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# Interior Department's "Road to Healing Tour" Stops at GRIC

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On Friday, January 20, the U.S. Department of the Interior's year-long "Road to Healing Tour" made a stop at the Gila River Indian Community's Gila Crossing Community School outside Laveen to hear stories from survivors, families and descendants of the federal Indian boarding school system. The event was a listening tour so government representatives could hear from those who had experienced the trauma of Indian boarding schools in past years. This was the fourth stop on the tour.

The Gila Crossing school was built by the GRIC for its students. It's a Bureau of Indian Affairs school built in partnership with the Department of the Interior—which, GRIC Governor Stephen

Roe Lewis said in his greeting to those in attendance, is a far cry from a boarding school.

"It's a school where our children feel safe, protected and embraced, not only by our Community, but by our sacred Estrella Mountains. This is the federal school today," he said.

Lewis opened the listening session by addressing the gen-



Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Bryan Newland (Ojibwe), left, and U.S. Interior Secretary Deb Haaland (Laguna Pueblo), right, at Gila Crossing Community School during their Road to Healing Tour visit at the Gila River Indian Community.

eration trauma of the boarding schools.

"Today's gathering is a solemn one, because we will be focusing on a very painful history, a period of federal Indian policy,

the boarding school era, when many of our children were forcibly removed from our tribal communities and our families for one singular purpose: to transform our children by taking their

culture, their language, their hair, their community and their sense of belonging," said Lewis. Lewis thanked Arizona Gov-

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## Salt River Employees Recognized for Years of Service



Community Relations Office Director Janet Johnson was recognized for 40-years of service alongside O'odham Action News Reporter Tasha Silverhorn for five years of service. Photo courtesy of Daniel Martinez, CRO Multi-Media Division

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Employees of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community were acknowledged for their service to the Community at the annual awards luncheon held at Talking Stick Resort and Casino on January 19.

This year, 329 employees were recognized for reaching milestones of continuous employment with the Community, ranging from five years to 40 years. The longest-serving Community employee was Janet Johnson, the

only individual this year to mark 40 years of service to the Community.

To celebrate Johnson's years of service, a montage of photos was shown on the two large screens showcasing many notable parts of her career.

SRPMIC Community Manager Bryan Meyers offered the blessing and made some opening remarks.

"It's been a few years of the COVID phase that we're in, so it's great to see everybody here. First, I'd like to thank the [SRP-

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## Tribal Nations Gather at the Arizona State Capitol



2022-2023 Miss Indian Arizona Sistine Lewis recited the Pledge of Allegiance, during the opening of the Tribes Legislative Day joint-protocol session on January 11.

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Tribal leaders gathered at an annual event to celebrate the history of Indigenous peoples in Arizona. The Indian Nations & Tribes Legislative Day was held at the Arizona Senate building on January 11.

The day consists of a joint-protocol session hosted by the Arizona Senate, an information

fair on the Senate lawn, and presentations in the afternoon segment of the program. According to a press release by the Arizona Governor's Office on Tribal Relations, the event is meant to "Celebrate the culture and history of Arizona's Tribes and Nations and also address issues of mutual interest."

"[This] Legislative Day was different from in the past, and

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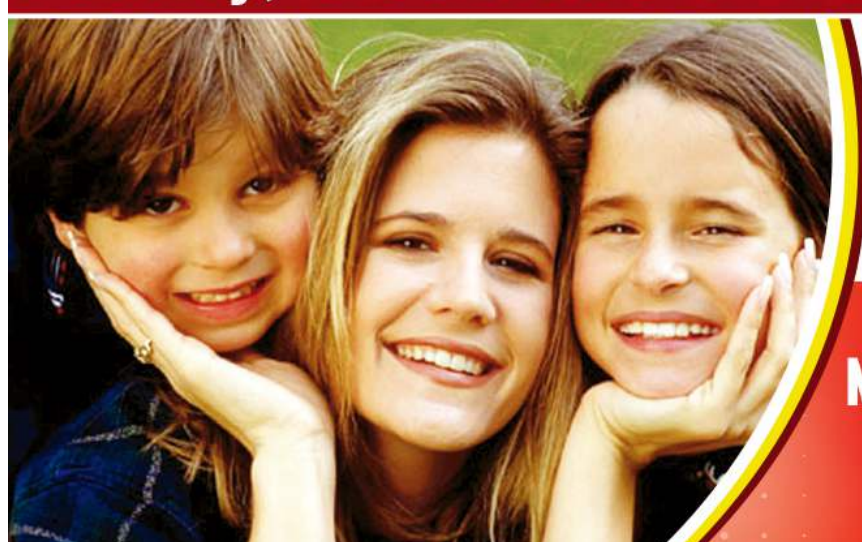


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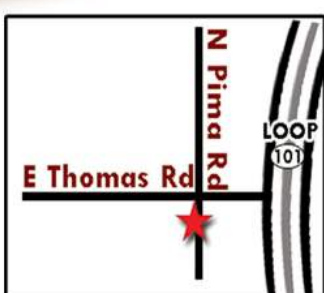
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# Tribal Nations Gather at the Arizona State Capitol



Senate President Warren Petersen and Speaker of the House Ben Toma address tribal leaders from across the state of Arizona, during the joint-protocol session on January 11. At right top to bottom, San Carlos Apache Tribe Chairman Rambler, Yavapai-Apache Nation Chairwoman Lewis and Hopi Tribe Chairman Nuvangyaoma were invited to speak at the tribes legislative day event.

I really think it comes from Governor [Katie] Hobbs’ commitment to working with the tribes,” said Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community President Martin Harvier, who attended the event. “I think there’s some excitement in the air [about] the [new state] leadership and the willingness to recognize tribes, their sovereignty and the issues we face.”

One of those mutual interests is Arizona’s water supply and the severe shortage all communities face. “We need to ensure that our state has a sustainable water supply for future generations. We cherish our ongoing collaboration with our tribal communities to develop viable solutions,” said Senate President Warren Petersen.

Petersen said the need for access to high-speed internet, the fentanyl crisis in America, and the epidemic of missing and murdered Indigenous people are all issues that the Arizona Legislature will continue to address alongside tribal communities.

About supporting investigations into the MMIP issue, Petersen said, “The objective is to undertake an extensive investigation to identify how [this] state might minimize and eliminate violence against Indigenous women and girls and to fund and get investiga-

tions into missing and murdered Indigenous people.”

Speaker of the House Ben Toma lauded the contributions of tribal communities to the state of Arizona, including their status as a driving force in the state’s economy. “As the Speaker of the House, thank you all for being here today to participate in the 28th Annual Indian Nations and Tribes Legislative Day.”

He said, “Today provides a valuable opportunity for us to honor and celebrate the impact that tribes have in Arizona, as they are an important partner to the state of Arizona and contribute greatly to this success of our economy.”

“Reservation land accounts for one-third of the state’s land. Arizona tribes control one-third of Arizona’s surface waters. We are the third-largest employer in Arizona, although we have only 5% of the state. Tribal populations contribute billions of dollars to the state’s economy,” said San Carlos Apache Tribe Chairman Terry Rambler.

Looking toward the near future, Rambler said it is critical that states and tribes “Work more closely as partners on the issues we all face today; the most crucial issue we face is water. Our future relies on the decisions we make now about our most precious resource.”

Another tribal leader who spoke at the event was Yavapai-Apache Nation Chairwoman Tanya Lewis, who talked about the need to preserve tribal lands, uphold civil rights and recognize tribes’ economic impact on the state. Hopi Tribal Chairman Timothy Nuvangyaoma provided remarks on how tribes have endured through the COVID-19 pandemic and persevere today.

“We are not out of this pandemic. And this virus may not go away. We are in a much better place today, which gives us this opportunity to be here with one another. We continue to remind our Community members to stay vigilant. Look out for one another and look out after yourselves,” said Nuvangyaoma.

Harvier said, “It’s really good just to see all the tribal leaders here mingling with their representatives from their part of the state as we continue to be heard and recognized by the State of Arizona as an important partner in all things that concern every one of us.”



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## Salt River Employees Recognized for Years of Service

MIC] president, the vice-president and Council members for their attendance at this function,” said Meyers.

He said that it takes a very special person to provide a high level of service to the Community year over year. “Many times, even through their own personal or family issues that life brings, our employees continue to rise to the challenge,” said Meyers. “Long-term employees really are loyal to the Community, and we must not take that for granted.”

Following Meyers’ remarks, SRP-MIC Vice-President Ricardo Leonard said, “I am truly amazed at the model for the kind of love you created. And I just appreciate that. Thank you very much for all working to move the Community forward.” Leonard asked for prayers upon the employees and their families and for guidance in carrying out the tasks set before them.

“Thank you for all of the work you do for our Community members, because we appreciate the services that are given to them because of the talent you bring to the Community,” said SRP-MIC President Martin Harvier. He said the long-term employees have laid the foundation for the next workforce, as a model of excellence.

Harvier added that he appreciates them for getting up each day and putting in their service to the people.

“You have made a commitment to the Community to go to work to provide services to our Community and provide for your own families,” said Harvier.



Lynette Aguilar is presented with an plaque for her 35 years of service to SRPMIC, during the years of service luncheon. Below, Salt River Police Department Chief Karl Auerbach (at right), stands with Community Manager Bryan Meyers, after receiving a recognition award for 30-years of service from the Community.



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# CASINO ARIZONA AND TALKING STICK RESORT APPOINTING NEW CEO

*San Diego Native, John Dinius Brings More Than 20 Years of Experience to the Role*

Casino Arizona and Talking Stick Resort, enterprises of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (SRPMIC), announced the appointment of John Dinius as President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO). The news comes following an extensive national search by the Salt River Enterprises Gaming Board of Directors and the retirement of Dennis Leong, a much esteemed leader who held the position for 13 years.

“The depth and breadth of John’s experience make him the ideal CEO to take Casino Arizona and Talking Stick Resort to the next level,” said Bernice-Cota Gann, Chair of the Salt River Enterprises Gaming Board of Directors. “His appointment comes at an exciting time for our properties as we ready ourselves to mark many milestones in the weeks, months and years to come. Among them, a major renovation at Talking Stick Resort as well as the 25th anniversary of Casino Arizona.”

Dinius brings more than two decades of experience in gaming at casinos across California. Most recently, he served as CEO of Table Mountain Casino in Fresno, Calif. Under his leadership, the property opened a new multi-million dollar casino-resort.

Prior to his time at the Table Mountain properties, Dinius, spent over 20 years with Sycuan Casino Resort. There, he started as a bingo pull tabs clerk working his way up, holding positions at nearly every level within the casino. Among those jobs included slot attendant, operations manager, slot director and more. Eventually, Dinius was appointed general manager help-



John Dinius as President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Casino Arizona and Talking Stick Resort.

ing the property set an array of records and achievements. As general manager, he increased visitation at Sycuan Casino Resort and made significant innovative changes to the property such as growing the casino’s loyalty player program by increasing the amount of cash back to its highest levels. He also established the largest non-smoking gaming area, long before the pandemic led many to end smoking in casinos. Playing a key part in these large-scale initiatives and his wide-range of experience has given Dinius unique insights into the inner workings of the gaming and hospitality industries.

