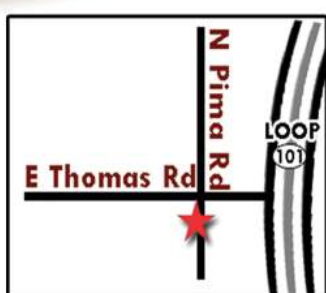
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Community improvements from the Infrastructure Bill

The infrastructure bill recently signed by President Joe Biden will help ensure that the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community can provide clean drinking water to all its residents. The part of our water infrastructure that delivers water to Community homes was installed years ago, and it's time for it to be replaced.

One of the big issues that we talk about is the maintenance of the roads in our Community, and we are hopeful there will be money to repair and pave the dirt roads. The dirt roads are used by Community members, people who cut through the Community, our school buses, and farmers and their equipment, which causes a lot of dust.

This year, SRPMIC departments will work to identify potential infrastructure projects in need of funding so we can apply for a portion of the funds approved in President Biden's infrastructure bill. We expect to receive more information

and guidelines regarding which types of projects can qualify for funding. *(For more information on the Infrastructure Bill, see page 1).*

What can Community members look forward to in 2022?

I am hoping for a better year. The COVID-19 pandemic has been with us for going on two years, and it seems like we have not been able to gather as a family or as a Community for so long. Everything we have done so far has been accomplished virtually or through a drive-thru. I am hoping our membership will get vaccinated, that the COVID-19 virus subsides and that we are finally able to get it under control, allowing us to start meeting in person again. Then we can start being a community again and enjoying each other's company. Our kids will be able to participate in their sports programs and have in-person events like Thanksgiving and Christmas.

COVID-19 in the Community

According to the last COVID-19 report, 46% of Community members are vaccinated. The seniors comprise the largest age group that is vaccinated. I was glad to see this; they are setting an example for us all. But this virus has also taken strong, healthy young people. I think sometimes younger adults feel invincible, believing that because they are in good shape the virus will not affect them. But it can and it does. Although you can still get COVID-19 after being vaccinated, the vaccine lowers your risk of severe

illness, hospitalization and death. Please consider getting the COVID-19 vaccine. *(See ad on page 11 for vaccine dates and locations).*

We've lost a lot of members during this time, due to both COVID-19, health and other physical and mental illnesses. I hope that in 2022 we have a better year and are able to support each other more, especially in times of loss.

Issues facing the Community

We need to educate our Community, especially our young people, about the drug problem here. Every year we say that we are going to do this, or do that. But when someone has an addiction—no matter what it is—it falls on that person to want to change. As a government, when someone comes to us and says they are ready to change, we should be there. As families, we should never give up on our family members because of an addiction. It is going to take all of us to deal with this. We are losing too many people. We offer good programs, and I think there is an opportunity to get help here in the Community for anyone who wants it.

The improved distribution and availability of Narcan® recently has meant that more people have been saved after overdoses. Without it we would have lost even more lives.

I encourage parents, grandparents, caregivers and friends to talk with our children about the dangers of drugs and alcohol. Tell them how they are important to us and how much we love them. I want our young

people to be strong enough to resist peer pressure to try alcohol or drugs. They need the strength to be able to say no and walk away. It might mean walking away from someone they look up to, or even their best friend, which is not easy. But they must know that they would be better off mentally and physically by walking away.

What else can Community members look forward to?

Council has directed staff to start addressing the housing problem. Recently, the Community Development Department had an open house to discuss a possible transitional home. It was a cargo container modified into a tiny home that could possibly be used as transitional or emergency housing for members. *(See article on page 8 for additional details).* The housing survey conducted by CDD closes January 15. I encourage you to fill out the survey, it will help determine the housing needs in the Community. I am hoping to see some housing construction take place this year so we can bring back some of our members who are living off the Community.

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Memorial Hall Closing for Maintenance

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The Salt River Memorial Hall will be closed from Sunday, January 9 to Saturday, January 13, 2022, for maintenance. The Memorial Hall will be getting three new HVAC units for the main hallway and kitchen areas, and there will be other minor updates such as painting the exterior and ceilings.

During the closure, families needing memorial services will be able to use Xalychidom Piipaash Nyvaash (XPN) in Lehi. Otherwise, they can wait until Memorial Hall services resume on Monday, January 17. Please note that the Salt River Community Building is currently closed and will remain closed during the same week for kitchen renovations, so no services can be held there.

"We do apologize for any inconvenience this may cause some families, but we need to take care of these maintenance issues, and the quickest way to get the work done is to close the facility," said Assistant Public Works Director Dawn Sinoqui.

For more information, questions or concerns, call Memorial Services at (480) 278-7050.



PUBLIC WORKS NOTICE

The Memorial Hall will be closed from Sunday, January 9, 2022 to Saturday, January 15, 2022 due to scheduled maintenance.

All services scheduled during this time will be held at Xalychidom Piipaash Nyvaash facility.

We appreciate your patience and understanding.

Any questions, please contact Memorial Services at (480) 278-7050

Theodus “Odie” Toney Retires From Salt River Fire Department

After working several odd jobs and pursuing a career as an electrician, being trained in A/C and HVAC work, Toney worked at the Salt River Recreation Department in the late 1980s and went on to Public Works after that.

Toney’s fire service career began in 1992, when he decided that he wanted to help people in the Community.

“I wanted to help people in their time of need,” said Toney.

“You don’t think of the dangers or helping your family members, friends, people you know, but that’s happened to me, because it’s a small community. It taught me to keep composed in those emergency situations and learn to talk to people and try to calm them down.”

When Toney started at the SRFD, he worked with the late Royce Manuel and Greg Mason. At that time, Toney said, there was no formal training like there is today, and there were only two stations and eventually 21 firefighters.

As the years went by, about 20 more firefighters were hired, and Toney has worked with them for the last 14 years.

Toney said that he has always been teased and called “the journeyman” because he worked for so many different crews, chiefs and captains.

“I like to work with different people because there is so much diversity and personalities. You work with these guys and their personalities for long periods of time.”

Toney’s dedication to his crews has not gone unnoticed, as he as he often cooked for them, and he is well-known for remembering everybody’s birthdays.

“He would also say, ‘Come on man, you know I didn’t forget your birthday!’ He really did know everyone’s birthday, and he made sure he sent out his happy birthday messages by either text or via social media,” said Fire Captain Robert Scabby.

“Odie would always say, ‘You know me, it’s me, Odie.’ This would help people on calls because he literally knew everybody and knew how to use his communication skills to help calls run smoothly or even defuse a situation so dialogue could be established.”

Toney recalled those at the SRFD who have made a difference in his life, especially in his early days at the department: Kevin Makil, Robert Scabby, Nelson Wood, Tsosie Wood, Steve Wood, Johnny Acosta, Bill Kuamoo,



Left to right: FF/CEP Lee Grant, FF/CEP Adrian Vega, Capt. Roberty Scabby, FF/EMT Theodus “Odie” Toney, FF/Engineer Joan Wood, FF/CEP Chris Gannon, FF/EMT Levi Jones pose for a photo two days before Toney retired.

Andre Matus, Tony Pesch, Velasquez Sneezy, Lee Grant, the late Frank Molina, Steve Brady, Rick Dodge, Warren Waters, Ray Martinez, Melanie Lake, Oscar Merritt, Kervin Miles and Brian Smith. Toney said that Smith was a mentor to him.

Fire Chief Daryl Dash has known Toney since they were kids, and they have always seemed to be involved in each other’s lives.

“We met when I believe we were both around 12 years old. We played baseball and basketball, and on the basketball team we were coached by retired firefighter/EMT Royce Manuel,” Dash recalled.

“[Toney’s fire service] is such a great accomplishment, with his service to guests, visitors and the members of the Community for 30 years! I am so proud of his work, dedication and the professionalism he has shown throughout his years of service.”



Odie working on a vehicle extrication and opening a door with a Hurst hyrdolic spreader tool behind Station 291 in 1993. The middle firefighter is Rick Dodge and the firefighter to the right is Forrest Anton. Photo courtesy of Odie Toney

SRPD and SRPMIC Join Forces for a Reinvigorated Shop With a Cop

BY OFF. JOSEPH OROZCO
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“Community policing” is defined as a focus on building relationships and collaboration with the members of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community whom the Salt River Police Department police officers have sworn to serve and protect. To reduce crime and increase awareness, the SRPD has worked with the Community to develop programs that both protect and increase our Community’s access and connection to our officers to produce a safe environment.

The SRPD has embraced this concept by wholeheartedly supporting our Community through various programs, but perhaps none is more renowned than Shop With a Cop. SRPD has had to be creative during the ongoing pandemic and has been putting together toy delivery drives with the SRPD Armored Response Carrier and patrol vehicles so that our Community children can still enjoy the event even remotely at their homes!

In a hopeful return to normalcy



SRPD Team Members and SRPMIC Partners take a moment to pose before the Shop with a Cop Event.

this year, both the Shop With a Cop and Teen Shop With a Cop programs have re-emerged with assistance from our partners from tribal government departments, including Child Protective Services, Family Advocacy Center, Health and Human Services, Social Services, Tribal Prosecutors Office and many others.

On Saturday, December 11, and Saturday, December 18, a total of 27

SRPD team members volunteered and worked together with our Community partners to bring Shop With a Cop and Teen Shop With a Cop back to life! The events took place at Walmart here in Salt River and at the Chandler Fashion Center. They made it possible for each of our SRPD team members to take a deserving Community-member youth (selected by our SRPMIC Health and Human Services partners) on a shop-

ping spree to purchase gift items to make their Christmas holiday that much merrier for themselves and their families. Our police officers and professional staff followed strict COVID-19 health guidelines to ensure everyone’s safety and welfare, and we were able to interact, have fun with the Community youth and build relationships. These events are always a great time, with smiles aplenty!

The SRPD knows that the outreach with our Community youth through these valuable Community-based policing programs, like Shop With a Cop, clearly demonstrates to everyone that our SRPD police officers and professional staff care about them, care about the Community and are truly part of the Community fabric. It is no secret that Shop With a Cop is one of our officers’ favorite programs, and we are thankful for our Community partners that helped make this event happen for our Community youth and everyone involved.

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- * A copy of most current utility bill in the applicant's name.

SRPMIC Council Acknowledges BIA Western Region Director Bryan Bowker Upon Retirement

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During the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community's Council meeting on Wednesday, December 6, Council acknowledged Bryan Bowker of the Bureau of Indian Affairs for his work with the Community. Bowker retired from the BIA at the end of December, and before he left the Community wanted to acknowledge him for his years of partnership.

"The Bureau of Indian Affairs is like a family to tribal communities, from improving leases and other administrative items to implementing important policy," said Special Assistant to Congressional and Legislative Affairs Gary Bohnee as he introduced Bowker to Council.

"It's been an interesting career, and one of the highlights that I tell everyone is that the fun is working with the tribes and the tribal leadership," Bowker said. "People always ask, 'Who is doing a great job in Indian Country? Who can we use an example?' Salt River is one of the places I always refer to. I appreciate the time I had to work with you folks, and I am a little bit sorry the time is coming to an end, but on the other hand it's time to move on and focus on family. I thank you for inviting me; I really appreciate it and I wish you nothing but success in the future."

Bowker has been working for the BIA for the last 33 years. In 1995 he moved to Phoenix, and in 2010 he was named the Western Region Director.



Top: SRPMIC Council members Deanna Scabby, Vice-President Ricardo Leonard, Tom Largo, Sr., Wi-Bwa Grey, Former BIA Western Region Director Bryan Bowker, President Martin Harvier, David Antone, Diane Enos, and Cheryl Doka give their well wishes to Bowker as he prepares to retire.

Right: Council Representatives Deanna Scabby and Cheryl Doka place a gifted custom embroidered Pendleton blanket on Bowker as Council acknowledged him.



SRPMIC President Martin Harvier highlighted some of the projects that Bowker has worked on with the Community over the last 11 years. He was helpful in assisting the Community with its self-governance compact; implementing the Cobell land buy-back, which led to the Community purchasing fractionated land; implementation of the 2013 change of leasing regulations and the 2016 right-of-way regulations; signing off on many vital economic development actions for the Community; and countless other issues.

