



Secretary of Interior Deb Haaland Visits Tribal Leaders in Arizona

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On February 21, Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland (Laguna Pueblo) made a stop at the office of the Inter Tribal Council of Arizona (ITCA) in Phoenix with Congressman Tom O'Halleran for a listening session with tribal leaders and a discussion of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is bringing \$13 billion to Indian Country, including \$216 million for climate resilience programs and \$250 million to support water and health infrastructure.

The Department of the Interior said that these investments will help bolster community resilience, replace aging infrastructure, expand access to clean drinking water, and ensure that everyone has access to high-speed internet.

At the session, each tribal leader was able to voice the concerns they are having within their communities.

Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community President Martin Harvier said he was thankful that Haaland is emphasizing better communication with tribal



Tribal leaders from the state of Arizona gather in the courtyard at the Inter Tribal Council of Arizona in Phoenix during Secretary of Interior Deb Haaland's visit. Photo courtesy of the Office of the Secretary of Interior

leadership when it comes to issues that affect Native American communities.

With a seat at the table, he discussed issues that are important to the Community.

"For so long, when issues involving tribes have been discussed, it seems like the tribes aren't there until a certain point," said Harvier.

"One of the things that we are

concerned about is the protection of cultural items that are located throughout the area and the state.

We are concerned about a current case going on and—again—how tribes aren't a part of the process until they are told that there is an agreement that's been made with some of the individuals that committed the crimes. It's a big concern that the Four Sister Tribes had because we were all

listed as victims but we were not a part of the plea agreement negotiations."

Harvier also shared that the Community hopes that the land buy-back program, in which funds were given to tribes with land that was highly fractionated, would continue to be funded.

The ITCA provides a united voice for 21 tribal nations in the

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Tribes Take Part in the Commission on Native Children's Southwest/Western Regional Hearing

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The Commission on Native Children resumed its Southwest/Western Regional Hearing in Phoenix February 24-26 after a two-year delay due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The three-day hearing featured presentations from experts in the region about both the successes and challenges in supporting the health, safety and well-being of Native children. The first and last days of the commission also included public comments and testimony.

On the second day of the hearing, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community President Martin Harvier gave the opening prayer and addressed some comments to the commission.

"I really appreciate the work that you all are doing and the task that you have," he said. "And I appreciate those who will be coming before you, because they are the feet on the ground and are coming to report to you on changes that can take place that can help strengthen Indian Country," said Harvier.

Harvier explained that he lived in three different Arizona tribal communities as a youth and they all had the same issues.

"You look at the history

of Natives from the boarding school times, and I look at the veterans, because some of our leaders say things changed when the wars came and the men had to leave the women behind to raise the children. A lot of the veterans came back and they weren't the same. That's when they say a lot of the alcoholism happened, because the [veterans] tried to erase the things they had experienced.

"There have been many years of challenges for tribes, many obstacles that have been put in our paths."

Harvier shared with the commission that one of the local high school's basketball teams has a majority of Native American players and the starters are all Native Americans on a 6A team.

"When you look at the student section [of the spectators at the game], you see the non-Natives cheering for the Native students and how proud the parents and students feel in representing their school," said Harvier. "I [asked myself] how could all our children experience [that feeling] of almost being accepted, being needed, being wanted. And I think of the work we need to do as tribal governments to

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Projector Coordinator Maria Jagles of the Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family (GOYFF) has been working with departments of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community to tackle the opioid abuse problem under the Helping O'odham and Piipaash Excel (HOPE) grant. The grant was received through the GOYFF Partnership for Success.

The five-year grant, which will be ending next fiscal year,

is focused on substance use prevention in youth and their caregivers. It has now shifted focus from opioid prevention to marijuana and alcohol prevention, explained Jagles.

"The governor's office wants to focus on alcohol and marijuana. Previously, we were able to focus on opioids. This means we will not be able to purchase any more Narcan®, but there are two Community efforts to secure funds for Narcan in the future."

Jagles was able to secure 700 Narcan kits through the HOPE

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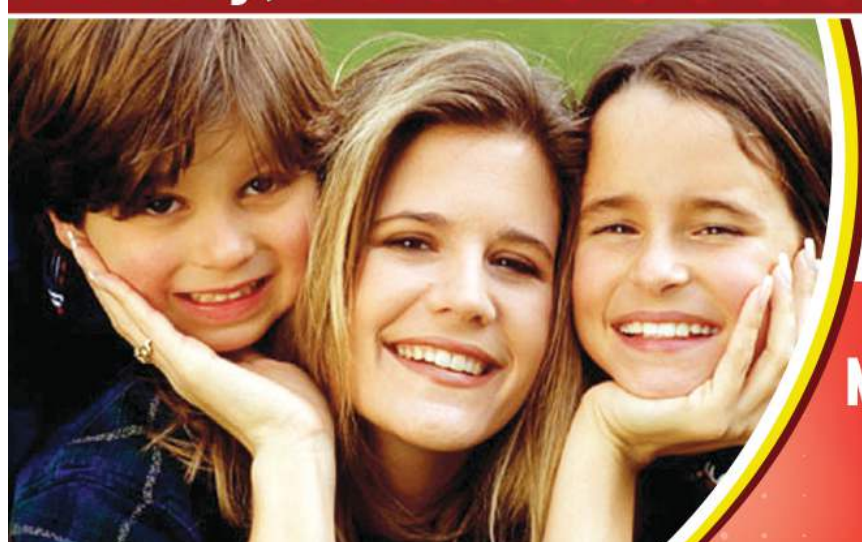


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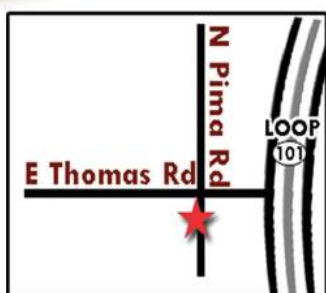
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make sure we have programs in place that allow our youth the opportunity to participate in these types of activities in the Community. We always say that our children are our future, and the older I get, the more I realize, yes, they are. We have a big responsibility as leadership to make sure that we are giving them all those opportunities to flourish and grow and to be good parents, to be good Community members, and to be good leaders.”

After Harvier’s prayer and comments, SRPMIC Veterans Representative Troy Truax and representatives of American Legion Bushmasters Post #114 posted the colors before the first session of the hearing began.

Governor Steven Lewis of the Gila River Indian Community and Dr. Monica Tsethlikai of Arizona State University spoke for the introductory session to provide an overview of the issues Native children are facing in this region.

“The children are our future, and it is important to identify and address the issues and challenges our Native youth face,” said Lewis. “It’s critical that we have innovative and culturally appropriate responses to address their needs, both on and off the reservation. Their success is truly our success, and the future of our tribes is in their hands.

As a tribal leader, I support all efforts to improve upon trauma reform responses. It’s very important to incorporate our culture into common systemic challenges that our youth face today. Most systems are not designed with our Native children at the forefront, from standardized testing to rehabilitative mental health healing services that do not incorporate our traditional values or address the intergenerational traumas that have been passed down to our youth.”

Lewis highlighted systematic challenges that have affected his tribal community, particularly the loss of their water.

“The theft of our water 150 years ago created that generational trauma, created a lot of the social and health problems that are endemic to the Gila River Indian Community, such as the high incidence of type 2 diabetes,” Lewis said. “This land here in Phoenix was built upon and cultivated by the Hohokam civilization, whom we are proudly connected to as our ancestors. They engineered water systems and canals over a thousand years ago that rival the greatest canals in the world.

“I tell our youth it is in their DNA being engineers, being water protectors, being in balance with our surrounding community, as are their historic ties to the Hohokam,” Lewis added. “This is in your blood, and you should honor that in your existence as young people by making those right decisions.”

Lewis explained that when addressing solutions to problems involving tribal youth, it is important to include them. The Gila River Indian Community has included youth members on various task forces and in policy development and legislative efforts.

