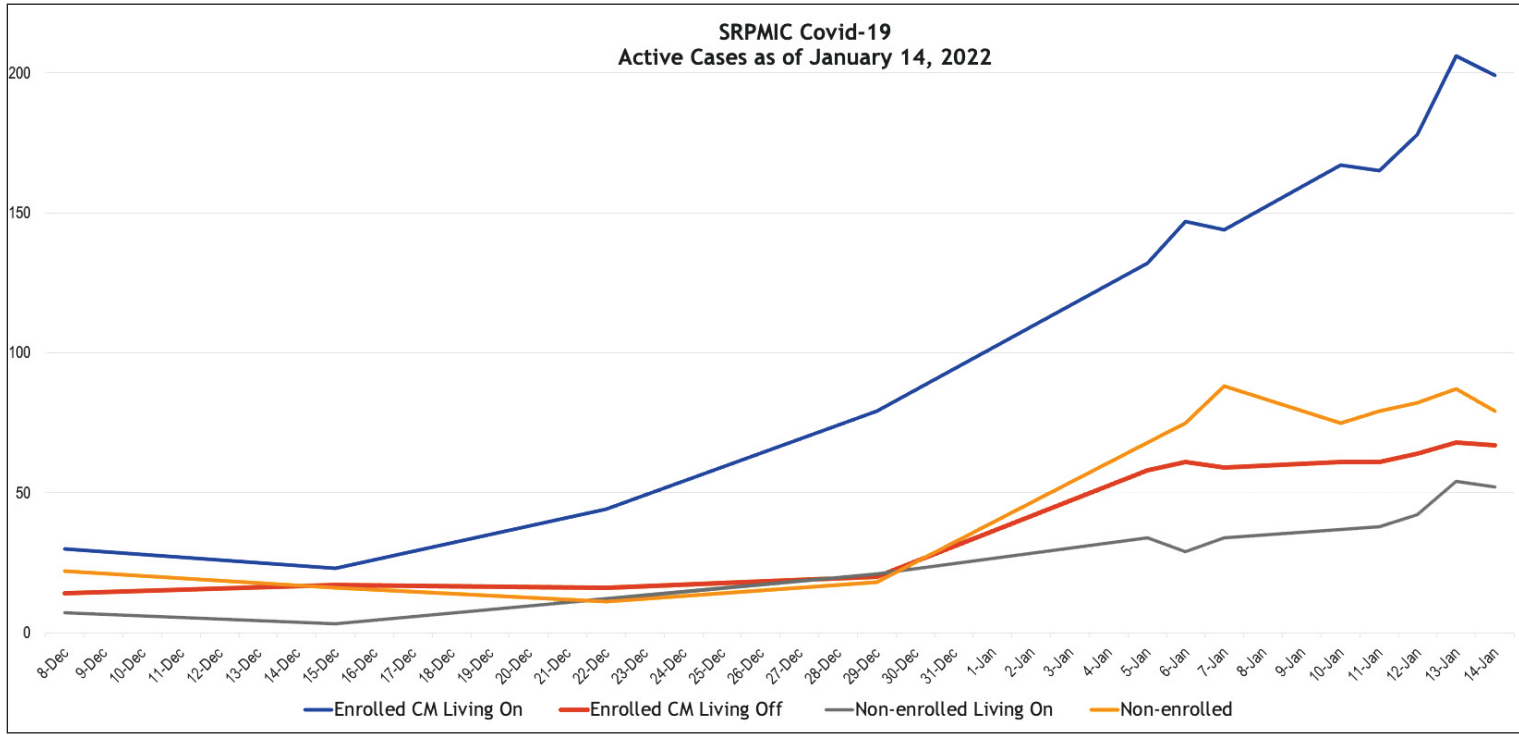




## A Personal COVID-19 Experience and Advice From Experts



The graph shows the increase in confirmed COVID-19 cases in the Community that occurred during the holiday season. Source: SRPMIC Department of Health and Human Services.

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Services (HHS) Department to get a better understanding of what this next phase in the pandemic is looking like.

In a very short time, the HHS said, the highly infectious omicron COVID-19 variant has upended many aspects of our lives. Both Arizona and Maricopa County are seeing

record numbers of infections, and testing is once again in great demand. Luckily, although it is more contagious than the delta variant of COVID-19, omicron appears to cause milder illness in many people.

As of January 11, there were 16 cases with the omicron variant in the Community. Of the

Community member population in Arizona, 35% of 17 years and under are vaccinated, 52% of 18-59 years are vaccinated, 87% of 60 years and older are vaccinated, and over 5,000 members are unvaccinated (*enrolled members residing in Arizona*).

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## As COVID Fueled the Drug Crisis, Native Americans Hit Worst



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 AP National Writer

America's addiction disaster. When he was 4, the medicine man had given him his Ojibwe name: Aandegoons—"little crow." She traced the outline of the black bird on the sack.

"Love you," Taylor said to the bag, as she does each time she leaves for work from her home in Bemidji, a city surrounded by three Ojibwe reservations in remote northern Minnesota.

As the pandemic ravaged the country, deaths from drug overdoses surged by nearly 30%, climbing to a record high. The drug crisis has also diversified from an overwhelmingly white affliction to killing people of color with staggering speed. The death rate last year was highest among Native Americans,

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*Editor's Note: This article has been edited for length.*

The medicine man told her she should soon give her son back to the earth. Rachel Taylor kissed her fingertips and pressed them to the crow sewn onto a leather bag nestled on the couch in the living room. "Oh, my baby," she whispered, and hugged the buckskin satchel filled with his ashes. On January 11 a year ago, she had opened his bedroom door and screamed so loud she woke the neighbor. Kyle Domrese was face down on his bed, one of more than 100,000 Americans lost in a year to overdoses as the COVID-19 pandemic fueled

## Westwood High School Senior Scores 1,000 Points



Westwood High School senior Nyese Jones hits 1,000+ points in her high school career on Tuesday, January 4.

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On Tuesday, January 4, the Westwood High School girls basketball team went head-to-head with rival Mountain View High School. But this was not just a regular basketball game; it was a milestone for one player in particular, Westwood High School senior Nyese Jones. Jones hit the first 3-pointer of the game, which pushed her over the 1,000-point mark in her school basketball career. She actually only needed two points to log an even 1,000. Once she hit that shot, the game was halted so the

team and the spectators could celebrate Jones' amazing accomplishment.

The game then resumed, with the starting five players including Jones and other Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community members Kristine Scabby (junior), Alexis Smith (junior) and Angelina Montoya (sophomore). The Lady Warriors beat the Toros 54-45. The team overall is 13-3 and is hoping to make it to the final four this year and ultimately the championship game in Division 6A.

Jones was the second Lady Warrior to hit 1,000 points, but she is the first to score all 1,000

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT

# Saddleback Communications' Telephone Service

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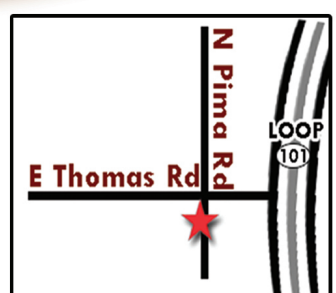
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# A Personal COVID-19 Experience and Advice From Experts

## One Community Member's Experience

Speaking on condition of anonymity, one Community member, who is vaccinated, said that they currently open their home only to immediate family members due to the conditions of the pandemic. However, these family members live in different houses and some are not vaccinated.

On Christmas Day, their immediate family of 15.5 persons, which includes eight adults, seven children and one infant, gathered at one home to celebrate the holiday. Of those family members, five adults and two of the children were vaccinated at the time.

Unfortunately, the gathering turned out to be an infectious event during which the COVID-19 virus could have quickly spread to others, as the Community member said that they and others developed symptoms of the virus shortly afterward.

"Once our immediate families were informed that we were exposed, all households went into quarantine," said the Community member.

"My household was the second to be affected with COVID. You feel for your family and the children that are affected and pray they will be okay, especially for those who are not vaccinated and the smaller children who are not able to be vaccinated. Thankfully, I didn't make any other visits during the holiday, I primarily remained home."

Even though the Community member used hand sanitizer and frequently washed their hands, they felt like they let their guard down.

"After the fact, I realized that close family members living in their own homes and visiting does pose risks."

Their first symptom was a slight headache, but they did not think much of it due to the weather change and it being the holidays. At 3 a.m. on New Year's Day, without any warning, the headache became worse and was accompanied by body aches and chills. The symptoms lasted 24 hours, followed by minor congestion. Over-the-counter medications helped, they said, and they knew it was COVID-19 as the symptoms did not relate to a cold, flu or allergies.

"I truly believe the vaccination helped curb what could have been a longer illness," they said.

"Get vaccinated; don't wait until it hits home. Get tested if you have been exposed or begin to feel symptoms. Continue to practice preventive measures, including wearing a face mask, and don't let your guard down. Be considerate with the well-being of others, including those who are vulnerable. Continue safety precautions; the virus can be picked up anywhere from anyone."

## What the Experts Recommend

"If you have COVID-19 symptoms, it is better to err on the side of caution and quarantine until you can get tested," advised Brad Pollock, Ph.D., MPH, FACE, an epidemiologist and professor and chair of the Department of Public Health Sciences at UC Davis School of Medicine.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that you get tested five to seven days after "close contact with a person with suspected or confirmed COVID-19." The CDC defines close contact as being less than 6 feet away from an infected

person for a total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period, with or without a mask.

All of the COVID variants, including delta and omicron, cause similar symptoms, which may include cough, fever and fatigue.

Lorena Garcia, MPH, Dr.PH, epidemiologist and professor in the Department of Public Health Sciences at UC Davis School of Medicine, noted that omicron symptoms are about the same as those of the delta COVID variant, but a person's experience may vary greatly depending on whether they're vaccinated. "In those that are fully vaccinated and boosted, symptoms tend to be mild. In contrast, if an individual is unvaccinated, symptoms can be quite severe, resulting in hospitalization or even death," Garcia said.

Dr. Garcia said that the viral load is much higher in omicron, which means that someone infected with the omicron variant is more infectious than someone infected with the delta variant.

Dean Blumberg, M.D., chief of pediatric infectious diseases at UC Davis Children's Hospital, noted that the vaccines are not 100% effective and breakthrough infections may occur. "However, if you've had COVID-19 and are then vaccinated, this decreases your chance of reinfection by about half."

It appears that the first-line preventive measures of social distancing and wearing a mask should continue, as they are proving effective to help avoid spread of the omicron variant. "Everyone should be masking when indoors around anyone not in their household, as well as in crowded areas outdoors where it is impossible to socially dis-

tance, like sporting events," Blumberg said.

As for wearing masks to protect yourself from spreading or getting the virus, Dr. Blumberg said that some studies suggest that cloth masks are only about 50% effective, compared with effectiveness rates of 60% to 70% for surgical masks and 95% for N95 masks.

For more information, see the Q&A on page 12.

## How can I protect my unvaccinated family members?

- Get vaccinated yourself. COVID-19 vaccines reduce the risk of people getting COVID-19 and can also reduce the risk of spreading it.
- Be sure to get everyone in your family who is 5 years or older vaccinated against COVID-19.
- Wear a mask.
- To maximize protection from the virus that causes COVID-19 and prevent possibly spreading it to others, have everyone in your family, even those who are vaccinated, wear a mask indoors in public if you are in an area of substantial or high transmission.
- You might choose to have everyone in your family, even those who are vaccinated, wear a mask indoors in public regardless of the level of transmission in your area.
- Unvaccinated family members, including children ages 2 years and older, should wear a mask in all indoor public settings.
- To set an example, you also might choose to wear a mask.
- Do NOT put a mask on children younger than 2 years old.

Source: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/about-covid-19/caring-for-children/families.html>

# COVID-19 MYTHS VS FACTS

## MYTH



**THE INGREDIENTS IN COVID-19 VACCINES ARE DANGEROUS.**

## FACT



Nearly all the ingredients in COVID-19 vaccines are also ingredients in many foods – fats, sugars, and salts.

## MYTH



**A COVID-19 VACCINE CAN MAKE ME SICK WITH COVID-19.**

## FACT



Because none of the authorized COVID-19 vaccines in the United States contain the live virus that causes COVID-19, the vaccine cannot make you sick with COVID-19.

**COVID-19 VACCINES CAUSE VARIANTS.**

COVID-19 vaccines do not create or cause variants of the virus that causes COVID-19. Instead, COVID-19 vaccines can help prevent new variants from emerging.

**COVID-19 VACCINES CAN ALTER MY DNA.**

COVID-19 vaccines do not change or interact with your DNA in any way.

**RECEIVING A COVID-19 VACCINE CAN MAKE YOU MAGNETIC.**

Receiving a COVID-19 vaccine will not make you magnetic, including at the site of vaccination which is usually your arm.

**THE NATURAL IMMUNITY I GET FROM BEING SICK WITH COVID-19 IS BETTER THAN THE IMMUNITY I GET FROM COVID-19 VACCINATION.**

Getting a COVID-19 vaccination is a safer and more dependable way to build immunity to COVID-19 than getting sick with COVID-19.

**THE MRNA VACCINE IS NOT CONSIDERED A VACCINE.**

mRNA vaccines, such as Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna, work differently than other types of vaccines, but they still trigger an immune response inside your body.

**COVID-19 VACCINES CONTAIN MICROCHIPS.**

COVID-19 vaccines do not contain microchips. Vaccines are developed to fight against disease and are not administered to track your movement.

**ALL EVENTS REPORTED TO THE VACCINE ADVERSE EVENT REPORTING SYSTEM (VAERS) ARE CAUSED BY VACCINATION.**

Anyone can report events to VAERS, even if it is not clear whether a vaccine caused the problem. Because of this, VAERS data alone cannot determine if the reported adverse event was caused by a COVID-19 vaccination.

**COVID-19 VACCINES AUTHORIZED FOR USE IN THE UNITED STATES SHED OR RELEASE THEIR COMPONENTS.**

Vaccine shedding is the release or discharge of any of the vaccine components in or outside of the body and can only occur when a vaccine contains a live weakened version of the virus.