"We appreciate your support," said Harvier. "I appreciate your willingness to work with staff. I felt like the door to your office was always open. I really

appreciate you having that open-door policy."

Council presented Bowker with a Pendleton blanket embroidered with the Man in the Maze and a thank-you message from the SRPMIC.

When asked to name some of his biggest accomplishments working with the Community, Bowker said, "The big leases. They were always interesting and challenging." He also mentioned setting up the Land Titles and Records Office. "Getting the data lines in and getting all that stuff worked out was fun too; it was an interesting project."

Bowker added, "I appreciate working with the tribe. I always had fun working with the SRPMIC Council and the staff."

How Can I Protect A Child Too Young For A COVID-19 Vaccine?

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

How can I protect a child too young for a COVID-19 vaccine?

Children younger than 5 can't get COVID-19 vaccines in the U.S. yet, but there are steps you can take to protect them from infection over the holidays.

"Surround them with adults and siblings who are vaccinated, boosted if eligible," advises Dr. Rochelle Walensky, director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

She also encourages taking COVID-19 home tests before gatherings.

The CDC recommends that anyone who's not vaccinated — including children ages 2 and older — wear masks indoors in public. If your child is younger than 2 — or cannot wear a mask for other reasons — the agency suggests limiting visits with unvaccinated people. And it says to keep a distance between the child and others in public places.

Adults might also opt to wear a mask indoors in public to set an example for young children, the CDC says. But in virus hot spots, it says everyone should wear masks in those settings, regardless of whether they're vaccinated.

Matthew Binnicker, an expert in viral infections at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, says it might be a good idea to have everyone masked at family gatherings if unvaccinated children are present, since there's still a chance vaccinated adults can spread the virus.

He also suggests limiting gatherings to 10 people or less.

Dr. Anthony Fauci, the nation's top infectious disease expert, says family get-togethers shouldn't be confused with "parties with 30, 40, 50 people" where you don't know who is vaccinated.

"Those are the kind of functions -- in the context of COVID and particularly in the context of omicron -- that you do not want to go to," he says.

In the U.S., children ages 5 to 11 can get kid-size doses of Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccine. The company is testing an even smaller dose for babies and preschoolers.

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Salt River Emergency Management Program Receives National Award

in response would have never been successful without all the tribal departments' willingness to step up and support a global picture. Every department deserves this award for their contributions. Each tribal department was innovative and exceptional in delivering objectives established in the Command & Coordination team."

By the time the Community experienced its first COVID-19 case, an Emergency Operations Center (EOC) had been stood up, coordinating the following.

- Mentorship, partnership and support to tribes statewide on emergency operations planning, response and recovery.
- Consistent messaging from executive administration to the Community, partners and stakeholders.
- A new GIS SharePoint to gain pandemic-specific, time-lapse heat mapping and accurate address/household information. This data will later be used to assist with other infectious disease tracking.
- Scalable operations for outdoor and indoor points of distribution (PODs).
- School, business and Enterprise support.

SRPMIC Emergency Management, in partnership with SRPMIC Health and Human Services, blended COVID-19 vaccination distribution efforts and naloxone (Narcan®) education into the mandatory 15-minute wait time after COVID-19 vaccination. "This unique opportunity was provided through the relationships and trust between Emergency Management, Health and Human Services, and other tribal government departments," said Terry Nelson, SRPMIC Emergency Management coordinator. If naloxone was not available, other public health items were provided, such as masks, hand sanitizer and fentanyl testing strips.

Today, SRPMIC POD events for COVID-19 have the capacity to vaccinate 1,300 people in eight hours and have distributed more than



800 naloxone nasal sprays into Community-member households.

"Thank you for your work and service to your tribal community. You are part of an exceptional group that, in the face of a global pandemic that has entered their homes and communities, has risen to a level of service that is far beyond outstanding ... On behalf of the NIHB Board of Directors, I give deepest gratitude and congratulations to SRPMIC Emergency Management and Tribal Government," said Stacey A. Bohlen, CEO of the National Indian Health Board.

The press release can be viewed at https://myemail.constantcontact.com/Press-Release--National-Indian-Health-Board-Honors-Heroes-in-Health.html?soid=1110714960954&aid=V-_EZ6VN-W2s

O’odham Reconnecting With Desert Plants: Creosote

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Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community garden tech Amson Collins has an encyclopedic knowledge of the O’odham way of life as it pertains to storytelling, nature and growing seeds.

From paying attention to the stories and O’odham prophecies taught by elders, he has a particular understanding of the important role that seeds and plants play in not only healing, but in the tribe’s survival as a people.

To farm and garden in the low desert, Collins says that knowledge goes beyond weather reports and historical accounts of weather. To Collins, having a genuine, conscious reconnection to nature using your senses and practicing traditions such as rain songs can help prepare you for a better understanding of the world around us.

“There will be a time where corporations and money will be of no value, with [more instances of] catastrophic events like earthquakes, floods and fires,” said Collins.

“Seeds are going to be the new currency. This society we’re living in now isn’t going to be anything to live by. We’re going to have to resort to more sustainability, and so the people who are connected to the earth are going to be the ones to create the new world. Practicing the rain songs right now regularly with our seeds is something that is going to be needed for the future. That’s how we’re going to have to live again, that’s just what I was taught.”

Collins said the monsoons (or jegos, which means dust storms in O’odham; mpoth means dust in Piipaash) aren’t as strong as they used to be.

“It doesn’t rain as much, because I

was told as a whole, people in this area don’t want rain here,” said Collins.

“I grew up being taught that everything you think, feel and speak becomes reality. Even when you daydream consciously, it is a mirror effect—what you put out comes back to you.”

Anybody can go to the store and buy organic vegetables and save the seeds, and Collins said there is nothing wrong with that, but the major benefit and difference in connecting to your Community’s seeds, he said, is all the teachings you will receive from those cultivated plants.

“The plants you harvest from the desert, the wild ones, working with those plants and getting out in the heat, doing labor as you’re quietly picking, you will hear birds, the wind, and it’s all healing and medicine,” said Collins.

“It’s in our DNA and genetics as human beings in this area. Continuing to do those things keeps us in alignment, grounded and healed within ourselves. The spiritual growth you get from it just makes you feel good. I feel good when I harvest my plants in the summer. I don’t get rich from it; that’s not what it’s all about. To me, being rich is going out into nature.”

Creosote

One of the plants that Collins uses is the creosote bush (‘iivse in Piipaash and Šegoi in O’odham), which grows naturally all over the desert. According to Collins it is a strong medicine.

Creosote is a plant that can be picked right now, and it grows all year round. The winter rains have made the leaves very lush. You don’t want to pick creosote when it’s seeding or flowering.

“It has many uses. People make a tea out of it and drink it when they’re sick, [because] it has antibacterial and anti-



Amson Collins holds up a creosote branch at the Salt River Community Garden.

ral properties. But the resins can build up in the liver and cause scar tissue if you have too much,” said Collins.

To make a tea, you just take a little piece and boil it in water and drink it, he said.

“I drink it once a month. It’s just good to have that medicine in your body. It’s not something I would drink every day. When you boil it, you have to bring it to a light green tea color; when you make it too dark and tar-like, it’s not good for your digestive system. It’s a plant of healing, grounding and cleansing of the body.”

Collins said creosote can also be used as a smudge; you take some leaves and dry them out and burn it, or you can take fresh creosote leaves on a bed of coals and smudge it.

It also has anti-odor properties. Dry out the leaves and crush them into a

powder to make deodorant. You can take a bundle of fresh creosote and put it in your boots if you’re working all day, and it will help get rid of smelly feet. You can make a salve or a wax from it as well.

“When the women play toka or men play songivu’l, creosote is sometimes used for aiding sores and cuts,” said Collins.

“If your mouth is really dry in the summertime, and you don’t have water while traveling in the desert, you can grab a small piece and place in your mouth. It will create saliva and keep your mouth moist until you hydrate.”

Editor’s Note: This material is provided for informational purposes only and is not medical advice.

Cinnaholic Opens Doors in Community



Cinnaholic opens its doors to hungry customers in Scottsdale on tribal land for the first time during their grand opening on December 3.

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On December 3, gourmet cinnamon roll bakery Cinnaholic officially opened its doors to the public in the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community’s business corridor.

Before the official ribbon-cutting ceremony began, customers lined up outside to smell the fresh, hand-crafted custom desserts, which are 100% vegan plant-based and dairy-free.

“We specialize in cinnamon rolls but we also have cookies, cakes, brownies and Dole whip,” said Vikas Mittal, Cinnaholic Scottsdale franchisee.

What is unique about Cinnaholic is that customers can make their own rolls, with a choice of about 20 different frosting flavors and many toppings. “So you’re not limited to a plain vanilla cinnamon roll, although that is our best-selling one. You can make whatever you’d like and we’re happy to prepare them,” said Mittal.

Besides being a dessert shop, a big component of Cinnaholic’s business is catering. The shop brings the Cinnaholic experience to many different events, such as birthday parties and corporate events.

“When I learned we were on tribal land here, I thought this was a great opportunity. We want to promote the community that we’re in, and SRPMIC is one of the best ones,” said Mittal. “They have been supportive of us from the very beginning when we first applied for our business license, and throughout the entire process it’s been very positive. We’re looking forward to being here.”

Cinnaholic catapulted into the public eye after the owners of the business appeared on Season 5 of the television show “Shark Tank” to pitch their concept to the investors. They ended up pulling out of a deal to focus on franchising their storefront locations.

The Scottsdale store is at 9220 E. Via De Ventura, Suite 118; the phone number is (480) 270-5210.

San Manuel Band of Mission Indians Begins Hiring To Reopen Newly Purchased Vegas Resort

LAS VEGAS (AP) — The new owners of the shuttered Palms Casino Resort in Las Vegas want to rehire hundreds of former employees who lost their jobs when the property closed in March 2020 due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Cynthia Kiser Murphey, general manager of the off-Strip property now owned by the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians, told Nevada casino regulators last week she hopes to bring back up to 600 of nearly 1,200 former workers when the off-Strip resort reopens in the spring. No date has been announced.

Kiser Murphey said the property was recruiting through community agencies, job fairs and an online portal that started Friday at palmscareers.com, according to the Las Vegas Sun.

The California-based tribe acquired the 700-room Palms this year for \$650 million from Red Rock Resorts, making it the first Native American-owned resort in Las Vegas and the second tribal enterprise in the local market.

Mohegan Gaming and Entertainment opened a casino at Virgin Hotels Las Vegas in March.

Hard Rock Entertainment, owned by the Seminole Indian Tribe in Florida, announced last week it is buying operations at The Mirage from MGM Resorts International for nearly \$1.1 billion. It plans a guitar-shaped hotel at the heart of the Las Vegas Strip.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention continues to recommend wearing a mask in public indoor settings in areas of substantial or high community transmission, regardless of vaccination status.

Source: www.cdc.gov

Community Seeks Input on Transitional and Emergency Housing Options

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From November 30 to December 6, the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community's (SRPMIC) Community Development Department (CDD) invited SRPMIC employees on a walk-through of a shipping container that has been converted into a "tiny home." CDD was seeking feedback on utilizing the repurposed containers for transitional and emergency housing in the Community.