“I am honored to join Casino Arizona and Talking Stick Resort. The properties have stellar reputations within the industry and are market leaders within the State,” said Dinius. “My goal is to help each property grow and evolve, while maintaining their position as the standard bearer for gaming and hospitality. All of this with the purpose of supporting the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community.”

Dinius replaces Dennis Leong following his retirement at the end of 2022. Leong served as President and CEO for Casino Arizona and Talking Stick Resort for 13 years.

“Dennis brought professionalism and elegance to Casino Arizona and

Talking Stick Resort,” said Cota-Gann. “He has served our Enterprise loyally, guiding us through times of hardship and great prosperity. We are grateful for his leadership and wish him all the best.”

Casino Arizona and Talking Stick Resort are two of the leading attractions in the Valley. Together, they are home to 2,500 state-of-the-art slot machines, numerous table games and keno. This year, Casino Arizona will celebrate its 25th anniversary and recently opened a new bingo hall and taqueria.

Since opening in 2010, Talking Stick Resort has become the epicenter of entertainment in Scottsdale. It is home to 497 luxurious guest rooms, three pools and 10 premier restaurants and lounges. Last year, the Resort opened a new ARENA poker room, the largest one in Arizona. Talking Stick Resort has also announced an exciting lineup of new events and partnerships. In February, the Resort will host Superzona, a weekend of superstar performances from Snoop Dogg, Diplo, 21 Savage, Lil Jon, Machine Gun Kelly, The Chainsmokers and more. The Resort will also enter into the second year of partnerships with WM Phoenix Open and the Arizona Diamondbacks. And last week, the Resort announced a naming-rights agreement with Live Nation for its iconic outdoor venue in the west valley, now called Talking Stick Resort Amphitheatre.

For more information on Casino Arizona or Talking Stick Resort, please visit [www.casinoarizona.com](https://www.casinoarizona.com) or [www.talkingstickresort.com](https://www.talkingstickresort.com).

## Salt River Youth Gather for Inauguration



Sworn-in members of the YRPC, take a group photo with SRPMIC leadership on January 14. Photo courtesy of Michael Salinas

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The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Young River People’s Council (YRPC) ushered in 13 new members on January 14 at the Way of Life Facility (WOLF). The YRPC was joined by tribal leadership and Salt River royalty, who offered their support of the aspiring youth.

“We had all of our Executive Council sworn in first, followed by the membership at-large, by Presiding Judge Darayne Achin,” said Youth Services Supervisor Janyse Salinas. She said the representatives were elected back in December of last year and will carry out their terms for one year.

“This is our first inauguration since 2020, and this is also our first year of being under Youth Services,” said Youth Development Specialist and past YRPC President Sommer Lopez. She said the membership in the YRPC has steadily increased back to the pre-pandemic numbers.

Salinas said there is not a cap on

the number of “at-large” members, as YRPC is always open to receiving more individuals into the fold. “We have 30 on our roster and 24 who are active, like coming to our meetings, events and volunteer opportunities.”

With a brand-new crop of youth in YRPC, Salinas and Lopez said that they are ready to take on their responsibilities and possibly introduce their own ideas on what the group should do this year. This new group also creates an opportunity for past members like Lopez to help mentor the executive leadership.

“I think my presence is helpful, especially with Youth Council being transitioned to a whole different department, because I am helping with restarting the groups for the Youth Council, the things that we’ve built up for them to teach and know,” said Lopez. She said they work with the youth to build qualities in them such as leadership, the importance of culture and future skills for use in adulthood.

“I think one of the bigger things that we saw when we hosted our first training was culture,” said Salinas. She

stated there was a lot of feedback from the youth wanting to explore more topics on culture, like language and crafts.

Another part of the YRPC’s goal is to be visible in the Community through service activities, said Lopez. “The Youth Council carries out a lot of community service work, including with a lot of different [SRPMIC] departments, who will reach out to us to help with an event or activity.”

When not teaming up on an activity with a SRPMIC department, the YRPC will perform community service work, such as adopting a stretch of roadway for cleanup. “The whole Youth Council helped, and they took a few Saturdays and went out there and would clean up the road. We’re slowly getting back to having the kids have choices on projects they want to do,” said Lopez.

Throughout the year, YRPC members attend various Community functions, such as the Community member meeting with Tribal Council on January 31 and the Piipaash Matasheevm (People’s Gathering) in April of this year. YRPC members met with South Dakota U.S.

Representative Dusty Johnson during his visit to the River People Health Center on January 20. On that visit, Johnson was touring the RPHC to learn how the Community has built and now operates the clinic, which serves the Phoenix urban Indigenous population as well as members of the SRPMIC. The visit was a first for the YRPC members and an example of the exposure they have to leaders and governmental subjects.

“They weren’t expecting Congressman Johnson to be so engaging with them in conversation, but he was. He was very interested in them, and he was kind of picking their brains, asking them what they thought about certain issues and their favorite school subjects,” said Salinas.

SRPMIC youth that are interested in joining the YRPC, can go to <https://www.srpmic-nsn.gov/government/youth/yrpc/#YouthCouncil>.

The web page provides general information flyer and contact information.



# “Love Castle” Coming to the White Castle at SRPMIC

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Love is in the air, and so is the aroma of sliders being cooked over at the White Castle at the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community.

White Castle's beloved Valentine's Day Dinner is back on February 14 from 4 to 9 p.m. after a two-year absence.

The dining room will be transformed into a fine-dining establishment with hostess seating, tableside service and festive Valentine's Day décor.

“Valentine's Day is the day when White Castle becomes Love Castle, and we can't wait to celebrate it in person in 2023,” said Jamie Richardson, vice president at White Castle. “It's an opportunity to gather with those we love and savor the flavor of all the Castle has

to offer, all in a festive atmosphere with affordable prices that won't bust anyone's budget. This is what feeding the souls is all about, and we're excited that the tradition we have loved and missed is back!”

Reservations are required, and spots are expected to fill quickly, so guests are encouraged to sign up early only at OpenTable.com.

This year marks the 32nd year that White Castle has observed Valentine's Day with a special celebration. White Castle said in a statement that the last in-person Valentine's Day dine-in experience in 2020 attracted more than 30,000 cravers.

## Special Menu Items for “Love Castle”

The Valentine's Day-exclusive Love Cube meal for two, available while supplies last, features eight cheese sliders,

two sharable sides and two small soft drinks. This meal will be available for carryout as well as dining in.

“Variety is the spice of life, and our special menu this year is full of variety that will make Valentine's Day memorable,” said Richardson.

Guests can substitute other sliders in the Love Cube meal, such as the Impossible slider, for an up-charge.

There will also be a custom Coca-Cola Freestyle beverage, the Sprite Love Castle Potion, only available on February 14.

For dessert, you can order the Strawberry Swirl Cheesecake-on-a-Stick, with cheesecake in a chocolate cookie crust. Craver Nation members can get a buy one, get one (BOGO) dessert-on-a-stick coupon for use only between February 10 and February 14.



Photos courtesy of White Castle

## Classes Help Youth Explore Their Interest in Photography

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Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community youth ages 12 and older will have the opportunity to explore the various aspects of photography through an innovative series called “Are You a Photographer?”.

The three-session series begins on February 6 and meets from 4 to 6 p.m. at the SRPMIC Way of Life Facility Tribal Library. The second and third sessions are scheduled for March 11 and April 1.

“I decided that it would be a great series for the average individual to learn something and see the world through a different perspective,” said Edmund Yazzie, library assistant with the SRP-

MIC Recreation Education Division.

Yazzie and Lessie Dingler, a librarian at the WOLF, will employ their backgrounds in photography for the classes. The series is limited to 15 participants due to the availability of iPads for students to use to edit their photos.

Yazzie wanted to create a photography series for SRPMIC youth to get involved in, like the surrounding landscape of the Community and the dramatic sunsets that Arizonans enjoy. He said, the classes themselves are meant to be introductory sessions. Participants can bring their own cameras, including smartphone cameras.

With the increase in smartphones as a tool for photography paired with applications like Instagram have influenced

how people take photos.

For the first session, participants will go back to basics: build a pinhole camera and learn a history about photography. Then they will explore their surroundings using the pinhole cameras. From there, participants will be introduced to photographic elements like lighting, which can vary from setting to setting.

In the second session, students will bring their own camera or smartphone and learn how to use its built-in settings to take photos.

The student photos will be posted to the WOLF's Facebook page in a mini photo contest. Yazzie said, “We're going to have a photo contest for the second session where we'll place their

photos on Facebook for people to vote on and decide which ones they like most.”

Photos will be on display at the WOLF Library for visitors to view. “When people come in and ask [about the photos], we can let them know that the photos came from our ‘Are You a Photographer?’ series,” said Yazzie.

He said the last session will cover photo editing, with the youth using an application called Snapseed to modify their photos on the iPads to create different effects and appearances.

Yazzie hopes the series will generate an even bigger interest in photography. He said everyone can be creative. “It's just the first step in promoting the artistic aspect of the individuals.”



Shell Etched by Council Member Butler

From left to right. Jacob Butler, Council Member; David Antone, Council Member; Deanna Scabby, Council Member; Wi-Bwa Grey, Council Member; Cheryl Doka, Council Member; President Martin Harvier; Mr. Dennis Leong; Vice President Ricardo Leonard; Michael Dallas, Sr., Council Member; Mikah Carlos, Council Member

## A fond farewell and a cheerful welcome.

Last September, we announced that Dennis Leong would retire as president and chief executive officer (CEO) of Casino Arizona and Talking Stick Resort. Dennis has demonstrated extraordinary leadership over the last 13 years, guiding us through many changes and much growth. We wish him and his family all the best for 2023 and beyond.

As Dennis' tenure comes to an end, we would like to welcome our new president and CEO, John Dinius. Mr. Dinius has had a well-established career in tribal gaming with more than two decades at casinos across California. We know he will fit very well within our culture and possesses the knowledge and strategic foresight to guide Casino Arizona and Talking Stick Resort into the future.

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# Toka Class at SRES Resumes for Fifth- and Sixth-Grade Girls

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Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, F.A.C.E Parent Educator Jessica Ruiz taught the traditional O'odham game called toka to Salt River Elementary School students in 2017, 2018 and 2019. This school year, she is resuming Eagles Club toka for fifth- and sixth-grade girls.

Ruiz was a member of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community's toka team for two years prior to creating the class for the elementary students.

"I was a little apprehensive at first, because it had been only two years since I started playing. It was really interesting; the school really helped me build a connection with the students," said Ruiz.

In the first two weeks, Ruiz talks to students to introduce the game.

She describes the difference between recreational toka and traditional betting toka, as well as how different communities and villages use the O'da (the game piece) and how they harvest and prepare their U'usga (sticks).

"We go over what the general tournament rules would be so that they become familiar with the game," said Ruiz, "so that it becomes second nature to them, and usually at the end of the semester I try to invite out other thoughtful players in the Community or from other communities to come and scrimmage. It's also an opportunity for [the students'] parents to come after school and watch them play too."