MORE INFORMATION: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/facts.html>  
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## TRIBAL GOVERNMENT SERVICE OPERATIONS PHASE 1.5 – RETURN STRONG – January 14, 2022

The Salt River Indian Community and its Enterprises will continue providing services in a manner that is safe for the employees, safe for its Community Members, and safe for customers/vendors doing business with the Community and their Enterprises. The health and well-being of all entities are important to the Community leadership.

On January 14, 2022 SRPMIC Government service operations will transition to a modified Phase 1.5 providing limited on-site service by appointment only. All persons providing services, or otherwise conducting business, at a Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (SRPMIC) facility are required to provide their own facemask and wear it while on premises. Face masks will be required while visiting a Community office building and social distancing will be enforced. SRPMIC will continue to monitor its transitions and the defined Trigger Points during Phase 1.5 to guide decisions to modify restrictions.

### Additional Phase 1.5 directives:

- \* Virtual Council Meetings
- \* Virtual District Meetings
- \* Government buildings closed to the public, services by appointment only
- \* Some staff may telework per authorized policy and procedures
- \* Memorial Hall & XPN buildings closed to the public, use of courtyard open
- \* Way of Live Facility (WOLF) closed to the public
- \* Gymnasiums closed to the public
- \* Neighborhood Centers closed to the public
- \* Round House Cafe open to take out orders only
- \* Parks open to the public
- \* Ballfields open to the public

### Please call departments to verify service options:

- \* Call the department phone number to make an appointment.
- \* Customers will be met at the building entry and escorted to their appointment.
- \* Customers will be escorted out when services are completed.
- \* Facemasks required
- \* Social distancing practiced

For more information and a listing of Community services visit: <https://www.srpmic-nsn.gov/covid-19/phaseone/>

# Westwood High School Senior Scores 1,000 Points

points while playing on the Westwood team. Jones, who has been playing and starting since she was a freshman, recently set a new school record for assists in a single game with 11, in the game against Palo Verde High Magnet School. “It was pretty awesome. She has been building towards [1,000 points for] the better part of four seasons. She has been an instant impact player; she and Nikkianna Kinsel, who is our other senior, they’re the only two girls in Westwood’s history to have 200+ points in their first three seasons,” said coach Ron Compton. “We knew it was a possibility going in this year, and Ny has just kind of stepped up her game. Her 22 points tonight really helped lead and carry us. That was a really good thing to see her get that 1,000-point accomplishment. We have 11 more games to build on it, so she’ll just keep stretching that mark out a little bit each game.”

Kinsel will be the next Lady Warrior to reach the 1,000-point milestone; currently she is only 110 points away. Compton explained that Scabby and Montoya could hit 1,000-points in their high school careers as well.

“They are both pacing with development over the next two years to continue to improve. We hope to see them set a couple of records after the seniors leave,” said Compton. “It’s been a good year, and we have a lot of girls to help elevate the program to where we are now.”

Jones was all smiles after the game as her family and friends congratulated her on her achievement.

“My next goal I want to meet is the assist goal. I am over 800 and I want to

hit 1,000 before the season is over,” said Jones.

To come out and support these talented lady athletes, see the game schedule in the sidebar. For scores and highlights, visit [www.maxpreps.com/high-schools/westwood-warriors-\(mesa,az\)/girls-basketball/schedule.htm](http://www.maxpreps.com/high-schools/westwood-warriors-(mesa,az)/girls-basketball/schedule.htm). Purchase tickets at [gofan.co/app/school/AZ12822](http://gofan.co/app/school/AZ12822).



Alexis Smith passes the ball to her teammate.



Angelina Montoya makes her way past Mountain View Toros.

## Westwood Girls Basketball Season Schedule

Friday, Jan. 21: Red Mountain (home)  
Monday, Jan. 24: Mountain View (away)  
Friday, Jan. 28: Mesa (away)  
Tuesday, Feb. 1: Dobson (home)  
Tuesday, Feb. 8: Red Mountain (away)

Note: All games start at 7 p.m.



Kristine Scabby runs the ball to the basket in the game against Mountain View.



Jones is working on her next high school career high with 1,000 assists by the end of her High School Basketball season.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>

## Symptoms of Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Know the symptoms of COVID-19, which can include the following:

Cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing		Fever or chills	
Muscle or body aches	Vomiting or diarrhea	New loss of taste or smell	

Symptoms can range from mild to severe illness, and appear 2–14 days after you are exposed to the virus that causes COVID-19.

### Seek medical care immediately if someone has Emergency Warning Signs of COVID-19

- Trouble breathing
- Persistent pain or pressure in the chest
- New confusion
- Inability to wake or stay awake
- Pale, gray, or blue-colored skin, lips, or nail beds, depending on skin tone

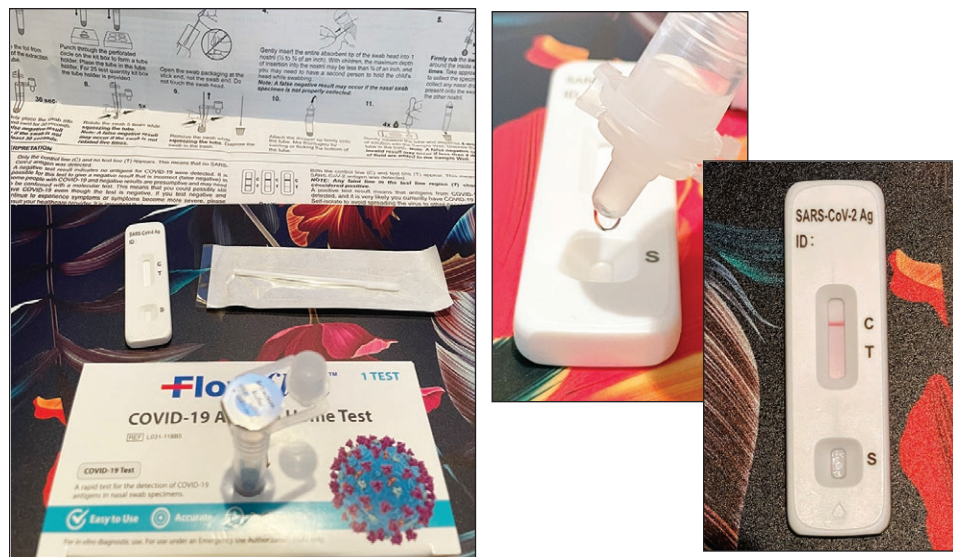
This list is not all possible symptoms. Please call your healthcare provider for any other symptoms that are severe or concerning to you.



[cdc.gov/coronavirus](http://cdc.gov/coronavirus)

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## New At-Home COVID-19 Test Now Available to the Public



Flowflex COVID-19 Antigen Home Test was a simple and easy rapid test that detects COVID-19 antigens in a nasal swab specimens.

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At the start of the new year, the Biden-Harris Administration brought two new over-the-counter, at-home COVID-19 tests to the U.S. market. These non-prescription tests help detect nucleocapsid protein antigen from SARS-CoV-2 with a self-collected anterior nasal swab sample.

These tests can come in handy if you want to be sure you do not have the COVID-19 virus to prevent spreading it to others. The polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test is done at testing facilities and hospitals and is far more sensitive than antigen tests. The PCR test is able to detect the virus in smaller quantities and sooner than the antigen tests. If an at-home test comes up positive, it is unnecessary to take a PCR test. If you have symptoms of COVID-19 and test negative on an antigen home test, the

result should be confirmed with a PCR test.

The new at-home tests have been flying off the shelves at local stores such as Walmart, Walgreens and CVS. These tests are one use only and come one or two tests per package; they cost anywhere from \$9.99 to \$23.99.

On January 6, the White House was finalizing details with the U.S. Postal Service for delivering 500 million COVID-19 test kits to households across the country after the surge of positive cases of the omicron variant. Americans will be able to request test kits through a website and receive them via the U.S. Postal Service.

**Note: If your at-home test does come back positive, please notify the epidemiology team by calling the COVID Hotline at (480) 362-2603. This will help keep an accurate count of Covid-19 cases in the Community.**

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# As COVID Fueled the Drug Crisis, Native Americans Hit Worst

for whom COVID-19 piled yet more despair on communities already confronting generations of trauma, poverty, unemployment and underfunded health systems.

It is no longer an opioid epidemic, but one in which people are dying from deadly cocktails of many drugs. Deaths involving methamphetamine have nearly tripled in recent years, with Native Americans 12 times more likely to die from it.

As Taylor began her shift at the Northwest Indian Community Development Center, a posterboard propped against the wall was pasted with 49 faces—a collage of their dead to drugs.

Taylor’s tribe, the White Earth Nation, studied the lives they’ve lost to addiction.

“Their death certificates say they died of an overdose, but that’s not right,” one member of their study group said.

These deaths were a culmination of far more than that: Despite their resilience, Native Americans carry in their blood 500 years worth of pain from being robbed of their land, their language, their culture, their children. In living people’s memory, children were taken from their families and sent to boarding schools with the motto, “Kill the Indian, save the man.”

“What they died of is a broken heart,” the study says.

For years, Taylor tried to break the cycle.

Her grandmother was sent to a Christian boarding school, where she was taught to be so ashamed of her Ojibwe language that she would only speak or sing it after drinking.

Taylor had her daughter when she was 19 and her son a few years later. She lost custody of them for a couple years as she battled her own addiction to opioids and cocaine. She told them she wished she could fix all the dysfunctional things that happened when she was using.

“Then I thought, well, then my mom would have to go back and fix things, and then my grandma would have to go back, it would have to go on like that for generations,” she said.

Taylor had lived in more than 50 places before she turned 18—foster homes, battered-women’s shelters, on the streets—and faced sexual, physical and mental abuse.

“The things I blame on generational trauma are not feeling good enough, not feeling worthy enough, not feeling loved,” she said.

She prayed to her creator to spare her children, and she told her son every day that she loved him.

White Earth Nation too worked hard to save its people from addiction, and many years lost no one to overdoses on the reservation. But then the pandemic arrived and proved too painful for some.

And now in Taylor’s shaking hands, she holds her son’s picture—another face for the posterboard, lost January 11, 2021.

At first, she put his ashes in an urn, but it was sharp metal. A friend made the buckskin bag that she could hug. It became the center of her world.

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The White Earth reservation spans more than 800,000 rugged acres of prairie and lakes. But despite the vast terrain, it’s sparsely populated, and they live the belief that all should be loved like family.

Rachel Taylor’s son once wrote her a letter because he thought his addiction was killing him: “I can’t control it. I hope you can forgive me. I’m sorry, I love you, I wanted to spend more time with you.”

He’d started abusing pills as a teenager when he got a prescription after having surgery for an infected finger. Then, consumed by the madness of addiction, he would smoke anything—methamphetamine, heroin, fentanyl—that might quiet his lifelong anxiety and depression.

But just before the pandemic bore down, his mother felt hopeful.

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She and her son quarantined together at her home in Bemidji, a city of 15,000 people. Her son had gone to treatment, sober 168 days. His cheeks were full again, and he asked her to make his favorite peanut butter cookies.

“I’m glad I still have a chance to make my loving mom proud,” he wrote in a journal.

But the months dragged on, and he told her it seemed like the pandemic would never end. He couldn’t get a job. He was isolated. He said he felt like a bum.

“He just gave up,” she said. He started using again, then dealing drugs to support his habit.

All around them, people were dying. On the White Earth reservation, ambulance calls for overdoses tripled, said Dr. Carson Gardner, the medical director of White Earth Nation’s health department. They posted big red signs in gas stations and tribal buildings: “Overdose Alert,” they said. “Please look out for each other.”

Joe Kleszyk, the commander of the region’s drug task force, sounded the alarm, too: “An epidemic within a pandemic,” he told the local newspaper in August 2020. The task force covers five counties and two reservations, including White Earth.

The number of overdoses it investigated skyrocketed from 20 in 2019 to 88 in 2020. Fifteen of those were fatal, triple the year before.

It’s getting worse: In 2021 there were 148 overdoses, and 24 of those victims died.

In Minnesota, as across the country, drug dealers now cut nearly every drug on the street with fentanyl, a cheap and deadly synthetic opioid so potent the equivalent of a sugar packet can make 40 doses, Kleszyk said. “It’s a game of Russian roulette,” he said.

At the same time, the pandemic pushed many toward addiction, called a “disease of despair.”

Unemployment in Indian Country surged to 26%. And with the federal government’s disinvestment in Native communities, many were already living on the brink of poverty—sometimes just across the street from predominantly white gated communities and summer vacation resorts.

On top of that, the healing traditions many turn to in troubled times, like sweat lodges and talking circles, were suspended. Theirs is a communal culture, and people were suddenly isolated.

Of the 148 overdoses the task force investigated in 2021, 124 victims were Native.

“I’m sick of telling people that their kids are dead,” Kleszyk said.

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Amid all this death and dying, one of the most urgent questions White Earth and other Native American communities are facing is how to spare the next generations from starting the cycle anew.

The national average for health

care spending is just over \$11,000 per person, but tribal health systems receive about a third of that and urban Indian groups even less, according to the National Council of Urban Indian Health. COVID-19 added another blow to this already-stressed system.

In the years before the pandemic, the White Earth tribe married western medical interventions with the tradi-

tional healing practices that helped their people survive as the government tried to erase them. They trained thousands how to use the overdose-reversal medication naloxone and estimate that’s saved 1,000 lives, Gardner said. They saved just as many through the millenia of inherited wisdom: drum circles, tobacco ceremonies, and the dark, humid honesty of praying in a sweat lodge to balance their bodies, souls and minds.

Their motto is unconditional love, Gardner said. People can recover if they’re given hope and healing, so they don’t give up on anybody, no matter how deep their addiction.

Georgianna Garbow-Warren’s addiction to methamphetamine for years left her homeless—she and her husband lived in abandoned houses, in shelters, eventually under a bridge. She lost custody of her three children. She felt like she was living in circles: She’d use drugs, get her kids taken, clean up, get them back, start the cycle again.

Garbow-Warren had a fourth child in 2019, a son born prematurely at 4 pounds, 7 ounces. They took him straight from the hospital.

She kept using meth: “I wanted to take all that pain away,” she said.

Then she couldn’t breathe, went back to the hospital and was diagnosed with congestive heart failure from the damage meth had done. She was in and out of emergency rooms. One day she was lying in bed there and thought: “Oh God, do I really hate myself this much?”