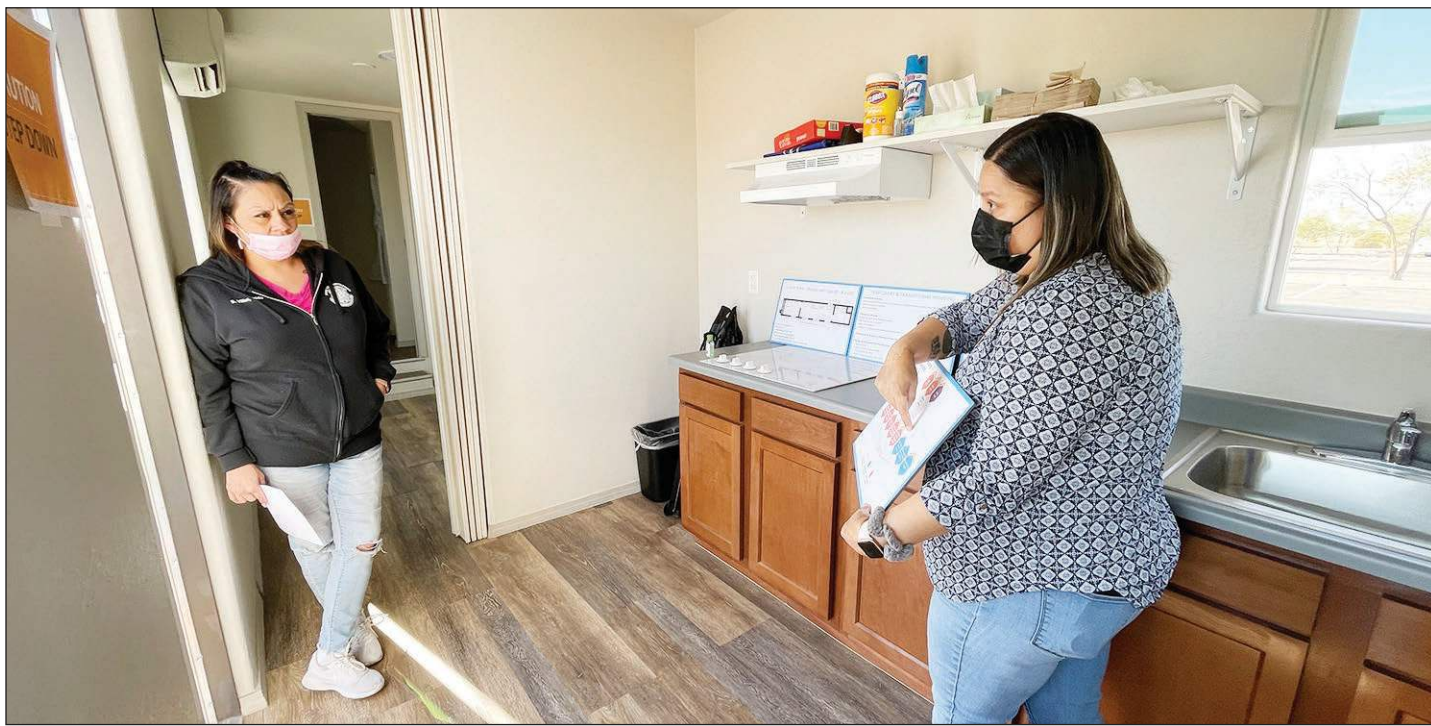
The 320-square-foot, one-bed, one-bath unit would be considered transitional housing, and the 620-square-foot, two-bed, one-bath unit would be used as temporary and/or emergency needs housing. Both units are viewed as short-term housing and would have a maximum 24 months of occupancy.

"We are exploring how we can provide people an option that is safe and meets the building and zoning codes, because we do see that there are people in the Community who are living in sheds that are from Home Depot. That is very dangerous because they [do not meet building codes], ... they do not have the proper emergency exits, they don't have running water, sanitary systems or electricity. The concerns about health and safety for Community Members is major concern," said CDD Assistant Director Christi Andrews. "There are a lot of different things that are happening right now in the Community when it comes to housing. We're looking at more types of housing opportunities within the Community that are safe and affordable."

Although locations have not been determined at this time, CDD is looking at a pilot subdivision of five to 15 of these units either in Salt River or Lehi.

"One of our biggest questions is 'Why shipping containers?'" said CDD Project Manager Aaron Studebaker. "We have evaluated countless tiny-living alternatives, and we felt that this product was the best mix of size, durability, speed to construct, layout options and the ability to become ADA-friendly [accessible according to the Americans with Disabilities Act]. This option checked more boxes than other small-living alternatives. We feel this can be phase I of many phases and can be looked at as mother-in-law suites, secondary dwellings or even general population rental neighborhoods, but that will be a phase II, phase III as long as this initial pilot program works out as we anticipate it to."

The transitional units are currently being considered for those who are transitioning out of the Journey to



Top: Membership and Real Property Manager Christi Andrews shows Community member Benjamin Villalpando the Types of Housing Opportunities chart during the Transitional Homes tour.

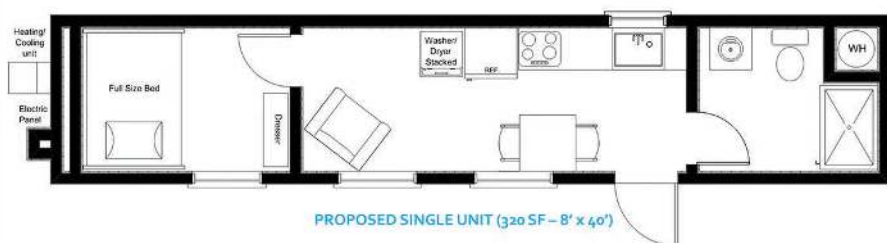
Below: The small transitional homes will include a kitchen and bathroom.

Recovery Program or other programs and need a safe living environment to continue on a path of healing. The larger temporary and emergency housing units would be for Community residents who experience monsoon or fire damage to their home, giving them a place to stay within the Community until they get their home repaired or find a new place to live, if necessary.

At this time, Community staff are creating programming and service delivery models to ensure that as many people can benefit from these unique transitional options while on their way to back to their home in case of an emergency or on to their more permanent living option.

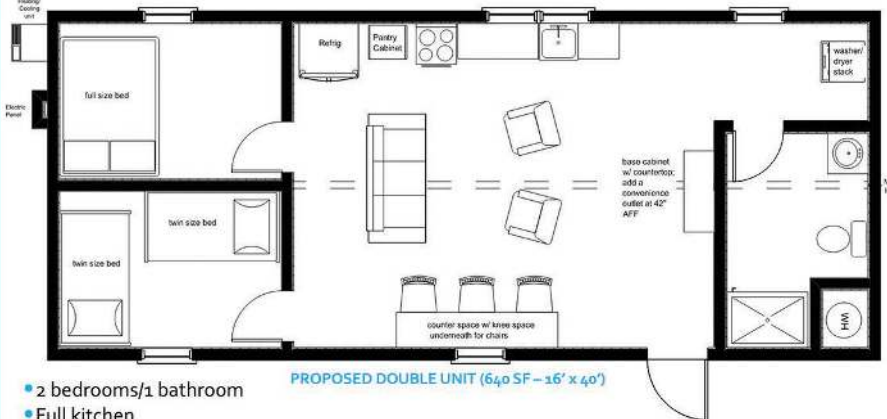
Community Member input on housing is critical to the next steps for all housing options available in the SRP-

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- Adaptable and mobility-friendly
- 1 – 2 people (better suited for Transitional Housing)

FLOOR PLAN – DOUBLE UNIT (640 SF – 16' x 40')



- 2 bedrooms/1 bathroom
- Full kitchen
- Washer/dryer in each unit
- Single level (no interior steps)
- Adaptable and mobility-friendly
- 3+ people (better suited for Temporary Housing)

MIC. Please continue to share your ideas and opinions on the online Future of SRPMIC Housing Survey at www.srpmic-nsn.gov/housingsurvey/ or www.surveymonkey.com/r/WHT2M6Q.

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AROUND THE COMMUNITY



This holiday season the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community's Social Services Department's Kinship Care Program provided their care givers and their families with Christmas gift bags, duffle bags and air fryers. Starting in December the Kinship Care Program provided their foster non-relative licensed families with Christmas gift bags filled with a family movie, hot chocolate, mugs, popcorn, books and holiday treats. A donation of duffle bags filled with baby supplies including clothing, diapers, books, toys and more were given to Salt River Foster Care and Kinship Care families. Lastly, the Social Services Department gifted Kinship families with air fryers that were funded by Kinship Navigator Funds. Norma Hernandez, Social Services Manager.



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Salt River Royalty Visits Pueblo Grande Museum Indian Market



Left to right: Junior Miss Salt River Robin Ramirez, Miss Salt River Sistine Lewis, Junior Miss Salt River First Attendant Riana Cisneros and Miss Salt River First Attendant Nani Reina at the Pueblo Grande Museum and Archaeological Park's 44th annual Indian Art Market. Photo courtesy of Miss Salt River Committee.



Salt River Royalty join in a traditional O'odham social dance. Photo courtesy of Miss Salt River Committee.

For the performance portion of the event, SRPMIC Vice-President Ricardo Leonard and his son Bowie Leonard were invited to sing.

On Saturday, Royalty performed traditional O'odham dances, which included the swing dance with their mock sticks and three social dances where everyone was encouraged to join in. Jacob Butler, who was holding art demonstrations at the event, helped to lead the social dances.

On Sunday, Royalty members performed five bird dances to demonstrate the style of a Piipaash dance.

"We asked Lynwood Vest and his grandson Cameron Ramirez to come

out and sing the Piipaash songs for us to dance to. It was important for us to showcase a little of both cultures with everyone, and we were lucky to have support from a few of our Community's singers so we could do so," said Miss Salt River Committee Chairwoman Martha Martinez.

"We do our best to represent the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community and try to make the most out of our in-person events since we're still in a pandemic. We want everyone to be safe while attending events such as this, as I know many of us really enjoy and miss meeting people."



SRPMIC Drive-Thru & Holiday Lights Extravaganza

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The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community held its annual Christmas celebration on Saturday, December 11 at the Salt River Community Building parking lot. The event featured a drive-thru light show, holiday treats and more. Cars started lining up at 3:30 p.m. for the drive-thru; by start time at 6 p.m. cars were lined up on the southbound lane of Longmore Road and turning from Thomas Road, where the line stopped at the corner of Dobson Road and Thomas Road.

Santa announced over the radio that the event was starting and welcomed everyone to the Community Christmas Drive-Thru & Holiday Lights Extravaganza. The "The 12 Elves of Christmas" story was presented in the light show.

Families received bags of Christmas cookies, hot chocolate mix and candy canes for two, and children received stockings filled with candy and a toy.

Prior to the event earlier that day, 25 families who had won a private meet-and-greet were able to come out and take family photos with Santa.

For information on upcoming events, visit the SRPMIC Facebook page at www.facebook.com/SRPMIC.



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Christmas Angel Program Brings Holiday Cheer to SRPMIC Children

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From November 30 to December 6, After 10 years, the Christmas Angel program hosted by the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community's Social Services Department has grown significantly, bringing Christmas cheer to the homes of hundreds of families in need.

After receiving applications for 472 children for the Christmas Angel program this year, they ended up providing Christmas gifts to 515 kids, explained Senior Behavioral Health Counselor Annamari Hogan.

People can apply for the program starting in October, and the deadline to turn in applications is usually mid-November. After all applications are received, the staff and volunteers begin to assign the applicants to sponsors or donors who will provide gifts to the child or family. To aid in supplying appropriate gifts, the sponsor receives information about the child, such as their age, gender, needs and wants, clothing size and shoe size.

Families who missed the application deadline are welcome to sign up for a shopping day, a day when they can come to the Social Services office and shop through the donated gifts. This year the SRPMIC Education Department and Honor Health-Via Linda Behavioral Health Campus donated a selection of gifts for families in need.

"We have had other donors who have donated thousands of dollars just to support the program, and in addition the Human Resources Department holds a Battle of the Bosses each year at the SRPMIC Employee Luncheon. This is where employees make donations to get their director, manager or supervisor to participate in a lip sync battle, and that raises a few thousand dollars each year," said Hogan. "Between all of those sponsors that's how we're able to fund the support of 515 children." Unfortunately, every year it seems like there are more families in need. "This is the biggest year we've ever had, and every year we get bigger and bigger."

As for sponsorships, there was significant support from SRPMIC employees, Casino Arizona, Health and Human Services, the Salt River Police Department, the SRPMIC Department of Corrections and others (see sidebar).

The Christmas Angel program also has many volunteers; for instance, this year Lawrence Conger from Salt River Housing volunteered to take on the role



The Christmas Angel Program was a huge success, providing over 500 children with gifts. Photo courtesy of Senior Behavioral Health Counselor Annamari Hogan



Santa Claus helps deliver toys to the families alongside Christmas Angel Program volunteers. Photo courtesy of Senior Behavioral Health Counselor Annamari Hogan

of Santa Claus. "Santa" helped distribute the gifts to the families and brought extra joy to the families who picked up their gifts.