“Our community’s youth ... provide advocacy efforts for various issues as advisory participants in media campaigns regarding dating, stalking, domestic violence outreach, suicide prevention, and missing and murdered indigenous persons awareness campaigns,” said Lewis. “Programming also benefits from having peer-to-peer mentorships, tribal internships and volunteer opportunities, [which] we developed as well. These types of opportunities address common systemic challenges that our adult-transitioning youth may face as well. They also

provide added tribal support and personal development options.”

In the Child Welfare, Juvenile Justice and Violence session, Assistant Youth Service Director and National Indian Child Welfare Association board member Mikah Carlos addressed the issues relating to the implementation of the Indian Child Welfare Act and how they can improve state, local and tribal collaboration in preventing child abuse and neglect.

Carlos reviewed the historical context of maltreatment in tribal communities. “We see that with colonization came efforts with the U.S. government and its allies to assimilate and disrupt tribal culture, take away resources, disrupt tribal governments and extinguish tribal religions,” said Carlos, “by forcibly removing Native [youth] from their lands and placing them in military-style boarding schools, relocating families to urban areas, and [undertaking a] mass removal of Native children from their families and communities to non-Native families and institutions. It has forced assimilation of Native children into a culture that is not their own. And what that has resulted in is widespread intergenerational and historic trauma and Native people being isolated from the people who are best suited to teach them how to exist in a family structure.”

Carlos suggested that culture be implemented in the child welfare services involving Native children and families and talked about the lack of data collection.

“We see [that] the federal data collection on child welfare services involving Native children and families has

significant gaps,” said Carlos. “[So] we don’t have the data to support the funding, and also there are various restraints on federal funding for tribal welfare systems. If they are not eligible for Social Services block grants, we’re not able to create a system that allows tribal welfare systems to implement culturally based systems. We have to examine how we help tribes create these programs that are culturally appropriate and give them the funding and tools so we can reduce the trauma that is happening to children when they are placed in welfare systems. For a lot of children there is a sense of loss and loss of identity, which can lead to a lot of problematic behaviors because they are looking for something to fill that [loss]. And ... we want to make sure that we do everything in our power to make sure that child remains in the community with their extended family, or somebody who understands what it means to be Indigenous or Native, so we can remove that feeling of loss, reduce that traumatic experience and hopefully put a stop to intergenerational trauma.”

The commission learned a lot over the three-day hearing. Other panels focused on early childhood education and looked at systems through the lens of leadership.

The commission is committed to bringing a voice to the issues brought to them by various stakeholders, and once they complete their study, they will issue a report with their recommendations on how to move the needle in a positive direction regarding outcomes for Native children. This will require action on federal, state, local and tribal levels. The commission’s recommendations will focus on better use of existing resources, improved coordination, more accurate data and measures, stronger public/private partnerships, and implementation of best practices to better address the needs of Native children.



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state, and hosting the discussion at their headquarters showed how tribal leaders can be unified for a common cause.

As a nonprofit organization, the ITCA is not permitted to engage in any discussion about legislation, so it has a separate political advocacy arm, the Inter Tribal Association of Arizona (ICAA), which hosts meetings with tribal leaders, roundtables and listening sessions.

ITCA Executive Director Maria Dadgar said that Secretary Haaland wanted to meet with the highest elected officials for the 21 tribes. “We went to work right away on short notice. We had a wonderful meeting,” said Dadgar.

On February 22, Haaland, Arizona Senator Mark Kelly, Chairman Raúl Grijalva, and Congress members O’Halloran, Greg Stanton and Ruben Gallego visited the Gila River Indian Community to talk about the new announcement that, following feedback received from tribal consultation, the Department of Interior will allocate \$1.7 billion from President Biden’s Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding this year to fulfill settlements of Indian water rights.

In a press release, the Department of Interior said that, working in consultation with tribes, “this funding will help deliver long-promised water resources to Tribal communities, certainty to all their non-Indian neighbors, and a solid foundation for future economic development for entire communities dependent on common water resources.”

“Water is a sacred resource, and water rights are crucial to ensuring the health, safety and empowerment of tribal communities. With this crucial funding from President Biden’s Bipartisan Infrastructure Law,



Tribal leaders from 21 tribal nations meet with Secretary of Interior Deb Haaland for a listening session at ITCA headquarters in Phoenix. Photo courtesy of the Office of Secretary of Interior

the Interior Department will be able to uphold our trust responsibilities and ensure that tribal communities receive the water resources they have long been promised,” said Haaland.

“I am grateful that tribes, some of whom have been waiting for this funding for decades, are finally getting the resources they are owed.”

A total of \$224 million will be invested in building out the infrastructure for the Southern Arizona Indian Water Rights Settlement with the Tohono O’odham Nation and will fund the White Mountain Apache Tribe’s Water Rights Settlement and complete the Gila River Indian Community Water Rights Settlement.

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law’s Indian Water Rights Settlement Completion Fund and funds available from the existing Reclamation Water Settlement

Fund make it so that the following tribes and settlements will receive funding this year: New Mexico’s Aamodt Litigation Settlement (Pueblos of San Ildefonso, Nambe, Pojoaque and Tesuque), Blackfoot Nation, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes, Crow Nation, Gila River Indian Community, Navajo-Utah Water Rights Settlement and Navajo-Gallup Water Supply Project, San Carlos Apache Nation, Tohono O’odham Nation and White Mountain Apache Tribe.

“Securing Arizona’s water future means ensuring the federal government follows through on its commitment to our tribal communities. It’s why I worked on the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to fully fund Arizona tribal water settlements, which will benefit our entire state’s water supply while also completing water infrastructure projects needed for tribal communities to access clean, reliable drinking water now and for generations to come,” said Senator Kelly, a co-author of the tribal water settlement provisions in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

Later in the day, Haaland, Arizona Senator Kyrsten Sinema, Phoenix Mayor Kate Gallego, O’Halloran and Stanton visited the Salt River to discuss the Urban Waters Federal Partnership and the Rio Salado Project that aims to protect, restore and revitalize the Salt and Middle Gila River Watershed.

“Over the last year, there has been a dramatic shift in how we engage with Indian tribes. We are ensuring that Indigenous people have a seat at the table before decisions are made,” Secretary Haaland tweeted on February 22.

“Tribal leaders know what is best for their people, and I am grateful to the ITCA for hosting yesterday’s listening session and discussion.”



SRPMIC COUNCIL TO RESUME IN-PERSON MEETINGS

starting Monday, March 14, 2022 as part of the Phase 3 of Return Strong.

- * Public can attend Council Regular Session Meetings, District Meetings, and Community Member Only Meetings with proof of a valid vaccination card. Council, Staff, and Public are required to wear a mask and social distance.
- * Council Regular Session (open session on Wednesdays) begins at 5:00 pm in the SRPMIC Council Chambers (10091 E. Osborn Road).
- * District Meetings will be held at various locations depending on the district - SRPMIC Council Chambers, Lehi Community Center, Salt River Community Building, Education Board Room, and the Way of Life Facility (WOLF).

Community Members can view the Council District Meeting information by visiting:
<https://www.srpmic-nsn.gov/government/council/district-meetings/>

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grant. Opioid prevention has been moved under the Not One More group, led by Administration and Health and Human Services staff.

Narcan kits and fentanyl test strips are still available to SRPMIC members through the Community website at www.srpmic-nsn.gov/government/hhs/narcan/. The site also includes a video on how to administer the Narcan nasal spray.

Jagles continues to teach Community youth the Safety First curriculum, a 15-session course that touches on topics such as substance use, harm reduction and drug policy. She wants to ensure that there is sustainability and continuity for the program.

"I started the first cohort here at the Teen Wolf program," said Jagles. "We were about to enter our sixth session when we had to stop the program due to COVID-19. Before the grant ends, I hope to provide a training workshop to those who want to learn how to deliver the material from the Safety First curriculum."

She will also lead a presentation about marijuana and alcohol prevention at a drug symposium held with Council at the end of March.

"We'll see what comes out of the drug symposium, if it is something very successful," said Jagles. "With our efforts so far, I see stigma being addressed; we are able to have more accepting conversations with Community members, Council and with everyone in between on how we are going to address opioids. This is where the drug symposium will address how we are looking at substance [abuse] in the Community and how we can make it better. There is always conversation on how marijuana and alcohol are gateway drugs, but really trauma is a gateway drug. How can we start to address individuals and the Community as an integrated model and make sure that people are receiving all the care they need, as opposed to just fragmenting it and having different areas focused on?"