She turned herself into the police on an outstanding warrant and told them she wanted treatment. It was February

**In Minnesota, as across the country, drug dealers now cut nearly every drug on the street with fentanyl, a cheap and deadly synthetic opioid so potent the equivalent of a sugar packet can make 40 doses. It’s a game of Russian roulette.**

*Joe Kleszyk, the commander of the region’s drug task force*

2020, just as the pandemic began brutalizing so many battling addiction.

“This year there’s been the most funerals I’ve been to in my whole life,” she said. Her sister was hospitalized in March with liver and kidney infections from drinking and drug use.

She couldn’t see when Garbow-Warren visited her. The doctors said she could hear them. They played her favorite song by Sir Mix-A-Lot and she wiggled like she was trying to dance. She died a couple days later.

“I’ll never get the image out of my head,” she said. One of her sisters is now in treatment, a brother still uses, and she’s afraid of getting a phone call that he’s dead.

Her husband found recovery, too. They got an apartment, a dog, a car, and

slowly regained custody of their baby, who has cerebral palsy. He can’t crawl, so he scoots around on his back.

“I blamed myself. I felt a lot of guilt and shame, a lot of pain,” she said, about her son’s medical difficulties. Then a doctor told her there was no way to know if it was from her drug use or something else.

She doesn’t know about her older children. Her son turned 18 this year, the others are 17 and 10. She sometimes imagines tracking them down, but then wonders if they’re better off without her.

“I live with that every day,” she said, “wondering if they’re OK.”

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On the morning of January 11, it was quiet in Rachel Taylor’s house and her son’s bedroom door was closed.

“Are you awake?” Taylor texted him at 9:21 a.m.

She never wanted to seem overbearing, and she knew it made him happy to think she trusted him. So she vacuumed the living room just outside his bedroom and hoped the commotion would wake him.

Eventually, she opened his door. At first she thought it must be a dream, like she was seeing from outside herself that his skin was purple.

She dialed 911, and the operator said to check his vitals. He was ice cold. She dropped the phone and screamed. “Come back, my baby, come back.”

When he was born, the nurse put him on her chest, and he’d looked at her with such intensity. His eyes were always like that, like a cat’s, she thinks.

He loved animals. In stacks of photo albums, he’s often holding some little creature. She kept everything he ever made her—birthday cards, childhood pottery. “You’re the best mom in the world,” he’d write, and she loved it because she’d always felt like a bad one.

She knew the hell her son was living because she had lived it, too.

In December 2020, he punched holes in the walls until his fists bled and screamed he wanted to die. She called police, and when officers arrived she stepped in front of her bloody, hysterical son. “Please don’t shoot him,” she pleaded, “this isn’t him.”

They took him to a hospital, but he broke a camera, and the hospital kicked him out.

A month later, she watched as they covered him in blue plastic, and begged them to let her kiss his forehead.

The toxicology report said that he’d died of a combination of alprazolam, the drug in Xanax, and fentanyl.

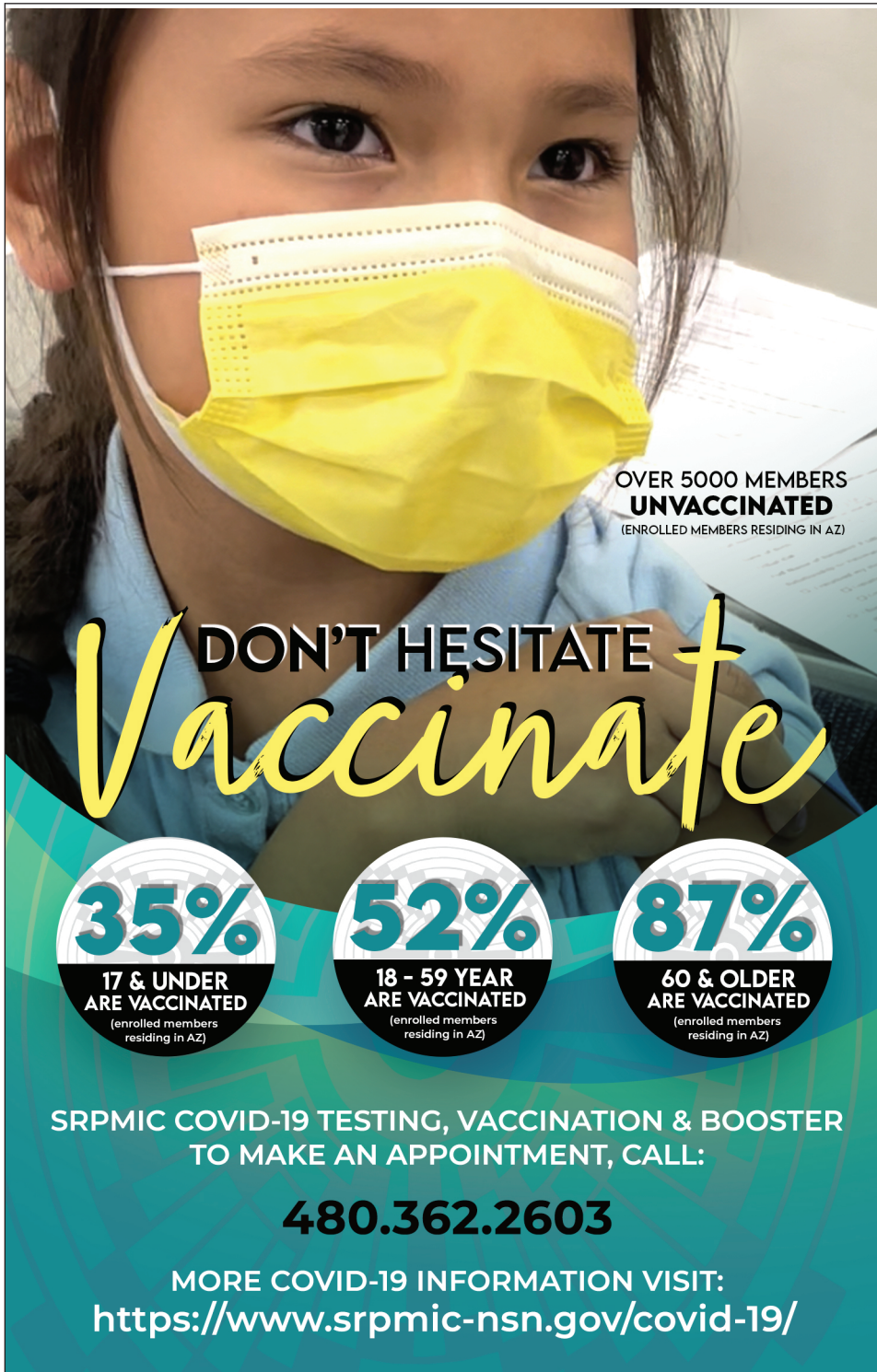
For a time, she didn’t want to live.

Then the medicine man took her to a sweat lodge on the reservation. When she came out, the chatter of two cranes on the wind sounded like a crow—a sign from her son. Now she feeds the crows so they’ll keep coming to the yard.

She still smells him, she said. She swears she hears his particular way of knocking on the door.

The anniversary of his death was January 11, and it is customary in her culture to return the dead to nature after a year of grieving.

“The medicine man says I have to let him go back to the earth,” she said just before the anniversary. “But I don’t think I’m going to be able to do that. He left me too soon.”



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# Opening in 2022

Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community  
McDowell Road & Country Club Drive



This new Health Center reflects who we are as a people. It is designed inside and out for physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual healing.

The building is oriented so patients and their families see views of Red Mountain, South Mountain, Papago Buttes and Camelback Mountain, four peaks that provide a sense of comfort and healing. The Health Center honors the culture of the Pima and Maricopa and the importance of the river, earth, and natural surroundings. The plaza and traditional garden provide outdoor areas for gathering and contemplation. It is our Council's hope that the River People Health Center will be a place of healing and wellness for Native people.

**RICARDO LEONARD**  
Vice President SRPMIC



## River People Health Center

# Ride Along with Public Works Sanitation–Solid Waste



**Did you know**  
 \* This Heil sanitation truck was purchased in 2021 at a cost of \$359,000  
 \* It takes 750 stops to fill the truck  
 \* It weighs 66,000 lbs. or 33 tons and has a 28 yard Durapack Rapid Rail Body

**BY CHRIS PICCIUOLO**  
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it's an easy job for him. "Before I was doing this, I was working day labor. A lot of times, as a day laborer, I worked at the landfill to pick up trash," said King. "So, the transition has been easy and I enjoy doing it."

Commercial trash is picked up at businesses Monday through Saturday, including holidays.

Equipment Operator II Randy Fresquez was picking up commercial trash at Casino Arizona at Talking Stick Resort when I spoke to him.

"Right now, I'm operating a roll-off truck," said Fresquez. "What we do is service and haul trash containers ranging from 20 yards to 40 yards long. I'm servicing the green waste containers, switching them out and leaving an empty one."

A solid waste operator I and II operate side loaders, which are vehicles that can pick up residential trash using a mechanical arm to grab the trash and recycling bins.

In order to be a solid waste operator, Solid Waste Supervisor Wilkin Ray said that you have to get at least a class B commercial driver's license, as the trucks are difficult to maneuver and have many moving parts.

Solid waste operators work three days a week in nine-hour shifts, from 6 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. That's how long it

takes to pick up trash along the route and transport it to the landfill. On Tuesdays and Fridays operators pick up residential trash, and on Thursdays they pick up recycling.

Tablets running the geo-coded program "Encore" take drivers to the location of each stop in the Community, which makes it easier to follow a route that has many twists, turns, back roads

and dirt roads.

Currently, six employees who are Community members work in the Solid Waste division.

For additional information regarding solid waste, go to the Solid Waste webpage at <https://www.srpmic-nsn.gov/government/public-works/solid-waste/>

See bulk trash pick-up schedule on page 19.

As the old saying goes: It's a dirty job, but somebody has to do it.

And that's what the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community's Public Works Sanitation solid waste operators are here for. The department tackles three different types of trash pickup in the Community: bulk, commercial and residential.

With bulk trash pickup, solid waste operators service four zones in the Community. Each homeowner gets one bulk trash service per month, and at a resident's request, a 15-yard (sometimes larger) "roll-off" box is dropped off Monday through Friday or Friday through Monday at the home for residents to load by hand.

What constitutes bulk trash is anything that doesn't fit in a normal 95-gallon can, such as large items, tree trimmings and brush, or boxes.

Then solid waste operators and general laborers will come to pick up the trash that is placed at the side of the road. A Kubota R-430 tractor is used to load the trash into the rear load truck to be driven away to the Salt River Landfill.

General laborer Sam King said that



General laborer Sam King uses a Kubota R-430 tractor (above) to load trash into a roll-off box that will be hauled away in a rear load truck (right).



Equipment Operator II Randy Fresquez picks up commercial trash at Casino Arizona at Talking Stick Resort. Fresquez switched out green waste containers, leaving an empty one.

## PW Sanitation–Solid Waste Team

EDWARD ENRIQUEZ	WILKIN RAY
DERRICK LEWIS	JOE GOODWIN
EDDIE RICO	LAVERNE CLARK
MILFERD ANTONE	RANDY FRESQUEZ
ERWIN MANUEL	ABRAHAM TAVENA
SAMUEL KING	NATASHA LAUGHING

## How You Can Make Things Easier for Solid Waste Operators

- Do not overload trash containers, because it makes them too heavy to be lifted by the trucks.
- Community members should have their containers placed out before 6 a.m. on the day of pickup. The department says it receives many calls/complaints stating that customers had their containers out, but when the drivers passed by, the customers did not have their containers out.
- Place trash containers 3 feet apart from each other so the arm of the truck can pick up the container.
- All trash must be bagged.



# What's New From the SRPMIC Veterans Representative Office

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SRPMIC Veterans Representative Office logo featuring the U.S. Military branches. Photo courtesy of SRPMIC Veterans Representative Office

www.vetrecs.archives.gov. You can also make an appointment with the Veterans Representative Office by emailing [VeteranServices@SRPMIC-nsn.gov](mailto:VeteranServices@SRPMIC-nsn.gov) or by calling the Veterans Assistance Line at (480) 362-7884.

The newsletter also mentions that the Department of Veterans Affairs furnishes, upon request and at no charge to the applicant, a government headstone

or marker for the unmarked grave of any eligible deceased veteran in any of the three designated cemeteries in the Community.

If a veteran or a family member of a veteran wishes to receive this benefit, visit the National Cemetery Administration's website at [www.va.gov/vaforms/va/pdf/va40-1330.pdf](http://www.va.gov/vaforms/va/pdf/va40-1330.pdf) to download the VA Form 40-1330.

Send the completed application, along with proof of the DD-214 form, via fax to 1-800-455-7143 or by mail to:

Memorial Programs Service (41B)  
Department of Veterans Affairs  
5109 Russell Road  
Quantico, VA 22134-3903

Korean War veterans who served in the Korean War may be eligible for the Korean Ambassador for Peace Medal. This commemorative medal is an expression of appreciation from the Korean government to United States service men and women who served in the Korean War.

To be eligible, the veterans must have served during the Korean War from June 25, 1950 to July 27, 1952. For more information, visit [https://kwva.us/?page=info\\_peace\\_medal](https://kwva.us/?page=info_peace_medal).

For future news and events dates from the Veterans Representative Office, such as upcoming meetings involving veteran cemetery section planning and reviews and a ceremony unveiling Purple Heart signage in the Community in February, visit [www.srpmic-nsn.gov/community/veterans](http://www.srpmic-nsn.gov/community/veterans) or follow the office on social media:

@saltriver\_veterans1879 on Instagram, @srpmicvets on Facebook and @MicSrp on Twitter.

The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Veterans Representative Office started the new year off with a brand-new January issue of its monthly SRPMIC Veterans Newsletter, which provides some essential information for Community veterans.

In the January issue, SRPMIC Veterans Representative Amanda White talks about what's in store for 2022 after two long years of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"The New Year presents an opportunity for positive outcomes and new beginnings for us all, especially for the SRPMIC Veterans Program," said White. "It's hard to tell if and when there will be an 'end' date to COVID, but there's never a wrong time to start planning honoring events for our veterans with positivity."

Within the newsletter, the office gives advice on obtaining copies of a veteran's DD-214 form (Report of Separation). All requests to obtain a copy of the form from discharges that took place less than 62 years ago must be signed and dated by the veteran or next of kin.