"Thank you to everyone who sponsored and supported the program. We absolutely could not do it without the support of all of our sponsors and donors," said Hogan. "Thank you to the volunteers helping the program, staff from Social Services, Health and Human Services, Education, Human Resources and the SRPD. They helped with distribution, shopping and processing applications. It was a huge operation this year, and we could not have done it without their help."

The donations are much appreciated.



Christmas Angel Program volunteers shop for the children and families who applied for the program. Photo courtesy of Senior Behavioral Health Counselor Annamari Hogan

The Christmas Angel program organizers receive lots of messages, such as this one from a parent:

"Thank you so much! We are so overwhelmed with gratitude. Seriously, thank you guys so much. I honestly wasn't sure how we were going to be able to give the kids a Christmas this year."

"We get messages like that, people who want to thank their sponsors," Hogan said. "It's so amazing to hear from families who are in need and are able to help provide a really nice Christmas for their children from this program."

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AROUND THE COMMUNITY



Community artists gathered on Friday, December 10 in the parking lot of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community's Cultural Resources Department to sell traditional O'odham and Piipaash artwork to customers looking for unique holiday gifts for their family and friends. This one-day sale included pottery, shellwork, rattles and more. For more events offered by the Cultural Resources Department, visit www.facebook.com/saltrivercrd or www.instagram.com/saltrivercrd/. Tasha Silverhorn, O'odham Action News.

Advocacy Corner:
Need Advocacy Services Here's Who to Call

The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community has a number of victim advocates to help support victims of crimes, offering emotional support, victims' rights information, help finding resources and assistance in filling out crime victim forms. There are a number of victim advocates that help those in need of support these advocates frequently help accompany victims and their families through the criminal justice proceedings. These advocates include The Prosecutors Office (TPO) victim advocate, Behavioral Health Services (BHS) domestic violence victim advocate, Family Advocacy Center (FAC) victim advocate and FAC trauma therapist. The advocates work with other SRPMIC departments such as the Salt River Tribal Court, Social Services, Behavioral Health Services, Family Advocacy Center and more; to help victims get help and information. Below is a list of each of the advocates, the services they offer victims and their contact information.

FAC Trauma Therapist

- Work with child victims (abuse & neglect) and adult victims (sexual assault & strangulation)
- Conduct on-site mental health check-ins after forensic interviews for children & adults
- Provide short-term therapy through interactive activities in a safe environment
- Support caregivers through trauma education and therapy with child
- Professionally trained in trauma therapy and stabilization from traumatic event. Specialization in TF-CBT and EMDR
- Collaborate with Victim Advocates and other helping professionals
- Guide referrals to other programs, if needed.
- Participates in community outreach (trauma education)



FAC Arlena Moreno
Trauma Therapist
Assistant (Family
Advocacy Center).



FAC Durina Keyonnie
Trauma Therapist (Family
Advocacy Center).

For more information contact at
(480) 362-5425

FAC Victim Advocate

- Work with child victims (abuse & neglect) and adult victims (sexual assault & strangulation)
- Assists in crisis intervention/emotional support and safety planning
- Support & accompany victims through Forensic Interview process
- Provide information on criminal justice process & walk thru obtaining Orders of Protections
- Serves as liaison between victim, prosecution and other service agencies during investigation
- Support to attend Medical Forensic Exams
- Short-term emergency shelter or hotel placement, referral and financial support
- Assistance with Crime Victims Compensation application
- Crime Prevention education
- Offers resources/referrals for housing, education assistance, child care, funeral/memorial arrangements, creditor's interventions, landlord's intervention, employer's intervention, etc.
- Educates on legal rights and protections
- Assist with victim statements to the court
- Assistance in navigating the medical systems



FAC Mannalle Davis
Victim Advocate Case
Manager (Family
Advocacy Center).



FAC Amanda Mitchell
Victim Advocate (Family
Advocacy Center).

For more information contact at
(480) 362-5425

TPO Victim Advocate

- Victim Contact in person, by phone, or by letter mailed to the victim
- Notification of Court Date Hearings, such as Arraignment Hearings, Pre Trial Hearings, Jury Trial Hearings, Parole Hearings, Motion Hearings, Restitution Hearings, and other hearings
- Restitution – helping victims gather documents and complete required court paperwork
- Restraining Orders
- Orders of Protection
- One-on-one meetings for preparation for trial, and other needs.
- Courtroom support for victims



TPO Pauline Smith Victim
Advocate (Prosecutor's
Department).

For more information contact at
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Omicron Variant: What You Need to Know

CDC is working with state and local public health officials to monitor the spread of Omicron. As of December 20, 2021, Omicron has been detected in most states and territories and is rapidly increasing the proportion of COVID-19 cases it is causing.

Spread

The Omicron variant likely will spread more easily than the original SARS-CoV-2 virus and how easily Omicron spreads compared to Delta remains unknown. CDC expects that anyone with Omicron infection can spread the virus to others, even if they are vaccinated or don't have symptoms.

Severe Illness

More data are needed to know if Omicron infections, and especially reinfections and breakthrough infections in people who are fully vaccinated, cause more severe illness or death than infection with other variants.

Vaccines

Current vaccines are expected to protect against severe illness, hospitalizations, and deaths due to infection with the Omicron variant. However, breakthrough infections in people who are fully vaccinated are likely to occur. With other variants, like Delta, vaccines have remained effective at preventing severe illness, hospitalizations, and death. The recent emergence of Omicron further emphasizes the importance of vaccination and boosters.

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Vaccines

Vaccines remain the best public health measure to protect people from COVID-19, slow transmission, and reduce the likelihood of new variants emerging.

- * COVID-19 vaccines are highly effective at preventing severe illness, hospitalizations, and death.
- * Scientists are currently investigating Omicron, including how protected fully vaccinated people will be against infection, hospitalization, and death.
- * CDC recommends that everyone 5 years and older protect themselves from COVID-19 by getting fully vaccinated.
- * CDC recommends that everyone ages 18 years and older should get a booster shot at least two months after their initial J&J/ Janssen vaccine or six months after completing their primary COVID-19 vaccination series of Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna.

Masks

- Masks offer protection against all variants.
- * CDC continues to recommend wearing a mask in public indoor settings in areas of substantial or high community transmission, regardless of vaccination status.

Source: www.cdc.gov

Salt River Royalty Teaches 'Jingle Bells' in O'odham to Quail Group



Jr. Miss Salt River First Attendant Raina Cisneros and Miss Salt River Sistine Lewis teach 'Jingle Bells' to the Quail Group. Photo courtesy of Youth Development Specialist Christen Lopez.

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On December 8, Miss Salt River Sistine Lewis and Jr. Miss Salt River First Attendant Raina Cisneros taught the holiday classic song "Jingle Bells" in O'odham to the Quail Group, a co-ed group of second- and third-graders who are part of Youth Services' After School Program.

"It was so fun hearing you all sing with us!" Lewis and Cisneros posted on the Miss Salt River Committee Instagram page.

Youth Development Specialist Christy Lopez reached out to Salt River Royalty because they are great role models for the youth.

"The pageant committee was quick to respond to let me know that the girls would love to meet [the Quail Group]. I asked if Miss Salt River could teach the group a song in O'odham," said Lopez.

"Our group has been learning O'odham vocabulary

words and phrases, but we haven't sung a song yet, so this was our first time as a group."

Lewis and Cisneros provided the group with holiday bells and written music sheets to use.

The kids said they enjoyed the girls' visit because they had never sung that song before in O'odham. One child said they liked the teddy bear and jingle bells that the girls gave to all the members of the Quail Group, and another was excited because Miss Salt River came to her class at Salt River Elementary School the week before.

The Quail Group has been working hard to learn the O'odham language, and every week the group meets with a language specialist in the Community, Isaac Lopez.

"We were fortunate to have Jessica Ruiz from the Salt River pageant committee also share some traditional knowledge with the kids that day, as she helped the kids and myself with pronunciation," said Lopez.

Opening in 2022

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The River People Health Center has been a long-term goal of our Community. This new Health Center will welcome patients in 2022. This beautiful new Health Center is the result of the leadership and tenacity of our Councils for more than 20 years.

Thank you to our frontline and administrative staff. We are fortunate to have these dedicated professionals who will continue to provide quality care that is compassionate and culturally respectful to all Native peoples.

MARTIN HARVIER
President SRPMIC



River People Health Center

Attendance Incentive Program Aims to End Absenteeism in Schools

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The new Attendance Incentive Program from School & Community Relations (SCR) at Salt River Schools is now in effect to help increase attendance rates of Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community students in outside school districts, such as Mesa Public Schools.

SRPMIC-enrolled students in grades K-12 who attend any public or charter school are eligible for the incentive if they have no more than two excused absences (full day) for elementary students or no more than 14 excused period absences for middle and high school students.

Attendance will be checked and rewards for a free personal pizza from Peter Piper Pizza and 100 free Fun Pass tickets will be distributed at the end of each month. Students will be recognized at the Salt River Schools Education Board meeting.

For the month of November, 291 SRPMIC students met the incentive criteria.

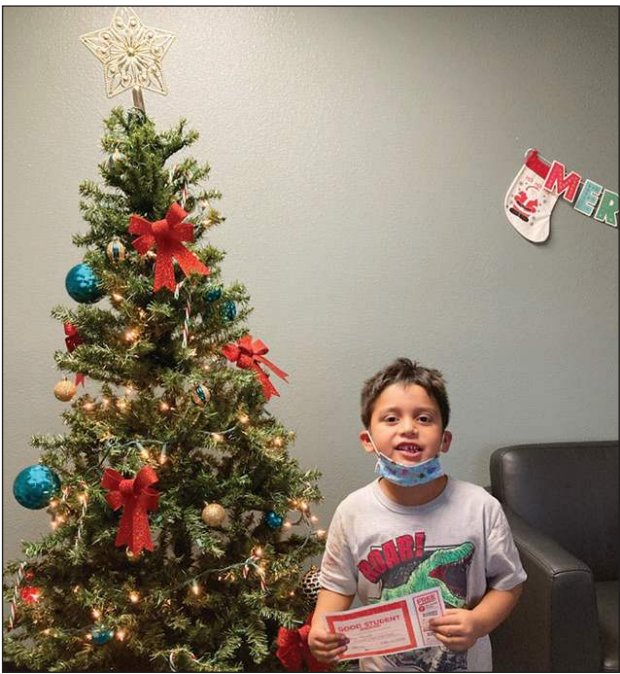
According to www.AttendanceWorks.org, absenteeism in the first month of school can predict poor attendance throughout the school year. Half the students who miss two to four days in September go on to miss nearly a month of school for that year.

Many schools in surrounding districts are experiencing truancy and attendance concerns. With more than 1,000 SRPMIC students enrolled in outside school districts, figuring out ways to improve attendance rates is a priority.

“Many Community leaders have had concerns about student attendance over the years, and as the pandemic continues, it has become a greater priority for the Salt River Schools Education Board,” said Dr. Vicky Corlett, interim acting superintendent.

Truancy was an ongoing concern even prior to the pandemic. And when schools began to slowly reopen for in-person learning, students had a difficult time with the transition.

“In addition to COVID-19 anxiety, many students have struggled to keep up academically due to several factors, including difficulties with distance learn-



Students like Eli Ruiz Whittier (left) and Makayla, Alecia and Emily Montano Whitman (right) received a gift certificate to Peter Piper Pizza as part of a brand new incentive program to increase and reward good attendance for SRPMIC-enrolled youth who attend public or charter schools in grades K-12.
Photo courtesy of Salt River Schools



ing, navigating technical issues, and trying to recall concepts learned during the 2020 school year,” said Miranda Johnson-Moya, M.Ed., MPH, SCR program manager.

“Also, limited face-to-face interactions in the beginning of the pandemic inevitably led to some students disengaging with school, and that has carried over into this new school year.”

For several years, SCR has hosted the Student Store quarterly to reward students for good attendance. They will continue to offer that program, as there are bigger rewards for SRPMIC-enrolled students attending a public or charter school. For this program, students can have no more than three excused absences and/or no more than three days tardy for the quarter.

Additionally, SCR employs education behavioral health counselors who meet with students in need of additional academic support. They assist parents/guardians with scheduling school meetings to address

academic and attendance concerns, and they help families develop academic plans.

