



O'odham - Piipaash Walk & Run

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The Community Relations Office Events Division of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community hosted a walk to honor the O'odham and Piipaash cultures of the Community on Saturday, February 4 at the Salt River High School/ALA football field and track.

"We are glad that you all could make it out," said CRO Events Manager Yvonne Schaaf as she provided a brief overview of the walk. The route took participants around the perimeter of the high school campus, which totaled 1.48 miles.

"We want good thoughts and our good prayers and everything we think of to be here this morning," said Schaaf. She added that the school was chosen as the site for the walk because it is important to the future of the Community's children while thinking of their O'odham and Piipaash ancestors.

"I am grateful for this opportunity to welcome everyone this morning. It is a beautiful morning to be out here for this meaningful event," said SRPMIC President Martin Harvier. He thanked everyone who put the event together and the participants for coming to



SRPMIC members take to the course for the Walk for O'odham & Piipaash. Lower right: Community members warm-up before going on the walk.

the walk.

"Today we come out to walk to make changes in our lives; it's a lifestyle change that we all want to make," said Harvier. "When we walk, it's not a race; it's an opportunity for us to [pray and think] about what changes we can make in our lives."

Harvier was joined by SRPMIC Vice-President Ricardo Leonard in welcoming the participants. He talked about the historical changes in the diet of the O'odham and Piipaash tribes, noting the limited accessibility

to nutritious foods. Leonard said the Community resides within a "nutritional desert."

Later, Leonard asked that each of the individuals think of loved ones lost during the time of COVID-19 and have good thoughts for those in need of help and the young ones in the Community.

Reflecting on Harvier's remarks, Schaaf said, "This walk has always been about thinking about our ancestors, thinking about our loved ones. We really want to make sure that we're putting that into our spirit while we

walk."

Schaaf would like to thank the Salt River Materials Group for donating 30 cases of bottled water and thank the volunteers who helped with registration and check-in and manned the water stations. The Salt River Fire Department also was onsite.

Before the walk started, participants were guided through a stretching activity by Otelie Honanie, physical fitness specialist with the SRPMIC Health & Human Services Diabetes Services Program. After the walk concluded, participants were treated to refreshments and entertainment by Mumsigo Ha'Ha'jun.



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Council Votes to Open 30-Day Comment Period For Recreational Marijuana Use



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As the topic of recreational marijuana use has become more popular in the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, the SRPMIC has been requesting feedback from members on medical and recreational marijuana use. The Council has proposed a new ordinance and voted to open a public comment period lasting for 30 days.

According to SRPMIC Assistant General Counsel Jeff Harmon, Council wanted to have something tangible that the Community membership could look at and think about while they're gaining feedback on the topic.

"The draft [ordinance] does a

few things because this is something that's been needed for a while," said Harmon. "This is a proposed ordinance related to comprehensive drug and drug-related offenses, because right now all of our drug provisions with respect to the criminal law are contained in 6-121 of the code, so that's a lot of stuff to be contained in one code provision."

The draft ordinance adds clarity and enhances some of the definitions within the provision, and it creates separate offenses for different categories of drugs.

"So, a dangerous drug might have its own offense versus a narcotic drug or a vapor-releasing substance, which is commonly known as 'huffing,'" said Harmon.

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Community Member-Owned Business Features Future Entrepreneurs Market for SRPMIC Youth



Young entrepreneur Tiare Begay-Smith set up several different crafts including cards, paintings and jewelry for the Future Entrepreneurs Market at Goodlife Nutrition in Scottsdale.

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On Sunday, January 29, GoodLife Nutrition opened its doors to Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community youth to sell their artwork, jewelry and food creations at its first-ever Future Entrepreneurs Market.

The market featured three artist tables for Vii Siymea Washington, Tiare Begay-Smith, and cousins Mataya Manuel, Kaylee Campeols and Nadia Andreas.

"We are trying to host more events this year, and we started

off with this event with the kids, to give them some experience in doing what they like to do and making money off of it," said GoodLife Nutrition owner Veronica Ramirez.

"This event gave the youth an opportunity to see the business side of things and be out in the public and present what they have to offer," explained GoodLife Nutrition owner Kevin Dalton. "This event gives them the experience to be open to interacting with people in the future as well."

Washington is a self-taught painter. Only in the third grade,

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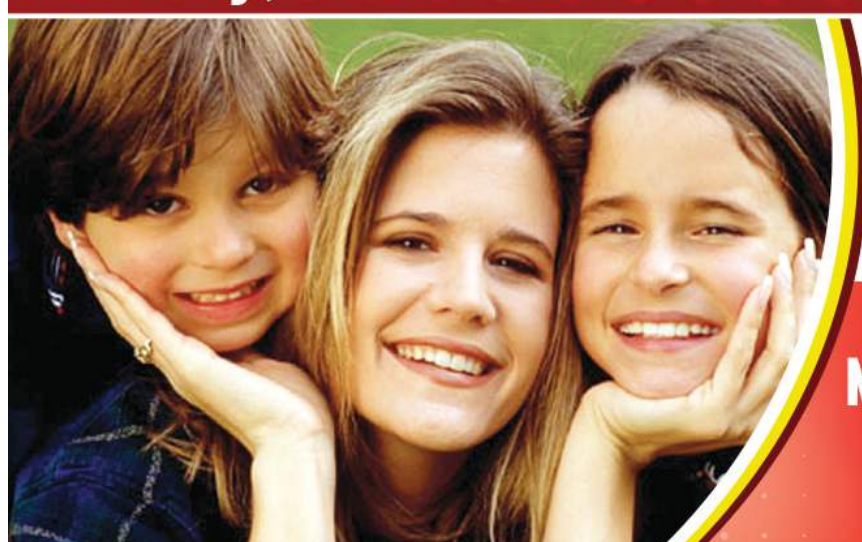
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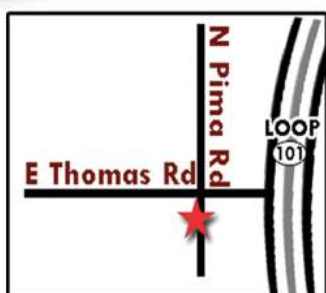
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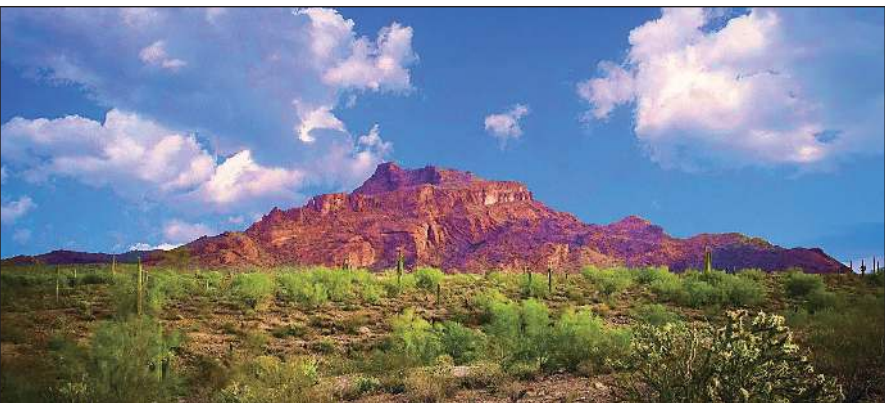