## What Is Toka?

Toka is a traditional women's game that is similar to field hockey. Players

play to the left. The objective of the game is to hit the O'da across an imaginary line or past a set of cones. In order for a team to score a point, they have to pick up the O'da to declare the point.

"A lot of times players who haven't picked it up yet, even though it's past the line, the other team can still sweep the O'da out and take it back to the other side of the field," explained Ruiz.

Toka involves a lot of movement and running. "Often, women don't realize how much they're doing in the game and sometimes accidents happen, but that comes with every sport," Ruiz said. "When we say you're playing at your own risk, [it just means] that you need to stay aware of where you're at and have fun."

Through the game of toka, Ruiz hopes the students will learn about camaraderie, patience, self-advocacy, socialization and respect.

"Be open and vulnerable, and to get to know each other. Toka helps a lot of girls deal with a lot of things that we can't express or say on an emotional or mental level," said Ruiz. "What the older ladies have told me is that it's our time to be together because it's a good medicine for all of us as women. That's something that I share with [the student players], those traditional aspects that I was told when I learned the game.

We get to know each other not only as players, but as individuals. I hope their takeaway is that they learn to advocate for themselves and for others. Especially in this game, you learn to be patient when you're on a team with players who aren't as good as you, or you learn to be vocal."

Ruiz hopes the students learn how to cooperate to achieve goals and how to



Salt River Elementary School students shave the bark off their U'usga (stick) to prepare for their first practice.

interact with each other.

"It's a lot of socializing, and I think because we're coming out of COVID, this group of girls is especially excited. They're already talking about what type of stick they are going to get, one that's really long or one with a good curve to help their game become better," said Ruiz. "Hopefully, by the end of the semester, we'll have more Community players for our team. There's always an open invitation not only to our students, but also to the females that are in their families, whether they're their moms, sisters, aunties, cousins or grandmas. It's open to everybody to come."



# Burrowing Owl Sightings and Their Cultural Significance



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Since December 2022, there have been multiple sightings of a peculiar, tiny burrowing owl near a drainage pipe at a construction site within the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community.

Burrowing owls nest in the ground instead of in trees. These owls, their young, their nests and eggs are protected by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. Burrowing owls are considered a bird of conservation concern.

"When there are indications of nesting, a buffer area is created within which activity is minimized to limit the effect of construction activities and disturbance on the burrowing owls, the nest and their young," said Vicki Olmstead, senior environmental specialist-wildlife management for the SRPMIC Community Development Department Environmental Protection and Natural Resources Division.

"If relocation were to become necessary, either for the well-being of the owls or due to unforeseen circumstances, the relocation would be performed by an experienced group holding a specific Migratory Bird Permit."

Olmstead said burrowing owls can be seen year-round within the Community, as the Community contains a variety of habitats.

"Burrowing owls within the Community and around the Valley are western burrowing owls, the most

common subspecies of burrowing owls, ranging from western Canada through western Central America," said Olmstead.

Olmstead said that there are plenty of burrowing owls, but their populations have been in decline for many years due to habitat loss, pest-control measures, and the decline of other burrowing species such as prairie dogs.

## Cultural Significance of Burrowing Owls

O'odham Action News spoke with SRPMIC Cultural Resources Department Director Kelly Washington about the significance of the burrowing owls and how they sometimes can be lumped together with other owls.

As far as cultural significance goes, Washington said that different tribes have different traditional belief systems, and while he can't speak to the traditional beliefs of all tribes, he can share his knowledge as a representative of the O'odham and Piipaash.

## What Burrowing Owls Eat

- **Mostly insects and small mammals.**
- **In summer in many areas, eats mostly large insects, including grasshoppers, beetles, crickets, moths, caterpillars; also scorpions, centipedes, other arthropods.**
- **For much of year, may feed mostly on small mammals (such as voles, mice, ground squirrels), some small birds.**
- **May eat many frogs, toads, lizards, and snakes.**

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Washington said that many O'odham and Piipaash believe that burrowing owls can be associated with traditional tribal belief systems about other owls involving bad omens, death or other negative attributes.

The great horned owl is most often known to have these associations, while Washington said that the burrowing owl is simply a harmless animal—and like all

animals, should be treated with a level of reverence.

"There is a cultural basis for this viewpoint [negative connotations]; however, this information has become generalized and oversimplified," said Washington. "One of the reasons for this is that many people today don't understand that there are several different types of owls."

Each of these different types of owls has a distinct name in O'odham (kokoho) and Piipaash (mat kwny-vii), and Washington said that they are, or at least were, known as distinctly unique birds.

"I think the fact that [the English language] lumps all these birds together has contributed to the modern perspective that they are all the same. This is a collapse of our Native taxonomy," said Washington.

While the great horned owl has associations with death and sickness for the O'odham and Piipaash, it's more complex. The bird also plays a role in healing, and the messages it conveys could sometimes be viewed as helpful if people can recognize and heed the warning, according to Washington.

"It seems now that many have not learned these nuances and simply label it as bad or evil. Maybe that's a good thing in a way. If something is potentially dangerous, maybe it's better to avoid it if you don't really know what you're dealing with," said Washington.

Some people might disagree with the viewpoints on the owls, and Washington respects that.

"We all have different teachings and belief systems," said Washington, who was fortunate enough to have had culturally knowledgeable grandparents who taught him some of these distinctions. "For the past 28 years I have professionally interacted with many knowledgeable O'odham-Piipaash elders and cultural practitioners who expressed a clear distinction between these two birds."

He said that the distinction has been well documented by independent ethnographers and ethnobiologists.

The issue has even made its way into popular culture on the television series Reservation Dogs a few times. In one scene, an owl statue is shown hanging outside Uncle Brownie's house, and it has its eyes blurred out. Willie Jack, Elora and Bear all cover their eyes and look away.



# Update on Saguaro High School 2022-23 Basketball Season

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## Boys' Basketball

Joseph Chavez is playing his first season at Saguaro High School on the freshman team. He previously played at Mohave Middle School in Scottsdale and with various basketball leagues around the Valley.

Chavez and the freshman team beat the Coronado Dons on Monday, January 9.

"It's good. The [team] chemistry was great. We had one kid dunk, which got everyone excited," said Chavez. "We only lost two games out of eight."

He said that he hopes the team can chalk up more wins as the season comes to a close and that they all have a good time. He hopes to move his way up to the varsity team as he continues his next three years in high school.

Sophomore O'Shea Bonner is in his second year playing with the team. Last year Bonner played on the freshman and junior varsity teams; this year he is the shooting guard and point guard for the varsity team.

This year Bonner said he has improved his dribbling, shooting, passing and communication on the court.

"I think I got better at my dribbling. My shooting is getting better; I am not shooting a lot, but once I shoot it, I feel like it's good," Bonner said. "My lay-ups are good and my passing is getting a lot better, and just me communicating and being on the team is really good now," said Bonner.

He enjoys playing on the varsity team, and as he continues his high school basketball career he hopes to grow into a better player and teammate. Saguaro Sabercats senior Koda



Senior Koda Jackson (24) chases his opponent to stop him from making a point for the Dons.

Jackson is a guard for the varsity team during this last season of his high school



O'Shea Bonner looks for a clear pass to teammate to during his game against the Coronado Dons.

basketball career.

"[It] feels like only last year I was a sophomore and now I am a senior—it's crazy, but I love it," said Jackson. "This season we had our ups and downs. Every team goes through that. But I just want to find happiness after every game, even after the losses, for the remainder of the season."

Jackson currently is looking into colleges.

"I do plan on going to college; there is no specific college I am looking at, but if there are any colleges that would like me to play for them, I am open to that," said Jackson.

## Girls' Basketball

Charlotte Carlisle, at 5'9", is a senior at Saguaro High School who plays forward and center for the girls' varsity basketball team. In her second season,



Senior Charlotte Carlisle leaps up for a rebound.

she and her fellow Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community member Marley Jackson at 5'7", and the entire varsity team, are third in the 4A Desert Sky girls' basketball standings as of late January 2023.

Carlisle has played with various leagues around the Community and the Valley. Previously she was unable to play high school ball due to the COVID-19 pandemic. She hopes to finish her season by having some fun before ending high school.

Jackson is in her third year on the Sabercats girls' varsity team and is one of three captains. As a guard, Jackson continues to play the game to keep herself busy and to have fun.

"This season has been good; we have been playing really good lately, but today we fell short," said Jackson after a January game against Mesquite. "I look



Marley Jackson passes the ball around a defender, during the Sabercats game against Mesquite High School.

# Cousins Join Westwood High School Boys' Basketball Team

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This 2022-23 basketball season, two cousins from the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community started on the Westwood High School freshman boys' basketball team. Cousins Kale Andrews and Noah Lasiloo both tried out earlier in the school year for the team, with Andrews playing center and Lasiloo as guard.

The new team is working hard to find their groove; their current record is 4-8. For Andrews it's been a difficult season due to an injury that caused him to miss a few games. But he was recently cleared to play again, and he said he hopes to help out his team the best that he can for the remainder of the season.

Andrews transferred from Scottsdale, where he played basketball at Mohave Middle School in previous years. He ex-



Above: Noah Lasiloo makes a three-point attempt, during the game against Mesa High School.  
Left: Kale Andrews.  
Right: Noah Lasiloo.

plained that playing high school basketball is a very different experience from playing in leagues and in middle school.

"It's way different. I feel like the skill level is higher over there," said Andrews. "I wanted to come to Westwood to have more opportunity to play and get better." As he continues his season, he hopes to become more disciplined.

Lasiloo was inspired to play high school basketball by his grandfather, Kent Andrews, who has been his coach since Lasiloo was little.

Lasiloo said that his playing this season has been all right. He said that his strength is in the area of defense and his point of weakness is his left hand; he cannot handle the ball as well with his left hand. He hopes to improve on that for next season, along with working on his shooting skills.



# Super Bowl Events Around the Community

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The NFL Super Bowl is back in the Valley, and the big game will be played at State Farm Stadium in Glendale on Sunday, February 12.

Super Bowl LVII is expected to bring more visitors and traffic to the surrounding area and to the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community's Talking Stick Entertainment District.

Here are some of the events happening around the Community and the Valley.

## Superzona at Talking Stick Resort

From February 9 to 12, SRPMIC enterprise Talking Stick Resort will be hosting Superzona, four days of big parties and even bigger stars to celebrate Super Bowl LVII's return to the Valley.

Superzona begins on February 9 with The Kick-Off Party live at Talking Stick Resort's main pool, featuring two-time Grammy-nominated artist/DJ/producer Steve Aoki.

On February 10, NBA legend Shaquille O'Neal will bring Shaq's Fun House presented by Netspend, a festival/party hosted inside of a custom-built mega-structure adjacent to the resort. The event will feature Snoop Dogg, Diplo, Myles O'Neal and Shaq's music persona DJ Diesel, along with a full carnival with games, bumper cars and the Netspend Ferris Wheel.

The day before the big game, on February 11, two events take over Talking Stick Resort: Gronk Beach presented by The Beast Unleashed and Sports Illustrated (SI) The Party presented by Captain Morgan.