Jagles wishes she could continue with the opioid outreach from the HOPE grant, but she has to follow the grant's guidelines. Fortunately, the Salt River Police Department and SRPMIC Health and Human Services will continue their opioid prevention efforts by continuing to apply for grants to obtain Narcan and other resources to prevent and treat the abuse of opioids in the Community.

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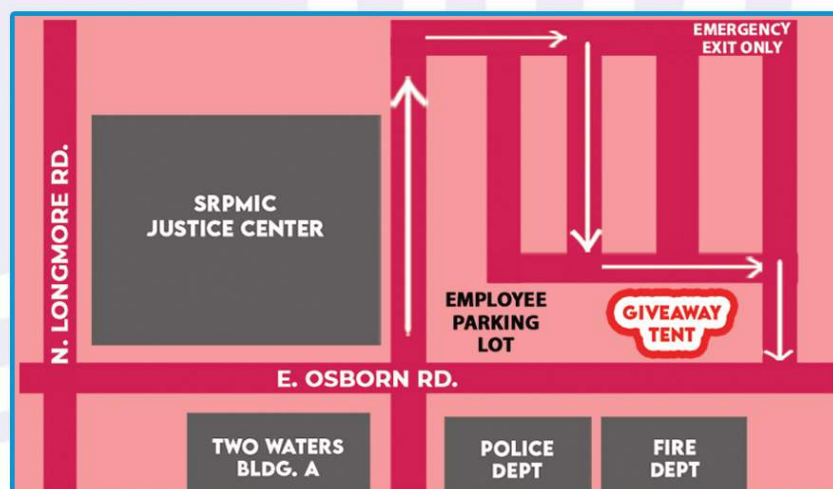
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Tempe Negotiating With Developers For Redevelopment of Hayden Mill

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At a February 10 Council meeting, the City of Tempe authorized a step to negotiate with Sunbelt Holdings and Venue Projects to create a plan for the preservation and redevelopment of the 5-acre Hayden Flour Mill property adjacent to the Hayden (Tempe) Butte Preserve.

The City of Tempe said that a committee composed of members of the Tempe Historic Preservation Commission, the Tempe Historic Foundation, the Four Southern Tribes, the Arizona State Historic Preservation Office and City of Tempe staff chose the proposal by Scottsdale-based Sunbelt Holdings and Phoenix-based Venue Projects after issuing RFP (request for proposal) No. 22-050 on September 10, 2021.

The RFP was for the “lease and development of city-owned land consisting of approximately 5 acres comprising the Hayden Flour Mill located at the southeast corner of Mill Avenue and Rio Salado Parkway, Tempe, Arizona.”

Tempe Butte, also known in O’odham as Oidbaḍ Do’ag and in Piipaash as Xwe Nyakuuly, is a culturally significant site for the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community and the Four Southern Tribes of Arizona.

A December 2021 *O’odham Action News* article analyzed a proposed educational park plan by Tempe resident Peter Buseck that had backing from the SRPMIC Tribal Historic Preservation Office and assistance from now-former City of Tempe historic preservation officer John Southard.

The plan would have featured educational signage featuring O’odham and Piipaash vocabulary words and would have included the reintroduction of native plants that are culturally significant to the O’odham and Piipaash.

Buseck’s park plan was suddenly ignored by the City of Tempe, and the RFP came out the same day the concep-



Hayden Flour Mill. OAN Archives, 2021

tual plan for the park was submitted.

The City of Tempe had no comment on what happened with Buseck’s proposed plan or whether it was received by the proper channels at the city.

Now, a series of community discussions will be held by Venue Projects and Sunbelt Holdings to hear what type of development residents might like to see at the flour mill site. The new proposed plan includes uses such as specialty retail, food and beverage, events, arts, offices and hospitality.

The development plans to submit the mill for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places.

“I’m excited to see what Venue Projects and Sunbelt Holdings will design for the Hayden Flour Mill. This is such a creative team and they have made an incredible impact on our community,” said Tempe Mayor Corey Woods. “Development that values the history of the Hayden Flour Mill, the cultural significance of Hayden Butte Preserve and the well-being of our residents can truly benefit our whole city.”

In-depth discussions between city staff and the development team will proceed with the aim of creating a draft development agreement for the Council’s consideration at a future public meeting. There is no precise timeline for when the matter will come back to the Council.

The City of Tempe said that if a development agreement is approved by the City Council, the redevelopment project could be completed in phases over the next three to four years.

Young River People’s Council Moves to Youth Services

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In the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Council meeting on February 23, Council approved by motion a request to move the Young River People’s Council (YRPC) back to the Youth Services department from the Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs (OCLA).

The factors that went into the administrative move involve the four core areas outlined in Youth Services—culture, education, mental and physical health, and social health—which align with the YRPC mission.

The YRPC mission also aligns with Youth Services’ mission of a focus on youth engagement and special projects, with intentional focus on Community and political engagement with leadership development.

The official vision statement for the YRPC is “to promote Community involvement and help provide positive outreach for the youth of the SRPMIC by encouraging the youth of the SRPMIC through educational, traditional and governmental opportunities that will allow them to gain new experiences within and outside of the Community that promote individual progression.”

“Youth Services is planning for the future of YRPC with changes to our new norm,” said Youth Services Director Tori Paukgana.

“Youth Services plans to review the current policies in place and make changes to focus on the mission and vision of the Youth Council, with the



SRPMIC Youth Services logo. Graphic provided by SRPMIC Youth Services

goal of allowing our youth to be the future decision-makers and have a voice in our Community’s future.”

The Youth Services Department is preparing to move forward with activities and recruitment for Youth Council.

“We are looking to fill the position of a Youth Development Specialist that will begin to work closely with YRPC,” said Paukgana.

“Youth Services is excited for the opportunity to work with YRPC. We look forward to developing the program and giving youth the opportunity to be the future leaders in their Community.”

For more information on the YRPC, visit www.srpmic-nsn.gov/community/yrpc/ and on social media at www.facebook.com/youngriverpeoplescouncil and www.instagram.com/youngriverpeoplescouncil.

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Salt River Family Read Aloud Challenge Encourages Storytelling

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The Salt River Family Read-Aloud Challenge is being promoted by Salt River Schools to encourage all Salt River families to gather together to tell stories and read aloud.

The challenge lasts for 90 days, and the goal of the challenge is for each family to complete 25 oral stories or books by May 4.

To encourage traditions within the Community, oral storytelling will count toward the challenge, and all Community families are invited to participate.

“This is a reading challenge with a twist!” said District Literacy & Tutor Coordinator Kathy Tucker. “These habits embrace O’odham and Piipaash storytelling traditions

and form the foundation for sharing values, beliefs and interests while developing a lifelong love of reading.”

Families can simply name their story and enter it on one of the pages in their Family Read-Aloud Journal, which will be given out to each family. Each story told or book read is recorded in this journal.

Families can start the challenge at any time, reading any books or sharing any stories they would like. For those reading a particularly long book, 50 pages counts as a full book, so they may have multiple entries for a single book title.

“Telling stories and reading aloud is very beneficial to everyone, whether it is a baby just learning to talk, children learning to read, or young adults and families learn-

ing their culture and sharing their world,” said Tucker.

“These habits are the best way to support your child’s academic progress, from birth and year after year. It is a great opportunity, and we expect to repeat the challenge in the future.”

There will be prizes for getting started on the challenge and prizes when participants are halfway through. At end of the challenge, families will submit a video, picture or email of their progress and more prizes will be awarded.

Contact Literacy@saltriver-schools.org or call (480) 362-2063 to arrange for materials for the challenge and to receive more books for your family.