If you are the next of kin of a deceased veteran, you must provide proof of death of the veteran with a death certificate, a letter from a funeral home or a published obituary.

To apply online for the form, visit

Accessible version: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/steps-when-sick.html>

## 10 THINGS YOU CAN DO TO MANAGE YOUR COVID-19 SYMPTOMS AT HOME | COVID-19 |

### If you have possible or confirmed COVID-19

1. **Stay home** except to get medical care.



6. **Cover your cough and sneezes** with a tissue or use the inside of your elbow.



2. **Monitor your symptoms** carefully. If your symptoms get worse, call your healthcare provider immediately.



7. **Wash your hands often** with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or clean your hands with an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.



3. **Get rest and stay hydrated.**



8. As much as possible, **stay** in a specific room and **away from other people** in your home. Also, you should use a separate bathroom, if available. If you need to be around other people in or outside of the home, wear a mask.



4. If you have a medical appointment, **call the healthcare provider** ahead of time and tell them that you have or may have COVID-19.



9. **Avoid sharing personal items** with other people in your household, like dishes, towels, and bedding.



5. For medical emergencies, call 911 and **notify the dispatch personnel** that you have or may have COVID-19.



10. **Clean all surfaces** that are touched often, like counters, tabletops, and doorknobs. Use household cleaning sprays or wipes according to the label instructions.



[cdc.gov/coronavirus](http://cdc.gov/coronavirus)

## Why Are So Many Vaccinated People Getting COVID-19 Lately?

BY LAURA UNGAR  
AP Science Writer

Why are so many vaccinated people getting COVID-19 lately?

A couple of factors are at play, starting with the emergence of the highly contagious omicron variant. Omicron is more likely to infect people, even if it doesn't make them very sick, and its surge coincided with the holiday travel season in many places.

People might mistakenly think the COVID-19 vaccines will completely block infection, but the shots are mainly designed to prevent severe illness, says Louis Mansky, a virus researcher at the University of Minnesota.

And the vaccines are still doing their job on that front, particularly for people who've gotten boosters.

Two doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna vaccines or one dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine still offer strong protection against serious illness from omicron. While those initial doses aren't very good at blocking omicron infection, boosters — particularly with the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines — rev up levels of the antibodies to help fend off infection.

Omicron appears to replicate much more efficiently than previous variants. And if infected people have high virus loads, there's a greater likelihood they'll pass it on to others, especially the unvaccinated. Vaccinated people who get the virus are more likely to have mild symptoms, if any, since the shots trigger multiple defenses in your immune system, making it much more difficult for omicron to slip past them all.

Advice for staying safe hasn't changed. Doctors say to wear masks indoors, avoid crowds and get vaccinated and boosted. Even though the shots won't always keep you from catching the virus, they'll make it much more likely you stay alive and out of the hospital.

# Community Youth Shares His Marching Band Experience

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Marching to the beat of his own drum, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community member James Schaaf is preparing to wrap up his senior year of high school and is looking forward to a new level of marching band experience at Arizona State University in the fall.

Schaaf is a senior at Corona del Sol High School in Tempe, where he is not only a great student academically but has been a member of the school's marching band since his freshman year, sharing his drum set and marching expertise.

"I play snare, drum set and some mallet instruments such as the xylophone and marimba," said Schaaf. "I had a lot of reasons to play, mainly because my dad (Michael Schaaf) is a drummer and my mom (Yvonne Emerson Schaaf) played the piccolo. Her family is big into marching bands and playing music; they were part of the Salt River Indian Marching Band, Quechan Indian Band and the Colorado River Indian Tribes marching bands. But mainly what attracted me to playing was watching a YouTube video of a drum corps playing their warmup sequence. I got really intrigued about how intricate and complex it was. I thought I wanted to do that in the future, so I started small at my middle school and made my way up."

Starting out in the band at Carson Junior High in Mesa, where he played for two years in the seventh and eighth grades, Schaaf went on to high school. Instead of going to Westwood or Mountain View, he chose to attend a school with an outstanding percussion band program. He decided to go to Corona



Corona del Sol High School senior James Schaaf is wrapping up his High School marching band career and moving on to the college level this fall. Photos courtesy of Schaaf Images

del Sol, where he developed his skills through good instruction and feedback from his teachers.

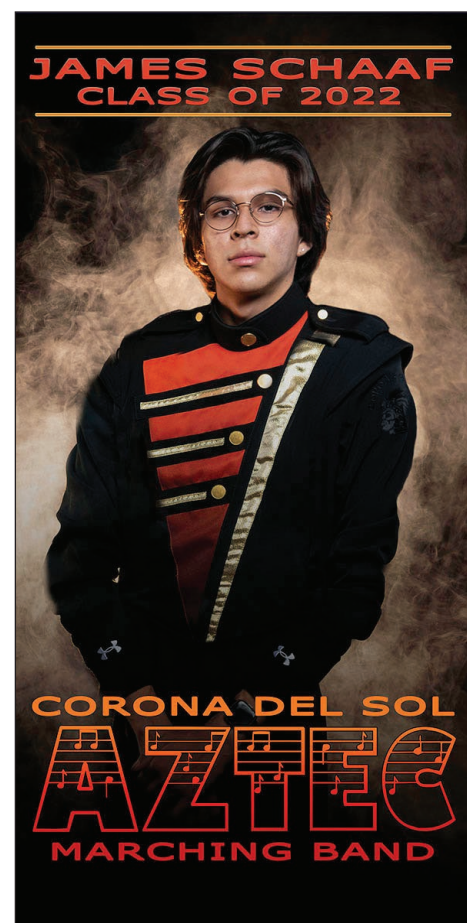
"I felt that that is where I would develop quicker, so I chose to go to that school," said Schaaf. "I have a couple of teachers who have been good role models to look up to, Roberto Paz and Cole Governo. They are drum teachers in Arizona and have really impacted me on how I wanted to move forward with marching band."

After playing for a little over five years, Schaaf has developed his marching and percussion skills to the point where he has been accepted by Arizona State University's head staff to join the band next fall. Another big accomplishment is being accepted into The Academy Drum and Bugle Corps, which is

a world-class junior competitive drum and bugle corps based in Tempe. Schaaf will begin camp with the Academy this month, and in July he will have the opportunity to travel to many states to train and perform, including California and Indiana. Although he has already traveled to California and Utah to play with his high school, he looks forward to visiting new states this summer.

Other than continuing with marching band, at ASU Schaaf plans to get a degree in computer science with an emphasis in software engineering.

"If there are young people interested in doing something like marching band, color guard or dance, it's a great way to meet new friends and make really strong bonds with people you never thought you'd ever meet, as well as de-



velop a skill that most people find really interesting," said Schaaf.

"I would like to thank my parents for supporting me. It has been hard; they would have to drop me off at practice at 4 a.m. I'd also like to thank my teachers Roberto Paz and Cole Governo for giving me really good instruction on how to develop my drumming abilities for the past four years."



## SRPMIC COVID-19 VACCINE CLINICS & BOOSTER CLINICS 2022 Schedule

**VACCINATIONS AND BOOSTERS ARE  
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### SALT RIVER CLINIC TUESDAY DATES:

Tuesday, 1/18/2022  
Tuesday, 1/25/2022  
Tuesday, 2/1/2022  
Tuesday, 2/8/2022  
Tuesday, 2/15/2022  
Tuesday, 2/22/2022

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3225 N Longmore Road,  
Scottsdale, AZ 85256

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Friday, 1/21/2022  
Friday, 1/28/2022  
Friday, 2/4/2022  
Friday, 2/11/2022  
Friday, 2/18/2022  
Friday, 2/25/2022

#### Location:

1880 N Longmore Road,  
Scottsdale, AZ 85256

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- 12-17 YEAR OLD YOUTH
- 18+ ADULTS
- SRPMIC enrolled members/children
- Residents/children living on the SRPMIC
- Tribal Government and Enterprise employee/children
- Booster shot available for 12 years old and older (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

**To schedule an appointment, please call the  
COVID Hotline at (480) 362-2603**

Please schedule by noon on the Thursday before your selected appointment date.

# Introduction to Estate Planning, Wills and Probate

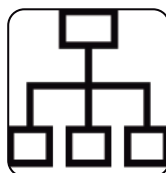
## Probate- SRPMIC Ordinance and Public Law



### SRO-150-92 (1992)

SRP-MIC inheritance ordinance applies to transfers of interests by descent and devise. States that the only persons eligible to receive interests in trust or restricted lands within the jurisdiction of the Community are:

- 1.) Members of the Community, or
- 2.) Members of federally recognized Indian tribes who are either lineal descendants of a member of the Community, and/or lineal descendants of an original allottee of land within the Community.



### American Indian Probate Reform Act of 2004 (AIPRA) PUBLIC LAW 108-374

Enacted June 20, 2006

Single Heir Rule (5% or less)

Joint Tenancy with Right of Survivorship (JTWR0S)

Purchase option at Probate (FMV)

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In the next few issues, O'dham Action News will be presenting a series of articles about the different aspects of estate planning, wills and probate services provided to members of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community.

The SRPMIC Community Development Department (CDD) Membership and Real Property Management (MRPM) Probate Services and Legal Services Office (LSO) has recently hosted presentations at a few Council members' district meetings to spread awareness on the topic.

Because estate planning can be particularly difficult to navigate in Native American communities, articles will be divided into separate sections that will hopefully make it easier for Community

members to absorb the information.

The sections will be as follows: general information and an overview of the American Indian Probate Reform Act (AIPRA), wills and services that LSO offers, information about the personal property probate process, and information about the trust asset probate process.

This topic is especially important for Community members who are either dealing with the loss of a loved one or planning ahead to determine the validity of or process of heirs, wills, beneficiaries, claims against an estate, trust and personal property, and more.

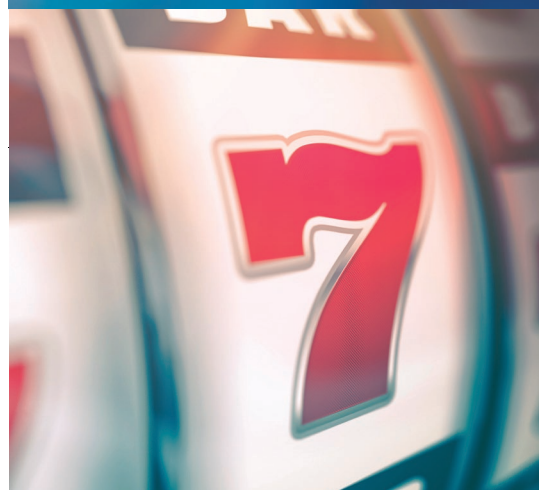
In the meantime, for any questions related to the topic, you can reach out to the MRPM division at (480) 362-7600 or the Legal Services Office to schedule an intake call at (480) 362-5670.

## AROUND THE COMMUNITY



The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community held a New Year's Eve Giveaway on Friday, December 31, 2021, at the Two Waters employee parking lot. The giveaway was a way to provide SRPMIC families with New Year's Eve party favors and entertainment to help them celebrate ringing in the new year at home. Families were provided with hats, noisemakers, popcorn and their choice of a family movie DVD or a \$10 gift card to Zia Records. For more on upcoming SRPMIC-sponsored events, visit the SRPMIC Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/SRPMIC](http://www.facebook.com/SRPMIC). Tasha Silverhorn, O'dham Action News

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# Omicron: Things To Know About The Very Contagious COVID-19 Variant

Health experts weigh in on symptoms, testing, masking and more!

In a very short time, the highly infectious Omicron COVID-19 variant has upended many aspects of our lives. Both Arizona and Maricopa County are seeing record numbers of infections and testing is in great demand. Luckily, Omicron appears to cause milder illness in many people.

## 1 What are the symptoms of Omicron? Are they different?

All of the variants, including Delta and Omicron, cause similar symptoms. “These may include cough, fever and fatigue,” explained Dean Blumberg, chief of pediatric infectious diseases at UC Davis Children’s Hospital. “Omicron is less likely to cause severe disease such as pneumonia that may require hospital admission.”

Lorena Garcia, epidemiologist and professor in the Department of Public Health Sciences noted that Omicron symptoms are about the same, but a person’s experience may vary greatly depending on whether they’re vaccinated. “In those that are fully vaccinated and boosted, symptoms tend to be mild. In contrast, if an individual is unvaccinated, symptoms can be quite severe, resulting in hospitalization or even death,” Garcia said. She added that there is some evidence that fewer people infected with Omicron are experiencing a loss of taste and smell, a common symptom for previous variants.

## “The viral load is much higher in Omicron, which means that someone infected with the Omicron variant is more infectious than someone infected with the Delta variant.”—Lorena Garcia, Epidemiologist and Professor in the Department of Public Health Sciences

## 2 Should I get a rapid antigen test if I have symptoms since they seem like they’re not as accurate, or should I look first to get a PCR test?

“If a rapid test is more available or convenient, it’s a good idea to use it,”

Blumberg said. “If it’s positive, you can rely on the result.” However, he notes that if the rapid test is negative, particularly if you suspect infection, it’s best to get a PCR test to double-check since the PCR test is more sensitive.

**Note: If your at-home test does come back positive, please notify the epidemiology team by calling the COVID Hotline at (480) 362-2603. This will help keep an accurate count of Covid-19 cases in the Community.**

## 3 Do I really need to know if I had COVID if it’s not causing serious illness?

Yes. Health experts say it’s important to know for several reasons:

- If your illness progresses, you’ll want to know so you can take advantage of treatments.
- You need to know whether to isolate so you can reduce your chances of infecting others, especially those who are more vulnerable to severe COVID-19.
- You will want to notify your loved ones and contacts so they can monitor themselves for symptoms.

## “Omicron is less likely to cause severe disease such as pneumonia that may require hospital admission.”—Dean Blumberg, Chief of pediatric infectious diseases at UC Davis Children’s Hospital.

## 4 If I’m vaccinated and have no symptoms, but believe I was exposed to someone with COVID-19, should I get tested?

Most likely. “Unfortunately, Omicron is so transmissible that even fully vaccinated and boosted individuals may get infected,” Pollock explained. “If you know you had contact with an infected individual, particularly in a higher-risk situation (such as an enclosed indoor space for a longer period with others who weren’t masked), testing is advised.”