Gronk Beach will be a beach party located at the resort's main pool, and it will feature a celebrity volleyball game and music from 21 Savage, Diplo and Lil Jon.

Later in the day, SI The Party will feature performances by Machine Gun Kelly and The Chainsmokers. The event will be open to the public and allow for fans to mingle with sports and entertainment figures.

On Super Bowl Sunday, Superzona will conclude with the Big Game Watch Party in the Salt River Grand Ballroom. The party will feature appearances

by NFL legends Bo Jackson, DeAngelo Williams and Doug Flutie and will be hosted by Mike "Roc" Muraco, Dan "Manuch" Manucci and Jimmy B of Fox Sports 910AM.

The game will be available to watch on multiple large-screen TVs while guests can enjoy food and beverage specials.

All Superzona events are for adults 21 and over and are expected to sell out, according to Talking Stick Resort. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit [www.talkingstickresort.com](http://www.talkingstickresort.com).

At Casino Arizona, you can watch the game starting at 3 p.m. in the CAZ Showroom hosted by Fox Sports 910AM's Bauer, Grose and Jax. Admission is free, and there will be theatre-quality projection screens for the game and a chance to win cash and prizes. Visit [www.casinoarizona.com/entertainment/the-showroom/big-game-viewing-party/](http://www.casinoarizona.com/entertainment/the-showroom/big-game-viewing-party/) for more information.

Within the Talking Stick Entertainment District, Mavrix will be welcoming guests to watch the game on their dozens of 4k televisions and a 20-foot jumbotron. The entertainment destination will offer Trophy Room packages and Jack Daniel's Patio Table/Lounge Packages (ages 21+) with an option to order the Mavrix Four Quarters of Food Feast.

## Super Bowl Events for Youth

Nike N7 is partnering with the Notah Begay III Foundation, First Tee-Phoenix and US Sports Camps to provide camps for youth 7-17 years old, regardless of gender or playing ability, from the SRPMIC, Gila River Indian Community and Ak-Chin Indian Community. Pre-register for the events at [www.N7sports camps.com](http://www.N7sports camps.com).

Dates and times:

February 5: Jr. Golf, Talking Stick Golf Club, 1-5 p.m.

February 10: Football, Accelerated Learning Academy/Salt River High School, 5-7 p.m.

February 18: Baseball/Softball, Accelerated Learning Academy/Salt River High School, noon-2 p.m.

On February 11 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., the Fritz Pollard Alliance will host a youth bowling experience at 810 Billiards & Bowling at 50 W. Jefferson

St. in Phoenix. SRPMIC Recreational Services will participate in this event with 60 youth who attend their programs. The youth will have the opportunity to meet former NFL players and coaches at the event.

## Super Bowl Events Around the Valley

- **February 4-5 & 9-11: Super Bowl Experience presented by Lowe's at Phoenix Convention Center**
- **February 6: Opening Night presented by Fast Twitch at Footprint Center, Phoenix**
- **February 8: Super Bowl Gospel Celebration at Mesa Center for the Arts**
- **February 8-12: Historic Old Town ESPN Main Street Tailgate in Old Town Scottsdale**
- **February 9-11 Bud Light Super Bowl Music Fest at Footprint Center, Phoenix**
- **February 9: NFL Honors presented by Invisalign at Phoenix Symphony Hall**
- **February 9-12: Super Bowl Experience presented by Lowe's at Hance Park, Phoenix**
- **February 10: FanDuel Party at Tempe Beach Park**
- **February 11: Taste of the NFL at Chateau Luxe, Phoenix**
- **February 12: Official Super Bowl Watch Party at Hance Park, Phoenix**



**The SRPMIC Health and Human Services Department is seeking culturally inspired logo design entries for the new Journey To Recovery Center.**

The Journey To Recovery Center is located at the southwest corner of HWY87 and McDowell Road next to the River People Health Center. The project site consists of approximately 12 acres. The anticipated opening is early 2024.

*The Winner*

**\$500 and a Talking Stick Entertainment District prize package.**

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Contest is open to enrolled members of the SRPMIC, ages 16 and up.

### SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Friday, March 3rd, 2023 by 5PM

### SUBMITTING ENTRIES

**Email:**

[Call-for-Artist@srpmic-nsn.gov](mailto:Call-for-Artist@srpmic-nsn.gov)

**\*Hand delivery/USPS mail:**

River People Health Center  
Attn: HHS-Marie Peck  
10901 E. McDowell Rd.  
Scottsdale, AZ 85256

*\*If mailed, please send in a flat, manila envelope so logo is not submitted folded.*

*All entries become property of the SRPMIC and will not be returned unless a letter of return request is included with original entry. If winning entry is submitted by a minor, written parental consent must be obtained before prize is awarded.*

## Governor Hobbs Announces O'odham Tribal Affairs Director

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In January, newly elected Arizona Governor Katie Hobbs announced staff hires for her administration.

Hobbs has made it known that she has made a commitment to foster relationships with tribal nations in the state. This commitment was solidified when she hired Tohono O'odham Nation member Jason Chavez as the tribal affairs director.

Chavez is from the San Miguel Community in the Chukut Kuk District, and he previously served as the elections outreach manager in the Secretary of State's Office.

Chavez told O'odham Action News that he is deeply honored and excited to serve in the Hobbs Administration, and that the significance of this appointment is not lost on him.

"To have an O'odham in a director position in the governor's office is a big deal. I am helping to set expectations, make decisions and create policy for the state," said Chavez. "For me, this is the opportunity of a lifetime, and I feel the weight of responsibility every morning when I walk into the State Capitol. But I also know that I am not alone—I have my family and community behind me."

Hobbs asked Chavez to revitalize the Office of Tribal Relations and to work with tribal communities across Arizona, the governor's other policy advisors, and state and federal agencies. This work includes promoting access to economic opportunities for tribes, investing in the next generation of leaders, protecting the right to vote, expanding access to health-care, protecting water rights, and addressing the crisis of missing and murdered indigenous people.



Photo courtesy of Jason Chavez

Chavez said that a career in public service was the natural path for him.

"As O'odham, we are taught to take care of our communities. It is part of our himdag," he said.

While working for the Secretary of State's Office, he said the office was exposed to vitriol on an almost daily basis related to its work on elections. Despite the challenging work in public service, Chavez said that he kept going because he knew his work mattered.

During this time, in September 2021, Chavez helped organize the first-ever Tribal Nations Conference hosted by the Secretary of State's Office. The event brought together representatives from tribal nations and counties to make plans and coordinate for the 2022 statewide election cycle.

He also managed the "unique url" program, which helped organizations conduct electronic voter-registration drives during the time when in-person gatherings were limited due to COVID-19.

With his success and experience in public service, Chavez's advice to politically motivated Native youth is to dream big.

"Your voice is important, and our people need your leadership in all levels of government: tribal, local, state and federal," said Chavez. "Study hard, but don't forget that building relationships and taking care of your community is important too."



# Apprenticeship Training Program Recognizes Carpentry and Information Technology Graduates

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On January 13, 10 graduates of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community's Apprenticeship Training Program were recognized for their hard work and dedication to reaching Journeyman status in the fields of carpentry and information technology.

The event was held at the Courtyard by Marriott Scottsdale on tribal land and was well attended by families and supporters of the graduates. Representing SRPMIC leadership were President Martin Harvier, Vice-President Ricardo Leonard, and Council members Cheryl Doka and Jacob Butler.

Workforce Development Manager James Smith welcomed all in attendance. Serving as master of ceremonies was Public Works employee Arlo Manuel, a heavy equipment journeyman graduate of the program in 2017.

President Harvier and Vice-President Leonard took a moment to congratulate all Apprenticeship Program graduates and spoke to them about the sometimes-difficult journeys Apprenticeship graduates take in their careers.

"I know for some of you it's a tough decision to change careers," said Harvier. "I know it was probably difficult during the COVID time to continue to reach these goals you have met today. I encourage you to continue to set goals in your life and continue to grow. I think the opportunity that you have in this Apprenticeship Program really gives you a door that gets opened to work in your Community."

Manuel and 2016 computer operator journeyman Matthew King were also the honorary guest speakers. Salt River Landfill CEO Rich Allen, chair of the Apprenticeship Committee, offered special remarks to the graduates.

Mark Kite, the managing director of Training to You, was given a special award for his partnership with the SRPMIC Apprenticeship Program for the last six years and for his work with three of the Community's apprenticeship trades.

The apprentices were presented with gifts and journeyman certificates by Apprenticeship staff and SRPMIC leadership.

Congratulations to all SRPMIC Apprenticeship Training Program graduates!

**Carpentry**  
Winston Fulwilder  
Christopher Moore  
Erik Myore

**IT Help Desk Technicians**  
Elijah Carlos  
Shea Enos Jr.  
Raymond Garza  
Priscilla Granados  
Manne Lasiloo  
Dennis Lewis Jr.  
Peter Salcido Jr.





# 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 IV of the Return to Work Plan the SRPMIC Council is continuing business by holding Council meetings in-person (adhering to COVID precautions). 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.

## October 26, 2022 – Council Meeting Items:

- o Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with ITCA for Epidemiology Funding – Council approved a resolution for a MOA with ITCA for funding to support various health programming and disease surveillance activities with the overall goal of improving the health status of tribal communities.
- o Veteran’s Day Events – The veterans provided information on Veteran’s Day activities.
- o Exclusion – Council approved a resolution/order to uphold the decision of the exclusion committee to permanently exclude Erik Thomas Sanchez from the territory and boundaries of the SRPMIC.
- o Administrative Reports: Department and operational reports and updates were given by the Community Manager, Police Chief, Fire Chief, Vice President, and President. OCLA announced the “Get Out the Vote” events and provided information on the various propositions that will be on the ballot.
- o Community Member Comments: 1) There was a request for an executive session.
- o Executive Session Items: Exclusion, Minors Trust Portfolio, Office of General Counsel Legal Matters.