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Community members of all ages took to the 1.48 miles stretch of road, making their way around the entirety of the Salt River Schools complex. For those who stayed after the walk, they were treated to a musical entertainment by Musmigo Ha'Ha'jun.



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she loves drawing mushrooms but comes up with different designs inspired by traditional O’odham and Piipaash designs using acrylic paints.

Begay-Smith creates a number of things, such as bracelets, paintings and stationery cards.

“I learned how to make bracelets when I was little. [For] the metal ones, I just learned how to make them using a stamp tool to stamp the design in the metal,” said Begay-Smith. “I would like to learn how to make different types of bracelets in the future.”

Cousins Manuel, Campeols and Andreas, with the help of their aunt Karen King and uncle Loren King Jr., created Kings Kreations, sweet treats such as chocolate-covered strawberries, cake pops, candied grapes, candy apples, Mexican candy and more.

“We first started selling pies, then we started looking at what else we could do and we started making chocolate-covered strawberries, chamoy gummies and the candy apples,” said Manuel.

The girls got their inspiration from TikTok, learning how to make grape candies and chamoy gummies. To find out when and where they will be selling their sweet treats, visit their Instagram page at kingz_kreation5.

GoodLife Nutrition will be hosting a number of events throughout the year. Follow GoodLife Nutrition at glnutrition_az on Instagram or on Facebook at GoodLifeNutritionAZ.



Mataya Manuel, Kaylee Campeols and Nadia Andreas of Kings Kreations provided sweet treats such as chocolate covered strawberries, candy apples, Mexican candy, cake pops and more.



Vii Washington created art on the spot, along with a number of paintings of mushrooms and inspired O’odham and Piipaash designs.



Tiare Begay-Smith gives a closer look at her jewelry items she had for sale.



Goodlife Nutrition co-owners Kevin Dalton and Veronica Ramirez and their son Elijah greet and welcome customers to their first Future Entrepreneurs Market.



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Big Wheel Day Connects Students With the Real Thing

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January 31 was Big Wheel Day for students at the Early Childhood Education Center (ECEC), who enjoyed an exciting up-close look at all kinds of vehicles right in their own school parking lot.

The event has happened at ECEC since 2016, as an on-site field trip for young students, where SRPMIC departments bring their trucks and other vehicles for the kids to learn about and interact with.

Many of the classrooms conduct a “roads and wheels” study plan with students, and the purpose of Big Wheel Day is to connect the students to the real deal with a hands-on event.

The Salt River Fire Department, Salt River Police Department, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Public Works (Solid Waste, Roads, Grounds Maintenance) and Salt River Schools all drove their vehicles over so the youngsters could explore them inside and out. The Salt River Schools transportation team and local businesses, including All Valley Propane and Ki: Property Management, also participated.

The ECEC parking lot was full of horns honking and sirens wailing as the students excitedly tried their hands at operating the parked vehicles in a limited capacity.

The SRPD provided a tactical vehicle for students to climb into, while the SRFD demonstrated what a firefighter looks and sounds like while wearing full gear. The SRFD also discussed fire safety and provided educational materials to students.

“ECEC views this year’s Big Wheel Day as a great success, because there was an increase in family participation



Students and faculty line up in front of a large propane truck on Big Wheel Day

and collaboration—plus, the FACE program from Salt River Elementary School was able to participate,” said ECEC Parent & Community Involvement Specialist Carmen Briones.

“It’s so fun to see the awe on the students’—and adults’—faces while they’re exploring the vehicles. Everyone enjoyed interacting with the drivers and department staff,” Briones said.

Next up, on February 16, the ECEC will host its Social Gathering, in which students and families come together and dance to traditional songs.

On April 6, the Accelerated Learning Academy will host the Salt River Schools Education Fair. This year’s theme is “Exercising Minds, Bodies,

and Spirits.” Community families are invited to connect and visit activities at a variety of stations.

Briones wants families to know that ECEC applications can be submitted anytime throughout the year. “We will be selecting students for the 2023-2024 school year soon,” she said.

“We have an Early Head Start program that provides education for families who have children prenatal through 3 years old. Our Head Start program is for children 3 to 5 years old. Children turning 5 on or before September 1, 2023, can be enrolled in kindergarten.”



Students and faculty pose for a photo on a tractor outside of ECEC on Big Wheel Day.

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Council Votes to Open 30-Day Comment Period For Recreational Marijuana Use

“Drug paraphernalia, pipes, anything used for the smoking or administration of illegal drugs—those are also illegal, but that’s probably a different class than, say, methamphetamine. So what [the proposed ordinance] does is create multiple statutes to address each one of those types of drugs.”

Harmon said that after gathering the feedback from the Community at Community-only meetings and District meetings, Council might want to treat a substance like fentanyl differently than a substance used for huffing.

Of the proposed ordinance, Harmon said that he thinks the biggest and most interesting piece is allowing the use of marijuana for recreational purposes.

“Whether that ends up getting enacted or not will be seen,” said Harmon.

“This [ordinance] is a little more targeted than in the past. It [previously] was generalized information and presented for general Community feedback,” Harmon said. “Then it kind of moved towards the focus of whether medical marijuana should be enacted or not, and that eventually did get enacted. So now this focus is more on the recreational use, and it pretty much mirrors the same standards that the state of Arizona has.”

The public comment period for the proposed ordinance ends on February 27. The full text of the ordinance can be found at <https://www.srpmic-nsn.gov/government/ogc/proposed-ordinances/>.