Per the Community Truancy Ordinance, it is unlawful for any child between 5 and 18 years old who resides within the Community to have excessive absences; this happens when the number of absent days exceeds 10% of the total school days in a semester. The mandatory fine for the first finding of a truancy violation is \$1,000, the second violation is \$2,500, and the third violation is \$5,000.

The Attendance Hotline at (480) 362-2052 is a new way to address truancy and assist with school attendance. The SCR has received reports that school-age children are walking around the Community when school is in session, and the hotline can be used to report these types of situations anonymously.

For more information on the program, visit www.SaltRiverSchools.org or call (480) 362-2534.

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New Utilities and Roads Building and SRPMIC Storage Space to Open Soon



The new 12,000 square ft. SRPMIC storage building that will begin operation in February.

BY CHRIS PICCIUOLO
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In March, the Salt River Pima-Mari-copa Indian Community's Public Works Department will begin operating a new hub for its Utilities and Roads Division off Osborn Road and 92nd Street.

The new Utilities and Roads building will be divided into two sections: storage for street signs and equipment, and an office space for about 60 to 65 employees, who include floor managers, supervisors, engineers, project managers and field staff.

Within the complex will also be a new 12,000-square-foot storage building for SRPMIC departments to store their legal documents, files, decorations and other items. This will replace the current space at the Pima Center on Via de Ventura and 90th Street, which is a leased space that the Community does not own. The SRPMIC Storage Facility will begin operation in February.

"We now have a facility that the Community owns and can expand, because there is no room for expansion at the other facilities," said Senior Facilities Manager Jeffrey Littrell.

The Community departments were running out of space at the Pima Center storage facility, so four to five years ago, former Public Works Director Kirk Beaty suggested adding another building to solve the problem.

"We immediately started talking about a metal building because of cost efficiency, expansion and utility. You can tear out the entire inside and rebuild if you want to. It made a lot of sense for the Community to build its own storage," said Assistant Public Works Director Mike Byrd.

The Community has the ability to expand the SRPMIC Storage Facility another 12,000 square feet 20 to 30

years down the road if needed, using additional space directly behind the current building.

Between the two buildings will be a new chemical storage station for the crews that do roadside landscaping and irrigation ditch maintenance. These crews use herbicide to help with weed control.

"It is a dangerous chemical, and used improperly it is harmful to your health. We're always trying to improve safety for that staff; that's what that building is for, so they never come close to touching the chemicals. You go up, there is a panel and you can punch in how much of the chemical you need based on the size of the tank you're using. It will meter it out for you, and you stick the nozzle in the tank and fill it up. It's a nice automated system that protects the employee and the chemicals."

Next to that station will be a place for street sweepers who pick up debris and hazardous chemicals on roads to have a proper disposal space to let the materials dry before moving them elsewhere.

There will also be a new water "gooseneck" hose filling station for trucks that spray water on dirt roads and construction sites. This replaces the current usage of fire hydrants. The gooseneck hose allows the water to fill up straight into the tank, eliminating the job of cranking open and closing fire hydrants.

In the middle of the new facility will be shade parking for certain vehicles, such as asphalt patching trucks that carry certain tools that can benefit from the shade, on especially hot, sunny days. There will also be a large parking lot for other Public Works vehicles.

Much of the work, including the metal studs, drywall, paint and tile flooring in the facilities, was done by Community employees.



SRPMIC Community Manager and ACMs take a tour of the storage space site of the new Utilities and Roads building.



Senior Facilities Manager Jeff Littrell and Assistant Public Works Director Mike Byrd give a tour of the new chemical storage station and the street sweeper disposal space at the new Public Works/Storage complex.

Salt River Fire Department FIREFIGHTER SPOTLIGHT

Anthony Garcia

Firefighter/Paramedic

Apparatus # - L293

Station 293

6 years of service with Salt River

What is your educational background?

I attended Westwood High School, class of 2006, and attended classes at Mesa Community College. I also went to Paradise Valley Community College for 12 months to obtain my Paramedic Degree.

Where are you from?

I grew up in Mesa, Arizona and I currently live in Gilbert.

What made you want to become a firefighter?

It all started when I joined the Salt River Fire Department Explorer program way back in 2003. Chief Daryl Dash, DC Randy Villa, and Retired DC Kevin Makil were my mentors while I was in the Explorer Program. They influenced me to become a firefighter for Salt River.

What's the most rewarding part about being a firefighter with the Salt River Fire Department?

It is very rewarding being able to help people in their time of need and meeting new people. I also look forward to new experiences every day because every day is something new.



Besides firefighting, what are some of your other passions?

I spend most of my time with family and kids. We enjoy family time like riding bikes, playing games and going to parks. I do enjoy working on projects around the house and golfing whenever I get a chance.

Special Domestic Violence Criminal Jurisdiction Proposed Amendments to the Salt River Code of Ordinances

90-Day Comment Period, November 3, 2021 – January 26, 2022

Summary of Proposed Amendments to the Salt River Code of Ordinances – The proposed amendments would enable the Community to implement special domestic violence criminal jurisdiction, which would allow the Community to prosecute non-Native American offenders for crimes involving domestic violence and violation of a protection order when the victim is Native American and the defendant has sufficient ties to the Community. Sufficient ties to the Community could be either (1) resides within the Community, (2) employed within the Community, or (3) in a relationship with a Community member or Indian resident. The proposed changes are required by federal law in order to prosecute non-Native American offenders for these crimes. The proposed code changes are:

- Ordinance 4-31(a)(3): Require appointment of a licensed judge to preside over all cases in which any defendant is charged with at least one Class A Offense, in all cases in which the maximum punishment could exceed one year of incarceration, and in all cases in which a defendant is charged with domestic violence, special domestic violence or violation of an order of protection.
- Ordinance 5-35(d)(1) & 5-35(d)(2): Creates a new jury pool that would apply only in cases in which a non-Indian defendant is charged with special domestic violence (domestic violence, aggravated domestic violence or violation of a protective order). This jury pool would be comprised of adult Community Members, as well as adult employees of the Community (includes non-Indians and enrolled tribal members from other native communities). The jury pool

for all remaining cases would remain unchanged, and would be comprised only of adult Community Members.

- Rule of Criminal Procedure 6: Ensures that a licensed defense attorney would be appointed to represent every defendant charged with domestic violence, special domestic violence or a violation of an order of protection.
- Rule of Criminal Procedure 17.1: Technical amendment that references 5-35. Anytime an amendment to the numbering in 5-35 is enacted, Rule 17.1 also needs to be amended so that the reference is accurate.
- Ordinance 10-258: Creates the offense of Special Domestic Violence Criminal Jurisdiction so the Community can assert criminal jurisdiction over non-Indian offenders who commit crimes of domestic violence and violations of orders of protection that occur within the Community boundaries, so long as certain legal criteria are met.

These proposed ordinance changes are open for public comment from November 3, 2021 until January 26, 2022, and will be discussed at Council District Meetings throughout November and December of 2021 and January of 2022. The proposed code amendments can be located 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 or (480) 362-5409. All comments will be presented to Council at the end of the public comment period.



DAY WORK IS ACCEPTING NEW PARTICIPANTS

ELIGIBILITY:

- Enrolled SRPMIC member
- 18 years of age or older
- Provide proof of covid vaccination

To Complete:

- Complete interest form
- Watch orientation
- Complete on-boarding documents
- Successfully passed a drug test



CONTACT US:

 **Day Work Program Number:**
480 362 7907

 **Two Waters Building B**
10005 E Osborn Road
Scottsdale, Arizona, 85256
Monday - Friday 8 AM - 5 PM



Talking Stick Entertainment District FUN FACT

The Science of Ripley's Believe It or Not: For a limited time through President's Day, Feb. 21, a special exhibition titled Lincoln: Assassination and Honor features a collection of authentic and verified artifacts related to President Lincoln's life and death. The exhibit is free with paid admission. For more information see: <https://www.ripleysaz.com/>

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

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



NON-LEASE UNCLAIMED PROPERTY LIST

1. Monetary Property

Pursuant to SRO-503-2019, the Finance Department is required to publish a periodic list of individuals for which the Community has unclaimed property. Please note, due to the nature of the property, lease property is handled differently than non-lease property. Please see below for detailed lists and instructions.

Below is the most recent list of NON-LEASE property:

SRPMIC Unclaimed Non-Lease Property List as of 12/15/2021 (see link below)
<https://www.srpmic-nsn.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/FIN-Unclaimed-NON-LeasePropertyList.pdf>

To claim unclaimed property (lease and/or non-lease), begin by completing this form and following the directions therein:

Claim for Unclaimed Property (see link below):

<https://www.srpmic-nsn.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/FIN-2021-UnclaimedPropertyClaimForm.pdf>

For further questions, please contact the Community Unclaimed Property Division at (480) 362-7225. Or visit <https://www.srpmic-nsn.gov/government/finance/#FinanceUnclaimedProperty>

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	Property ID	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	Property ID
HOWARD	Ashley M	052493A	RINCON	Daniel	088891D
HOWARD	Leatrice	084466L	RIVERS	Zack	044836Z
HOWARD	Nadine	036825N	ROBERTS	Mervin Lee	081728M
HUNT	Wendell T	0WE	ROBINSON	Christopher	0C
JACKSON	Anne	032361A	RODRIGUEZ	Jesse	072052J
JACKSON	Bionca Lynn	031234B	RODRIGUEZ	Obed	016927O
JEFFERSON	Joyce Ann	046006J	ROGERS	John N	053698J
JOAQUIN	Kali Tyanna Sheri	066851K	ROMERO	Candace Marie	092474C
JOHNSON	Briah	058068B	ROMO	Emmaleigh	76424E
JOHNSON	Lauretta F	040711L	ROMO	Frank	076374F
JOHNSON	Seneca	074274S	ROY	Rousseau A	013028R
JOHNSON	Teya	071550T	SALAZAR	Miranda T	018765M
JOHNSON JR	Lawaun Gregory	011075L	SALSTROM	Jennifer June	032847J
JOSE	Alonzo	0A	SAMPSON	Tammy L	034878T
JTASZAK	Leon	0L	SAMPSON III	Willard Gordon	035480W
JUAN	Margo Doris	077218M	SANTO	Rosie	013476R
JUDGE	Janice	064849J	SAWYER	Daja Rose	074201D
KAUAKAHI	Lorinda	068476L	SCABBY	Adrienne	069223A
KAYE	Nancy A	015594N	SCABBY	Ida R	095243I
KELLY	Daniel A	015678D	SCHURZ	Collette J	036654C
KELLY	Delores Ann	004291D	SCHURZ	Jeremy	035942J
KING	Denes P	076946D	SCHURZ	Melanie Kay	091668M
KING	Germaine D	012995G	SCHURZ	Royal A	042237R
LANDIS	Michael J	018481M	SECRET	Wilfred Joseph	0W
LEWIS	Glenford John	089153G	SELESTEWA	Brandall	044603B
LEWIS	Marc T	094630M	SEOTA	Luke M	026847L
LEWIS JR	David Frank	085157D	SEPULVEDA	Heaven L	074672S
LEWIS JR	Roy J	094963R	SHAW	Louise A	013188L
LOPEZ	Loren	002285L	SHAW	So;Am Judum Josiah	050997S
LOPEZ JR	David	077561D	SIMONS	Jenifer R	032664J
LOVELACE	Roselene J	068446R	SMITH	Eliza	60068E
MACKETT	Clinton	063298C	SMITH	Kristen C	068426K
MAHLE	Bernadine	086872B	SMITH	Michael James	054932M
MANUEL	Cassandra	046574C	SMITH	Phoebe A	039043P
MANUEL	Charline	039677C	STACEY	Ernie G	010713E
MANUEL	Gloria Teresa	036357G	STANLEY	Roberta G	089642R
MANUEL	Patricia Elaine	025108P	STIFANOS	Esther H	053194E
MANUEL SR	Estate Of Sterling	049325E	STRONG	Danielle	063307D
MARQUEZ	Gwendolyn lone	027248G	TAYLOR	Delores	082195D
MARTIN	Gregory	0G	THOMAS	Laverne G	056781L
MARTINEZ	Jessica F	075257J	THOMAS	Leigh	52755L
MARTINEZ	Rayleen	76416R	THOMAS	Melvin	079036M
MARTINEZ JR	Hector Lorenzo	051457H	VALENCIA	Virginia	005703V
MATA	Jo Ann	091140J	VALENZUELA	Raquel M	096775R
MILES	Barbara J	062445B	VASQUEZ	Kyle	012575K
MILES	Warren Gail	084379W	VASQUEZ-KOORY	Lupe	014955L
MILLER	Donna Jean	057616D	VAVAGES	Kamea	76436K
MONGE	Valentino Noriega	098562V	VEST	Edmund Devin	089580E
MONTANO JR	Kelvin Lee	015113K	VEST	Theodore S	029163T
MONTIEL-GARCIA	Yocoyani Deandre	072502Y	VICTORIAN	Anita F	032417A
MORATAYA	Maria M	002470M	VUYK	Samantha	60029S
NORRIS	Marcus	090530M	WASHINGTON	Freida M	031892F
OCHOA	Myrtle	010297M	WATERS	Dale K	065080D
OCHOA	Rhea Ann	070056R	WATEUMA	Bert	006180B
OLMEDO	Gaetano Armando	010074G	WATSON	Delano	055211D
OSIFE	Serena Sky	069109S	WELLINGTON	Joseph Joshua	040515J
OSIFE JR	Dushane Lloyd	056691D	WELLINGTON	Norman A.	095963N
PACHECO	April Faith	053879A	WESLEY	Caroline S	037564C
PARCHCORN	Christina R	085814C	WILLEFORD	Jacob Myles	096372J
PATRICK	Beldon J	057714B	WILSON	Margot J	066928M
PEMBER	Joseph R	091014J	WYRICK	Charles Edward	038983C
PERKINS	Tranety	048012T	YOYETEWA	Cassandra M	062559C
PETE	Karen	52725K	ZEPEDA	George R	064308G
PUGGIE	Grace	094218G			
RAMIREZ	Samuel Moises Little Mark	013141S			
RAMIREZ	Yvette	013541Y			
RAY	Angela J	057802A			
RAY JR	Jonah F	023762J			