## October 27, 2022 – Council Work Session Items:

- o Housing Update – The Multi-Family Online Survey data analysis was reviewed for Council discussion and guidance.
- o Cemetery Master Plan Update – The Cemetery master plan and preliminary concept and conceptual renderings were presented and where things are at in the process.
- o Executive Work Session Items: FEMA Update

## November 2, 2022 – Council Meeting Items:

- o Fairmount Avenue Road & Utility Easement– A proposal to obtain a road and utility easement along the Fairmount avenue alignment was presented. The project map location, the public comments received from the public hearing, and right-of-way process was reviewed. A resolution to approve the ROW application and consent to a grant of easement for a roadway and utility easement for SRPMIC to provide public roadway and utility services for the general benefit of the residents on allotted land along E. Fairmount Avenue was approved.
- o Vista Drive Road & Utility Easement – Council approved a resolution to approve rights-of-way applications and consent to grants of easements.
- o Technical Code Amendment to 4-36, Change of Judge – Council approved an amendment to provision entitling the Prosecutor and Defendant to a change of Judge as a matter of right.
- o Request to Rescind Proclamation on Medical Marijuana – Council approved rescinding the policy guidance to the Prosecutor’s Office and proclamation due to the change of

- law for the use of medical marijuana.
- o Proposed Ordinance Amendment Form of Citation – Council approved an ordinance amendment to allow the use of electronic citations for traffic offenses which will enhance accuracy, efficiency and safety.
- o Gaming Regulatory Ordinance – Council approved an ordinance amendment to the SRPMIC’s Gaming Regulatory ordinance to conform with the new 2021 Gaming Compact between the Community and the State of Arizona.
- o TSG Interactive U.S. Services Limited – Council approved a resolution authorizing the Gaming Enterprise to enter into an agreement with TSG Interactive U.S. Services Limited, that includes a limited waiver of sovereign immunity.
- o SRPMIC Child Welfare Updates – The core values and principles of Child Welfare Practice was presented. Case management team, statistics, and current status were provided.
- o Administrative Reports: Department and operational reports and updates were given by the Community Manager, OCLA Special Assistant, Police Chief, Fire Chief, Vice President, and President. Fire Chief informed that Emergency Management has notified that November 3rd is the last day for FEMA assistance.
- o Community Member Comments: None.
- o Executive Session: Ba’ag ceksan (Eagle Mark), Senior Gift, Complaint Follow-Up, Office of General Counsel Legal Matters.

## November 3, 2022 – Council Work Session Items:

- o McDowell Road (Lehi) – Staff provided information on the questions and concerns of the road for Council discussion and direction.
- o Executive Work Session Items: Home site vs. Will Discussion.

## November 9, 2022 – Council Meeting Items:

- o FEMA Update – Council and Community was provided an update with statistics on the FEMA efforts and applications.
- o Conditional Use Permit (CUP) Homewood Suites Hotel – Council was presented the CIG, Inc. request for a CUP to allow an extended stay hotel use at Pima Center. Community member comments and questions were addressed. Action on this CUP was placed on the next week agenda.
- o Possessory Interest Tax Ordinance– Council approved an ordinance to amend Chapter 15.1 of the SRPMIC Code of Ordinances to update the Community’s administration and collection of possessory interest tax.
- o SRCGE Board Appointments – Council announced that Jeremy Hager and Benjamin Anton were appointed for a three year term to fill the expired Community member terms on the Salt River Golf Enterprises Board.
- o Administrative Reports: Department and operational reports and updates were given by the Community Manager, OCLA Special Assistant, Police Chief, Fire Chief, Vice President, and President. Chief Auerbach announced the fundraiser event for the SRPMIC Children’s Foundation. The SRPD vs SRFD will have a softball game on November 18, 2022.
- o Community Member Comments: None
- o Executive Session: SRCGE Board Appointments, RPHC Matter, Office of General Counsel Legal Matters.

## November 10, 2022 – Council Work Session Items:

- o No Work Session due to Council participation at Veteran Events.

## November 16, 2022 – Council Meeting Items:

- o Conditional Use Permit (CUP) Homewood Suites Hotel – Council approved a resolution for a CUP to allow an extended stay hotel at Pima Center.
- o 12% Grant Intergovernmental Agreements (IGA’s) – Council approved a resolution to approve IGA’s and their individual accompanying resolution to implement the Community’s 12% contribution requirements of the gaming compact between the SRPMIC and the State of Arizona.
- o SR Devco Board Appointments – Council appointed Community member representatives and professional representatives with staggered terms to fill the expired terms. Community Members (re)appointed were Ruben Guerrero, Jr., Christie Dash, Dean Torres. Professional Representatives (re)appointed were Mark Winkleman and Chad Fuller.
- o Solid Waste Agreement with the City of Scottsdale – Council approved a resolution for the first amendment to the solid waste disposable facilities agreement between the SRPMIC and the City of Scottsdale to increase the transfer service fee.
- o Amendment to SR Devco Enabling Ordinances – Council approved an ordinance to amend sections 1-104 and 1-105 regarding the Salt River Community Property Development and Asset Management Company.
- o Administrative Reports: Department and operational reports and updates were given by the Community Manager, OCLA Special Assistant, Police Chief, Fire Chief, Vice President. The Community Manager announced that Council selected January 31, 2023 for the CM-Only Meeting. More info to be posted.
- o Community Member Comments: 1) Expressed issues regarding Senior Volleyball Teams’ lodging an transportation needs 2) Commented on non-acceptance of Tribal ID’s as a valid form of identification for State or other areas. 3) Thanked Council and Senior Services for supporting and allowing Veterans to attend the Memorial in Washington, DC. 4) Expressed thankfulness to Council and Community for support of efforts in the Mesa School Board election. Encouraged members to get involved in education matters.
- o Executive Session: 21 CP Solutions, Exclusion, LMB Appointments, LEC Applications, CM Question, Office of General Counsel Legal Matters.

## November 17, 2022 – Council Work Session Items:

- o COVID Memorial – Proposed locations were presented for placement of the permanent COVID 19 Memorial Plaque. Council consensus to have staff return with proposed renderings at each location proposed for Council decision.
- o Code Amendment for Civil Proceedings – Staff requested direction on authorizing the Office of General Counsel to amend the code to allow licensed attorney’s to practice in all civil proceedings with the Community in executive session.
- o Executive Work Session Items: Code Amendment for Civil Procedure, FEMA/Housing Concern, SRMG

## November 23, 2022 – Council Meeting Items:

- o No Council Meeting due to Thanksgiving Holiday.

## November 24, 2022 – Council Work Session Items:

- o No Work Session due to Thanksgiving Holiday.

## December 7, 2022 – Council Meeting Items:

- o Donation Request – Council was presented a sponsorship request from Community Member, Aimee Velasquez, for body building competitions throughout the year. Council will inform Ms. Velasquez of their decision at a later date.
- o Community Services HHS/Social Services – Staff presented HHS prevention, intervention services, financial assistance programs, LIHEAP, and HIWAP. Council directed staff to put out program information to the membership.
- o Child Welfare Update – Staff presented the Core Values, Principles, and Child Welfare Practices. The CPS Team provided case management team and statistics.
- o Board Appointments (Gaming / SHRRP) – Council appointed Angela Willeford and Elisabeth Thomas to fill the expired terms for a 3-year term on the Gaming Enterprise Board. Council appointed Anita Perez as the Lehi Rep and Veronica Tashquith as the SR Rep for a two-year term on the Senior Home Repair and Replacement Program (SHRRP)
- o Administrative Reports: Department and operational reports and updates were given by the Community Manager, OCLA Special Assistant, Police Chief, Fire Chief, Vice President. A non-member burial request for Alida V. Quiroz-Montiel for use of Memorial Hall and burial at Salt River Cemetery was presented. Council approved the request that submitted by her daughter who is a Community member.
- o Community Member Comments: 1) Comments were voiced on the HHS presentation and the need for special needs resource programs. Comments voiced on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and the need for a kiosk or something to contact family members or authorities so that investigations can be done. Council will have HHS bring information on the two items raised.
- o Executive Session Items: Initiative petition application, Investment Opportunity Update, SRMG, Gaming Enterprise Board Appointments, SHRRP Board Appointments, OGC Legal Matters.

## December 8, 2022 – Council Work Session Items:

- o No Work Session held.

## December 14, 2022 – Council Meeting Items:

- o Special Recognition of Outgoing Council Members Enos and Largo – Council presented “thank you” gifts. Council Members gave comments of thanks.
- o 12% Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with City of Scottsdale – Council approved a resolution for an IGA to implement the Community’s 12% contribution requirements of the Gaming Compact between SRPMIC and the State of Arizona.
- o Land Sale Resolution – Council approved a resolution to purchase certain parcels of Salt River Allotted

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- Land (SRAL 561-E) on behalf of the SRPMIC.
- Education Board Appointments – Council appointed Heaven Sepulveda as the Community Member Professional Rep, Henry Osif and Lisa Miguel as Community Member Reps on the Education Board.
- Saddleback Communications / Re-invent Telecom - Council approved budget amendments for FY2023 for Saddleback and Reinvent.
- Administrative Reports: None.
- Community Member Comments: 1) Comments of thank you to the outgoing Council Members were expressed.
- Executive Session Items: Gaming Enterprise Monthly Report, Gaming Board Quarterly Report, Saddleback, Investment Committee Charter, Land Sale, National Criminal Justice Association, Education Board Appointments

**December 15, 2022 – Council Work Session Items:**

- Senior Home Repair & Replacement Program (SHRRP) – A summary and overview of the SHRRP Program, budget history and forecast of customers and costs were presented for Council discussion.
- Housing Policy – Tabled to another date.
- Minutes – The status of Council minutes was provided.
- Executive Session: Housing Development Budget Update



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## Public Comments on Proposed Amendments to the Limited Liability Company Act

Comment Period: January 12, 2023 – February 25, 2023

On Wednesday, January 11, the SRPMIC Council authorized a 45 day public comment period for proposed amendments to the Community's Limited Liability Company Act ("LLC Act").

The purpose of the LLC Act is to allow the Community Council to create limited liability companies under Community law (as opposed to under the laws of a state) and contains rules governing these companies.

In its current form, the LLC Act only allows the creation of 100% wholly owned Community businesses. The Community Council is considering the following additions to the current LLC Act:

- Joint venture companies. Permit the Council to create Joint Venture companies between the Community and third parties,

# Music Venue Renamed As Talking Stick Resort Amphitheatre



**BY CHRIS PICCIUOLO**  
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Live Nation has announced that the 20,000-seat outdoor concert venue in west Phoenix formerly known as the Ak-Chin Pavilion has a new name-in-title sponsor, Talking Stick Resort, and is now called Talking Stick Resort Amphitheatre.

Talking Stick Resort and Casino Arizona are enterprises of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community.

"Talking Stick Resort prides itself on partnering with organizations with goals that align with our own," said Ramon Martinez, director of public relations for Talking Stick Resort. "Live Nation is just that type of partner. Like us, they are committed and passionate about providing guests with unparalleled entertainment. We are proud to have the Talking Stick Resort name associated with a legendary venue where people go to have unforgettable experiences."

Martinez said that once Talking Stick Resort realized the naming rights for the venue were becoming available, the resort's leadership reached out to Live Nation to begin discussions, which led to negotiations that took several months.

"Our goal in pursuing partnerships with any organization, venue, sports team or event is always the same: to grow and solidify the brand recognition of Casino Arizona and Talking Stick Resort," said Martinez. "That recognition we generate helps us reach new potential guests in other parts of our state and more from out of state. In terms of the [SRPMIC], anything that we can do to make the Enterprises successful positively impacts the Community and its future, not only financially, but through the career development of Community

members. We also always strive to be a source of pride for the Community in all that we do."

The on-site branding of the newly named venue is not up yet, but it is actively being developed and will be in place to kick off the 2023 concert series. There will be Talking Stick Resort signage throughout the venue, including above the stage and in an exclusive Casino Arizona VIP area.

Martinez said that now that there is an announcement of the name change, there will be an official event to recognize the Community in the months to come.