Star Wars books, which are some of the prizes for the Salt River Family Read Aloud Challenge. Photo provided by Trinidad Yazzie



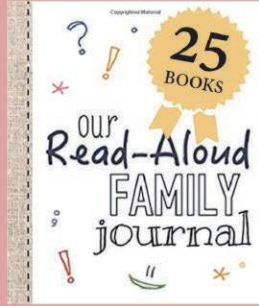
Some of the prizes for the Salt River Family Read Aloud Challenge. *Photo provided by Trinidad Yazzie*

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Cultural Resource Department Educational Specialist Honored for 40 Years of Service with the Community

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Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community member and 40-plus-year SRPMIC employee Diane Cashoya recently reviewed her time working with the Community.

She recalled working as a youth worker at various locations within the Community each summer. Her first summer job was at the Salt River Day School, where she helped prepare school materials for the following school year. After that she worked at the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Housing and Recreation during the summers.

After she graduated from high school, Cashoya went to live with her uncle and his family in California.

"I stayed out of school for a couple of years; my uncle and his wife worked at Sherman Indian High School in Riverside, California," said Cashoya. "I helped by babysitting my cousin, who was a toddler at that time. I was there for about two years."

This was around the time Scottsdale Community College was under construction. When it opened in 1970, Cashoya decided to come back to the Community and pursue her college education. From 1971 to 1973 she took classes each fall and spring semester. During the summers she would go to the Human Resources Department to find temporary work; each year she was successful in getting into programs with



Diane Cashoya spent years with the Salt River Court, watching it grow and evolve over 32 years.

the help of former Human Resources employee Robin Enos.

"I would go to Robin to help me get some work during the summers when I wasn't at school. She ended up putting me under some program and I went to work at the BIA's Property and Supplies with the late Clarence Chiago," said Cashoya. "I did a lot of ordering for the BIA: ordering all their supplies, doing purchase orders, answering their calls. It was interesting and kept me busy, and when the fall rolled around, I would go back to SCC and take my general studies."

One summer the Community didn't have any work for her, so she worked at SCC. Then the following summer she went back to work with BIA's Property and Supplies. When that summer ended, she decided not to go back to school and instead applied to work at the Salt River Day School once again.

"Mr. Chiago told me they were hiring for a clerk/typist at the Day School and encouraged me to apply, so I did and got the job," said Cashoya. "I worked in the front office making the cafeteria menu and schedules and ordering school supplies. It was a Title I-type BIA



SRPMIC member Diane Cashoya reaches her 40 years of services with the SRPMIC from working with the Salt River Court lending her helping hand in preserving the O'odham language with the Cultural Resources Department. Photos Courtesy of Diane Cashoya and Cultural Resources Department



Diane Cashoya and Cultural Resources Department Education Specialist Mary Garcia teaching a O'odham Language Class in 2012.

program, so in the summer I would have to reapply. I did that for two years, then I resigned and didn't do anything for a year."

In the late 1970s, Cashoya decided to go back to college in California. Then she found out she was going to have a baby. Her mother felt it would be best if she came back home, so she returned to the Community and had her son. When Cashoya was growing up, her mother received assistance from the state, something she didn't want to do when she started her own family.

"I always told myself I didn't want to apply for assistance," said Cashoya. But her son was coming up on six months old and she hadn't found work. "I wasn't having any luck, and the day I decided to go and file for assistance, Human Resources was trying to get hold of me to come and apply for a new work program. The program was funded by the state, and I could work at the Police Department, Finance or the Court. I ended up going to the Court, working as a filing clerk, and it just so happened that in my last semester at SCC I had taken a filing class. That came in handy when I applied for this job."

The temporary job helped Cashoya keep busy. She reorganized the Court files after the Court moved to a new building. She worked in that program for a couple of years, and when the late Relman Manuel became the chief judge, he felt the need to hire a permanent, full-time court clerk.

"There were a couple of other temporary court clerks, and I was fortunate to be promoted to the permanent position. Esther Moyah choose me to continue to work under her," said Cashoya. "I later became the assistant court administrator until I left the Court in 2012."

Cashoya loved working at the Court. She said she learned a lot there, learning how to help and listen to people in their time of crisis. Although she couldn't do much but tell them to fill out a petition, she was able to give them a listening ear. She saw many changes and the growth of the Court, recalling a time

saw the court grow in both staff and services over the 32 years she worked there.

Cashoya remembered a few occasions when she was called upon to translate for people who only spoke O'odham. Growing up she had learned how to speak the language, but as time went by she started to lose the vocabulary.

"I remember talking to someone who called into the Court and I was translating. They were talking and I could understand them, but I would answer them in English. They asked me if I knew how to speak O'odham, and I realized I was losing how to speak it," said Cashoya. "This gave me the thought that when I retire from the Court, I would want to go work at the O'odham Piipaash Language Program or the Senior Center, where I can speak the language."

When it came time for Cashoya to move on from the Court, she had no time in between to rest. She worked through the last weekend she was with the Court, cleaning out her office, and was there until 7 a.m. Monday morning. She had to run home, shower and meet her new boss at the Human Resources Department for orientation. Luckily, she lived close by.

"I am thankful I made the switch and I am able to contribute to preserving the O'odham language," said Cashoya. "I was hesitant at first, because I didn't think I was a teacher, but now I am able to teach a language class."

Her goal when she first started was to be able to get to the point where she could teach a class without using any English. She is getting close to that goal. She explained that in one of her last O'odham language classes in the fall she spoke in O'odham pretty much the entire time. Cashoya continues to learn every day in her job; for example, in the past two years she's learned new communication tools such as Zoom so she can hold virtual classes.

"I am glad to make the contributions to the Community anywhere I can, because we always help whoever we can," said Cashoya. "I hope to continue working as long as I can, if my health allows me."

She closed her interview by acknowledging those who helped her along the way, including Esther Moyah, Robin Enos, Mary (Malia) Garcia, Alice Manuel, the late Alberta Mercado, the late Relman Manuel and her entire family.



Diane Cashoya picks saguaro cactus fruit with the Cultural Resources Department.

when there were only a few employees there, no more than 10.

"We had to write out the complaints for restraining orders and traffic tickets because we didn't have any defense or prosecutors at that time," said Cashoya. "I remember talking to the late Martin Harris, asking him how did we manage to do all that and also file, answer phones and listen to the people who came in for services."

Later, after the Duro v. Reina case went to the United States Supreme Court, Manuel felt the Community should get prosecutors and defense advocates. Cashoya explained that there were advocates, but people would have to pay for them out of their own pockets if they wanted representation. So she



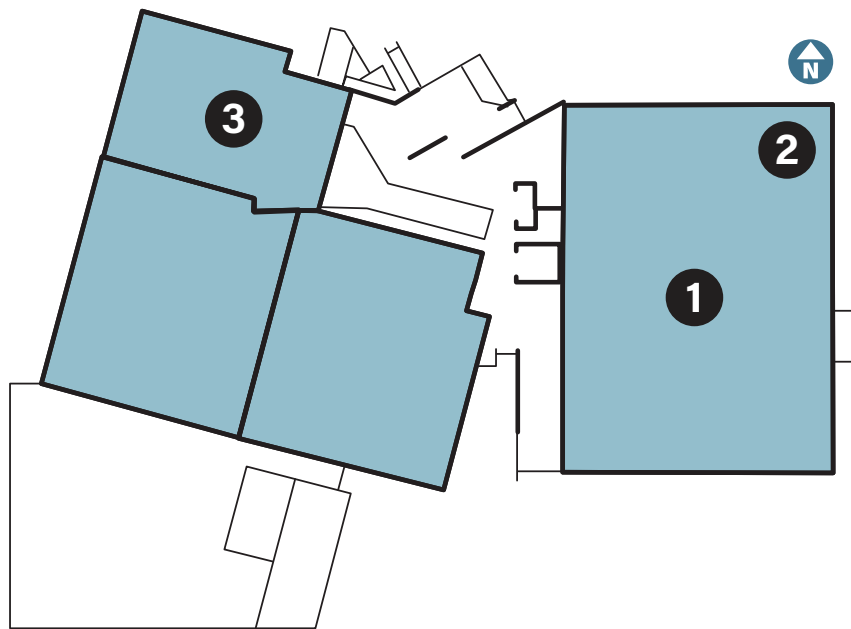
Diane Cashoya teaches her O'odham language class student how to say money phrases in the O'odham language.