Public Comments on Proposed Amendments to Chapter 10 Child Support Ordinance

Comment Period: December 8, 2021 – February 7, 2022

On Wednesday, December 8, 2021, the SRPMIC Council authorized a 60 day public comment period for the proposed amendments to the Community’s Chapter 10 Child Support Ordinance.

This proposed ordinance would affect the Community government and enterprises. Under Federal law, the Community (and all states and tribes) are required to enforce child support orders (garnishments, etc.) of another state or tribal government. The public policy is so that parents who owe child support don’t “hide or avoid paying child support” because of jurisdictional hurdles.

The proposed ordinance would memorialize how the Community government and enterprises are already administering child support orders and garnishments for their employees, and Community members. The ordinance provides an affirmative statement that the Community follows required federal law.

Please submit all comments in writing either to the Community’s intranet “Ordinance Public Comment” page, standard mail or email to OrdPublicComment@srpmic-nsn.gov.

SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY
10005 East Osborn Road
Scottsdale, Arizona 85256

ORDINANCE NUMBER: SRO ____-2022

AN ORDINANCE ENACTING A PROVISION OF LAW THAT WOULD MEMORIALIZE THAT THE COMMUNITY COMPLIES WITH REQUIRED FEDERAL LAW PERTAINING TO FULL FAITH AND CREDIT OF CHILD SUPPORT ORDERS.

BE IT ENACTED THAT:

Section 10-50 of the SRPMIC Code of Ordinances is amended by adding a new definition, and by enacting a new provision of law, Section 10-50.1.

Sec. 10-50. Definitions

Full, Faith and Credit means a child support order from any lawful jurisdiction which shall have the same faith, credit, conclusive effect and obligatory force in the Community as it would in the jurisdiction from which it originated.

Sec. 10-50.1. Full Faith and Credit of Child Support Orders

The Community, and its enterprises, are required by 28 USC § 1738B, the Full Faith and Credit for Child Support Orders Act (“the Act”) to enforce a child support order that complies with the Act, including orders that come from another state or tribal jurisdiction, without requiring comity or domestication of such order. Any modification to such orders by the Community Court must be consistent with (e), (f) and (i) of the Act.

LEGAL NOTICES

JUVENILE COURT JURISDICTION

SALT RIVER PIMA MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT

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ANTONE, Jordan James - Review Hearing Case: J-21-0089/0090 Court Date: January 31, 2022 at 10 a.m.

BAPTISTO, Nathaniel Allen – Review/ Permanency Hearing Case: J-13-0087 Court Date: January 11, 2022 at 11 a.m.

BECHERRA, Oscar Garcia – Review/ Permanency Hearings Case: J-15-0043/J-21-0070 Court Date: January 20, 2022 at 9 a.m.

BENITEZ, Elia Leann Victoria - Review Hearing Case: J-15-0174 Court Date: January 20, 2022 at 10 a.m.

BURKE, Brandee Lyn – Review/ Initial Child Support Hearings Case: J-19-0007 / J-21-0063 Court Date: January 26, 2022 at 2 p.m.

BURKE JR., Veronica Jean - Exceptional Care Hearing Case: J-18-0054 Court Date: March 7, 2022 at 11 a.m.

BURNS, Christine Ann - Permanency Hearing Case: J-21-0054/0055 Court Date: January 12, 2022 at 3 p.m.

BURNS, Christine Ann - Review Hearing Case: J-21-0054/0055 Court Date: March 10, 2022 at 9 a.m.

CHIAGO SR., Vincent Vernon Lee – Review/Permanency Hearings Case: J-16-0173 Court Date: January 25, 2022 at 11 a.m.

DANIEL, Robert - Initial Paternity Hearing Case: J-21-0129 Court Date: February 14, 2022 at 11 a.m.

ENOS, Rochelle Michelle - Review Hearing Case: J-17-0039 Court Date: February 7, 2022 at 9 a.m.

GALEANA, Uriel - Permanency Hearing Case: J-18-0092 Court Date: February 10, 2022 at 11 a.m.

GUTIERREZ, Tony Ulyese Hillian - Review Hearing Case: J-12-0161 Court Date: January 11, 2022 at 9 a.m.

HOWARD, Mirissa Cheri - Review Hearing Case: J-18-0169 Court Date: February 24, 2022 at 11 a.m.

JIMERSON, Felicia Kim - Initial Paternity Hearing Case: J-21-0129 Court Date: February 14, 2022 at 11 a.m.

JIMERSON, Felicia Kim - Status Hearing Case: J-21-0111 Court Date: February 1, 2022 at 10 a.m.

JOHNSON SR., Tyson Delroy - Review Hearing Case: J-11-0174 Court Date: January 19, 2022 at 10 a.m.

LEWIS, Julia Alicia – Initial Permanency Disposition Hearing and Review Hearing Case: J-20-0136/0137 Court Date: January 10, 2022 at 9 a.m.

LEWIS, Julia Alicia – Review/ OTSC Case: J-20-0136/J-20-0137/J-20-0138 Court Date: January 10, 2022 at 9 a.m.

LOMAYAKTEWA, Gashomnim Kokomo - Adjudication Hearing Case: J-21-0125/J-21-0130 Court Date: February 17, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.

LOPEZ, Alejandra Gail - Permanency Hearing Case: J-21-0053 Court Date: January 12, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.

LOPEZ, Roxanne – Permanency Review Hearing Case: J-17-0156/0157/J-18-0185 Court Date: January 24, 2022 at 9 a.m.

LOPEZ, Alejandra Gail - Review Hearing Case: J-21-0053 Court Date: March 10, 2022 at 9 a.m.

MAEZ, Scotty Joe - Review Hearing Case: J-16-0095 Court Date: January 6, 2022 at 11 a.m.

MANUEL, Morning Star Lorena – Review/Permanency Hearing Case: J-19-0042/0043 Court Date: February 9, 2022 at 11 a.m.

MEZA, Jessie - Adjudication Hearing Case: J-22-0022 Court Date: January 25, 2022 at 1:30 p.m.

OLIVAS, Lindsey Lorraine - Initial Paternity Hearing Case: J-21-0121 Court Date: January 24, 2022 at 11 a.m.

OLIVAS, Victor James- Initial Paternity Hearing Case: J-21-0121 Court Date: January 24, 2022 at 11 a.m.

PACHECO, Carlos Frank – Permanency Review Hearing Case: J-17-0156/0157/J-18-0185 Court Date: January 24, 2022 at 9 a.m.

PERKINS, Landry T. - Evidentiary Guardianship Hearing Case: J-21-0108 Court Date: January 18, 2022 at 1:30 p.m.

SANTO SR., Blaine Gail - Exceptional Care Hearing Case: J-14-0016/0017 Court Date: February 8, 2022 at 10 a.m.

SMITH, Patricia Mildred - Exceptional Care Hearing Case: J-14-0016/0017 Court Date: February 8, 2022 at 10 a.m.

TONEY, Zakirah Char - Review Hearing Case: J-21-0089/0090 Court Date: January 31, 2022 at 10 a.m.

VALENCIA, Alicia Marie – Review/ Permanency Hearings Case: J-16-0173 Court Date: January 25, 2022 at 11 a.m.

VALLES SR., Robert Anthony -

Review Hearing Case: J-15-0174 Court Date: January 20, 2022 at 10 a.m.

VEST, Dwight Edmund - Review Hearing Case: J-19-0147/J-20-0046/0047/0048/J-21-0027 Court Date: January 10, 2022 at 11 a.m.

VEST, Jacob Sean – Review/ Permanency Hearings Case: J-19-0042 / 0043 Court Date: February 9, 2022 at 11 a.m.

VILLEGAS, Pedro - Status Hearing Case: J-21-0111 Court Date: February 1, 2022 at 10 a.m.

WELLINGTON, Rachel Lynn - Review Hearing Case: J-21-0052 Court Date: March 10, 2022 at 9 a.m.

WILLIAMS, Craig Sterling - Review Hearing Case: J-17-0039 Court Date: February 7, 2022 at 9 a.m.

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ANTONE, Byron Cheerless - Initial

Paternity Hearing Case: CF-21-0134 Court Date: February 14, 2022 at 11 a.m.

ANTONE, Jenifer Ann - Default Judgment Hearing Case: C-21-0116 Court Date: February 3, 2022 at 10:30 a.m.

COELHO, Ana Rose - Evidentiary Guardianship Hearing Case: CF-21-0127 Court Date: February 1, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.

DONAHUE, Eloise Susie - Default Judgment Hearing Case: C-21-0075 Court Date: February 10, 2022 at 10 a.m.

HENRY, WILLIAM

- NOTICE OF JUDGMENT AND ORDER OF RESTITUTION: Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community Court, State of Arizona, Maricopa County original jurisdiction court case number C-21-0163. Notice of Judgment and Order of Restitution is hereby given ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that judgment against Respondent, William Henry is hereby ENTERED. It is further, ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that Respondent, William Henry, shall pay \$8,098.26 to Petitioner, Paulette Stephenson. 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).

JUAN, Veronica Raquel - Default Judgment Hearing Case: C-21-0114 Court Date: February 10, 2022 at 10:30 a.m.

LANDIS, Dylan Michael - Probate Hearing Case: P-22-0002 Court Date: February 8, 2022 at 10:30 a.m.

LOVELACE, Ronald Wilson - Annual Review Hearing Case: CF-15-0161 Court Date: February 23, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.

PASQUALE, Jarrell Roland - Evidentiary Guardianship Hearing Case: CF-21-0113 Court Date: January 26, 2022 at 2 p.m.

SCHURZ, Deveny May - Entry of Default Judgement Case: D-21-0017 Court Date: January 10, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.

SCHURZ, JOSEPH

NOTICE OF JUDGMENT AND ORDER OF CHILD SUPPORT:

Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community Court, State of Arizona, Maricopa County original jurisdiction court case number CFCS-21-0027

Notice of Judgment and Order of Child Support is hereby ORDERED AND ADJUDGED and is hereby ENTERED on the 17th day of August, 2021. It is further, ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that Respondent Joseph Schurz shall pay child support in the amount of \$612.73 to Petitioner, Stephanie Manuel. Payment shall be made to Petitioner within thirty (30) days of this Order. Petitioner is granted a judgment of back support in the amount of \$1,688.19 against the Respondent. The Order of support presumptively terminates on May 30, 2023. This order is final for purposes of appeal.