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommends that you get tested 5-7 days after “close contact with a person with suspected or confirmed COVID-19.” The CDC defines close

contact as being less than 6 feet away from an infected person for a total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period with or without a mask.

**Note: The Community is following the 10-day quarantine rule when testing positive for Covid-19.**

Garcia said that in addition to getting tested, you should also quarantine. “Watch for symptoms, distance yourself socially from others in your home and wear a mask. If you test positive, then you should isolate.”

Blumberg noted that if you were in a situation where individuals were outside, masked and distanced, the risk of infection is much lower. “In that case, you could monitor for symptoms and test if any develop.”

## 5 Can I get reinfected if I’ve already had COVID-19? What if I’m also vaccinated?

Yes. “You can get reinfected after having COVID-19, although it is less common in the first 90 days after infection,” explained Blumberg. He noted that the vaccines are not 100% effective and breakthrough infections may occur. “However, if you’ve had COVID-19 and are then vaccinated, this decreases your chance of reinfection by about half.”

Vaccine protection wanes over time, Garcia added. “This is something we expected to occur with vaccinated individuals, hence boosters are important, particularly for front line workers and those at higher risk of complications, such as those with diabetes and respiratory illnesses.”

## 6 How is Omicron presenting in vulnerable populations such as senior citizens and those with multiple underlying conditions?

Most Omicron infections have occurred in relatively young, healthy people. “We still don’t know how dangerous it is in people over 65 or those who are immunocompromised, but there is a concern that they may be at higher risk for severe disease,” Blumberg said. “We urge them to take all available precautions, including vaccination with boosters and masking.”

Omicron is highly transmissible compared to Delta, Garcia noted. “The viral load is much higher in Omicron, which means that someone infected with the

Omicron variant is more infectious than someone infected with the Delta variant. Older adults and those with compromised immune systems should take special care,” she said.

## 7 Why should I continue to wear a mask?

Omicron is incredibly infectious. “Everyone should be masking when indoors around anyone not in their household, as well as in crowded areas outdoors where it is impossible to socially distance, like sporting events,” Blumberg said. Several studies have indicated how effective masks can be in protecting yourself and others. “But remember it’s important to cover both the mouth and nose, as COVID-19 can be found in the nose, mouth and throat,” reminded Garcia.

## “We all have a personal responsibility to reduce the risk to others, especially the more vulnerable among us,” Brad Pollock professor and chair of the Department of Public Health Sciences.

## 8 How effective are cloth face masks vs. surgical face masks vs. N95 face masks?

“It’s difficult to estimate the protection from cloth masks since they aren’t standardized,” noted Blumberg, “But some studies suggest they are about 50% effective, compared to 60-70% for surgical masks and 95% for N95s.”

Pollock noted that there’s strong evidence that properly worn N95 masks are the most protective in terms of blocking transmission. “Cloth masks alone are not very effective against the most transmissible variants like Delta and Omicron. If an N95 mask is not available, a surgical mask covered with a cloth mask can be very effective because the cloth mask acts as a holder to ensure that the surgical mask underneath fits tight,” he advised.

Source: <https://health.ucdavis.edu/newsroom/news/headlines/omicron-10-things-to-know-about-the-very-contagious-covid-19-variant/2022/01>

## Arizona Health Officials Say ‘Mild’ Omicron Still A Risk

PHOENIX (AP) — Hospital officials and public health experts in Arizona are warning against dismissing omicron because of its reputation for being a less severe COVID-19 variant.

“Even if it’s declared as mild, it’s really not. It consumes a number of resources. It complicates other health care,” Dr. Michael White, of Phoenix-based Valleywise Health, said Wednesday during a virtual news conference.

White commented amid reports that some people are deliberately trying to catch the highly contagious variant, believing they will suffer mild illness in exchange for gaining natural immunity.

Early studies show omicron is less likely to cause severe illness than the previous delta variant. But vaccination and a booster still offer strong protection from serious illness, hospitalization and death.

Dr. Joshua LaBaer, executive director of Arizona State University’s Biodesign Institute, also said not to be dismissive of it. There’s always a chance omicron could trigger serious illness or long-haul COVID-19 symptoms down the road, he said.

Even if a lot of cases are found to be mild,

there will inevitably be people who will need to go to already taxed hospitals.

“Voluntarily getting infected when the health care system is already stressed and potentially adding to that stress is probably not a great idea either,” LaBaer said. “The whole system is something we have to pay attention to.”

Hospitalizations for COVID-19 have been inching upward in the state since Dec. 31, when they were 2,283. They were up to 2,929 as of Tuesday.

Sonora Quest Laboratories, which conducts the majority of COVID-19 tests in Arizona, broke its single-day record for number of tests processed on Tuesday. The state’s largest diagnostic lab went through over 34,000 samples, Chief Operating Officer Sonya Engle said in a statement.

Meanwhile, the state coronavirus dashboard reported a record high of 18,783 new confirmed COVID-19 cases Wednesday. Another six virus-related deaths were also reported. This brings Arizona’s pandemic totals to 1,524,363 cases and 24,992 deaths.



**February WIC Updates**

For the health and wellness of our clients and staff, SRPMIC WIC will be providing Telehealth services for the entire month of February, by appointment only.

*\*For appointments please call: 480-362-7300*

If you are already a WIC client, please don't forget to check your food benefits.

SRPMIC WIC has moved to River People Health Center. For more information please contact us.

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Email: WIC@srpmic-nsn.gov

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# VIRTUAL

Enrolled Community Member ONLY Meeting



Monday, January 31, 2022 | 5:30 p.m.

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 PHONE (AUDIO ONLY): (480) 362-5590  
 CONFERENCE ID: 265483

**AGENDA:**

- Medical Marijuana
- Violence Against Women Act
- River People Health Center
- Open Questions

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JANUARY 31, 2022

TOPICS TO BE COVERED IN THE  
**VIRTUAL COMMUNITY MEETING**  
 FOR ENROLLED COMMUNITY MEMBERS ONLY

**River People Health Center**

The River People Health is set to open next month. General info will be shared on the clinics hours of operation, when and how you can make appt, services that will be provided and information on the Center's connection to Pima Indian Medical Center.

**Medical Marijuana:**

Tribal Council is currently weighing various options with respect to the use of medical marijuana and the criminal classification (penalty) of the possession or use of recreational marijuana.

- Do you support or oppose the legalization of marijuana for medical use?
- If the Community were to legalize marijuana for medical use, do you think the Community should develop its own program and standards related to the use of marijuana for medical reasons or should the Community follow the State of Arizona process?
- Do you support downgrading (decreasing) the criminal penalty for the possession or use of marijuana to distinguish it from other dangerous drugs such as methamphetamine, heroin, cocaine, fentanyl, etc...?

**Special Domestic Violence Criminal Jurisdiction (SDVC) pursuant to the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA):**

The Community currently does not have criminal jurisdiction of non-Indian individuals who commit crimes within the Community and that includes domestic violence against a Community Member. When the offender is a non-Indian and the victim is an Indian, the Federal government is the only entity that possesses criminal jurisdiction and the typical domestic violence case rarely gets prosecuted. The VAWA (federal legislation) affirms a Tribe's ability to exercise its inherent sovereignty to prosecute non-Indians for domestic violence under certain circumstances and requirements, including the potential of non-Indians serving as jurors.

- Do you support the prosecution by the Community as it relates to non-Indian domestic violence offenders?
- Do you support the requirement that non-Indians be permitted to serve on a jury in criminal cases in the Community Court?
- Do you think that non-Indians should be permitted to be a juror on all criminal cases, on just domestic violence criminal cases, or only on criminal cases when the defendant is a non-Indian?

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# Youth Services Quarterly Newsletter Highlights the Department and Programs



Youth Services Quarterly Newsletter Highlights the Department and Programs

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The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community's Youth Services Department launched its first newsletter this month, called the Salt River Youth Times. The two-page newsletter highlights Youth Services programs, culture, staff highlights and community events.

The newsletter is quarterly, and the first issue features department activities from October through December 2021. The first page features three programs, the Hawk, Teen Wolf and Hummingbird groups.

"We asked that the leaders of each group pick a youth who is willing to write a paragraph on the group they participate in. They will answer questions or talk about what they like about their group, their favorite activity, what they learned in their group, etc.," said Youth Services Supervisor Karina Watson.

On the second page, Youth Development Specialist Isaac Lopez provided a blurb on one of the major projects he worked on with the youth, making gourd rattles that are used for singing in the O'odham and Piipaash cultures. He noted that one of his students took great interest in the singing workshop that was taught by Anthony "Thosh" Collins.

The newsletter will always incorporate something on culture, explained

Watson, whether it's a small blurb on activities or a crossword puzzle that features O'odham and Piipaash vocabulary words.

Also on the second page is a short profile of a Youth Services staff member with a photo.

"We are going to be featuring our different staff members. This quarter we chose Youth Development Specialist Nick Armenta, who has worked for the department for 12 years," said Watson.

The newsletter also features a photo collage of Community events that the youth participated in. This first issue covers the Youth Services booth at the Salt River Schools Spooktacular event, the Early Enrichment Program's participation in the SRPMIC Fall Overhaul, and the VAIL Bike and Skateboard Raffle.

"We wanted to share what the department is doing to connect with the Community outside of the department, but also feature the department's events," said Watson. "For example, our big event [this quarter] was the VAIL Bike and Skateboard Raffle. We'd like to thank all those who helped us make that event a success."

Each quarterly newsletter can be viewed at the Way of Life Facility's Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/SRPMIC.WOLF](https://www.facebook.com/SRPMIC.WOLF).



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# An Inside Look at the Career of an SRPD Police Officer

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The Salt River Police Department (SRPD) is currently hiring for several open positions within the department. Current positions available are crime scene specialist (two positions), police officer (approximately 40 positions), records clerk (approximately three positions), dispatcher 1 (approximately eight positions) and animal control technician (one position).

Currently, 14 members of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community work for the SRPD, seven of them as police officers, and another 15 SRPD employees are members of other Native American tribes.

SRPD Sgt. Joseph Ellis said that having more Community members filling these open positions within the SRPD is important and it would make a difference in the department.

“Community members bring knowledge, experience, history and tradition,” said Ellis. “Those four things, on top of several other things, help educate SRPD employees who are not from the SRP-MIC. It is a good feeling to help others, but it is an even better feeling to help your Community.”

Ellis said that the most important things to think about before applying to become a police officer are having a strong work ethic, getting and staying in shape physically, and having a clean driving record, a clean background and clean social media accounts.

To get an idea of what it's like to work for the SRPD, O'odham Action News talked with SRPD Off. Tammy Lundy, who worked for six years in law enforcement on the outskirts of Chicago, Illinois, as a patrol officer and detective before moving to Arizona. Her first job after moving to the state was working in dispatch at SRPD for a year and a half. She recently became a police officer in the Community.

“[As a police officer], you get to help people pretty much every day, [from] helping someone find their keys that got lost in a store or recovering stolen items, all the way up to saving someone's life,” said Lundy. “That's pretty



SRPD Police Officer Tammy Lundy fills out an incident report.

rewarding. Every single day is different, and you don't have to sit in the office all day. You get to be out there and interact with your Community.”

Lundy said that her typical day begins in a “swing shift,” which is from 1 p.m. to 11 p.m. She will arrive early to get her police vehicle set up with her gear. Police officers usually work four days a week in 10-hour shifts.

After that, Lundy said that she makes sure her uniform looks good and that



SRPD Police Officer Tammy Lundy stands in front of her vehicle.

her flashlight and radio are charged up and ready to take with her.

If the COVID-19 pandemic permits, there will usually be a briefing for the officers in which the sergeant will go over anything that is pertinent, such as following up on previous incidents or things to look out for.

When there aren't calls to respond to, police officers will do other kinds of work, such as finishing up reports or obtaining surveillance footage for an investigation. “There are times where we are also present in court,” said Lundy.

“When driving around the Community, we're usually doing extra checks and watches or responding to calls and helping the Community. I feel like a lot of people don't realize that side of it. We're not just out making traffic stops or getting our lights and sirens on for calls; there is a lot of work in between.”

In regard to how difficult and dangerous the job is, Lundy said that this is definitely the kind of job where you have to expect every day that you could potentially not come home to your family.

“You're there to serve the Community, and that's something that you have to be prepared for every day,” said Lundy. “If you're not thinking that way, then you're not staying safe. You have to be prepared to save a life, whether that's pulling someone out of a canal or having to use force. You have to be prepared every shift to do that without hesitation.”



## Steps to Becoming a Police Officer with SRPD

**Step 1:** Apply. Visit <https://www.srpmic-nsn.gov/government/srpd/employment/> for more information and <https://www.srpmic-nsn.gov/employment/> to apply

**Step 2:** Pass initial written and physical agility test

**Step 3:** Pass oral board exam

**Step 4:** Complete AZ POST (Arizona Peace Officer Standards and Training Board) background packet

**Step 5:** Pass background check, medical and psychological exams, and polygraph test

**Step 6:** Attend and graduate from AZ POST Certified Academy, which takes 24 to 26 weeks, depending on which Valley academy you are sent to

**Step 7:** Enter the SRPD's Field Training Officer (FTO) program, in which you are working out in the field partnered with a veteran officer for a four-phase training program that takes approximately four months

### ZOOM PRESENTATION

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FEBRUARY 1ST  
MARCH 8TH  
APRIL 5TH

TIME: 5:30 - 6:30 PM

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### SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY

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“Listen to the wind, it talks.  
Listen to the silence, it speaks.  
Listen to the heart, it knows.”



# COUNCIL ACTIONS CORNER

Welcome to the Council Corner. Here you will find a recap of the weekly Council Meeting actions and other important information. During Phase III of the Return to Work Plan the SRPMIC Council is continuing business by holding Council meetings in-person (adhering to COVID precautions and no audience). Regular Sessions and Work Sessions will be available for a delayed viewing at <https://www.srpmic-nsn.gov/> click on Tribal Government, Virtual Council Meetings.