Proposed Ordinance Amendments for Comprehensive Drug and Drug Related Offenses and the Recreational Use of Marijuana Public Comment Period Ends on February 27, 2023

It River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Council voted to open a public comment period for thirty (30) days regarding proposed ordinances for drug and drug related crimes. The purpose of the public comment period is to seek feedback from the Community membership regarding how drugs should be treated under the law, including whether the recreational use of marijuana should be legal.

The proposed ordinances enhance definitions related to drug and drug related offenses, creates separate offenses for different types of drug and drug related offenses, changes some of the criminal penalties for drug and drug related offenses and permits the use of marijuana for recreational purposes under certain circumstances.

The proposed comprehensive drug statutes include the following:

- Definitions for drug related offenses (6-121).
- Unlawful possession, use, sale of a vapor-releasing substance (6-122).
- Possession of drug paraphernalia (6-123).
- Possession or use of a hallucinogen or marijuana (6-124).
- Possession or use of narcotic drugs (6-125).
- Possession or use of dangerous drugs (6-126).
- Maintaining a drug-involved premises (6-127).
- Sale or manufacture of controlled substances and marijuana (6-128).
- Endangering human life while illegally manufacturing controlled substances (6-129).

As mentioned above, Section 6-124 of the proposed ordinances permits the use of marijuana for recreational purposes under the following conditions:

- Person must be at least 21 years of age.
- Amount is not more than 1 ounce of marijuana.
- Use does not occur in a public place, Community building or facility, or at any Community event.
- No sale or cultivation of marijuana.
- Person is not driving or in actual physical control of any motorized vehicle while under the influence of marijuana.
- Marijuana is purchased only from a licensed establishment by the State of Arizona or the Community.

The full text of the proposed ordinances can be found at: <https://www.srpmic-nsn.gov/government/ogc/proposed-ordinances/>

The public comment period ends on February 27, 2023.

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Youth Learn the Fundamentals of Golf at Nike N7 Event

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Indigenous youth from tribal communities around the Valley took part in a golf clinic at the Talking Stick Golf Club on Sunday, February 5. The golf clinic was presented by Nike N7, the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, and several participating organizations and tribes.

To start off the event, Nike N7 General Manager Sam McCracken welcomed the youth and their parents to the golf clinic. “Years ago, I had an idea to bring kids together, because they are our future,” said McCracken. He thanked Indigenous golfer Notah Begay III (Navajo/Pueblo) for partnering with Nike N7 to help bring the fundamentals of golf to tribal youth.

The Nike North America brand manager, Robin Herrington, said the clinic is an action-packed day of learning basic golf skills at a wonderful setting like the Talking Stick Golf Club. She thanked the SRP-MIC for hosting the event and for partnering with Nike N7 to offer a life-changing experience for youth.

SRPMIC President Martin Harvier welcomed the youth to the event and recognized the partnership between the Community and Nike N7. “I appreciate your efforts in bringing the children out here today,” said Harvier.

He encouraged the youth to exercise and get outside to enjoy the great weather Arizona has this time of year. “I encourage you to try to exercise. Get away from playing the video games and get outside. A little bit of fresh air and sun is good for all of us, so now is good time to take advantage of it.”

Harvier is no stranger to sporting activities, because in his youth he played “rez ball” in baseball, softball and basketball. Noting the benefits of those experiences, Harvier encouraged the youth to take on a sporting activity because it creates memories, friendships and opportunities to achieve your goals in life.

Before the youth teed up, special guest speaker and Community member Anthony “Thosh” Collins prepared the youth for their afternoon of golfing. “It’s good to see each and every one of you here today in



A SRPMIC youth takes a swing at the driving range station, during the Nike N7 golf clinic at Talking Stick Golf Club. Below: SRPMIC member Thosh Collins gets the youth motivated for the day’s activities. Collins is a board member for the Native Wellness Institute.

the land of the Salt River people,” said Collins.

“As young people, you are all sacred to us. It’s about what you do and where you are going in life,” said Collins. He encouraged the youth to practice mindfulness and tap into their inner strength to overcome challenges in their lives and succeed.

“We’re going to start off our day with a little movement ceremony,” Collins said, before leading the youth through a series of mindfulness exercises: breathing, aerobic movements and meditation.

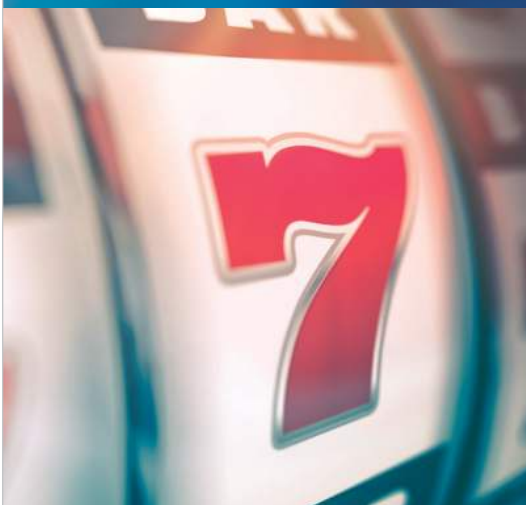
After the round of speakers, the youth divided into different teams and followed their instructors to the different skill stations. The stations included a putting green, a driving range, and a combination of soccer and golf for the younger kids.

Nike N7 and the Community also hosted football and baseball camps at Salt River High School’s

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Community Members Take Part in Art Exhibition and Panel Discussion



From left to right: SRPMIC Council Representative Jacob Butler, and Community member Thomas "Breeze" Marcus, along with Kyle Mitchell (Diné) share their thoughts of cultural representation, during the Land Stewardship panel discussion on January 19. *Photo courtesy of Neil Schwartz Photography*

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Thomas "Breeze" Marcus and Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Council Representative Jacob Butler represented the SRPMIC at the Land Stewardship from Indigenous Perspectives panel discussion held at the Tempe Center for the Arts on January 19.

According to a press brief about the event, it focused on the lessons learned from traditions from the perspectives of Indigenous people. The panel also included Michael Namingha (Hopi Tewa),

Ginger Sykes Torres (Diné) and Kyle Mitchell (Diné).

Butler, who served as the longtime SRPMIC Community Garden coordinator, imparted his experience with land management and stewardship from an Indigenous perspective and how those cultural practices bring back the livelihood of the people.