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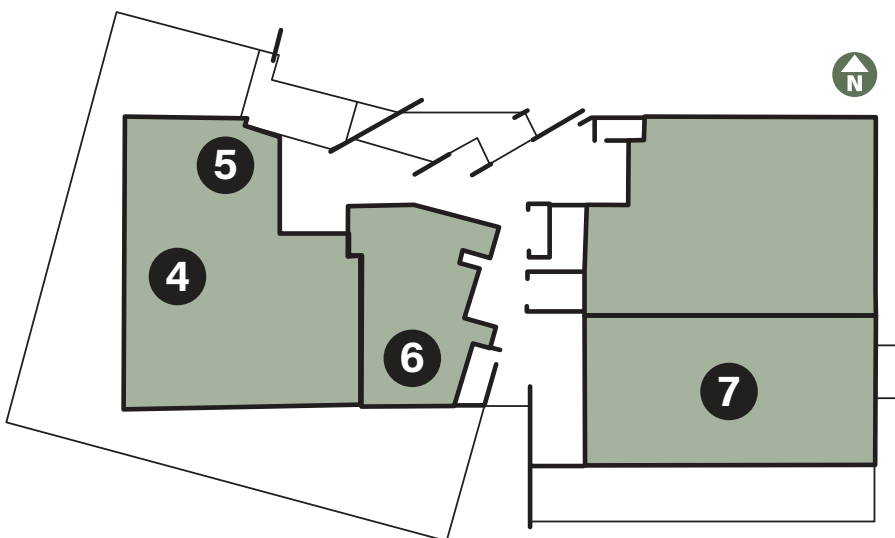
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Dwayne Manuel Mural Featured on New APS Substation Located at Entrance to Roosevelt Row Arts District

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In 2018, APS was looking for a site for its new substation in downtown Phoenix's Evans-Churchill neighborhood and sought community input. The company reviewed 14 possible sites and ultimately ended up choosing the southwest corner of Seventh Street and Roosevelt, at the entrance to the Roosevelt Row Arts District. The district features art and cultural expression in multiple forms by street artists, musicians, designers, poets, culinary artists, crafters and more. When coming up with the design concept for the new substation, neighbors suggested a number of ideas, including murals to continue to make the gateway of Roosevelt Row vibrant.

Artlink led the Phoenix Center for the Arts and Urban Institute 2D Project, which included eight wall murals on the substation ranging from 300 square feet to 1,600 square feet. Artists selected to feature their work include Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community member Dwayne Manuel (@dwaynethe-destroyer) and two female artists who are married into the SRPMIC, Natasha Martinez and Anitra Molina (@rezmoski, @yukueone), who will be sharing a wall. Both murals will be located on the southeast side of the new APS substation along Seventh Street. Other participating artists include Brian Boner (@bonerbrian), Tato Caraveo (@tatocaraveo), Lalo Cota (@lalocota), Lauren Lee (@mslaurenlee), Such & Champ (@_suchstyles, @champ_styles) and Shela Yu (@shellshaker). Artists began creating their murals during the last week of February and are continuing through March.

Artists were chosen by a selection panel composed



The final outcome of Manuel's mural features the foundations of color theory, dwellings, art, basketry and pottery. Photo courtesy of Alice Manuel



SRPMIC member Dwayne Manuel was one of 12 artist to be chosen to paint a mural on the new APS Substation located at the gateway of Roosevelt Row; 7th Street and Roosevelt.

of members representing the Roosevelt Row Arts District and Evans-Churchill Neighborhood. Manuel submitted his portfolio, a letter of interest and his résumé.

"They were basing who they were choosing off those three items," said Manuel. "The portfolio shows your experience, and the letter of interest was important because they wanted you to explain in words why you have a tie to Roosevelt Row. Luckily, I got in there with my little write-up and my ties to Roosevelt Row, which was not only historical with the people and where we come from, but also my art background and graffiti and coming down here for First Fridays to hang out. Even though I wasn't showing work here, I would come and hang out and check out all the artwork. This is when Thomas 'Breeze' Marcus was in his early days; he would have his table and his stuff set up."

Manuel was finishing up his mural when interviewed. He showed his completed design on his iPad. His mural includes little art pieces like the tools traditionally used to make O'odham baskets, such as devil's claw and cat tail. He also included artist's tools, such as paintbrushes, paints and a canvas. His main concept and theme is to celebrate the vitality of the arts but also include the historical and cultural aspects.

"I wanted to celebrate the history of this area and of course include the Native American representation, the O'odham representation," said Manuel. "I decided to go with the idea of 'foundations,' in not only the structures, but foundations in art. There are a lot of basic shapes, like a circle, triangle and simple linear marks; those are the foundation of the basic design. Then also the foundation of color theory—the ... kind

of explosions in the back, those are tertiary colors, which is the third stage of color mixing. On top of that there are purple, orange and blue splatters; those are the secondary colors. And the splatters on top are more detailed, like the blue, yellow and the red; those are the primary colors in color theory. Talking about foundations ... is the whole theme of mine, the whole foundation of this area ... talk about the foundation of structures, from the Hohokam pit house to the O'odham *olas ki* to the California bungalow to what they are building [here] now, which are apartments. I wanted [it] to be an explosion of color, because when you think of Roosevelt Row, you think about all the artwork, which is an explosion of color and that's what my whole theme is based on."

To find out more about the APS Evans-Churchill North Substation and its artistic components, visit <https://evanschurchillsubstation.com/#8> and also learn about one of the largest private installations of public art in Phoenix.



Manuel's sister-in-law and another SRPMIC member spouse Natasha Martinez and Anitra Molina were also chosen to collaborate for one of eight wall murals. Photo courtesy of Natasha Martinez

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For questions, please contact the Council Secretary at (480) 362-7466 or 362-7465 or 362-7400.



Kyli Womack Assistant Site Manager KTR

How long have you been with KTR? From day one, June 27, 2019. I started at the front desk and have performed at every location within the store. Now, I work as a party host and party host supervisor.

Do you have regular guests and if so, do you have a relationship with them? Yes I do and I love seeing the kids who started coming in when they were 14 years old and now work here.

What is the most rewarding part of your job? I love working with the young kids that come

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in to see them have fun. I also enjoy helping families with their parties, and training employees whenever they need help since I have had the opportunity to work everywhere within KTR.

Where is your favorite place to play or eat within the Talking Stick Entertainment District? Besides KTR, it would be Octane, it's awesome.

KTR expressed that they are "grateful to have Kyli as one of our employees, she makes us so much better. Come visit Kyli and all of us at KTR, the most fun "Indoor Sports Playground."



Kyli Womack, Assistant Site Manager at KTR. Photo courtesy of KTR

USS Arizona Memorial Relic Reviewed for Restoration and Maintenance

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The USS Arizona Memorial Relic has been located in the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community at the USS Arizona Memorial Gardens since 2019, after it was gifted to the Community. The boathouse relic was part of the USS Arizona, the battleship that was destroyed and sunk in the Pearl Harbor attack in December 1941.

The boathouse was part of the Pearl Harbor Memorial display in Honolulu, Hawaii, still sticking out above the water until the 1950s, when it was deemed unsafe and removed from the ship. The boathouse was placed on a plot of land in Hawaii and basically forgotten about for 60-plus years, subjected to the humidity, rain and sun in Hawaii. When the Navy Seabees found the boathouse, there was a large tree growing through it. Workers removed it and shipped it over to the mainland, where it arrived corroded, rusted and with large holes.

Discover Salt River felt that it would be good for the relic to be assessed and reviewed by a conservator, so they called RLA Conservation of Art & Architecture of Los Angeles, California, to do the job.

"We from the Community perspective never had it assessed, [and] we wanted to be sure that it is being taken care of and we're doing everything we can. It is outside our knowledge, so we hired a conservator," said Maureen Aldrich of Salt River Tourism.

Sonia Jerez Fraj, assistant conservator of objects and sculpture for RLA



RLA Conservation of Arts & Architecture's Assistant Conservator of Objects and Sculpture Sonia Jerez Fraj visits the USS Arizona Memorial boathouse relic to review for restoration and maintenance.