Talking Stick Resort is an exclusive casino and resort sponsor of the Arizona Diamondbacks, which includes signage throughout Chase Field, including Talking Stick Resort and Casino Arizona logos on the baseball diamond on the field. The resort also has an exclusive suite and private lounge inside the stadium that they are working on, and they are currently finalizing the branding.

The resort is also a major sponsor of Salt River Fields at Talking Stick, Grand Canyon University and the Arizona Rattlers.

The resort sponsors major events throughout the Valley and is the exclusive casino sponsor of the WM Phoenix Open, Bell Bank Park and Topgolf. Other events sponsored by the resort include the Scottsdale Polo Championship, Pat's Run, Celebrity Fight Night, the USA Today Food and Wine Festival, Fiesta Bowl, the Guaranteed Rate Bowl and more.

For more than 30 years, the venue has hosted some of the biggest names in entertainment across all genres, including Metallica, David Bowie, Jason Aldean, Wu-Tang Clan, Elton John, Pearl Jam,

The Police and Fleetwood Mac. The venue is also the only Phoenix Point of Pride in Maryvale, a program initiated by the Phoenix Pride Commission in 1991 to foster a sense of community pride among Valley residents.

The venue has gone through a multitude of name changes since its inception:

- Desert Sky Pavilion, 1988-1996
- Blockbuster Desert Sky Pavilion, 1996-2001
- Cricket Pavilion, 2001-2006
- Cricket Wireless Pavilion, 2006-2010
- Ashley Furniture HomeStore Pavilion, 2010-2013
- Desert Sky Pavilion, again in 2013
- Ak-Chin Pavilion, 2013-2023
- Talking Stick Resort Amphitheatre, 2023-present

Currently, announced performers on the 2023 Talking Stick Resort Amphitheatre show schedule include the 98KUPD UFEST featuring Godsmack and more (May 6), Dead & Company (May 23), Shania Twain (May 30), Matchbox Twenty (May 31), Janet Jackson (June 7), ZZ Top & Lynyrd Skynyrd (August 13), Foreigner (August 20) and Eric Church (September 16), with more shows to be announced soon.

## 1st Quarter 2022 ELIGIBILITY DEADLINE March 31, 2022

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

**DEADLINES FOR CHANGES**

**Direct Deposit Start-Ups and Changes:** Tuesday, April 11 at 5 p.m. This deadline is for new start-ups for direct deposit or changes to existing information. All forms **MUST** be submitted with a "VOIDED" check or statement from the bank with the Routing and Account Numbers. Forms received by this date will be effective for the April 2023 payout. Forms received after this date will not be effective until the July 2023 payout.

**Discontinue Direct Deposits:** Tuesday, April 11 at 5 p.m. This deadline is to discontinue an existing direct deposit.  
\*\*\*Failing to notify the Per Capita department when an account is closed may delay your Per Capita payment.

**Per Capita Eligibility:** Tuesday, April 18 at 5 p.m. This deadline is for submitting the Adult SRP-MIC Member's Per Capita Information Certificate. Forms received by this date will be effective for

the April 2023 payout. Forms received after this date will not be processed until the first week of May 2023.

**Tax Withholding Changes:** Tuesday, April 18 at 5 p.m. This deadline is for making changes to "Additional" tax withholding percentage or amount.

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

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

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



JUVENILE COURT JURISDICTION

JURISDICTION: SALT RIVER PIMA MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT

ADDRESS: 10040 EAST OSBORN RD. SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85256

CONTACT: (480) 362-6315

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

FAILURE TO APPEAR CAN AFFECT YOUR RIGHTS

Burke, Brandee Lyn - Initial Termination of Parental-Child Relationship Case: J-23-0014 Court Date: February 13, 2023 at 9 a.m.

Curtis, Lila Star - Review Hearing Case: J-20-0100/0101/J-21-00331 Court Date: February 14, 2023 at 9 a.m.

Enos, Yvette Marie - Review

Hearing Case: J-19-0169/J-21-0060 Court Date: February 9, 2023 at 11 a.m.

Griego, Alfredo - Evidentiary Paternity Hearing Case: J-22-0086 Court Date: March 6, 2023 at 11 a.m.

Hayes/Gutierrez, Vanessa Lynn - Relinquishment of Guardianship Hearing Case: J-11-0140/J-08-0014 Court Date: February 8, 2023 at 9 a.m.

Olivas, Lindsey Lorraine - Review Hearing Case: J-21-0120 Court Date: February 15, 2023 at 11 a.m.

Percy, Garrett Cecil - Evidentiary Guardianship Hearing Case: J-22-0027/0028/0029 Court Date: February 2, 2023 at 10 a.m.

Silversmith IV, James - Adjudication Hearing Case: J-19-0169/J-21-0060 Minors: J.E. (DOB 06/06/2019) and J.E. (DOB 04/01/2021) Mother: Yvette Enos (DOB 03/09/1989) Court Date: February 9, 2023 at 11 a.m. in Court Room #3

Swan, Dajuan Anthony - Evidentiary Paternity Hearing Case: J-22-0127 Court Date: February 28, 2023 at 10 a.m.

Valles Sr., Robert Anthony – Review and Permanency Hearing Case: J-15-0174 Court Date: February 23, 2023 at 11 a.m.

Vest, Jacob Sean – Review/ Permanency Hearing Case: J-19-0042/0043 Court Date: February 22, 2023 at 11 a.m.

CIVIL COURT JURISDICTION

JURISDICTION: SALT RIVER PIMA MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT

ADDRESS: 10040 EAST OSBORN RD. SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85256

CONTACT: (480) 362-6315

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

FAILURE TO APPEAR CAN AFFECT YOUR RIGHTS

Avila, Frank - Probate Hearing Case: P-22-0060 Court Date: January 31, 2023 at 9 a.m.

Bejarano, Pauline Blaine - Child Support Status Case: CFCS-21-0013 Court Date: February 23, 2023 at 10:30 a.m.

Careaga, Gustavo - Default Judgment Hearing Case: C-22-0106 Court Date: February 22, 2023 at 10 a.m.

Carroll, Jamila Roxanne - Order to Show Cause/Annual Review Hearings Case: CF-19-0015 Court Date: February 8, 2023 at 11 a.m.

Cashoya, Mary Lynn - Order to Show Cause Hearing Case: CF-18-0181 Court Date: February 8, 2023 at 10 a.m.

Clapp, Monica - Probate Hearing Case: P-23-0009 Court Date: March 13, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

Herrera, Xia Rae - Entry of Default Judgement Case: C-22-0141 Court Date: February 14, 2023 at 9 a.m.

King, Alana Daneen - Custody Hearing Case: CF-23-0019 Court Date: March 8, 2023 at 11:30 a.m.

Lopez, Brandon Anthony - Order to Show Cause Hearing Case: CF-18-0181 Court Date: February 8, 2023 at 10 a.m.

Loring, Faith Marie-Rose - Initial Child Support Hearing Case: CFCS-23-0004 Court Date: February 9, 2023 at 10:30 a.m.

Manuel, Roy - Civil Complaint Hearing Case: C-22-0144 Court Date: March 2, 2023 at 9 a.m.

Manuel Jr., Delroy - Motion Hearing Case: CF-14-0109 Court Date: February 22, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

Manuelito Vest, Laree - Probate Hearing Case: P-23-0001 Court Date: February 15, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

Martinez, Ambria Jean - Order to Show Cause Hearing Case: CF-22-0132 Court Date: February 21, 2023 at 9 a.m.

Martinez, Ambria Jean - Probate Hearing Case: P-23-0009 Court Date: March 13, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

Olson, Scotty - Order to Show Cause Hearing Case: CF-21-0076 Court Date: February 6, 2023 at

10:30 a.m.

Pongyesvia, Joseph Paul - Probate Hearing Case: P-23-0003 Court Date: February 6, 2023 at 9 a.m.

Soto-Baca, Cruz - Annual Guardianship Review Case: CF-18-0172 Court Date: February 23, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

Standing-Elk, Nicole - Evidentiary Guardianship Hearing Case: CF-22-0117 Court Date: February 27, 2023 at 10 a.m.

Vavages, Vanja Lee - Annual Guardianship Review Case: CF-18-0052 Court Date: February 8, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

White Jr, Marcus Lee - Order to Show Cause Hearing Case: CF-20-0079 Court Date: February 9, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

Williams, Eric - Order to Show Cause Hearing Case: CF-20-0079 Court Date: February 9, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

DEFAULT NOTICES

BURNS, SUMMER NOTICE OF JUDGMENT AND ORDER GRANTING EX PARTE CHILD SUPPORT: SALT RIVER PIMA MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT, STATE OF ARIZONA, MARICOPA COUNTY ORIGINAL JURISDICTION COURT CASE NUMBER CFCS-21-0030

Judgment and Order Granting Ex Parte Child Support is hereby ORDERED AND ADJUDGED and is hereby ENTERED on the 6TH day of December, 2022

It is further, ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that Respondent Summer Burns, shall pay child support in the amount of \$1,418.55 per quarter to Petitioner, Brad Richards. Payment shall be deducted from Summer Burns; per capita distributions shall be garnished to pay support owed in this matter.

The Order of support presumptively terminates on May 30th, 2038. This order is final for purposes of appeal.

BURKE, BRANDEE BURKE SUMMONS J-23-0014 TERMINATION PARENTAL RIGHTS OF: X.L.B. (D.O.B.: 2/8/2016) TO: Brandee Burke

A Petition to Terminate Parental Rights has been filed on November 30, 2022 in this Court against you, which alleges grounds for the termination of your parental rights of the above captioned child(ren). You may obtain a copy of the Petition by calling (480) 362-6315. A hearing has been set to determine whether the petitioner has proven that allegation(s) support a legal basis for termination of parental rights.

THEREFORE YOU ARE ORDERED to APPEAR for an Initial Hearing for Termination of Parental Rights before the Honorable Judge Achin, the Salt River Juvenile Court on Monday, February 13, 2023, at 9 am, in Court Room #3.

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

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

CLERK OF COURT - SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA COMMUNITY COURT

CARROLL, JAMILA ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE NOTICE CF-19-0015 I.T.M.O.: L.D.A. (D.O.B.: 11/15/2006)/L.P.C. (D.O.B.: 8/27/2009) TO: Jamila Roxanne Carroll,

YOU ARE HEREBY ORDERED to appear before the above-entitled court on the 8th day of February, 2023 at 11 AM, in Court Room #1, and show cause why you should not be held in contempt for Failure to Appear for Annual Review Hearing on November 1, 2022 at 9 a.m., after being duly noticed..

FAILURE TO APPEAR will result in a Bench Warrant issued for your arrest for Contempt of Court from (§6-41) of the Code or Ordinances. You are entitled to subpoena witnesses on your behalf and to be represented by counsel.

ORDERED this 20th day of December, 2022.

RAYMOND L. DEER, JUDGE OF THE SRPMIC TRIBAL COURT

CASHOYA, MARY LYNN ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE NOTICE CF-18-0181 I.T.M.O.: A.L.C. (D.O.B.: 8/31/2014)/E.L.C. (D.O.B.: 8/29/2016)/N.L.C. (D.O.B.: 7/27/2018) TO: Mary Lynn Cashoya,

YOU ARE HEREBY ORDERED to appear before the above-entitled court on the 8th day of February, 2023 at 10:00 AM, in Court Room #1 at the Salt River Community Court located at 10040 E. Osborn Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85256, and show cause why you should not be held in contempt for failing to appear for a hearing on Thursday October 20, 2022 at 10:00am after being duly noticed. .