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

## December 1, 2021 – Skype Council Meeting Items

- \* **Sponsorship Request** – Council was presented a sponsorship opportunity from the Native American Basketball Invitational (NABI). Council declined the sponsorship due to the amount requested.
- \* **Election Board Appointments** – Council reappointed Rosanna Andrews (District I Representative), Letitia Dalton and Derek Jones (District II Representatives) to fill the expired terms on the election board. Each will serve a four-year term.
- \* **COVID-19 Update**–The Assistant Community Manager provided an overview of the current Community COVID-19 report as of December 1, 2021.
- \* **Administrative Reports:** SRPD Chief provided the weekly report on major crimes occurring in the Community for the week.
- \* **Executive Session Items:** Gaming Update, Election Board Appointments, Sponsorship Request, Funeral and Wake Request, Long-Term Portfolio Rebalance Update, Master Agreement with BNSF Railway Company, Office of General Counsel Legal Matters.

## December 2, 2021 – Skype Council Work Session Items

- \* **Housing Direction** – Staff requested direction on the approved concept of temporary/emergency housing and transitional housing locations. Council approved a test for temporary housing in SRPMIC on Site F (Southwest corner of Montecito Drive and Country Club Drive.)
- \* **Executive Work Session Items:** Council Review, Shadow Mountain Update

## December 8, 2021 – Skype Council Meeting Items

- \* **Acknowledgement of Bryan Bowker, BIA Western Region Director** – On behalf of SRPMIC the Council acknowledged and thanked Mr. Bowker for his services.
- \* **Resolution for Exclusion**– Council tabled this item to a future meeting.
- \* **Medical Marijuana Proclamation** – Council approved a proclamation that provides policy guidance regarding: 1) downgrade of criminal penalty for medical marijuana, 2) allow for medical marijuana exception/exemption to the criminal law – defer to the state process or SRPMIC can develop a medical marijuana program and standards, and 3) a temporary policy decision by Council – Council could

issue policy guidance, in form of a Declaration or Proclamation, to the Community’s Prosecutor’s Office regarding medical use of marijuana while they consider the official legal options.

- \* **Child Support Orders Ordinance** – Council approved a 60 day public comment period on the proposed amendments to the ordinance.
- \* **SRMG/BNSF Agreement** – Council approved a resolution to authorize Phoenix Cement Company to enter into an agreement with BNSF Railway to move product from the generating station to the market, thus saving the company a certain amount of money over a three-year period.
- \* **COVID-19 Update**–The Community Manager provided an overview of the current Community COVID-19 situation and testing results for the week.
- \* **Administrative Reports:** Community Manager provided an update on the Council meeting videos posted on the Community website. The four past meetings will be posted. He also announced that the Council approved a December relief payment to all Community members 18 and older. SRPD reported on the major incidents for the week of November 30 – December 7, 2021. President Harvier reported on Robert Robbin’s, President of U of A, visit to the Community. President Harvier informed that he also attended the Republican Convention in Las Vegas and reported on the Salt River Project Advisory Group meeting.
- \* **Executive Session Items:** Report follow-Up, Gaming Update, Council Approach, Saddleback Board Appointments, General Counsel Legal Matters.

## December 9, 2021 – Skype Council Work Session Items

No work session this week.

## December 15, 2021 – Skype Council Meeting Items

- \* **Highland Avenue Proposed Road & Utility Easement** – Council approved a resolution to approve a rights-of way application and consent to the grant of easement for a road and utility easement for the SRPMIC to provide public roadway and utility services for the general benefit of the Community and residents on allotted land along Highland Avenue (Dobson Road to Longmore Road).
- \* **Paradise Gateway Master Lease** – Council approved a resolution to amend resolution no SR-3769-2020 and approve the revised business lease B-779 between certain allotted landowners of SRAL 18120 (BIA Tract 181), 18220 (BIA Tract 182), 18520 (BIA Tract 185), 18620 (BIA Tract 186), and 68720 (BIA Tract 687-B) and Paradise Gateway LLC, an Arizona limited liability company, for the lease and development of 48.052 acres, more or less, of allotted land located within the exterior boundaries of the SRPMIC.
- \* **Assignment and Assumption for B-100 (Shadow Mountain Village)** – Council approved a resolution to approve an assignment and assumption of Business Lease B-100 between Shadow Mountain, LTD., an Arizona Limited Partnership, and MHP #14, LLC, and Arizona Limited Liability Company.
- \* **General Assistance Program (GAP) Grant Resolution Update** – Council approved a resolution to authorize application for, and receipt and implementation of, grant funding

through the US EPA, Region 9 Indian Environmental General Assistance Program.

- \* **2020-2025 Hazard Mitigation Plan Resolution** – Council approved a resolution to approve the 2020-2025 SRPMIC Hazard Mitigation Plan for submission to the US FEMA in order for the SRPMIC to remain eligible for certain federal grants.
- \* **Enterprise Budget Modifications** – Council approved the Phoenix Cement Company Budget modifications as presented.
- \* **Resolution for Fifth Welfare Payment** – Council approved a resolution to approve a Fifth General Welfare Doctrine Payment to enrolled members of the SRPMIC who are eighteen years of age and older to provide Community members and their families with additional resources to ensure that the core needs of food, shelter, and other necessities can be purchased as the Covid-19 emergency continues.
- \* **COVID-19 Update** – The Community Manager provided an overview of the current Community COVID-19 situation and testing results for the week.
- \* **Administrative Reports:** SRPD Chief provided the weekly report on major crimes occurring in the Community.
- \* **Executive Session:** Gaming Enterprise Monthly Report, Budget Amendment, SRMG Investment, Internal Audit Annual Plan, Phoenix Settlement Agreement, OGC Legal Matters.

## December 16, 2021 – Skype Council Work Session Items

- \* **Organizational Chart Discussion** – The Community Manager presented an updated SRPMIC Tribal Government Organization Chart for consideration and discussion.

- \* **Employee Retirement Programs** – Human Resources staff presented employee retirement programs which included: 401(k); Public Safety Personnel Retirement System; Arizona State Retirement System; Retirement Plan Comparison; and deferred compensation plan.
- \* **Radio Station** – IT staff presented several options and cost for a radio station to communicate with the Community population for discussion and direction. Council requested more information on establishing a new low power FM radio station.
- \* **River People’s Health Center Update & SR Clinic** – A construction update, transition plan for staff, projections of employment and staff, and tentative open date of February 14, 2022. Regarding the current SR Clinic, discussion was held on the plans for closing or keep open. Council motioned to close the SR Clinic and all services to be at the River People’s Health Center.
- \* **Executive Items** – Gaming Management, vandalism, homelessness.

Last two weeks of December 2021 No Meetings the week of Christmas and New Year’s Eve.

WEEKLY - President, Vice-President, and Executive Administration hold Skype meetings for various other meetings.

For the most recent updates, check the SRPMIC Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/SRPMIC/>.

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

NASAL OR ORAL SWABS / SALIVA TEST

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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



# JANUARY SRPMIC 2021 Board Vacancies - Deadline to apply January 31, 2022

## PLEASE READ UPDATED INSTRUCTIONS.

- APPLICATIONS CAN ALSO BE REQUESTED BY EMAILING:**  
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- Fill out the application completely. Incomplete and/or unsigned applications will not be considered.**
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- Submit application by 5:00pm by the closing date.**
- Any questions, contact the Council Secretary at (480) 362-7466 or 362-7465 or 362-7400.**

## Gaming Enterprise Board

**(3) Community Member Representatives (Must be an enrolled member of SRPMIC to apply.)**

The Gaming Enterprises Board is responsible for adopting policies and procedures, approving budgets, and reviewing the business results of the division of gaming.

Community Members Preferred / Professional is Required to have:

Knowledge of gaming management, restaurant, hotel, convention, resort operations, banking or finance.

Candidates must be willing to: Serve a 2-year term.  
Attend regular board meetings held on the last Tuesday of each month at 4:30 p.m.  
Attend special board meetings held on the second Tuesday of each month at 4:30 p.m. There may also be other special board meetings called as necessary.  
Have knowledge of the Community's vision.  
Members will receive a paid stipend for regular and special meetings.  
PLEASE NOTE:  
The appointed applicant will be subject to an extensive background check in order to obtain the necessary gaming license.

## Salt River Landfill Board

**(1) Lehi Community Member Representative (SRPMIC Lehi Members may apply.)**

**(1) Professional Representative (All may apply.)**

Now accepting applications from SRPMIC Community members who are interested in serving on the Salt River Landfill Board. The purpose of the Landfill Board is to promote the economic self-sufficiency of the SRPMIC by constructing, maintaining, managing, and operating one or more commercial landfills and related facilities and functions for the

SRPMIC and other entities or jurisdictions with which it might enter into agreements: and to undertake such other responsibilities as may be assigned to it from time to time by the Community Council.

Professional applicants are required to have experience/knowledge:

- Waste Management Industry
- Construction, Environmental or Civil Engineering
- Have knowledge of the Community's vision and land issues

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

## Land Management Board

**(1) Lehi Community Member Representative (Lehi-District II SRPMIC Members may apply.)**

As a Community Member Representative the desired qualities and responsibilities are as follows:

- Serve under the direction of the SRPMIC Tribal Council
- Attend Meetings on the first and third Monday of each month and when special meetings arise
- Attend Public Hearings as scheduled by the LMB.
- Make committed decisions for the SRPMIC, O'odham and Piipaash Culture.
- Responsible to make recommendations on proposals submitted for the development of land within the boundaries of SRPMIC.
- Follow procedures according to SRPMIC Code of Ordinances Section 17-7.
- Obtain a paid stipend for each meeting attended.
- Serve a (3) three-year term.

## SHRRP Committee - Recruiting Community Members

**(1) Salt River Representative**

**(1) Lehi Representative**

The Senior Home Repair and Replacement Program (SHRRP) operates under SRO-472-2015. The makeup of the Committee, job duties and other information have been included for a full scope of service on this Committee:

Committee Members:

Per the Ordinance, the SHRRP Committee will consist of the following members:

Representative of Senior Services

Representative of Health and Human Services (HHS)

Representative of Engineering and Construction Services (ECS)

Appointed representative from Community Council

Appointed representative of Senior and Disabled Community Advisory Committee (SDCAC)

Appointed Community Member, Lehi (Senior and/or Handicapped)

Appointed Community Member, Salt River (Senior and/or Handicapped)

This diverse group will assist in providing guidance, planning and continuous improvement to the SHRRP Program. The appointed positions for the Committee will be selected by the Community Council, per the ordinance.

Job Duties of a Committee Member:

Each Committee Member will:

Attend scheduled meetings at least once a month

Communicate problems and concerns related to SHRRP as the members becomes aware of an issue

Seek/Promote positive services for Community Members whom are senior or disabled

Provide insight based upon experience or knowledge to support healthy living environments for seniors and people with disabilities

Share information with Community leadership and groups, such as the Community Council, SDCAC, and others about SHRRP

Duties as otherwise needed to carry out the intent of the Ordinance

Please note that these positions do not receive a stipend, this is a volunteer role. The benefits of participation will include: Opportunities for training and education.

Meetings/Timelines:

The Committee will be once a month on a prescribed date (to be determined) for approximately 2-3 hours, additionally meetings may be necessary on a case by case basis.

Reporting Requirements:

This Committee will serve as a liaison to the Directors of ECS, Health and Human Services and Senior Services to support the ongoing viability and success of the SHRRP Ordinance.

Goals of the SHRRP Committee:

The Committee will work as a team to collectively achieve the following goals:

Providing clear and prompt customer service to the Community

Promoting a healthy living environment for Community Members

Improving processes, procedures and plans for the SHRRP program

Eliminating duplication of effort and ensuring coordination between departments (Senior Services, HHS, and ECS)

Engaging in education and preventative maintenance to support the long-life of homes in the Community

## Salt River Schools Education Board

**(1) Community Member/Professional Representative (SRPMIC members only may apply.)**

The Professional Representative must have professional or management experience in the educational area. It is highly preferred the Professional Representative have a Bachelor's Degree.

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

- Willing to serve a 3-year term.

- Must be a dedicated person committed to the mission of the Community's Education Department.

- Education Department and/or SRPMI Community Schools employees are not

eligible to apply.

## RESPONSIBILITIES

- Attendance at regular, special, and educational meetings, work sessions, conferences, workshops, interviews, and special events within and outside of the community and state.

- Members may also be selected for sub-committees.

## CLEARANCES

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

## MEETINGS

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

## STIPEND

- Members receive a stipend for Regular and "Special" meetings only.

## Miss Salt River Committee

**(3) Board Member Positions Available (All may apply.)**

Qualifications:

Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson must be enrolled members of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community.

All remaining Committee members must be enrolled in a federally recognized tribe. All members of the Miss Salt River Pageant Committee must submit to and successfully pass a background check and drug test, including random drug testing as conducted by the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community.

All members must possess a valid Arizona driver's license and maintain adequate automobile insurance as required by the State of Arizona and must be insurable under the risk management standards of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community.

Duties:

The Miss Salt River Pageant Committee shall assist the reigning Jr. Miss Salt River and Miss Salt River in participating in events and in representing the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community. Such duties shall include: Identify and schedule events for participation. Chaperone, when available, Jr. Miss Salt River and Miss Salt River to local and out-of-state events.

Prepare and conduct active recruitment for the positions of Jr. Miss Salt River and Miss Salt River.

Actively recruit volunteers to participate in meetings and events.

Actively seek funding and scholarship resources.

Other duties necessary as a MSRP committee member.

Terms: The Miss Salt River Pageant Committee members serve a 2-year term.

Meetings:

Attend monthly, regular, and special meetings as necessary.

Other:

Must be willing to help during pageant week. Knowledge of the Pima and Maricopa cultures a plus.

## Law Enforcement Commission

Seeking Applicants for:

**(1) Community Member – Salt River**

**Representative** (SRPMIC Members considered District I, Salt River may apply.)

**(1) Community Member – Lehi Representative** (SRPMIC Members considered District II, Lehi may apply)

**(1) Community Member At-Large Representative** (All SRPMIC Members may apply.)

**(1) Community Senior** (All SRPMIC Members 55 years or older may apply.)

**(2) Representatives with Law Enforcement experience/background** (All may apply but must have Law Enforcement experience.)

**(1) Community Member Youth (21 - 25 years old)** (SRPMIC Youth may apply.)

Qualifications:

- Be willing to serve a three-year term.
- Be willing and able to regularly attend meetings.
- Have knowledge of the Community's vision and land issues.