Conservation, came to the Community assess the piece and determine how to preserve the boathouse. She explained that she will look at the main factors that are affecting the piece, and if anything is causing damage she will intervene so the boathouse can enjoy a longer life span.

"The piece already has all these areas that are fragile and sensitive, so we are basically looking at the stabilities of these areas and seeing if we can do something to address it or just maintain it and keep in this state for a longer period of time," said Fraj. "Right now, what we are doing is basically the maintenance of the artifact, eliminating any sort of dust, carefully cleaning the

surface and [assessing areas] that might need special care in the future."

Fraj took an archeological approach, using light brushes and a vacuum for cleaning and a small wooden stick to remove insect nests. She works on the surface very lightly with these tools so she doesn't contribute to further corrosion.

"We hope to work with [RLA Conservation] every year so we're always [performing] maintenance and ... taking care of it appropriately so it will be here for many years to come," said Aldrich.



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Brophy College Prep Offers Land Acknowledgment at Prayer Service



Brophy students and staff pose with guests, which include SRPMIC Vice-President Ricardo Leonard and Miss Salt River, at the land acknowledgement prayer service. Photo provided by Brophy Prep

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On February 28, Brophy College Preparatory, a Jesuit high school in Phoenix, hosted a Native Land Prayer Service on Brophy's baseball field, for which the school invited several notable O'dham and Piipaash leaders and expressed their land acknowledgment to students and guests.

Brophy said that the service was meant to be not only a land acknowledgment, but also a ceremony marking the beginning of an intentional process of healing, bringing together the Brophy community and local Indigenous communities in the hope of a sustained fellowship moving forward.

On Brophy's website at www.brophyprep.org, the school has displayed its official land acknowledgment, which the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Tribal Historic Preservation Office helped to craft:

We acknowledge that Brophy is built upon the sacred land of the Piipaash (Maricopa) and Akimel O'dham (Pima) people. These tribes are still part of our community today, and we are working with the Salt River and Gila River communities to learn more about the history of the land and how we can collaborate in its care.

Kathy Mabry, director of communications at Brophy, said that the school first acknowledged the land that the Brophy campus sits on with a Native Lands initiative a couple of years ago.

"In addition to keeping the Native Lands initiative front and center by having it on our website, we will continue to incorporate this acknowledgment into events such as the prayer service, which kicked off our annual Summit on Human Dignity," said Mabry.

Cooper Davis, head of the Brophy Native Lands advocacy initiative, said that the land acknowledgment is an intersection of the school's mission-centered goals of anti-racism and environmental stewardship.

"As a Jesuit Catholic school, we are called to live the gospel as an institution, and a key component of that is the concept of reconciliation. By partnering with SRPMIC and GRIC to do this land acknowledgment, we are beginning that process of reconciliation by verbalizing that harm has been done to the original inhabitants of the land our school rests on, and harm continues to be done when we don't work together as responsible stewards of the land. The Indigenous people of what is [present-day] Phoenix

have a deep relationship with the land and water and are uniquely capable of guiding our institution as we seek to be better stewards of our common home."

Native Land Prayer Service

The prayer service began with a procession during which student Adrian Munguia '22 sang O'dham songs.

Drew Rau, assistant principal for ministry who organized the ceremony along with the Phoenix Indian Center and Davis, welcomed everyone and formally launched Brophy's Summit on Human Dignity.

Tribal historic preservation officer Barnaby Lewis of the Gila River Indian Community gave a prayer in O'dham and a blessing for the land, followed by Fr. Stephen Barber, SJ, who offered a prayer for repentance and healing on behalf of the Brophy community and the Society of Jesus.

Brophy principal Bob Ryan then kicked off the formal acknowledgment of the school's location on Akimel O'dham and Piipaash land.

SRPMIC tribal historic preservation officer Shane Anton was present for the prayer service and land acknowledgment and found the service to be respectful and sincere, and he said that all at Brophy were gracious hosts.

"The acknowledgment provided an account of the negative dealings with the O'dham and Piipaash, how the resources (land and water) were basically stolen, and how the school and church need to do better in recognizing these 'sacred' elements and the original people associated with them," said Anton.

GRIC Governor Stephen R. Lewis was invited to speak. He talked about the importance of the water and prehistoric canals and challenged the students and faculty to stay engaged with Native communities and value and listen to Native people and ideas going forward.

SRPMIC Vice-President Ricardo Leonard spoke next and gave a brief history of the Community and the relationships of the past with Spanish and European settlers to the area. Leonard invited Brophy students and teachers to visit the SRPMIC and GRIC.

Leonard talked to O'dham Action News about what the Brophy land acknowledgment means to the Community.

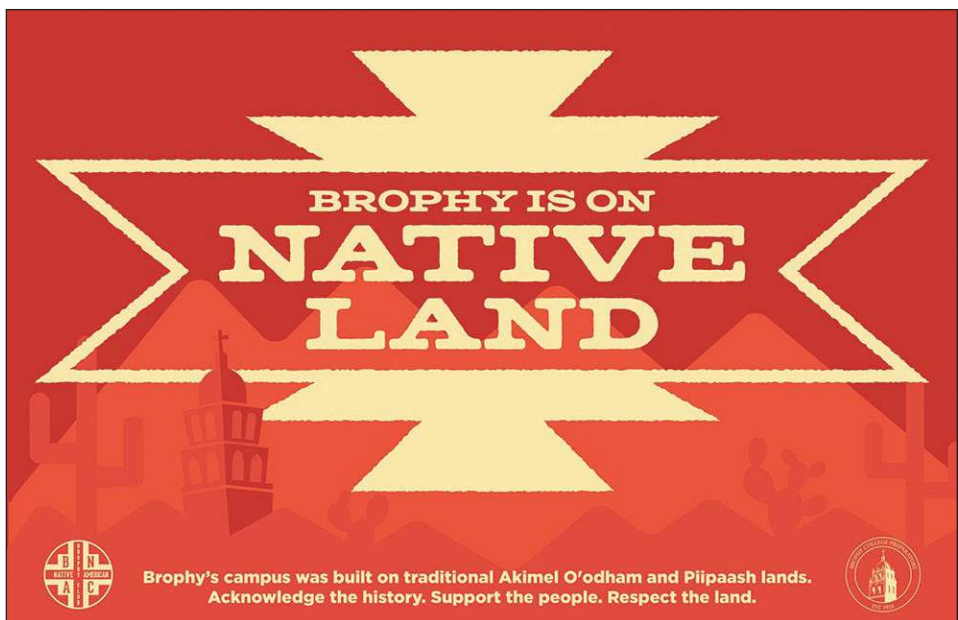
"[To the Community] it means that entities such as cities, counties, schools and churches are formally recognizing the aboriginal, or tribal, people who were here before any other group. That admission is necessary to ensure the his-

tory of Arizona is correct and truthful. It lays the groundwork to now have a meaningful relationship with these entities going forward, and the wounds of ethnic exclusion and theft of resources can begin to heal," said Leonard.

"We appreciate that the Catholic diocese and Brophy Preparatory are recognizing that this history is important

Tamara Long, president of the Phoenix Inter-Tribal Kateri Circle, provided a closing prayer, and Leonard and the Salt River Basket Dancers performed three O'dham songs and dances: the basket, woodpecker and going home songs.

The Brophy Native American Club on campus has been dedicated to cul-



Brophy Prep land acknowledgement. Photo courtesy of Brophy Prep



SRPMIC Vice-President Ricardo Leonard performs with the Salt River Basket Dancers on the stage at the Brophy Prep Prayer Service. Photo courtesy of Tori Paukgana

to teach to their young men and have started to include it in their curriculum, as well as reaching out to tribes about the land, water and other socioeconomic issues that have divided races in the past. We appreciate that this week they are addressing "human dignity" and have invited us to share our perspectives."

tural celebration and grassroots advocacy work. In February, club members ran 227 miles from Flagstaff to Oak Flat to pray and stand in solidarity with the San Carlos Apache Tribe in their fight to defend their sacred site from mining interests.