Torres is the State Executive Director for the USDA Arizona Farm Service Agency. Mitchell is a storyteller at South Mountain Community College, where he makes connections with Indigenous students and culture.



Patrons observe a painting created by Breeze for the Earth & Sky exhibit at the Tempe Center for Arts gallery, which opened last month. *Photo courtesy of Tempe Center for the Arts*

Breeze contributed his artwork to a currently running exhibition at Tempe Center for the Arts called Earth & Sky, which focuses on the connections of Indigenous peoples to the natural environment. According to the press release, the exhibition "examines timely topics like land stewardship ecology and culture that ties people to this region."

The accompanying panel aligned with the exhibition's subject matter, exploring topics of concern to tribal communities in Arizona and discussing "Indigenous Futurism," which involves using media such as the visual arts, film

and music, and science with Indigenous perspectives to envision a sustainable world that learns lessons from the past, present and future.

Earth & Sky is on display in the gallery at Tempe Center for the Arts until April 22. Admission is free to the public. For more information, visit www.tempecenterforthearts.com or call (480) 350-2867.

Arizona Indian Festival 2023



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From February 4-5, the Arizona American Indian Tourism Association hosted the annual Arizona Indian Festival at the Scottsdale Civic Center.

Dancers from all over Indian Country came out to showcase their cultural heritage through arts & crafts and dancing.

There was a traditional village area of the festival, which included traditional artisans and homes used by the tribes, such as the Navajo and Hopi people.

The festival is meant to bring awareness to the public about the history of indigenous tribes in Arizona and is held in conjunction with the City of Scottsdale's western week.

Ninth Circuit Court to Hear Arguments Involving Future of Oak Flat

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During the week of March 20, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in Pasadena, California, will hear oral arguments in the case of Apache Stronghold v. United States to decide the fate of the sacred Oak Flat site in Arizona.

The site is on the National Register of Historic Places, and in 2014, the government ordered a land exchange in which the land at Oak Flat would be given to Resolution Copper, a foreign-owned mining company.

Apache Stronghold, a nonprofit community organization dedicated to defending holy sites and freedom of religion, lost its initial appeal to the Ninth Circuit after a three-judge panel decided that the land-swap deal did not violate their free exercise of religion.

A majority of the Ninth Circuit's 29 active judges voted in November 2022 to rehear the case "en banc" (with all the judges present) and will convene a special panel of 11 judges to decide whether the law allows the government to destroy sacred sites, according to Becket Law, the firm that represents Apache Stronghold in the case.

If the court doesn't intervene, the government can turn over the use of the land at Oak Flat to Resolution Copper.

On January 9, friend-of-the-court (amicus curiae) filings from many different religious organizations argued that the government's position in this case would gut civil rights protections for people of all faiths. Organizations submitting these briefs include the Christian Legal Society, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, the Seventh-day Adventists, and the Islam and Religious Freedom Action Team

of the Religious Freedom Institute. Religious liberty law scholars as well as the Mennonite Church USA, the Sikh Coalition, the Jewish Coalition for Religious Liberty, and Protect the 1st also provided their arguments.

The Association on American Indian Affairs and the National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers argued that sacred places remain vitally important to the continued existence of tribal nations and that the proposed land exchange would lead to irreparable damage to Oak Flat and exacerbate existing and historical suppression of tribal cultures and religions, among other arguments.

"It is encouraging to see a diverse coalition of tribes, religious groups and scholars stand up in defense of the religious freedom of Western Apaches," said Luke Goodrich, vice president and senior counsel at Becket.

"It is long past time for our nation to ensure that Native American religious practices receive the same respect and protection enjoyed by all other faiths."

On February 5 at noon, the O'odham Piipaash Alliance gathered in Mesa at Park of the Canals to begin a run to protect Oak Flat.

"As we run through the Valley, we attempt to touch places that need prayer, to let our ancestors know we still remember these places and carry them in our prayer," said Running Deer, a member of the alliance.

"We don't want to lose Oak Flat or deal with the consequences Resolution Copper poses towards Indigenous communities."

Apache Stronghold will hold the ninth annual Oak Flat March/Run from February 16 to 19, which includes a Tohono O'odham blessing on February 18.

O’odham Lore Shared at Winter Storytelling Event



GRIC Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Barnaby Lewis orates one of three stories shared during the winter storytelling event on January 26.

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Traditional storytelling took center stage, immersing audience members in the world of O’odham lore, on January 26 when Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community members and guests were treated to traditional O’odham stories that are told only during the winter months.

For this year’s winter storytelling, Gila River Indian Community Tribal Historic Preservation Office Barnaby Lewis was invited share traditional O’odham stories. Lewis is from District 1 (Blackwater) and has been telling

traditional stories for over 20 years.

Lewis presented a series of three stories: Ho’ok, Eagleman (Vonda), White Clay Eater, and Yellow Buzzard. Each of these stories follows characters through a series of events, such as courageous acts to save a village. Part of the fun is passing down the spoken language, tribal lore and life lessons to new generations.

The traditional stories were told at winter gatherings because winter is the time when rattlesnakes are hibernating, keeping them from biting people. Lewis talked of a specific hill located on GRIC called “Rattlesnake House,” where rattlesnakes go to hibernate during the



winter months.

Other lore states that it was not appropriate for people to sleep when they listened to the stories. “If you fall asleep, it takes away from the memory of the storyteller. In the old days the storyteller would appoint someone to watch the people. They would have a stick, and when they saw someone falling asleep, they would wake them up with it,” said Lewis.

Lewis said the stories are also told starting at sunset and can go all the way to sunrise over the course of a couple of days, often four days. Throughout the course of the evening, Lewis would recite parts of the story in English and then go back over in O’odham ñiok to reaffirm the oral traditions spoken in the language of the Community.



Top: Listeners bundled in jackets and blankets, to try their best to stay warm. Above: Community members gather around the fire, during winter storytelling.

Seniors Enjoy New Beading Class



Seniors in the zone, learning how to make beaded earrings.

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On January 28, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community seniors enjoyed a morning of beading fun as they learned how to make beaded earrings.

Josephine Figueroa, social programs manager, said that the class was a way for Senior Services to provide a specialty craft class without interfering with their regular craft day.

“Beading requires a quiet time and more instruction than we usually do at our craft time,” said Figueroa. “Some seniors have expressed interest in doing

beading, and luckily we have a couple of coordinators on our team that have experience beading. Judging by today, we had a good turnout.”