- Experience and/or knowledge of law enforcement and SRPMIC Code of Ordinances.

REQUIRED:

Applicants will be required to authorize the SRPD to investigate his/her background through the National Crime Information Center and the AZ Criminal Information Center. Applicants must consent and pass a drug screening/fingerprinting and sign a Code of Ethics statement.

If selected, prior to being seated on the LEC, shall execute a sworn affidavit that certifies that s/he has:

- No current outstanding warrants from any jurisdiction or currently under investigation in any jurisdiction.

- No misdemeanor criminal history for the previous four (4) years in any jurisdiction.

- Never have been convicted of a felony from any jurisdiction.

- No more than two (2) moving traffic violations within the last year in any jurisdiction.

- Not been terminated from a Police Department, SRP-MIC Department of Corrections from any jurisdiction, for any reason; & No termination from any place of employment for reasons involving moral turpitude.

The purpose of the Law Enforcement Commission is to aid in the effective, efficient and objective provision of police and corrections services to members and residents of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (SRPMIC).

The Law Enforcement Commission shall assist the SRPMIC Police Department and the Department of Corrections by acting as a liaison with the Community in matters involving the SRP-MIC Police Department and the Department of Corrections' needs and concerns. Commissioners receive a stipend for meetings and approved activities related to Commission duties.

IMPORTANT NOTE: There is an application specifically for the Law Enforcement Board. When picking up an application make sure you inform Administration that you need a Law Enforcement board application.

## SALT RIVER BUSINESS LISTINGS

<p><b>ART &amp; MAX'S LANDSCAPING</b> Free estimates mowing, service, sprinkler, repair, trimming tree clean up, maintenance. Max, (480) 667-9403 art&amp;maxlandscaping@gmail.com</p>	<p>Cody Wood, (480) 272-4035 boxingbearsphotography.com cody@boxingbearsphotography.com</p>	<p><b>MOQUINO'S BODY &amp; PAINT LLC. Auto Body Work and Paint LLC.</b> Comm. member 15 percent discount. Pete Moquino, (480) 236-3033 moquinoscustompaint@yahoo.com</p>	<p>(562) 761-9341 nativecreativeapparel@gmail.com</p>	<p><b>PIMARA CONSTRUCTION</b> Civil &amp; structural engineering. Virginia Loring, (480) 251-6849 vlpimara@cox.net</p>	<p><b>SALT RIVER HOSPITALITY</b> Food service, bar, janitorial equipment and supplies. J.B. Cortez, (480) 453-9371 srh@srpmic.com</p>
<p><b>AIR CONDITIONING AND HEATING-RMG MECHANICAL</b> Comm. member own business. One job done right the first time! We service all makes and models. License #ROC310871 Bonded &amp; Insured. Rebecca Gonzales, (480) 334-1257/ (480) 823-2802 Rmgmechanical@gmail.com</p>	<p><b>DALIA'S LANDSCAPING</b> Yard maintenance / tree trimming, sprinkler repairs and service. Sherry Harris, (480) 580-0501/ (480) 868-5452 daliarezendiz0815@icloud.com</p>	<p><b>LB's HAIR SALON</b> For all your hair needs, 30 plus year experiences specializing in trending haircuts, color, highlighting, perms, blow dry's, also manicure, pedicure and facial waxing. Linda Baptisto, (602) 525-9142 hairbylindab@yahoo.com</p>	<p><b>NATURES DEFENSE</b> Do it yourself pest control. All organic, non-toxic, chemical free. Safe/effective against roaches, scorpions, fleas/ticks, beetles, bed bugs and more! JB Cortez, (480) 453-9371 saltriverjb@gmail.com</p>	<p><b>PIIPASH SHELL</b> 4001. N. Pima Scottsdale, AZ Michael Smith- Owner Piipash LLC (480) 947-6400 (store) piipash@hotmail.com</p>	<p><b>7 STARS OF ARIZONA, LLC</b> Concrete &amp; Masonry construction, General contraction ROC#26357. Angela Willeford, (602) 889-7290 angelawilleford@sevenstarscompany.com</p>
<p><b>AU-AUTHUM KI, INC.</b> Commercial construction. Margaret Rodriguez, (480) 250-7566</p>	<p><b>DALLAS PROFESSIONAL PAINTING</b> Commercial Painting Company, Licensed, Bonded, Insured, ROC#250102 David Dallas, (623) 337-4070 david@dallaspropainting.com</p>	<p><b>LG Landscaping LLC</b> Contact Lisa Miguel or Jade Anton to get a Free Quote for all your landscaping needs. lglandscapingnative@gmail.com (480) 238-4858</p>	<p><b>NATIVE GROUND COFFEE</b> A Native American coffee company from Salt River. Winter Wood, (480) 522-8393 www.nativegroundcoffee.com</p>	<p><b>RED MOUNTAIN ENGINEERING, LLC</b> Full service civil engineering, surveying and consulting firm. Patrick D. Dallas, (480) 237-2708 www.redmtengineering.com</p>	<p><b>STAYSHONS CHEVRON</b> Community Member owned business since 1994. Boyd Chiago, (480) 990-2004</p>
<p><b>BOXING BEARS PHOTOGRAPHY</b> Boxing Bears Photography is a photography business based in Scottsdale, Arizona. We specialize in portrait photography and photobooths.</p>	<p><b>ERNIE'S CATERING</b> Food catering for all your needs Ernie Lopez (chef and owner) (480) 907-8945 erniescateringbusiness@yahoo.com</p>	<p><b>NATIVE CREATIVE APPAREL, LLC</b> Native American themed clothing for babies, kids and adults. Design your own custom shirts Isaac Lopez, (480) 410-8685 /</p>	<p><b>PIMA AWARDS PROMOTIONAL PRODUCTS, INC</b> Promotional products, silkscreened and embroidered apparel, custom made awards and printing services. NEW ADDRESS: 15610 N 35th Ave Ste #7 Phoenix, AZ 85053 www.pimaawards.com <b>Ron Lee, (623) 271-8311</b></p>	<p><b>REZHAWK TOWING &amp; RECOVERY, LLC</b> Please call for appointment. Lock out available Eric Schurz, (480) 735-9730 rezhawktowingandrecovery@yahoo.com</p>	<p><b>THE MAIN INGREDIENT</b> Kitchen supplies, open to the public. J.B. Cortez, (480) 453-9371 themainingredientaz@gmail.com</p>
					<p><b>VMK ENTERPRISES, INC</b> Janitorial supplies. Sheryl@vmkenterprises.com</p>

If we CANNOT contact you by phone or email, your business will be removed from the listing, O'odham Action News at (480) 362-7750 to have your business put back on the listing.





**Salt River  
PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY**

**Community Development Department**  
Physical Address: 10079 E Osborn Road, Third Floor, Scottsdale, AZ 85256  
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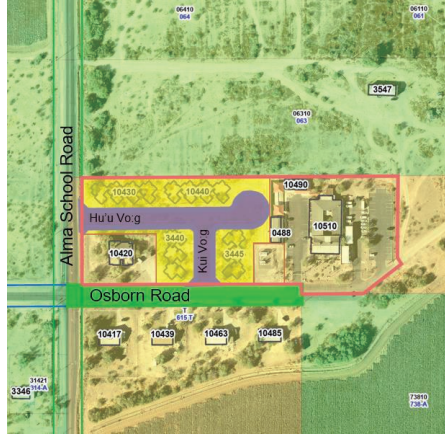
**NOTICE OF COMMUNITY HEARING**

The Community Council and the Land Management Board have scheduled a Community Hearing. You may or may not be a landowner in this area; however, we are extending this special invitation to all Community Members and landowners with an ownership interest within a 1/2-mile radius of the project described, as follows:

**Community Member Service Area (Northeast Corner of Alma School & Osborn Roads)  
DOLU, ROW Easements, and Street Naming**

SRPMIC plans to build fourteen (14) new 2 bedroom/2bath housing units for young adults as part of the Social Services transitional program PALS (shown in yellow in the aerial photo below right). These housing units are similar to the existing units located within the Mesquite Trails subdivision. Related to this effort, tribal staff is requesting:

- 1) Approval of a Designation of Land Use (DOLU) for the area shown outlined in red in the aerial photo to the right. The DOLU area is for government buildings with service delivery to eligible Community Members.
- 2) Approval of new road-and-utility easements within the PALS housing area (shown in purple in the aerial photo to the right).
- 3) Approval of adoption of native language street names for the roads within the PALS housing area (shown in purple in the aerial photo to the right). **Hu'u Vo:g** means "Star Road" and **Kui Vo:g** means "Mesquite Road" in the O'Odham Language.
- 4) Approval of a "matching utility" easement on Osborn Road (shown in bright green in the aerial photo to the right). The road-rights were granted previously.



Due to COVID-19 precautions, this hearing will be available via pre-recorded video with the options listed below for providing questions or comments.

You may view the pre-recorded video and audio presentation from the Community Hearing starting on January 27, 2022. To view the presentation, please visit: [www.srpmic-nsn.gov/1879-phc](http://www.srpmic-nsn.gov/1879-phc). Public comments are due by 5PM on February 11, 2022. Public comments can be made a number of ways:  
By email: [public\\_hearing\\_comments@srpmic-nsn.gov](mailto:public_hearing_comments@srpmic-nsn.gov)  
By phone: (480) 362-7470  
By text: (623) 282-5757  
By Online Survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SRPMICPublicHearing>  
By Mail: CDD, Attn: Public Comments, 10005 E Osborn Rd, Scottsdale, AZ 85256

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**CHURCH LISTING**

<p><b>LEHI CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE</b> 1452 E. Oak St. Mesa, AZ 85203 Mailing Address: PO Box 4628 Mesa, AZ 85211 Pastor Merrill Jones (480) 234-6091 <b>SERVICES</b> -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 &amp; 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.</p>	<p><b>SERVICES</b> -Sunday Services 10 a.m. -Communion First Sunday of every month 10 a.m. (limited 10 people)</p> <p><b>THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST PAPAGO WARD</b> 2056 N. Extension Rd. Scottsdale AZ, 85256 (480) 947-1084 <b>SERVICES</b> -Sunday service suspended until further notice</p> <p><b>PIMA CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP</b> 12207 E. Indian School Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85256 Pastor Marty Thomas (480) 874-3016/ Home: (480) 990-7450 <b>SERVICES</b> - Sunday service 11 a.m. - Bible Study Wednesdays 6 p.m. via Zoom - Churches Zoom ID: 7081368738 pwds : 3r28HAJ</p>	<p><b>SERVICES</b> - 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</p> <p><b>SALT RIVER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH</b> P.O. Box 10125 Scottsdale, AZ 85271 E: SaltRiverPresbyterian@gmail.com Visit us on Facebook Pastor Charlotte Fafard <b>SERVICES</b> -Sunday Service, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. -Communion First Sunday of the month CDC/SRPMIC Guidelines followed</p> <p><b>ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC MISSION</b> 3090 N. Longmore, Scottsdale, AZ 85256 (602) 292-4466 (cell) Administrator: Deacon Jim Trant Parish President: Cindy Thomas Father Peter McConnell and Father Anthony Tinker <b>SERVICES</b> -Sunday Mass 12 p.m. -Holy Hours 1 p.m.</p>
<p><b>FERGUSON MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH</b> 1512 E. McDowell Rd. (Lehi) Mesa, AZ 85203 Pastor Neil Price (480) 278-0750 <b>SERVICES</b> - 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.</p>	<p><b>SALT RIVER ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b> 10657 E. Virginia Ave. Scottsdale, AZ 85256 (480) 947-5278 Rev. Jim Lopez <b>SERVICES</b> - Sunday Morning Prayer 10 a.m. - Worship 11 a.m. - Evening Worship 6 p.m. - Thursday Evening Worship 6 p.m.</p>	
<p><b>LEHI PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH</b> 1342 E. Oak Mesa, AZ 85203 Pastor Annette Lewis annette.f.lewis@gmail.com (480) 404-3284</p>	<p><b>SALT RIVER CHURCH OF CHRIST</b> 430 N. Dobson Rd. Mesa, AZ 85201 (720) 626-2171 <a href="http://SaltRiverChurchofChrist.com">SaltRiverChurchofChrist.com</a></p>	

Please call the Church ahead of time to confirm information. Information was correct at the time of print, however, services may have changed since then.

**SRPMIC CLINIC MAIN LINE PROMPTS**

Are you trying to reach the pharmacy, your medical provider, or another area at the Salt River Clinic?

When calling the Salt River Clinic main phone number, you will hear the following phone options:

- Press 1: Medical, dental or behavioral health appointments
- Press 2: Pharmacy
- Press 3: Speak to medical provider, behavioral health provider or triage nurse
- Press 4: Referrals, billing, medical records
- Press 5: FAQs, address and hours of operation

The Salt River Clinic encourages callers to follow the automated call prompts when calling the main clinic number to get to the area you are trying to reach.

**YOU CAN REACH THE MAIN CLINIC LINE AT (480) 946-9066.**



**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



**PUBLIC WORKS NOTICE**

**With the SRPMIC Government service operations transitioning to a modified Phase 1.5, indoor services at Memorial Hall and Xalychidom Piipaash Nyvaash are being temporarily suspended until further notice.**

**Only outdoor services will be available during this time.**

**We appreciate your patience and understanding.**

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# JUVENILE COURT JURISDICTION

SALT RIVER PIMA MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT

**ADDRESS:**

10040 E. OSBORN RD. SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85256

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

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

**BAPTISTO SR.**, Angelo Terry – Review/Initial Child Support Hearings Case: J-19-0007/J-21-0063 Court Date: January 25, 2022 at 9 a.m.

**BURKE**, Brandee Lynn – Review/ Initial Child Support Hearing Case: J-19-0007/J-21-0063 Court Date: January 25, 2022 at 9 a.m.

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

**CURTIS**, Lila Star - Review Hearing Case: J-21-0031 Court Date: March 3, 2022 at 9 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.

**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 – Review/ Permanency/ECR Hearings Case: J-21-0045/0046/0047 Court Date: February 22, 2022 at 9 a.m.

**JIMERSON**, Felicia Kim - Status Hearing Case: J-21-0111 Court Date: February 1, 2022 at 10 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 - Review Hearing Case: J-21-0053 Court Date: March 10, 2022 at 9 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.