TONEY, Zakirah Char - Review Hearing Case: J-21-0089/0090 Court Date: January 31, 2022 at 10 a.m.

VEST, Jason Duane - Child Support Modification Hearing Case: CFCS-10-0092 Court Date: February 14, 2022 at 9 a.m.

ZOTIGH, Sosha - Order to Show Cause Hearing Case: CF-21-0101 Court Date: January 19, 2022 at 10 a.m.

January 2022 – District Meetings

* All District Meetings are held virtually*

MEETING DATE/TIME	AGENDA	MEETING ENTRY INFO:
CM Enos <u>District A</u> <i>Mon., Jan. 10, 2022</i> <i>5 p.m.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Presentation by Asst. Community Manager Lena JacksonOther items to be added	Website: https://tinyurl.com/mvtfucvz Phone: 480-362-5990 Conference ID: 391250
CM Antone <u>District B</u> <i>Sat. Jan. 15, 2022</i> <i>9 a.m.</i>	<i>Agenda TBD</i>	Website: https://tinyurl.com/bdhue2ps Phone: 480-362-5990 Conference ID: 588922
CM Doka <u>District C</u> <i>Sat., Jan. 8, 2022</i> <i>9 a.m.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Medical Marijuana Proclamation InformationIllegal Dumping presentationTransient informationCommunity Member Comments	Website: https://tinyurl.com/29mrhdjb Phone: 480-362-5990 Conference ID: 792794

CANCELED

CM Grey <u>District D</u> <i>Thurs., Jan. 6, 2022</i> <i>6 p.m.</i>		
CM Largo <u>District E</u> <i>Mon., Jan. 24, 2022</i> <i>5 p.m.</i>	<i>Agenda TBD</i>	Website: https://tinyurl.com/yp222mud Phone: 480-362-5990 Conference ID: 67349
CM Scabby / CM Dallas <u>Lehi District</u> <i>Tues., Jan., 18, 2022</i> <i>5 p.m.</i>	<i>Agenda TBD</i>	Website: https://tinyurl.com/2p8n8ba4 Phone: 480-362-5990 Conference ID: 8145605

January Council Meetings

Council may enter Executive Session as necessary.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS: January 12, 19 & 26

Wednesdays at 10 a.m.

REGULAR SESSIONS: January 12, 19 & 26

Wednesdays at 1 p.m.

WORK SESSIONS: January 6, 13, 20 & 27

Thursdays at 10 a.m.

Questions can be directed to the Council Secretaries Office at (480) 362-7469

TO CONTACT THE COUNCIL MEMBERS:

TO CONTACT PRESIDENT HARVIER OR VICE PRESIDENT LEONARD:

- Erica Harvier at (480) 362-7466
- Elyse Lewis at (480) 362-7464

- Ardell Moore at (480) 362-7465
- Pat Rush at (480) 362-7438

Community Members can view the public Council Meetings at:

www.srpmic-nsn.gov/government/council/councilmeetings/

Community Members can also provide public comments, concerns and/or input by emailing: membercomments@srpmic-nsn.gov

DEFAULT NOTICES

CLAUNCEY FRAGELL ENOS

CERGIO AMAYA ELIAS MORATAYA

SUMMONS

J-22-0001

In the Matter of John Doe (D.O.B.: 03/04/2005)

TO: Clauncey Fragell Enos respondent

Cergio Amaya Elias Morataya

A Petition for Appointment of Guardian of Minor has been filed in this Court in which it is represented that you are the parent or legal guardian of the child(ren) for whom the Petitioner requests guardianship.

Within 30 calendar days after receiving this Summons and the attached Petition for Appointment of Guardian of Minor, you must file a written response with the court.

You must appear for the Initial Guardianship Hearing scheduled 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



DEADLINES for submissions

ISSUE

DEADLINE AT NOON

Jan. 20

Jan. 7

Feb. 3

Jan. 21

Feb. 17

Feb. 4

Mar. 3

Feb. 18

Mar. 17

Mar. 4

Apr. 7

Mar. 18

Apr. 21

Apr. 8

SEND INFORMATION TO DODIE MANUEL at dodie.manuel@srpmic-nsn.gov

For more information please call (480) 362-7750.

'Build Back Arizona' Tour Launches in the Community: Tribal Leaders Highlight Planned Investments from Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

- cally for tribal communities:
- Clean water—Although all SRPMIC homes have access to clean drinking water, some water infrastructure is undersized, decades old and in need of replacement.
 - Broadband coverage—The Community has made it a priority to provide internet access for all members. Funding in this area could help speed up that process.
 - Surface transportation—The SRP-MIC was the first tribal community to receive a \$50 million grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation, for improvements of the Pima Road Corridor. In addition, the Community will benefit by continuing to receive tribal transportation formula funds and other grant-funded opportunities to pave dirt roads and add capacity to the ability to repair existing infrastructure.
 - Public transit and EV charging network—The Community is constantly seeking to improve public transportation for members and is exploring the option of converting the Community’s government fleet to electric vehicles, which would require a series of charging stations.

The Ak-Chin Indian Community has more than 1,000 members and is located 40 miles south from Phoenix.

“President Biden and Congress have finally have delivered on what politicians have promised for generations: true infrastructure investments in Indian country,” said Chairman Miguel. “My tribe, like all my brother and sister tribal leaders in the room, has been forced to address our needs while the BIA construction backlogged list grew to the point where my great-great-grandchildren would have not seen action. We have constantly addressed these challenges ourselves with our own dollars. My community has invested in water systems, detention centers, courts, roads and bridges where our trustees fell short.”

Chairman Miguel outlined that the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law would help the Ak-Chin Community make improvements on outdated canals, water lines and pipes; institute road improvements; and deliver reliable high-speed internet to every household.

“The digital divide has hit Native communities the hardest. Our children have had to apply to college from a McDonalds parking lot because the connectivity to participate in the modern world hasn’t reached our communities,”



Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community President Martin Harvier, Ak-Chin Indian Community Chairman Robert Miguel and Gila River Indian Community Governor Stephen Roe Lewis held a press conference in Bunnyville, located on the Community, to discuss the tribal benefits from President Joe Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act). On November 15, President Biden signed the more than \$1 trillion bill into law.



Governor Stephen Roe Lewis talked about how the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law would help accelerate progress on the Pima Maricopa Project, the construction of their irrigation system.

said Miguel. “That is why the \$65 billion to expand broadband and \$2 billion in dedicated funding for a long-overdue expansion of broadband for Native people is a game-changer. It will allow all of our residents to expand job opportunities and our students to be able to do their homework at night.”

The Gila River Indian Community occupies more than 325,000 acres just south of the SRPMIC. Governor Lewis explained that his community has a continued focus on improving infra-

structure in the areas of broadband, housing, transportation and especially water projects.

“Our large land base means we have vast infrastructure needs, and our needs are diverse. We have hundreds of miles of unpaved roads, a lack of utility infrastructure, and we must modernize our entire wastewater treatment center,” said Lewis.

One of Gila River’s big takeaways from the new law will be to accelerate progress on its Pima Maricopa Project,



Ak-Chin Indian Community Chairman Robert Miguel explained that the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law would help his community make improvements on outdated canals, water lines and pipes; institute road improvements; and deliver reliable high-speed internet to every household.

the construction of their irrigation system. On Gila River Indian Community’s Water Rights Day, Lewis explained that the funds from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law will help in completing the water infrastructure and help Gila River to be good partners with the state, region and federal government as they work together in combating the resurgent drought on the Colorado River and completing the Water Settlement Act.

“The funding will allow us to complete large-scale, long-term water projects while creating jobs for our community. And there is an added benefit to this Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding: The separate funding source means federal funding used to carry out water settlements is sustained at the Department of the Interior, and that funding will be available for an extended period of time to allow the United States to meet its trust responsibility to tribal governments and to tribal nations themselves,” said Lewis. “... [T]he community has other innovative plans in place that will utilize funding from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. We hope to start construction next year on a new water conservation tool, solar-covered canals. This tool will provide power for our irrigation system and will help to conserve water by substantially reducing evaporation in our canal system.”

Visit www.whitehouse.gov/bipartisan-infrastructure-law/ to learn how the \$1 trillion in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law will help all communities in the United States improve their infrastructure.



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Vaccines remain the best public health measure to protect people from COVID-19, slow transmission, and reduce the likelihood of new variants emerging.

COVID-19 vaccines are highly effective at preventing severe illness, hospitalizations, and death.

Source: www.cdc.gov



NOTICE
2022 Agricultural Lease Payment

In compliance with SRPMIC Emergency Declaration Directives for COVID-19, the 2022 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 21, 2022, 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 a.m. to 5 p.m. Arizona time)
The last day for Agricultural Lease Payment updates is December 17, 2021.
Please call as soon as possible.

Pay Card disbursement will be placed onto your SRPMIC Pay Card on Friday, January 21, 2022. 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 17, 2021.

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 21, 2022.

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, 2022.



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

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

★ Online Survey ★
FUTURE OF SRPMIC HOUSING



COMMUNITY MEMBER ONLY SURVEY

Give your input on the future housing in the Community!

Go to: www.srpmic-nsn.gov/housingsurvey



YOUR INPUT IS IMPORTANT

Online Survey Begins: November 15, 2021
Online Survey Closes: January 15, 2022
Community Members Ages 16 & Up
10 Raffle Prizes (iPads, Great Wolf Lodge Stay, and More!)
Raffle winners to be drawn and notified the week of January 17, 2022.

www.srpmic-nsn.gov/housingsurvey

If you have questions or would like to take the survey over the phone, please contact:

Aaron Studebaker 480-362-5719 aaron.studebaker@srpmic-nsn.gov	Heather Swanson 480-362-7233 heather.swanson@srpmic-nsn.gov
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SCAN FOR SURVEY



2022 BULK TRASH SCHEDULE

Please begin placing items at the roadside the week before your scheduled zone pick up date.
If unable to place items by the roadside due to ditch, please call (480) 362-5600.