Laberta Collins is a senior who took part in the class. She said it was a fun and relaxing activity.

“I’d like to thank the [staff] for taking time to work on a Saturday and for being patient with us,” said Collins. “It was time consuming, but we enjoyed every minute of it. It was a learning experience for a lot of us and a refresher course for some people.”

‘Soda With Security’ Focuses on Suicide Prevention



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On January 19, the Salt River Schools security team partnered with the Office of the Arizona Attorney General and Community Outreach and Education to raise awareness of the stigmatized, and often taboo, topic of suicide with a Suicide Prevention & Awareness presentation at the Accelerated Learning Academy Lecture Hall.

Suicide is the second leading cause of death among youth ages 15 to 24, and four out of five teens who attempt suicide have given clear warning signs. The security team chose this topic because families in the Community can benefit from the discussions.

While learning about this difficult topic, Community families gathered in the hall and enjoyed a meal from Chipotle with soda that was provided by the security team. Myths and facts about suicide was the main focus of the presentation.

One of the myths talked about was the idea that suicide rates are highest around the holidays. The highest rates are actually in the spring and are associated with “winter blues,” according to

Jacob Forston of the Arizona Attorney General’s Office, who was the presenter.

A fact that was discussed was the fact that teen copycat suicides are a real phenomenon. If a teenager’s suicide case has been sensationalized, some teens may view it as a way out for them as well, after seeing or hearing about it.

Forston noted some of the signs that someone is contemplating suicide: changes in friends and interests, depression and isolation, serious legal trouble, inflicting self-harm, serious suicide attempts, making final arrangements, and obsession with death or suicide.

After the presentation, Safety and Security Manager Esteban Lopez led a discussion with Community members about what they learned.

One Community member raised the concern that suicide rates and numbers in the Community are not talked about enough, which started a conversation about how to tailor suicide prevention presentations to Native Americans, or more specifically, Community members.

If you are, or know of, a teenager within Arizona who is in crisis, call Teen Lifeline at (602) 248-TEEN (8336) or (866) 248-8336. You can also call the National Suicide Prevention Hotline at (800) 273-TALK (8255).



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Community Artist Dwayne Manuel Featured in Phoenix Suns' Originativ Program

design I utilized stylized Huhugam linear work. And then I wanted to represent air by utilizing the arrow-head, so there's the little Huhugam arrowheads incorporated into the sun. I thought air, because you know the arrow has flashed through the air, and so that's why I utilized that in the design. Finally, I utilized the basketball

as the representation of earth, because the basketball needs the ground to bounce off of. It all kind of fit after I got the ball rolling."

Manuel could use his own colors, the team colors of the Phoenix Suns, or the colors utilized for the Originativ Collab. He decided to stick with the Originativ Collab colors for this project.

The day before the game, the Phoenix Suns released a video of Manuel and the design of the T-shirt on their social media pages. Manuel introduced himself and talked about his journey as an artist, explaining how his artwork expresses issues and celebration but most importantly incorporates the designs of the O'odham with a contemporary flair. The video was also played on the jumbotron at the Suns game against the Dallas Mavericks.

"It was an awkward experience.

It's interesting, you know, seeing yourself on that big screen. It was cool seeing my work up there that large in front of so many people, but it was awkward having that camera in your face and just kind of sitting there for like two minutes, waving," said Manuel. "As they brought the camera up and the production team was talking to me, the people around us were like 'What's going on? Who is this guy?'" You can see they're looking back at me. After the video played, everybody sitting around us was all hyped and started giving me fist bumps, so that was cool."

Manuel hopes this opportunity to establish a relationship with the Phoenix Suns organization and other organizations in the Valley, not only for him but for all Native artists, will continue to

educate and inform people about the Native American communities in Arizona. He hopes that this is not just a one-time thing and that there are more collaborations with the tribes in the years to come.

"It feels good; it's a great opportunity, because I've been a fan of the Phoenix Suns since the 1990s, and so of course, the Phoenix Suns is our team. It was exciting to now get an opportunity to design a shirt for them," said Manuel. "I'm really proud of what I've done with that design."



SRPMIC Traditional Dancers Continue On Under Direction of Cultural Resources Department

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Established in 1996 by the youth group Teens in Action to represent the Onk Akimel O'odham ("Salt River People" in the O'odham language), the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Traditional Dancers have been a part of the SRPMIC Cultural Resources Department (CRD) since 2018 but haven't officially announced the change [to CRD] until recently.

The group began with a focus on providing an opportunity for its members to gain more knowledge of O'odham culture and traditions through song and dance, with the goal to pass those teachings on to future generations and ignite a spark in young people to take an interest in who they are and where they come from.

The previous lead advisor to the group was Vickie Andrews, former Recreation Director who retired in 2018.

Recreation Department staff were going to continue to oversee the group, but as an original founding

member of Teens in Action, Vickie's daughter Helema Andrews, CRD Multimedia Manager, stepped up and expressed her desire to continue as the lead advisor for the group.

"After talking with CRD management and having a meeting with all involved, the transfer of the group switched to me as lead advisor and housed under CRD, a few months before Vickie's retirement," said Andrews.

Other advisors are Paula Williams and Kathy Toney, both Community members and employees of the tribe, and the lead singer is SRPMIC Vice-President Ricardo Leonard.

To this day, some of the original youth who started the group continue to sing and dance along with their children, and in the past year another level of dancers has been added, geared toward seniors.

"Being in the dance group means that even as a senior citizen I still get to practice and carry on our culture and traditions," said Esther Moyah.

"My husband sings, and my daughter, granddaughter and two great-grandchildren participate in the

dance group along with other family and Community members," Moyah continued. "It's a wonderful experience watching all of the young ones learn the dances and their meanings. I'm so thankful for the opportunity to continue to learn along with them."

The group continues to perform a variety of dances from social dances to dances performed only by the females of the group. The more recognizable dances are the Basket Dance and What Kind of Flower.

The group participates in events ranging from Community events to meetings, conferences and Valley events hosted by surrounding organizations. Recently, the group performed at a Phoenix Suns game during the player introductions and at halftime.

The group does not have a set schedule, but it will be resuming practices again soon, which are scheduled twice a month.

Anyone who would like to learn any of the songs and dances or join the group can contact Helema Andrews at helema.andrews@srpmic-nsn.gov or (480) 362-6328.