**MOORE**, James Ernie - Review Hearing Case: J-20-0081 Court Date: March 1, 2022 at 9 a.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.

**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.

**STEPP**, Annlynn Mae - Initial Termination of Parental-Child Relationship Case: J-22-0039 Court Date: February 16, 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**, 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.

**VILLEGAS**, Pedro – Review/ Permanency/ECR Hearings Case: J-21-0045 Court Date: February 22, 2022 at 9 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.

**BAKER**, Kristopher - Entry of Default Judgement Case: C-21-0167 Court Date: February 7, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.

**CARLISLE**, Cedric Blaine- Order to Show Cause Hearing Case: CF-19-0088 Court Date: February 14, 2022 at 9:30 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.

**GINA KING 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-21-0041

Notice of Judgment and Order of Child Support is hereby ORDERED AND ADJUDGED and is hereby ENTERED on the 14th day of December, 2021. It is further, ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that Respondent Gina King shall pay child support

in the amount of \$1,097.37 to Petitioner, Karen King. 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 \$19,103.03 against the Respondent. The Order of support presumptively terminates on May 30, 2032. This order is final for purposes of appeal.

**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.

**LOPEZ**, Brandon Anthony - Order to Show Cause Hearing Case: CF-18-0181 Court Date: February 7, 2022 at 9 a.m.

**MARTINEZ**, Selina Irene - Order to Show Cause Hearing Case: CF-19-0088 Court Date: February 14, 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.

**RIOS**, Isaiiah - Restraining Order Hearing Case: R-22-0008/R-22-0009 Court Date: February 17, 2022 at 11:30 a.m.

**STANDING ELK**, Carla Anne - Civil Complaint Hearing Case: C-22-0009 Court Date: February 14, 2022 at 10:30 a.m.

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

# SRPMIC EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

JOB TITLE	CLOSING DATE
IT Project Manager II	02/22/22
Police Officer (Recruit)	02/12/22
Civil Engineer - Water Resources	02/10/22
Snr. Community Relations Newsperson	02/07/22
Community Relations Assistant (Newspaper)	02/07/22
Community Relations Newsperson (Advertising)	02/07/22
Snr. Desktop Specialist	02/06/22
Pediatrician	02/05/22
Snr. Construction Manager	02/04/22
Building Maintenance Worker	02/03/22
Education Accounting Clerk II	01/29/22
Police Commander	01/29/22
Healthcare Data Specialist	01/29/22
Police Lieutenant	01/28/22
Senior Behavioral Health Counselor	01/28/22
Billing Specialist (HHS)	01/27/22
Wastewater Collection Worker I	01/27/22
Early Childhood Education Teacher	01/27/22
Clerk	01/26/22
Medical Assistant	01/26/22
Eligibility, Recruitment, Selection, Enrollment and Attendance Coordinator (ERSEA Coordinator)	01/26/22
Custodial Supervisor (EDU)	01/25/22
Ophthalmic Technician I	01/24/22
Practice Manager - Primary Care	01/21/22
Scheduler-Clinic	01/21/22
Practice Manager - Primary Care	01/21/22
Accountant	Continuous
Accountant Emphasis on Fixed Assets	Continuous
Behavioral Health Technician	Continuous
Licensed Practical Nurse (Community Health)	Continuous
Lifeguard	Continuous
Medical Support Assistant	Continuous
School Teacher – Gifted	Continuous
Senior Accountant	Continuous
Substitute Teacher	Continuous
Youth Development Specialist (Group Home)	Continuous
Vendor Master Coordinator	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.srpmicnnsn.gov/employment/

## DEFAULT NOTICES

**MAKINLEY CHARNSKI SUMMONS**

**J-22-0016**

In the Matter of Petition to Terminate Parental Rights of:  
 John Doe (D.O.B.: 10/XX/2017)

**TO: Makinley Charnski, respondent mother**

A Petition to Terminate Parental Rights has been filed in this Court against you which alleges grounds for the termination of your parental rights of the above captioned child(ren). You may obtain a copy of the petition by calling (480) 362-6315.

NOTICE: Violation of this Order is Subject to Proceedings for Contempt of Court Pursuant to Salt River Community Code Section 6-42. If Good Cause is Not Shown, the Court May Find the Parent, Guardian or Custodian in Contempt for Failure to Appear at a Court Hearing or for Failure to Follow Court Orders. Further, the Parties Should be Advised that the Hearing for Termination of Parental Rights May Proceed Without the Parent or Necessary Respondent Present. Failure to Appear May Result in the Hearing Being Held Without the Parent and the Parental Rights of the Parent may be Terminated.

CLERK OF COURT - SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA COMMUNITY COURT

**ERICA LEWIS SUMMONS**

**J-22-0040**

In the Matter of Appointment of Guardian  
 S.R.P.M.I.C §§10-114 thru 10-126

K.R.A.V.

**TO: Erica Lewis**

A Petition for Appointment of Guardian of Minor has been filed in this Court in which it is represented that you are a parent or legal guardian of the child(ren) named above. The Petition includes a request for the Court to appoint a guardian for the child(ren) named above.

Within 30 calendar days after receiving this Summons and the Petition for Appointment of Guardian of Minor, you must file a written response. If you refuse to attend the hearing or to defend by filing a written response, the Court may enter a default guardianship order appointing the Petitioner(s) as legal guardians and take any other action that is authorized by law.

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.

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CLERK OF COURT - SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA COMMUNITY COURT

**STEPP, ANNLYNN SUMMONS**

**J-22-0039**

In the Matter of Petition to Terminate Parental Rights of:

Jane Doe (D.O.B.: 9/XX/2011)

**TO: Annlynn Stepp, Respondent**

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

THEREFORE, YOU ARE ORDERED to APPEAR for an Initial Hearing for Termination of Parental Rights before the Honorable Judge LeBeau, the Salt River Juvenile Court on Wednesday, February 16, 2022, at 10:00 A.M., in Court Room #3.

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CLERK OF COURT - SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA COMMUNITY COURT

**MAURICE VANN SUMMONS**

**J-22-0016**

In the Matter of Petition to Terminate Parental Rights of:

John Doe (D.O.B.: 10/XX/2017)

(Makinley Charnski, mother)

**TO: Maurice Vann, respondent father**

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CLERK OF COURT - SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA COMMUNITY COURT

**DWIGHT VEST SUMMONS**

**J-22-0040**

In the Matter of Appointment of Guardian  
 S.R.P.M.I.C §§10-114 thru 10-126

K.R.A.V.

**TO: Dwight Vest**

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# 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

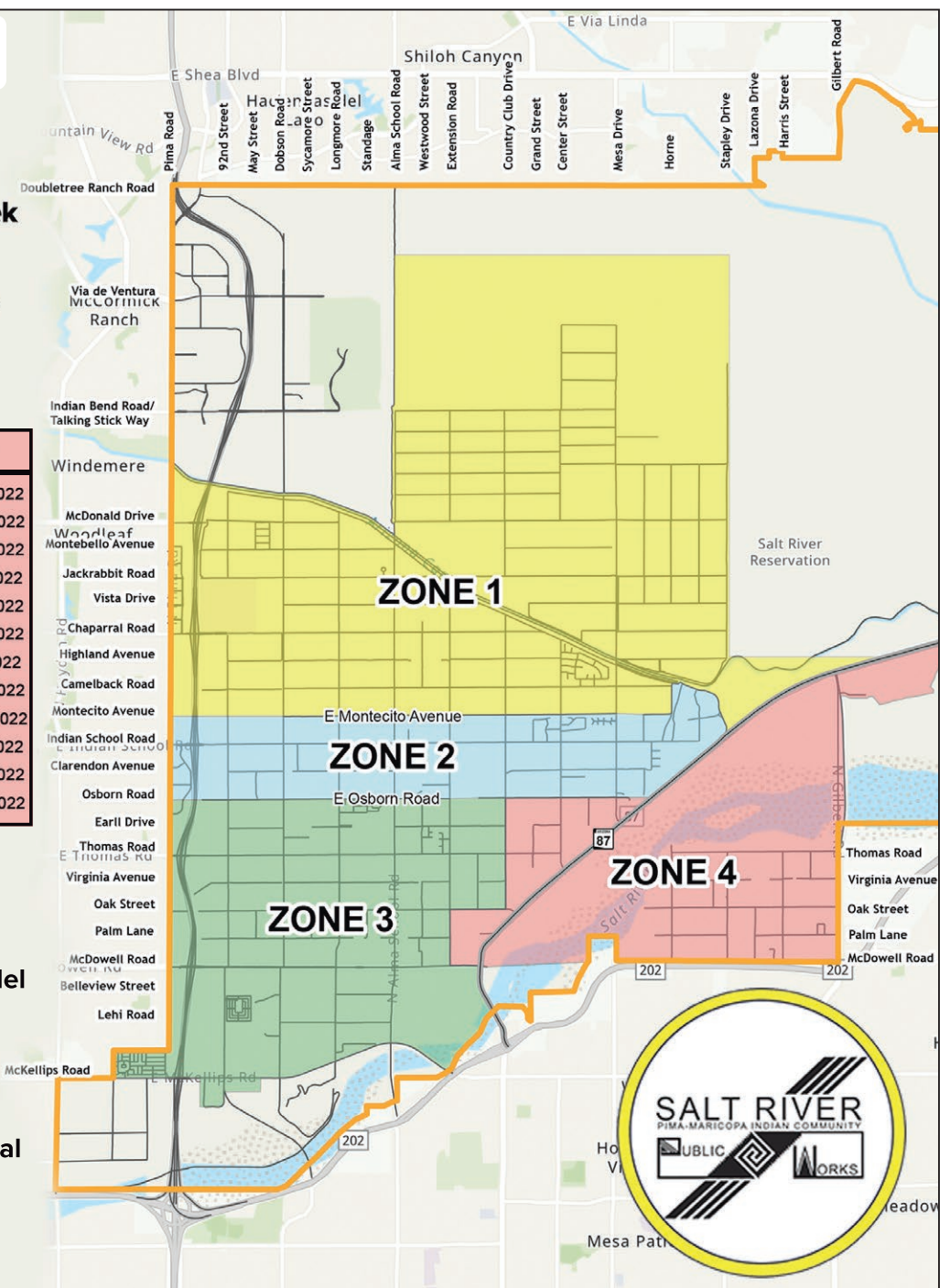
ZONE 1	ZONE 2	ZONE 3	ZONE 4
Monday, Jan. 3, 2022	Monday, Jan. 10, 2022	Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2022	Monday, Jan. 24, 2022
Monday, Feb. 7, 2022	Monday, Feb. 14, 2022	Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2022	Monday, Feb. 28, 2022
Monday, Mar. 7, 2022	Monday, Mar. 14, 2022	Monday, Mar. 21, 2022	Monday, Mar. 28, 2022
Monday, Apr. 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.



## VACCINATION RESCHEDULING

If you are scheduled for a SRPMIC vaccine appointment AND experiencing any of the following:

- Are Feeling Ill
- You And/Or A Household Member Have Tested Positive For Covid
- Are Waiting For Covid Test Results



**PLEASE RESCHEDULE YOUR APPOINTMENT**

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### NOTICE OF HEARING ON REQUEST FOR PERMANENT EXCLUSION OF GERVASE FRANCISCO SOTO (DOB XX/XX/78).

January 11, 2022

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (SRPMIC) Council pursuant to Article VII, § 1(g) of the SRPMIC Constitution and Section 7-72 through 7-75 of the SRPMIC Code of Ordinances, appointed a committee to conduct an investigation/hearing to determine whether Mr. Gervase Francisco Soto (DOB XX/XX/78) should be permanently excluded from the boundaries of the SRPMIC. IT is alleged that Mr. Soto has engaged in domestic violence and other illegal activity, and therefore his presence is detrimental to the peace, health or morals of the Community.

The Community's Exclusion Committee has scheduled a hearing to consider whether Mr. Soto should be permanently excluded from the SPRMIC at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 15, 2022 via skype. Upon seeing this notice, Mr. Soto should contact Theresa Rosier, Deputy General Counsel at (480) 362-7446 or Theresa.rosier@srpmic-nsn.gov to receive the skype phone number or log in code.

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



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Closing Date: January 27, 2020

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# Calendar of Events

**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](mailto:TribalLibrary@srpmic-nsn.gov), Online at: [www.srpmic-nsn.gov/reservations](http://www.srpmic-nsn.gov/reservations). When requesting an appointment, please provide: Full name, requested time/ date, contact (Phone/Email). Appointments are 1 hour or more based on capacity, appointments are based in the order which they are received, reservations are open to WOLF members, SRPMIC enrolled Community members

and SRPMIC residents. Curbside Services are available, contact to find out more.

## JANUARY

**17 REGISTRATION BEGINS FOR THE WALK FOR O'ODHAM PIIPAASH.** Register at <https://tinyurl.com/2p93mrxu>. Only local SRPMIC residents 5 years and older and tribal employees may register. See ad on page 7.

**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.

**25 START BY BELIEVING zoom sessions begin.** Find out about Start by Believing campaign that has made a difference in survivors' lives, by fostering a safe and supportive environment for survivors to disclose. See ad on page 14 how to sign up for the sessions.

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

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**31 SRPMIC COMMUNITY VIRTUAL MEETING for Enrolled Community Members ONLY.** Topics include Medical Marijuana, Violence Against Women Act, River People Health Center and Open Questions. For more information contact the Council Secretary Office at (480) 362-7469. See ad on page 13.

## FEBRUARY

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**2 FOSTER CARE INFORMATION SESSIONS BEGIN.** Are you interested in supporting your community by providing care for children in need? Contact the Salt River Social Services Foster Care Licensing Team to learn more about becoming a licensed foster parent! Reach out today to schedule a one-hour information session. Call Norma Hernandez, Foster Care Licensing Manager at (480) 362-2728 Email: [norma.hernandez2@srpmic-nsn.gov](mailto:norma.hernandez2@srpmic-nsn.gov) or Katie Avalos, Sr. Foster Care Licensing Worker Phone: 480.362.7342 Email: [katie.avalos@srpmic-nsn.gov](mailto:katie.avalos@srpmic-nsn.gov). For additional information see ad on page 14.

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