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

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

February 02, 2022 – Skype Council Meeting Items:

- * Purple Heart Recognition Resolution – Council approved a resolution supporting members of the US Armed Forces by proclaiming the SRPMIC to be a Purple Heart Community.
- * Cruise Autonomous Vehicle Pilot Program Extension – Council approved a special use permit for a one-year extension of the current autonomous vehicle delivery service.
- * COVID-19 Update – The Community Manager provided an overview of the current Community COVID-19 situation and testing results for the week.
- * Administrative Reports: Due to technical difficulties there was not any administrative or Council reports. These items will be added to the February 3, 2022 Work Session agenda.
- * Executive Session Items: Gaming Update, Group Home Assessment, Office of General Counsel Legal Matters.

February 03, 2022 – Skype Council Work Session Items:

- * COVID-19 Update – The Community Manager provided an overview of the current Community COVID-19 situation and testing results for the week.
- * Executive Work Session Items: Proposal Update, HHS Issue, Judiciary Annual Report Question

February 09, 2022 – Skype Council Meeting Items:

- * Get Out the Vote 2022 Program – Information was presented to the Council and Community about the 2022 campaign mission statement and objectives.
- * COVID-19 Update–The Community Manager provided an overview of the current Community COVID-19 situation and testing results for the week.
- * Administrative Reports: Council approved the topic for the February Community Member Only meeting. The Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs provided an update on the State and Federal Legislation activities. Chief Auerbach provided an update on police operational activity in the Community.
- * Executive Session Items: Gaming Enterprise Monthly Report, SCC Water Agreement, Recycling Center, Board Application Review (Gaming, LMB), General Counsel Legal Matters.

February 10, 2022 – Skype Council Work Session Items:

- * RPHC Hiring Update – Director

Remitera provided Council an update on the hiring for the River People's Health Care.

- * Human Resources Policies – Human Resources reviewed the Underfill Policy, 2-19, Hiring Policy, 201, and Preference Policy, 2-2 were presented for Council discussion. Staff will present again at a later date for follow-up.
- * Executive Work Session Items: Enabling Ordinance, GIS

February 16, 2022 – Skype Council Meeting Items:

- * Grant Request for Department of Transportation – Council approved a resolution for an application for the Department of Transportation 5311 grant.
- * COVID-19 Update – The Community Manager provided an overview of the current Community COVID-19 situation and testing results for the week. Council approved moving to phase 2.5 from 2.0. Council discussed a new emergency directive #13.
- * Administrative Reports: The Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs provided an update on the State and Federal Legislation activities. Chief Auerbach provided an update on police operational activity in the Community.
- * Executive Session: Gaming Discussion, Saddleback Board Appointment, General Counsel Legal Matters.

February 17, 2022 – Skype Council Work Session Items:

- * Salt River Materials Group – Council was provided a presentation about the history of mining area with agreement information, mapping, and drone footage of the Beeline mining area, current mining area at the Higley site. Staff will work with SRMG to provide a Beeline move schedule. Staff will work with the enterprise to continue to work on the other requested items.
- * Special Domestic Violence Criminal Jurisdiction (SDVCJ)/VAWA – Council was given a presentation on implementing SDVCJ which included a review of requirements, proposed ordinances, public comments, jury pool structure; implementation concerns; VAWA update for Council guidance. The SDVCJ presentation and ordinances will be presented at the February 23, 2022 Council session for Council action.
- * Law Enforcement Commission (LEC) - Staff presented information and recommendation on the LEC for discussion and direction of the LEC. Staff will return with information regarding other tribal jurisdictions and similar functions.

February 23, 2022 – Skype Council Meeting Items:

- * Salt River Fire Department Recruitment – An update on the Salt River recruitment program (Safer Grant) was provided by Chief Dash .
- * Saddleback Board Appointment – President Harvier announced that Jenifer Vellucci was appointed as the Professional Representative to the Saddleback Board for a 3 year term.
- * Salt River Landfill City of Scottsdale Agreement – Council approved a resolution for a recyclable materials handling agreement for processing recyclable materials that includes a limited waiver of sovereign immunity.
- * Drug Symposium Direction – Coun-

cil provided direction on the questions regarding a proposed drug symposium event.

- * Young River People's Council (YRPC) Transition Request – Council approved the transition request to move the YRPC from the Office of Congressional & Legislative Affairs to the Youth Services Department.
- * Special Domestic Violence Criminal Jurisdiction (SDVCJ) Ordinances –
- * Grant Application Requests: Grant solicitations and resolutions were presented for action.
- SDVCJ – Council approved the resolution.
- CTAS – Council approved the resolution.
- LIHWAP- Council approved the resolution.
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- * Child Support Ordinance – A public comment period was approved for an amendment to Chapter 10, Child Support. Council approved to repeal Administrative Policy 3-6, Procedure of Child Support Deductions.
- * COVID-19 Update – The Community Manager provided an overview of the current Community COVID-19 situation and testing results for the week.
- * Administrative Reports: Council agreed to cancel meetings during Spring Break week. Council discussed the Easter event and in-person plan. Council approved by motion to support Patty Ferguson-Bohnee for the 9th Circuit Appellate Judge recommendation. The Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs provided an update on the State and Federal Legislation activities. Chief Auerbach provided an update on police operational activity in the Community.
- * Executive Session: Gaming Update, General Welfare, 13th Directive, General Counsel Legal Matters.

February 24, 2022 – Skype Council Work Session Items:

- * Housing Update – The online hous-

ing survey report was presented.

- * Medical Marijuana – Council had continued follow-up discussion from the various meetings held.
- * 13th Directive – Council approved revised directives – allow all businesses in the Community to be exempt from SRPMIC Covid-19 Directives and eliminate the mandate for face coverings.
- * Minutes – Council approved the regular session minutes that were presented.
- * Executive Session: Internal Audit (SRMG), Community Investment, Minutes (Exec)

February 28, 2022 – Skype Community Member Only Meeting:

- * Employment Opportunities – Various presentations and job opportunities were presented.
- * Questions – Questions on the presentations and other questions were asked.

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

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

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Salt River Tribal Council Enacts Ordinances to Exercise Criminal Jurisdiction over Non-Indians for Domestic Violence Offenses

On February 23, 2022, Salt River Tribal Council voted to enact certain ordinances in order to implement Special Domestic Violence Criminal Jurisdiction pursuant to the Violence Against Women Act Reauthorization of 2013.

The recently passed code amendments enable the Community to exercise its inherent authority to prosecute non-Native American offenders for crimes involving domestic violence and violation of a protection order when the victim is Native American and the defendant has adequate ties to the Community. It is anticipated that there will be approximately 8-10 of these cases per year. The changes are required by federal law in order to prosecute non-Native American offenders for these crimes. The changes to statutes include the following:

- Require appointment of a licensed attorney for all defendants who are charged with at least one Class A Offense, in all cases in which the maximum punishment could exceed one year of incarceration, and in all cases in which a defendant is charged with domestic violence or violation of an order of protection.
- Require appointment of a licensed judge to preside over all cases in which any defendant is charged with at least one Class A Offense, in all cases in which the maximum punishment could exceed one year of incarceration, and in all cases in which a defendant is charged with domestic violence or violation of an order of protection.
- Create a new jury pool that would apply only in cases in which a non-Native American defendant

is charged with domestic violence or violation of a protective order. This jury pool would be comprised of adult Community Members, as well as adult employees of the Community government; in addition to Community Members, this jury pool would also include Native Americans who are not Community Members, as well as non-Native Americans. The jury pool for all remaining cases would remain unchanged, and would be comprised only of adult Community Members. In the future, it is expected that the jury pool for non-Native American defendants could be expanded to include non-Community Member residents of the Community, and may be expanded to include Enterprise employees as well. Those changes are being considered now and may be included in future statutory updates.

- Assert criminal jurisdiction over non-Indian offenders who commit crimes of domestic violence and violations of orders of protection that occur within the Community boundaries, so long as certain legal criteria are met.
- Contain other technical amendments that are necessary to ensure accuracy in numbering throughout the Code.


These ordinances will go into effect on May 1, 2022. If you have any questions about the new ordinances, then please feel free to contact Assistant General Counsel Jeff Harmon at jeff.harmon@srpmic-nsn.gov or (480) 362-5409, or Chief Prosecutor Alane Breland at alane.breland@srpmic-nsn.gov or (480) 362-5414.