COLLECTION DAYS

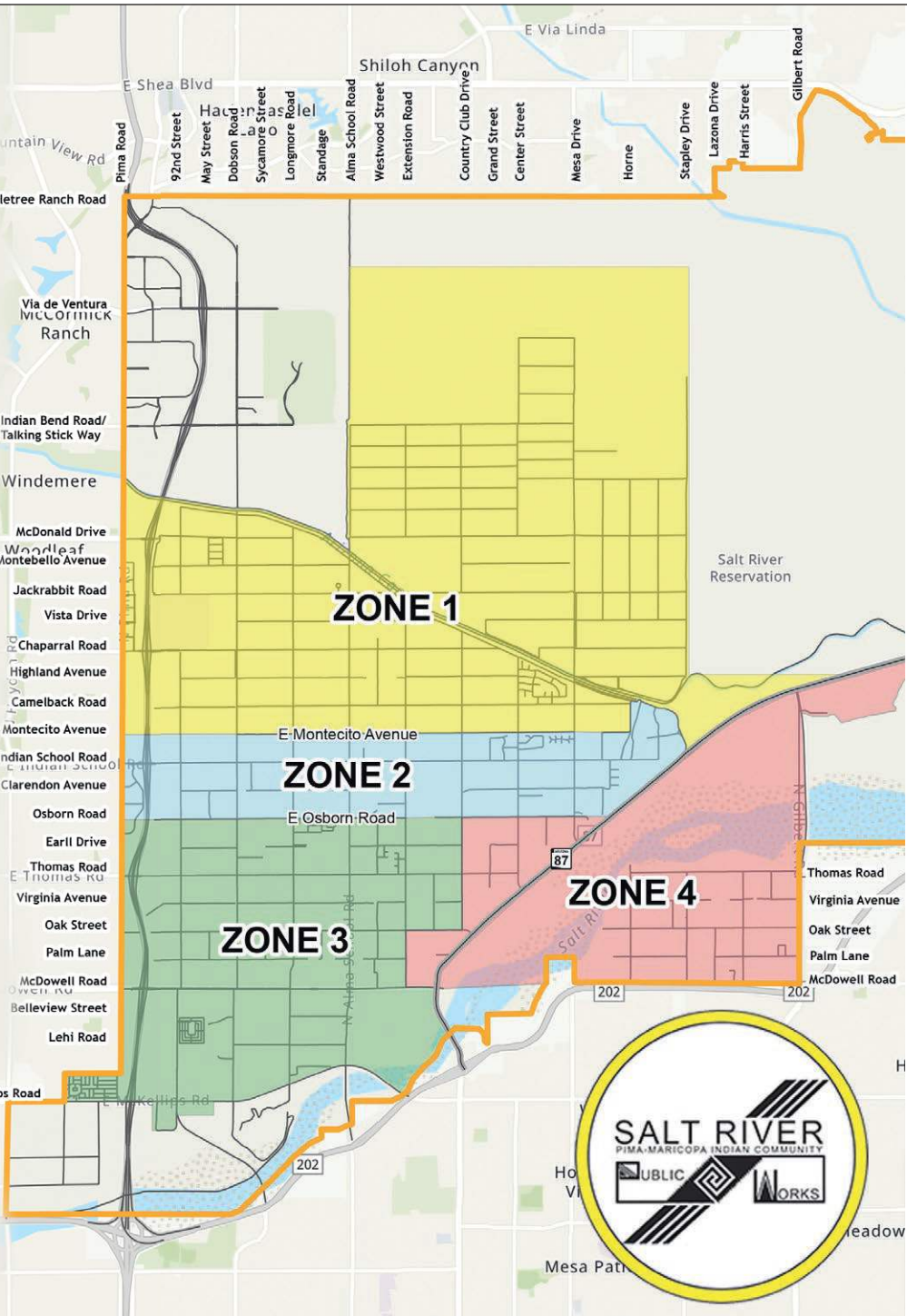
ZONE 1	ZONE 2	ZONE 3	ZONE 4
Monday, Jan. 3, 2022	Monday, Jan. 10, 2022	Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2022	Monday, Jan. 24, 2022
Monday, Feb. 7, 2022	Monday, Feb. 14, 2022	Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2022	Monday, Feb. 28, 2022
Monday, Mar. 7, 2022	Monday, Mar. 14, 2022	Monday, Mar. 21, 2022	Monday, Mar. 28, 2022
Monday, Apr. 4, 2022	Monday, Apr. 11, 2022	Monday, Apr. 18, 2022	Monday, Apr. 25, 2022
Monday, May 2, 2022	Monday, May 9, 2022	Monday, May 16, 2022	Monday, May 23, 2022
Monday, Jun. 6, 2022	Monday, Jun. 13, 2022	Tuesday, Jun. 21, 2022	Monday, Jun. 27, 2022
Tuesday, Jul. 5, 2022	Monday, Jul. 11, 2022	Monday, Jul. 18, 2022	Monday, Jul. 25, 2022
Monday, Aug. 1, 2022	Monday, Aug. 8, 2022	Monday, Aug. 15, 2022	Monday, Aug. 22, 2022
Tuesday, Sept. 6, 2022	Monday, Sept. 12, 2022	Monday, Sept. 19, 2022	Monday, Sept. 26, 2022
Monday, Oct. 3, 2022	Monday, Oct. 10, 2022	Monday, Oct. 17, 2022	Monday, Oct. 24, 2022
Monday, Nov. 7, 2022	Monday, Nov. 14, 2022	Monday, Nov. 21, 2022	Monday, Nov. 28, 2022
Monday, Dec. 5, 2022	Monday, Dec. 12, 2022	Monday, Dec. 19, 2022	Monday, Dec. 26, 2022

REMEMBER TO:

- Remove or secure appliance doors as a safety precaution.
- Cut tree limbs into 3-4 feet sections and stack parallel to roadside.
- Bag and tie all leaves/grass.

DO NOT:

- Place bulk items over cable boxes or near ornamental borders.
- Place items within five feet of parked cars, fences, utility boxes, mailboxes, or other fixed objects.



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

Heavy Equipment Mechanic	01/08/22
Water O&M Technician	01/09/22
Family Relations Associate	01/11/22
Water Distribution Worker I	01/11/22
Police Officer (Recruit)	01/12/22
Community Relations Specialist (Media Relations)	01/14/22
Physical Therapy Technician	01/15/22
Sr. IT Project Manager	01/15/22
Sr. Planner	01/15/22
Multi-Modality Technician	01/17/22
Physical Therapy Assistant (Licensed)	01/20/22
Police Officer (Lateral)	01/20/22

Accountant	Continuous
Behavioral Health Technician	Continuous
Licensed Practical Nurse (Community Health)	Continuous
Lifeguard	Continuous
Medical Support Assistant	Continuous
School Teacher – Gifted	Continuous
Substitute Teacher	Continuous
Youth Development Specialist (Group Home)	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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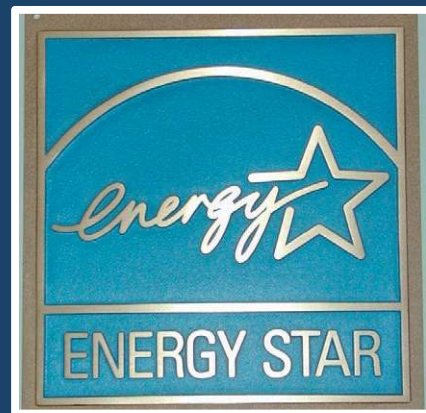
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both divisions of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community

Salt River Materials Group would like to wish you a very Happy and Healthy New Year!

Calendar of Events

NOW THROUGH JANUARY 15, ONLINE FUTURE OF SRPMIC HOUSING SURVEY. Give your input input on the future of housing in the Community. Go to www.srpmic-nsn.gov/housing_survey. See ad on page 22.

NOW THROUGH JANUARY 26, 2022, Special Domestic Violence Criminal Jurisdiction Proposed Amendments to the Salt River Code of Ordinances - Comment Period. See notice on page 17.

NOW THROUGH FEBRUARY 7, 2022, PUBLIC COMMENTS on Proposed Amendments to Chapter 10 Child Support Ordinance. See notice on page 18.

ONGOING- SENIOR SERVICES FOOD DISTRIBUTION FOR SENIORS, times vary. The Senior Services Department will be returning to hot lunch meals delivery and served meals for drive thru Monday through Friday. The meals giving out will include: (1) hot lunch meal served daily. Scheduled times are: Home Delivery Meals- 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and Drive thru Meal pickup- Salt River and Lehi locations at 11 a.m.- 12 p.m. If you have any questions, please call Senior Services (480) 362-6350.

ONGOING- SALT RIVER TRIBAL LIBRARY, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Tuesday - Friday. Ways to make an appointment By phone: (480) 362-6600, By Email: TribalLibrary@srpmic-nsn.gov, Online at: www.srpmic-nsn.gov/reservations. When requesting an appointment,

please provide: Full name, requested time/ date, contact (Phone/Email). Ap- pointments are 1 hour or more based on capacity, appointments are based in the order which they are received, reserva- tions are open to WOLF members, SRPMIC enrolled Community members and SRPMIC residents. Curbside Services are available, contact to find out more.

JANUARY

7 SRPMIC COVID-19 Clinic, 7:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. at the Salt River Community Building - 5-11 year olds - Pfizer vaccine for enrolled Community members and residents, family members of government and enterprise employees. 12+ vaccines and boosters for enrolled Community members and residents and their families, government and enterprise employees and their families. For more information call COVID-19 Hotline at (480) 362-2603.

8 CM DOKA - DISTRICT C, 9 a.m., virtual meeting. Topics: Medical Marijuana Proclamation Information, Illegal Dumping presentation, Transient information, Community member comments. Meeting Entry Info. Website: <https://tinyurl.com/29mrhdjb>, Phone: 480-362-5990, Conference ID: 792794. For more information contact the Council Secretary Office at (480) 362-7469. See ad on page 20.

9-15 THE MEMORIAL HALL WILL BE CLOSED due to scheduled maintenance. All services scheduled during this time will be held at the Xalychidom

Piipaash Nyvaash facility. For questions, please contact Memorial Hall Services at (480) 278-7050. See article/notice on page 3.

10 CM ENOS-DISTRICT A, 5 p.m., virtual meeting. Topics: Presentation by Asst. Community Manager Lena Jackson, other items to be added. Meeting Entry Info. Website: <https://tinyurl.com/mvtfcuvs>, Phone: 480-362-5990, Conference ID: 391250. For more information contact the Council Secretary Office at (480) 362-7469. See ad on page 20.

11 SRPMIC COVID-19 VACCINE CLINICS & BOOSTER CLINICS. SALT RIVER CLINIC, 3225 N. Longmore Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85256, take place every Tuesday. Covid 19 Vaccines and Boosters are available to 5-11 year old children, 12-17 year old youth and 18+ adults. • SRPMIC enrolled members/children • Residents/children living on the SRPMIC • Tribal Government and Enterprise employee/children • Must be 16+ for booster (and had full dose Moderna/Pfizer/Johnson & Johnson) • Parent/legal guardian must have ID when bringing child for vaccination • Must have proof of guardianship when bringing child for vaccination. Vaccines and Boosters are available by appointment only. Call the COVID Hotline at (480) 362-2603 to schedule your appointment. For additional dates and information see page 11.

12 REGULAR COUNCIL SESSION, 1 p.m. Community Members can view the public Council Meetings at: www.srpmic-nsn.gov/government/council/councilmeetings/ Community Members can also provide public comments, concerns and/or input by

emailing: membercomments@srpmic-nsn.gov. See ad on page 20.

14 SRPMIC COVID-19 VACCINE CLINICS & BOOSTER CLINICS. SALT RIVER COMMUNITY BUILDING, 1880 N. Longmore Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85256, take place every Friday. Covid 19 Vaccines and Boosters are available to 5-11 year old children, 12-17 year old youth and 18+ adults. • SRPMIC enrolled members/children • Residents/children living on the SRPMIC • Tribal Government and Enterprise employee/children • Must be 16+ for booster (and had full dose Moderna/Pfizer/Johnson & Johnson) • Parent/legal guardian must have ID when bringing child for vaccination • Must have proof of guardianship when bringing child for vaccination. Vaccines and Boosters are available by appointment only. Call the COVID Hotline at (480) 362-2603 to schedule your appointment. For additional dates and information see page 11.

15 CM ANTONE - DISTRICT B, 9 a.m., virtual meeting. Topics: TBA. Meeting Entry Info. Website: <https://tinyurl.com/bdhue2ps>, Phone: 480-362-5990, Conference ID: 588922. For more information contact the Council Secretary Office at (480) 362-7469. See ad on page 20.

18 CM SCABBY / CM DALLAS - LEHI DISTRICT, 5 p.m. virtual meeting. Topics: TBA. Meeting Entry Info.: <https://tinyurl.com/2p8n8ba4>, Phone: 480-362-5990, Conference ID: 8145605. For more information contact the Council Secretary Office at (480) 362-7469. See ad on page 20.

19 REGULAR COUNCIL SESSION, 1 p.m. Community Members can view the public Council Meetings at: www.srpmic-nsn.gov/government/council/councilmeetings/ Community Members can also provide public comments, concerns and/or input by emailing: membercomments@srpmic-nsn.gov. See ad on page 20.

21 2022 AGRICULTURAL LEASE PAYMENT, Agricultural Lease Payment checks will be mailed to your address on file, if you have elected to use direct deposit, disbursement will occur to the financial institution on file with the SRPMIC Finance Department. To update your address or direct deposit information or sign up for direct deposit contact SRPMIC Vendor Maintenance at (480) 362-7729. See ad on page 22.

24 CM LARGO - DISTRICT E, 5 p.m., virtual meeting. Topics: TBA. Meeting Entry Info.: <https://tinyurl.com/yp222mud>, Phone: 480-362-5990, Conference ID: 67349. For more information contact the Council Secretary Office at (480) 362-7469. See ad on page 20.

26 REGULAR COUNCIL SESSION, 1 p.m. Community Members can view the public Council Meetings at: www.srpmic-nsn.gov/government/council/councilmeetings/ Community Members can also provide public comments, concerns and/or input by emailing: membercomments@srpmic-nsn.gov. See ad on page 20.

31 SRPMIC VIRTUAL COMMUNITY MEETING, Enrolled Community Members ONLY Meeting. Virtual meeting information to come.