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Ruben Guerrero Named CEO of Salt River Materials Group

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On Wednesday, January 18, Salt River Materials Group (SRMG) named Ruben Guerrero Jr. as its new CEO. Guerrero had been the director of corporate affairs at SRMG for the past nine years, where he gained knowledge and guidance from the firm's late president, Roger Smith Jr.

SRMG is a Community-owned enterprise of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community. It was established in 1981 as Salt River Sand and Rock, and it purchased Phoenix Cement Company in 1987. Today SRMG provides cements, aggregates, fly ash and gypsum products to construction projects across the United States and Canada.

Guerrero brings to his new CEO position 20 years of knowledge in public policy and government relations, something that interested him when he was a young man in the Young River People's Council.

Guerrero recalled attending the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) with the SRPMIC Youth Council. "I always had an interest in policy, so for me it was an opportunity to gain experience" Guerrero served as an aide in the office of U.S. Representative Raul M. Grijalva in the mid-2000s, then worked in the SRPMIC Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs. In August 2011 he was appointed to the board of directors of Salt River Development Company (DEVCO), an asset



SRPMIC member Ruben Guerrero appointed as the new CEO of SRMG.

President Ivan Makil, former Legislative Affairs Assistant Jacob Moore, Mel-don Fulwilder, Jonah Ray and former SRPMIC President Diane Enos.

"I am a firm believer that if you see people who look like you and talk like you, it gives you that motivation to do whatever you want. Seeing other Indigenous people succeeding within and outside of the Community gave me that motivation to choose this career path," he said. Guerrero holds bachelor's degrees in political science and American Indian Studies from Arizona State University.

Guerrero said that the main priority for SRMG going forward is to continue to be a revenue source for the Community and to offer SRPMIC members more employment opportunities.

management and commercial development company and an enterprise of the SRPMIC, and he was elected chairman of the board in January 2012.

Guerrero said that he had the great pleasure to learn from longtime SRMG CEO Roger Smith Jr. before his passing. He plans to continue SRMG's Value Statement as the threshold from which the company conducts its business: "Profitability the Right Way ... Integrity, Accountability, Excellence."

Other people who have been a positive influence include former SRPMIC

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 light-weight 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.



LOGO DESIGN CONTEST

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.	SUBMITTING ENTRIES Email: 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
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**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.*

Navajo Nation Delegation Visits SRPMIC



President Martin Harvier and Council Representative Mikah Carlos led Navajo Nation President Buu Nygren (at right end), along with Navajo Nation First Lady Jasmine Blackwater-Nygren.

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On January 20, a delegation led by Navajo Nation President Buu Nygren and First Lady Jasmine Blackwater-Nygren paid a visit to the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community. Buu Nygren, 35, was just sworn in as the youngest president of the Navajo Nation in history. Blackwater-Nygren served in the Arizona House of

Representatives for District 7 during 2021 and 2022, and at the time she was the youngest serving member of the Arizona House, at age 25.

The pair met with SRPMIC President Martin Harvier, Council Representative Mikah Carlos, and Aaron Studebaker, manager of special projects for the Community Development Division. The hosts shared a historical overview of the Community and answered questions by Navajo Na-

tion representatives about the economic footprint of the SRPMIC.

After the meeting, they were taken on a tour of the Way of Life Facility to showcase how the SRPMIC is taking health into its own hands for the betterment of the people. Inside the WOLF, Harvier and Carlos explained which Community departments are housed there and the programs they offer to Community members of all ages.

Community Learns About Adaptive Recreation and Outdoor Recreation Activities



Social Program Manager Sera Gould demonstrates fishing in a kayak during the Experience for All event on Saturday, January 21.



Recreation Coordinator II Kevin Riding In and Recreation Coordinator Teegan Smith set up the archery station before guest arrive.



T-shirts and other incentives were given to the first 125 participants.

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On Saturday, January 21, Community Recreational Services presented Experience for All, an inclusive event for all Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community members to experience hands-on adaptive and outdoor recreational activities and demonstrations at the Accelerated Learning Academy (former Salt River High School) track.

The event kicked off with a Walk of Acceptance, a walk to raise awareness and support for people living with disabilities and to embrace everyone for their abilities. The first 125 participants were given a T-shirt and other incentives for their participation. Families decorated their bibs in support of their loved ones who participated in the Adaptive Recreation program as they

walked a few laps around the track.

"January 20 is International Day of Acceptance, but we are celebrating it on January 21. It's a celebration to accept individuals with various disabilities by offering them all these activities we have set up today," said Adaptive Recreation Coordinator Tammy Thomas.

Activities and demonstrations included fishing, camping, archery, outdoor gardening and paddle sports (kayak and stand-up paddle) with Arizona Adaptive Watersports.

For more information on the CRS Adaptive Recreation Program and all the other programs and events provided to SRPMIC members, call (480) 362-6800 or visit the Way of Life Facility Facebook page at www.facebook.com/SRPMIC.WOLF.



Tuesday, February 28
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Grading Transitioning
Summer Activities
Routines
Expectations
Self-Care

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Any questions, please contact
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Talking Stick Entertainment District

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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

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

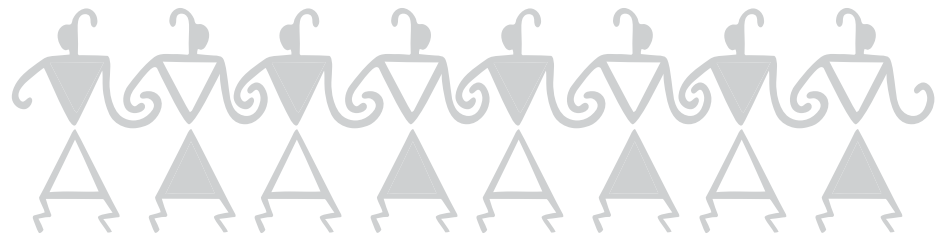
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- Overnights in the facilities will be allowed
- Families will be responsible for overseeing and running the kitchen during services to include the serving of food and removing personal items and leftover food after services. Day labor may not be available
- 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
- Staff will assist with burial
- Casket cart or table for urn
- If family wishes to dig grave, tools available
- Handwashing station, hand sanitizer, and port-a-john available
- No requirement for mask or social distancing at cemetery

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



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Doe, John - ICWA Transfer Hearing Case: J-23-0021 Court Date: February 22, 2023 at 9 a.m.