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

ORDERED this 6th day of December, 2022.

RAYMOND L. DEER, JUDGE OF THE SRPMIC TRIBAL COURT

HERRERA, XIA RAE DEFAULT NOTICE C-22-0141 COUNTRY CLUB CARS V. XIA RAE HERRERA TO: Xia Rae Herrera, RESPONDENT

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

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

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

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

5. If you want to defend against the claim and avoid default judgment entered against you, you must file a written answer, motion to dismiss or other responsive pleading within thirty (30) days from when you are served with this Notice. The Court will not extend time for your response and you must make your response in writing, no oral responses will be accepted

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

DATED this 5th of December, 2022

CLERK OF SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY TRIBAL COURT

HERRERA, XIA RAE ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE NOTICE C-22-0141 COUNTRY CLUB CARS V. XIA RAE HERRERA TO: Xia Rae Herrera, 225 N Gilbert Rd #240 Mesa, AZ 85203

YOU ARE HEREBY ORDERED to appear before the above-entitled court on the 14th day of February, 2023 at 9 AM, in Court Room #1, and show cause why you should not be held in contempt for failure to appear for Civil Complaint Hearing held on December 05, 2022 at 9 a.m. in courtroom #1 .

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

ORDERED this 13th day of December, 2022.

RAYMOND L. DEER, JUDGE OF THE SRPMIC TRIBAL COURT

MARTINEZ, AMBRIA JEAN ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE NOTICE CF-22-0132 ITMO: S.M. (D.O.B.: 8/1/2014) TO: Ambria Jean Martinez,

YOU ARE HEREBY ORDERED to appear before the above-entitled court on the 21st day of February, 2023 at 9:00 AM, in Court Room #1, and show cause why you should not be held in contempt for failing to facilitate and ensure that the minor child is transported to the designated area in Phoenix, as agreed upon during the August 31, 2022 hearing, that Christina Martinez can take custody of minor child as ordered on August 31, 2022 after being duly noticed.

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

ORDERED this 28th day of December, 2022.

RAYMOND L. DEER, JUDGE OF THE SRPMIC TRIBAL COURT

LOPEZ, BRANDON ANTHONY ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE NOTICE CF-18-0181 I.T.M.O.: A.L.C. (D.O.B.: 8/31/2014)/E.L.C. (D.O.B.: 8/29/2016)/N.L.C. (D.O.B.: 7/27/2018) TO: Brandon Anthony Lopez,

YOU ARE HEREBY ORDERED to appear before the above-entitled court on the 8th day of February, 2023 at 10 AM, in Court Room #1 at the Salt River Community Court located at 10040 E. Osborn Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85256, and show cause why you should not be held in contempt for failing to appear for a hearing on Thursday October 20, 2022 at 10 am after being duly noticed.

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

ORDERED this 6th day of December, 2022.

RAYMOND L. DEER, JUDGE OF THE SRPMIC TRIBAL COURT

OLSON, SCOTTY ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE NOTICE CF-21-0076 I.T.M.O.: K.A.W.J. (D.O.B.: 4/26/2021) TO: Scotty Olson,

YOU ARE HEREBY ORDERED to appear before the above-entitled court on the 6th day of February, 2023 at 10:30 AM, in Court Room #1, and show cause why you should not be held in contempt for Failure to Appear for Annual Guardianship Hearing on 12/8/22 at 9 a.m. after being duly noticed..

FAILURE TO APPEAR will result in a Bench Warrant issued for your arrest for Contempt of Court from (§6-41) of the Code or Ordinances. You are entitled to subpoena witnesses on your behalf and to be represented by counsel.

ORDERED this 21st day of December, 2022.

RAYMOND L. DEER, JUDGE OF THE SRPMIC TRIBAL COURT

SCHURZ, RYAN LEE DEFAULT NOTICE D-23-0003 ANGELA SCHURZ V. RYAN LEE SCHURZ TO: Ryan Lee Schurz, RESPONDENT

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

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

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

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

5. If you want to defend against the claim and avoid default judgment entered against you, you must file a written answer, motion to dismiss or other responsive pleading within thirty (30) days from when you are served with this Notice. The Court will not extend time for your response and you must make your response in writing, no oral responses will be accepted

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

DATED this 3rd of January, 2022

CLERK OF SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY TRIBAL COURT

SILVERSMITH IV, JAMES SUMMONS J-22-0087/0088 Termination Parental Rights of:

J.E. (D.O.B.: 6/6/2019)

J.E. (D.O.B.: 4/1/2021)

TO: James Silversmith IV

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 Salt River Juvenile Court on February 9, 2023, at 11:15 a.m., in Court Room #3 before Judge Achin.

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.

S.R.O. Section 11-100, Basic Rights, reads:

(a) Right to Be Represented by Counsel. All parties have a right to be represented at their own expense as provided in Section 4-4 in all proceedings under this chapter, to introduce

evidence, to be heard on his or her own behalf, to examine witnesses, and to be informed of possible consequences if the allegations of the petition are found to be true. All parties shall be entitled to advance copies of court documents, including petitions and reports, unless deemed inappropriate by the court.

(b) Appointment of Counsel.

(1) Dependency proceedings. A parent, guardian, or custodian shall be entitled to be represented by counsel, who may be either an attorney or an advocate admitted to practice in the Community Court, in any dependency proceeding, beginning at the first hearing and throughout all stages of the proceedings. A parent, guardian, or custodian may request the appointment of counsel at any stage of a dependency proceeding.

Counsel shall be appointed immediately upon the filing of a petition alleging child abuse and neglect. A parent, guardian or custodian may knowingly, intelligently and voluntarily waive appointed counsel at any stage of the proceedings and inform the court of the intention to proceed without representation or to retain counsel at their own expense.

(2) Delinquency proceedings. A juvenile shall be entitled to be represented by counsel, who may be either an attorney or an advocate dmitted to practice in the Community

Court, in any delinquency proceeding, beginning at the first hearing and throughout all stages of the proceedings. A juvenile or his or her parent or guardian may request the appointment of counsel to the juvenile at any stage of a delinquency proceeding.

Counsel shall be appointed immediately upon the filing of a juvenile delinquency petition or complaint, petition to revoke probation, or citation in any delinquency matter. A juvenile may knowingly, intelligently, and voluntarily waive appointed counsel at any stage of the proceedings and inform the court of the intention to proceed without representation or to retain counsel at their own expense.

(3) The right to be represented by counsel shall include the right to consult with counsel as soon as practicable. This right shall also include the right to obtain and inspect, through counsel and/or counsel's staff, any juvenile court records related to the case.

(4) Failure of a parent, guardian, or custodian to appear at any dependency hearing, or failure of a juvenile to appear at a delinquency hearing, does not waive the person's right to counsel or the right of counsel to appear on their behalf.

CLERK OF COURT - SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA COMMUNITY COURT



## CHURCH LISTING

**LEHI CHURCH OF THE NAZA-RENE**  
1452 E. Oak St.  
Mesa, AZ 85203  
Mailing Address:  
PO Box 4628  
Mesa, AZ 85211  
Pastor Merrill Jones  
(480) 234-6091  
**SERVICES**  
-Visit us on Facebook Live and in person. Search for Lehi Church of the Nazarene.  
-Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.  
-Worship Service, 10:45 a.m.  
-Sunday Night Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.  
-Wed. Devotion Night at church, 6:30 p.m.  
-SOAR Group 2nd & 4th Friday every month at the church 7 p.m.  
-Monday night Prayer Meeting, 6 p.m.  
-Singspiration, last Sunday of the month at 6 p.m.

**FERGUSON MEMORIAL BAP-TIST CHURCH**  
1512 E. McDowell Rd. (Lehi)  
Mesa, AZ 85203  
Pastor Neil Price  
(480) 278-0750  
**SERVICES**  
- Sunday Worship Service, 10 a.m.  
Now available through the Zoom app. Call church for Zoom ID.

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

**SERVICES**  
-Sunday Services 10 a.m.  
-Communion First Sunday of every month 10 a.m.  
Birthday Sunday Potluck- Last Sunday of the Month, after services.  
-Youth Devotion/Music (bring your instruments!) last 2 Saturdays of the month at 4 p.m.

**THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST PAPAGO WARD**  
2056 N. Extension Rd. Scottsdale AZ, 85256  
(480) 947-1084  
**SERVICES**  
-Sunday service begins at 10 a.m.

**PIMA CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**  
12207 E. Indian School Rd.  
Scottsdale, AZ 85256  
Pastor Marty Thomas  
(480) 874-3016/  
Home: (480) 990-7450  
**SERVICES**  
- Sunday service 11 a.m.  
- Lord's Supper very first Sunday of the month (potluck after)

**SALT RIVER ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
10657 E. Virginia Ave.  
Scottsdale, AZ 85256  
(480) 947-5278  
Rev. Winter Elk Valencia  
**SERVICES**  
- Sunday Morning Prayer 10 a.m.  
- Worship 11 a.m.  
- No Evening Service till further notice.  
- Thursday Bible Study 6pm

**SALT RIVER CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
430 N. Dobson Rd.  
Mesa, AZ 85201  
(720) 626-2171  
SaltRiverChurchofChrist.com  
**SERVICES**  
- Bible Class 9:30 a.m. -10:30 a.m.  
- Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.  
- Sunday Bible Class 6 p.m.  
- Bible Study Wednesdays 7 p.m.  
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**SALT RIVER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
P.O. Box 10125  
Scottsdale, AZ 85271  
E: SaltRiverPresbyterian@gmail.com  
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**SERVICES**  
-Sunday Service, 1 p.m.  
-Communion first Sunday of the month

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

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## MEMORIAL SERVICES

### Wake and Funeral Services

*As part of our continuing efforts to help prevent the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19) throughout the Community, the following restrictions are in place for all funeral services and planning*

#### CONTACTING MEMORIAL SERVICES

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

#### FULL WAKE AND FUNERAL ARE PROVIDED AT FACILITIES

- One (1) wake or funeral service per day at each facility: Memorial Hall and Xalychidom Piipaash Nyvaash
- If a family chooses to keep loved one at the facility overnight, family allowed to stay with loved one
- Overnights in the facilities will be allowed
- Families will be responsible for overseeing and running the kitchen during services to include the serving of food and removing personal items and leftover food after services. Day labor may not be available
- Nursery and family room will be open
- Memorial Services will create and post funeral announcements, if requested by family
- Wakes and/or overnight services are allowed at the homes
- Facilities will be available to hold family meetings
- Masks will be required, and if you are sick please stay home
- Families can have services at churches, if they receive permission from churches

#### CEMETERY SERVICES PROVIDED DURING

- Tent, tables, and chairs provided
- If family wishes to dig grave, tools available
- Staff will assist with burial
- Handwashing station, hand sanitizer, and port-a-john available
- Casket cart or table for urn
- No requirement for mask or social distancing at cemetery

Please call Memorial Services at 480-278-7050 for any questions

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art&maxlandscaping@gmail.com

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Rmgmechanical@gmail.com

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Margaret Rodriguez, (480) 250-7566

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cody@boxingbearsphotography.com

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daliarezendiz0815@icloud.com

**DALLAS PROFESSIONAL PAINTING**  
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vipimara@cox.net

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## PUBLIC WORKS NOTICE

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

**The Salt River and Lehi Cemeteries will be closed from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m.**

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

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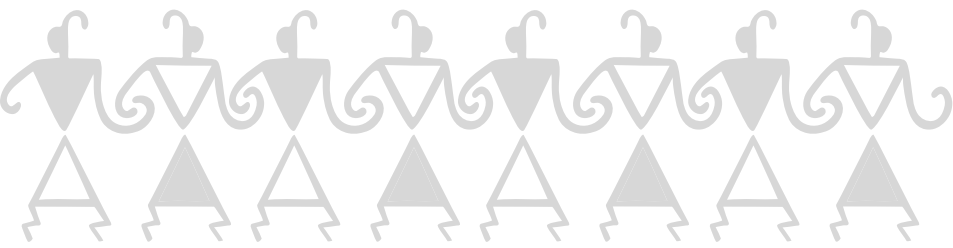
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### DEADLINE AT NOON

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February 17





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## RUBEN GUERRERO, JR. APPOINTED AS CEO OF SALT RIVER MATERIALS GROUP



Ruben Guerrero.