Griego, Alfredo - Evidentiary Paternity Hearing Mother: Hannah Gonzales (DOB: 12/04/1986) Child: A.G. (DOB: 04/27/2017) Case: J-22-0086 Court

Date: March 6, 2023 at 11 a.m.

Kavoka, Jessica Ann - Evidentiary Termination of Parental-Child Relationship Case: J-22-0128/J-22-0129 Court Date: March 7, 2023 at 11 a.m.

Pavatea, Sherica Marie - ICWA Transfer Hearing Case: J-23-0023 Court Date: February 23, 2023 at 1:30 p.m.

Salazar Jr., Jose - Evidentiary Termination of Parental-Child Relationship Mother: Jessica Kavoka (DOB: 10/11/1990) M.S. (DOB: 05/12/2007) and J.S. III (DOB: 08/05/2008) Case: J-22-0128/J-22-0129 Court Date: March 7, 2023 at 11 a.m.

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

Stacey, Jeffery Arthur - Evidentiary Child Support Hearing and Review Hearing Case: J-20-0091/J-20-0092 Court Date: March 30, 2023 at 11 a.m.

Thomas, Yolanda Marie - ICWA Transfer Hearing Case: J-23-0021 Court Date: February 22, 2023 at 9 a.m.

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

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

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

Coelho, Ana Rose - Initial Child Support Hearing Case: CFCS-23-0004 Court Date: March 6, 2023 at 10 a.m.

Hayes, Shelly Anne - Civil Complaint Hearing Case: C-23-0021 Court Date: March 13, 2023 at 11 a.m.

Hill, Indaria Modesty - Civil Complaint Hearing Case: C-23-0023 Court Date: March 14, 2023 at 10 a.m.

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

Manuel, Ashlee Noreen - Review Hearing Case: J-22-0118/J-22-

0119/J-22-0120 Court Date: March 7, 2023 at 9 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.

Martinez, Ambria Jean - Evidentiary Guardianship Hearing Case: CF-22-0145 Court Date: March 21, 2023 at 10 a.m.

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

Osif, Nicholas Lee – Status/OTSC Case: CF-19-0173 Court Date: March 27, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

Sampson, Colletta Richenda - Entry of Default Judgement Case: C-22-0147 Court Date: March 21, 2023 at 11 a.m.

Santo, Erin Rose - Evidentiary Guardianship Hearing Case: CF-22-0106 Court Date: March 9, 2023 at 11 a.m.

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

Thomas, Challyice Frances Chastain - Evidentiary Guardianship Hearing Case: CF-23-0011 Court Date: March 20, 2023 at 10:30 a.m.

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- 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 18th of January, 2023

CLERK OF SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY TRIBAL COURT

SANTO, CARMELITA
SUMMONS
J-15-0043
I.T.M.O.: O.G. JR. (D.O.B.: 7/1/2011)
TO: Carmelita Santo

YOU ARE ORDERED to APPEAR for a Review and Permanency Hearing before the Honorable Presiding Judge Achin at the Salt River Juvenile Court on the 1st day of March, 2023, at 11:00 a.m., in Court Room #3.

WARNING: Failure to attend any hearing without good cause shown may result in a finding that you have waived your legal rights to be present and defend against the allegation(s) in the petition. The hearing may go forward without you and may result in a finding of dependency, and the Court could make permanent orders by motion. Further, failure to appear at Court hearings or to participate in services may result in the termination of your parental rights or the establishment

of a permanent guardianship.

Failure to appear at any Court hearing after receiving notice of the hearing may result in a bench warrant being issued for parent's/guardian's/custodian's immediate arrest.

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

CLERK OF COURT - SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA COMMUNITY COURT

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.
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DATED this 3rd of January, 2022

CLERK OF SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY TRIBAL COURT

Community Departments Seek Feedback on Veterans’ Memorials at Cemeteries

SUBMITTED BY THE SRPMIC ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION SERVICES DEPARTMENT

The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Veterans Representatives office, Public Works, and Engineering and Construction Services departments are seeking information and feedback from veterans and veterans’ families to honor the Community-member veterans buried in our cemeteries.

Over the past year, the Community’s veterans have been meeting biweekly to discuss concepts for veterans memorials to be located at the Salt River and Lehi cemeteries. The Lehi veterans have developed a concept ready for design, while the Salt River veterans’ group is seeking feedback from veterans in further developing their concept.

The SRPMIC Veterans Representatives office, Public Works Department/Memorial Services staff, Engineering and Construction Services staff, and consultants have been working with the veterans to develop concepts and designs in preparation for constructing these memorials. If you are a veteran or a family member of a veteran, the Veterans Representatives will be on-site on February 18 at both the Lehi and Salt River cemeteries to answer questions about veteran burial sites, markers, locations or any other questions you may have. The Veterans Representatives will also be available to record any unmarked burial sites where family members have known information about a veteran. We would like to honor these veterans and collect information about their service.

The goal of having Community veterans participating in the process is to create memorials that can honor veterans at each cemetery location. These memorials will be a solemn tribute to the veterans not yet born, to those currently serving, and to the ones who have served our country and this Community.

Community veterans have talked about building cemetery memorials since the 1980s. Public Works started the collaboration with a preliminary master plan of the Community’s cemeteries in the fall of 2020. The master planning was necessary to use space more efficiently and to expand the cemeteries for future use. The veterans group expressed a need to



Conceptual aerial view of the Lehi Veterans Memorial. Graphic provided by the SR Engineering & Construction Services.



Conceptual front view of the Lehi Veterans Memorial. Graphic provided by the SR Engineering & Construction Services.

designate a veterans’ area with a dedicated memorial or service feature for gathering.

These needs were recognized, and a designer was engaged in 2022 to begin design concepts on the Lehi Veterans Memorial. Memorial concepts for Lehi veterans were vetted through and finalized during this past year with the group’s participation, and work continues now in the design phase. For the Salt River veterans, several meetings have taken place and the concepts have been refined; however, the Salt River veterans desire a wider range of participation prior to starting the design phase. This event is an opportunity for Salt River veterans and families of Community

VETERAN

MEMORIALS

AT SALT RIVER+LEHI

CALLING ALL COMMUNITY VETERANS & FAMILIES

We are asking for your help in identifying the graves of our Fallen Heroes and to get feedback on future Memorials for the Veterans Sections. Your assistance is helping to honor our heroes and to ensure that their service and sacrifice is remembered and not forgotten.