Scottsdale, AZ-- Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (SRPMIC) has appointed Ruben Guerrero, Jr. as CEO of Salt River Materials Group (SRMG).

Ruben is an enrolled member of the Community and since July 2013 has been the Director of Corporate Affairs for SRMG. He brings nearly 20 years of knowledge in public policy and government relations. His previous work experience includes Director of Congressional & Legislative Affairs for the SRPMIC. He also served as a Congressional Aide in the office of U.S. Representative Raul M. Grijalva and was previously a Morris K. Udall Intern in Washington, D.C.

He was appointed to the Board of Directors of Salt River Development Company (DEVCO), an asset management and commercial development company and enterprise of the SRPMIC in August 2011, and elected Chairman of the Board in January 2012.

During his tenure as Director of Corporate Affairs at SRMG, Ruben gained executive experi-

ence in the cement, pozzolan and aggregates industries. He worked closely with former CEO, Roger Smith, Jr., and will continue to hold SRMG's Value Statement as the threshold from which the company conducts business, "Profitability the Right Way... Integrity, Accountability, Excellence."

"I am so humbled to be appointed as the CEO of Salt River Materials Group. For the last nine years, I gained knowledge for this opportunity from my mentor, Roger Smith, Jr., who taught me the value of hard work, what it means to be a leader and the importance of cultivating relationships with not only our stakeholders but with the exceptional people that work at SRMG. As a member of the Community, I hope to live up to those values and make Roger and my community proud," said Ruben Guerrero, Jr., CEO.

Ruben holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and a Bachelor of Science in American Indian Studies from Arizona State University.

### About Salt River Materials Group

*Headquartered at the SRPMIC Chaparral Business Park near Scottsdale, AZ, Salt River Materials Group is a leading supplier of portland and masonry cements, fly ash and other pozzolans, both normal and lightweight aggregates, and natural gypsum products throughout Arizona and the Southwestern United States. SRMG is also a leader in promoting sustainable products and practices throughout the manufacturing and building industries.*

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dba Salt River Materials Group,  
both divisions of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community

## Calendar of Events

### FEBRUARY

- 2 CM GREY, DISTRICT D MEETING,** 6 p.m. at the ALA (SRHS) Auditorium, 4827 N. Country Club Rd., Scottsdale, Az. Topics: Missing Person's Identity Project (MPIP) Overview, Status of Sex Trafficking in District D, Community Member Comments. For more information call Erica Harvier at (480) 362-7466 or Elyse Lewis at (480) 362-7469.
- 7 BACK TO THE BASICS,** 12 p.m. - 1:30 pm. at the Teaching Kitchen at River People Health Center. A 6-week cooking and nutrition course created by SR Nutrition Services. Cooking Demo: Chopped Salad and Roasted Squash and Wild Rice Bowl. For registration call (480) 362-3355 or email [rphcnutrition-services@srpmic-nsn.gov](mailto:rphcnutrition-services@srpmic-nsn.gov)
- 9 SUPERZONA AT TALKING STICK RESORT** kicks off with the The Kick-Off Party live at Talking Stick Resort's main pool, featuring two-time GRAMMY-nominated artist/DJ/producer Steve Aoki. See article on page 10.
- 9 SUPERZONA AT TALKING STICK RESORT,** NBA legend Shaquille O'Neal will bring Shaq's Fun House presented by

Netspend, a festival/party hosted inside of a custom-built megastructure adjacent to the resort. The event will feature Snoop Dogg, Diplo, Myles O'Neal, and Shaq's music persona DJ Diesel, along with a full carnival with games, bumper cars, and the Netspend Ferris Wheel. See article on page 10.

- 10 SALT RIVER TRIBAL LIBRARY PRESENTS: BOOKS & LOOKS.** Join us as we learn new tips, tricks & techniques featuring: Cora Tanner, Community member make-up artist and Cherish Yazzie-Hart, founder and creator of Cherish Skin. 4:30 p.m. - 6 p.m., WOLF Room 56. Registration begins Friday, February 3. Register at: <https://sugeni.us/dE3K>. Questions? Call (480) 362-6600 or email [triballibrary@srpmic-nsn.gov](mailto:triballibrary@srpmic-nsn.gov)
- 10 SENIOR SERVICES HOSTS VALENTINE DINNER AND DANCE,** dinner 5:30-6:30 p.m. and Dancing with the Cruz Band 6-8:30 p.m. at the Salt River Community Building. For more info. please call Tara at (480) 401-6702.
- 11 PROBATE AND WILL OPEN HOUSE,** 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., at the Salt River Community Building. Topics include: Trust Asset Probate (land and IIM account), Personal Property Probate, Wills, How to Jump Start Planning for Your Land, Best Practices for Document Storage and Management and FAQ's. For more information call (480) 362-7370. See ad on page 3.
- 12** On Super Bowl Sunday, **SUPERZONA WILL CONCLUDE WITH THE BIG**

**GAME WATCH PARTY** in the Salt River Grand Ballroom. The party will feature appearances by NFL legends Bo Jackson, DeAngelo Williams and Doug Flutie and will be hosted by Mike "Roc" Muraco, Dan "Manuch" Manucci and Jimmy B of Fox Sports 910AM. See article on page 10.

- 13 CM DOKA, DISTRICT C MEETING,** 6 p.m. at the SRPMIC Council Chambers, 10091 E. Osborn Rd., Scottsdale, Az. Topics: Missing Person's Identity Project (MPIP) Overview, Vocational Rehabilitation and Career Counseling, Proposed Recreational Marijuana Ordinance, Community Member Comments. For more information call Erica Harvier at (480) 362-7466 or Elyse Lewis at (480) 362-7469.
- 14 BACK TO THE BASICS,** 12 p.m. - 1:30 pm. at the Teaching Kitchen at River People Health Center. A 6-week cooking and nutrition course created by SR Nutrition Services. Cooking Demo: Barbeque Chicken, Baked Beans and Broccoli Salad. For registration call (480) 362-3355 or email [rphcnutrition-services@srpmic-nsn.gov](mailto:rphcnutrition-services@srpmic-nsn.gov)
- 14 SPECIAL EVENT, COME AND JOIN WIC AND PARTNERS SPRMIC FOOD BANK, TO ENJOY INDIGENOUS INGREDIENTS & TAKE HOME A TRIBAL FOOD BOX..** 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Quantity is limited and Indigenous Ingredients may vary. Phone (480) 278-RPHC (7742). To reach WIC, select '4' for Health Benefits Programs, then '5' for WIC. Text 1-888-362-7338 or email [WIC@srpmic-nsn.gov](mailto:WIC@srpmic-nsn.gov)

- 15-17** A National Wellness & Healing Conference **HEALING TOGETHER.** Key-note speakers Al Pooley, NAFFA; Kateri Coyhis, White Bison; Mike Duncan, NDN; Chelsey Luger, NWI and Thosh Collins, NWI. For more information contact Cheryl Honnie, Training/Events Coordinator - NAFFA at (480) 833-5007 or email [conference@aznaffa.org](mailto:conference@aznaffa.org)
- 16 CM CARLOS, DISTRICT E MEETING,** 6 p.m. at the WOLF, Room 56, 4827 N. Country Club Rd., Scottsdale, Az. Topics: Proposed Recreational Marijuana Ordinance, Recap of the January Community member meeting, Community Member Comments. For more information call Erica Harvier at (480) 362-7466 or Elyse Lewis at (480) 362-7469.
- 18 CM ANTONE, DISTRICT B MEETING, 9 a.m.,** SR Community Building, 1880 N. Longmore Rd., Scottsdale, Az. Topics: Gilbert Road Bridge Project Update, Community Member Comments. For more information call Erica Harvier at (480) 362-7466 or Elyse Lewis at (480) 362-7469.
- 24 VETERAN OPEN HOUSE,** 2 - 4 p.m. at the Round House Cafe, 10005 E. Osborn Rd., Scottsdale, AZ. Your one stop resource for education, health, networking and much more. For SR Community Veterans and families, SRPMIC Employee Veterans. For more information call (480) 362-7884.
- 25 QUARTERLY LEHI MEETING,** 9 a.m. Evergreen Neighborhood Center, 12275 E. Fairmount Ave., Scottsdale, Az. Topics: Gilbert Road Bridge Project

- Update, Bunnyville Subdivision Right-of-Way Update, Community Member Comments. For more information call Erica Harvier at (480) 362-7466 or Elyse Lewis at (480) 362-7469.
- 27 CM BUTLER, DISTRICT A MEETING,** 6 p.m. at the SRPMIC Council Chambers, 10091 E. Osborn Rd., Scottsdale, Az. Topics: Introduction of the SRPD Representative, Proposed Probate Ordinance, Missing Person's Identity Project (MPIP) Overview, Community Member Comments. For more information call Erica Harvier at (480) 362-7466 or Elyse Lewis at (480) 362-7469.
- 28 CM SCABBY/CM DALLAS LEHI DISTRICT MEETING,** 6 p.m., Lehi Community Center, 1231 E. Oak St., Mesa, Az. Topics: Proposed Recreational Marijuana Ordinance, Proposed Probate Ordinance, Community Member Comments. For more information call Erica Harvier at (480) 362-7466 or Elyse Lewis at (480) 362-7469.
- 28 PARENT NIGHT WITH SCHOOL & COMMUNITY RELATIONS,** 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. at the Salt River Community Building. Join School & Community Relations for Parent Night! Resources, information, and refreshments. This event is free and open to ALL SRPMIC parents/guardians, regardless of where your student attends school. Questions? Call SCR at 480-362-2534.