Date: Saturday, February 18th, 2023
Location: Lehi Cemetery at 1pm-3pm
Salt River Cemetery at 2pm-4pm

For more information please contact us at (480)362-7884
Water and Refreshments will be provided.

veterans to provide feedback to the project team in further developing the design for the Salt River memorial.

SRPMIC Veterans Representatives and the project team are hosting these events so Community veterans, families of veterans and Community members can come out to the cemeteries to provide feedback on the concepts presented. The project team will also be available to show the master planning progress made by Public Works and how the expanded areas of the cemeteries will take shape, with future accesses and new burial site layouts.

The Cemetery Event will be on February 18 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Lehi Cemetery and from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Salt River Cemetery.

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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



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PROGRESS AT THE NEW BEELINE SITE

KYLE HENDERSON | DIRECTOR OF AGGREGATE OPERATIONS, SRMG

The new Beeline site is getting closer to being fully operational with the recent progress. SRMG has been working on getting the new wash plant running to full capacity. With any new plant, it takes quite some time and effort to get the bugs worked out and learn the new aspects of each piece of equipment. David Manship, Crusher Operator II, SRMG, has been working diligently with the team to identify issues and get them corrected.

In November, SRMG moved the Faster Pack crusher over to the new site. During the move the team performed a couple of major maintenance projects. The upper assembly of the K500 crusher was taken into the machine shop to be built up and machined back to factory specifications. The maintenance team also changed out the 8x20 screen that had a cracked sidewall. The Faster Pack crusher is now set up on site and feeding the wash plant tunnel directly. This will eliminate the excess



handling of material and make for a much more efficient operation.

The special projects team marked the boundaries for the Beeline Cell 1 area. They grubbed the area and started moving clean pit run material next to the crusher. The team is getting used to running the new Caterpillar 395 excavator and the 775 haul trucks. SRMG has set up more training with Caterpillar to get employees cross trained on the new equipment. SRMG's goal is to get the new equipment running the best cycle times possible.

Arizona Materials has made progress on setting up the two CON-E-CO batch plants. The major pieces have been placed. They will be working on wiring and plumbing the plants in the coming months.

Thanks to all of the SRMG team for working safely and making progress on these projects.



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Calendar of Events

FEBRUARY

- NOW - APRIL 18 SALT RIVER VITA TAX PROGRAM**, Seniors/Disabled Priority *NO Filing Back Taxes and Itemized Taxes. Requirements: Must have an appointment, Income of \$58,000 or less, Social Security Card for tax filer & all dependents or any official government document with SS#, Copy of Drivers License or Government ID, All tax documents (W-2, 1099's, etc.), IRS Child Tax Credit letter, if applicable, Bank Account/ Routing number (for direct deposits). Contact the Vita Message Line: (480) 362-7540. Leave your Full Name & Phone Number. A VITA Volunteer will promptly return your call with further details. *See ad on page 4.*
- 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.

- 23 SRPMIC SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNITY FORUM**, 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. at the ALA (formerly Salt River High School), 4827 N. Country Club Road, Scottsdale, AZ. Join us for a meet-and-greet with new Superintendent Dr. Melody Herne. For more information see ad on page 15 or call Salt River Schools at (480) 362-2500.
- 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.
- 24 SRPMIC BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES INFO. SESSION FOR ADULTS** (lunch provided), 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at the Way of Life Facility. Info. sessions will focus on support and to receive guidance on mental health resources. Learn what to expect when accessing services, identify and increase awareness of mental health conditions and helpful coping strategies. Sessions presented by Special Needs Resources Program. Contact Zandria Ransom, Special Needs Coordinator at (480) 362-6980.
- 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**, 5:30 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 SRS at (480) 362-2534.

MARCH

- 1 SRPMIC MISSING PERSON IDENTIFICATION PROJECT**, 4 p.m. - 8 p.m., ALA (formerly Salt River High School), 4827 N. Country Club Road, Scottsdale, AZ. Receive help in the following areas: File a police report/ missing person report, meet with multiple agencies in one location, access all the resources needed to search for your missing family member, provide information (medical/dental records, or a DNA sample) that could assist with identification, get connected with support services. *See ad on page 3 for additional information*
- 3 SRPMIC BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES INFO. SESSION for TEENS**, 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. at the Way of Life Facility. Info. sessions will focus on support and to receive guidance on mental health resources. Learn what to expect when accessing services, identify and increase awareness of mental health conditions and helpful coping strategies. Sessions presented by Special Needs Resources Program. Contact Zandria Ransom, Special Needs Coordinator at (480) 362-6980.
- 4 INDIGENOUS ART MARKET, SPRING 2023 SHOWCASE**, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., at the Phoenix Indian Center, Native American Community Services Center, 4520 N. Central Ave., Phoenix, AZ. Call for Exhibitors: Indigenous Artists & Vendors. To register visit:

- PHXINDCENTER.ORG. Cost \$50. For questions, call Candice Joe at (602) 264-6768.
- 14 EINSTEIN'S PI DAY, PUPPET SHOW**, 5 p.m. - 6 p.m., at the Salt River Tribal Library. Celebrate Einstein's birthday and Pi Day with pie and a puppet show. RSVP begins March 7 at <https://sugeni.us/dE6m>. For questions call (480) 362-6600 or email TribalLibrary@SRPMIC-nsn.gov.
- 25 SRPMIC EASTER EGG HUNT**, 9 a.m. at the Salt River Baseball Field. Activiess include: Easter Egg Hunt, Easter Dress Parade, Field Games, Egg Eating Contest, Easter Kids Crafts and photos with the Easter Bunny. Sign up for Food and Arts & Crafts vendor booths (limited spaces), deadline to sign up for booths March 17 at 5 p.m. For more information call (480) 362-7740 or *see ad on page 4 for more information.*
- 31-April 1 PIIPAASH MATASHEEV**, Friday, March 31, 5 p.m. - 10 p.m. and Saturday, April 1, 8 a.m. - 11 p.m. at the Lehi Gathering Area, 3221 N. Stapley Drive, Mesa Az (NE Corner of Oak St. & Stapley Dr.). Featured Events and Amenities: Sunrise blessing, morning walk, lunch (while supplies last), O'odham & Bird Singing/ Dancing, and much more. Questions can be directed to Ardel Moore (480) 362-7465, Emily King (480) 362-2626 or Elaina Osife (480) 635-6692. *For more information see the ad on page 3.*