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To request a printed copy of this report, please contact the Public Works Department at 480-362-5600 or email at PWWaterResources@SRPMIC-nsn.gov. For a translation of the water quality report or to speak with someone about the report please call 480-362-5600 or email at PWWaterResources@SRPMIC-nsn.gov.

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

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Good News! Interested landowners may attend this Joint Hearing in-person on Wednesday, March 16, 2022 in the Council Chambers at 6PM. The Council Chambers are located at 10091 E Osborn Road, Scottsdale, AZ 85256. COVID-19 protocols remain in place (e.g. mask is required, proof of vaccination, social distancing, etc.) We hope to see you then.

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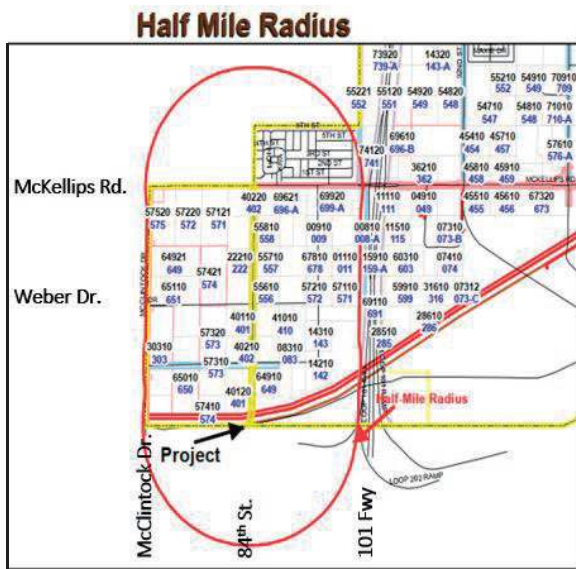
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Can You Get Long COVID After An Infection With Omicron?

BY LAURA UNGAR
AP Science Writer

Can you get long COVID after an infection with omicron?

It's too early to know for sure, but many doctors believe it's possible to have long-term effects from the omicron variant of the virus.

Long COVID is usually diagnosed many weeks after a bout with COVID-19. Any long-lasting effects typically appear about 90 days after symptoms of the initial infection go away, Maria Van Kerkhove of the World Health Organization said this week.

Overall, some estimates suggest more than a third of COVID-19 survivors will develop some symptoms of long COVID. Symptoms include fatigue, brain fog, shortness of breath, anxiety and other problems. The lingering illness is more likely if you've been hospitalized with COVID-19, but research shows it can happen even after a mild infection.

Omicron began its race around the world late last year. The variant generally causes milder illness than the delta version of the coronavirus, but has still overwhelmed hospitals.

Van Kerkhove said she hasn't seen any research indicating that the portion of COVID-19 survivors who get long COVID will

change with the omicron variant.

Dr. Linda Geng of Stanford University, who co-directs one of the many clinics specializing in long COVID, said that though she can't say for sure, a new wave of patients is likely.

"We have to be very cautious and very careful and prepared," Geng said.

In the meantime, scientists are racing to figure out what's behind the mysterious condition. Some theories? It may be an autoimmune disorder. Tiny microclots may be causing the disabling symptoms. Or perhaps latent viruses in the body have been reactivated.

Scientists are also looking at whether vaccines could be part of the answer. A Yale University team is studying the possibility that vaccination might reduce long COVID symptoms. And two other studies offer early evidence that being vaccinated before getting COVID-19 could help prevent the lingering illness or at least reduce its severity.

Public Works Department: Wastewater tips



► Flushable wipes do not break down like toilet paper

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► Flushable wipes can create a "fatberg"

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► Too many flushable wipes can create a wall of wipes

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► Flushable wipes can cause damage to the entire septic system

In addition to clogging septic lines, the wipes can cause blockages within the septic line and tank. This will result in backed up sewage that will enter your home from your toilets, sinks, drains, bathtubs, and other openings that are connected to your septic system.

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Safety Administrator	03/27/22
Community Health Technician	03/26/22
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Memorial Services at (480) 278-7050

CHURCH LISTING

LEHI CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 1452 E. Oak St. Mesa, AZ 85203 Mailing Address: PO Box 4628 Mesa, AZ 85211 Pastor Merrill Jones (480) 234-6091 SERVICES -Visit us on Facebook Live and in person. Search for Lehi Church of the Nazarene -Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. -Worship Service, 10:45 a.m. -Sunday Night Service, 6:30 p.m. -Wed. Bible Study at church, 6:30 p.m. -SOAR Group 2nd & 4th Friday every month at the church 7 p.m. -Monday night Prayer Meeting, 6 p.m. -Singspiration, last Sunday of the month at 6 p.m.	SERVICES -Sunday Services 10 a.m. -Communion First Sunday of every month 10 a.m. (limited 10 people) THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST PAPAGO WARD 2056 N. Extension Rd. Scottsdale AZ, 85256 (480) 947-1084 SERVICES -Sunday service suspended until further notice PIMA CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP 12207 E. Indian School Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85256 Pastor Marty Thomas (480) 874-3016/ Home: (480) 990-7450 SERVICES - Sunday service 11 a.m. - Bible Study Wednesdays 6 p.m. via Zoom - Churches Zoom ID: 7081368738 pwds : 3r28HAJ SALT RIVER ASSEMBLY OF GOD 10657 E. Virginia Ave. Scottsdale, AZ 85256 (480) 947-5278 Rev. Jim Lopez SERVICES - Sunday Morning Prayer 10 a.m. - Worship 11 a.m. - Evening Worship 6 p.m. - Thursday Evening Worship 6 p.m. SALT RIVER CHURCH OF CHRIST 430 N. Dobson Rd. Mesa, AZ 85201 (720) 626-2171 SaltRiverChurchofChrist.com	SERVICES - Bible Class 9:30 a.m. -10:30 a.m. - Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. - Sunday Bible Class 6 p.m. - Bible Study Wednesdays 7 p.m. - Provides transportation services for Community members call phone number SALT RIVER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH P.O. Box 10125 Scottsdale, AZ 85271 E: SaltRiverPresbyterian@gmail.com Visit us on Facebook Pastor Charlotte Fafard SERVICES -Sunday Service, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. -Communion First Sunday of the month CDC/SRPMIC Guidelines followed ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC MISSION 3090 N. Longmore, Scottsdale, AZ 85256 (602) 292-4466 (cell) Administrator: Deacon Jim Trant Parish President: Cindy Thomas Father Peter McConnell and Father Antony Tinker SERVICES -Sunday Mass 12 p.m. -Holy Hours 1 p.m.
FERGUSON MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH 1512 E. McDowell Rd. (Lehi) Mesa, AZ 85203 Pastor Neil Price (480) 278-0750 SERVICES - Worship Service, 10 a.m. - Thurs. Bible Study Service, 7 p.m. -Sunday service 10 a.m. now available through the Zoom app call church for Zoom ID. LEHI PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 1342 E. Oak Mesa, AZ 85203 Pastor Annette Lewis annette.f.lewis@gmail.com (480) 404-3284		

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



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

LIMITED WAKE AND FUNERAL IS PROVIDED AT FACILITIES

- One (1) wake or funeral service per day at each facility: Memorial Hall and Xalychidom Piipaash Nyvaash
- Wakes and funerals may be scheduled between 7AM and 9PM. ALL services, except Traditional overnights must end **no later than 9PM**
- If a family chooses to keep loved one at the facility overnight, no one will be allowed to stay with loved one. Family may choose to have mortuary transport loved one back to mortuary after wake service. (Transport fee may apply)
- Overnights in the facilities will be allowed for Traditional O'odham and Piipaash Services Only
- Families will be responsible for overseeing and running the kitchen during services to include the serving of food and removing personal items and leftover food after services. Day labor may not be available
- Nursery and family room will be closed
- Memorial Services will create and post funeral announcements, if requested by family
- Wakes and/or overnight services are allowed at the homes at this time
- Memorials will not be held at this time
- Facilities will not be available to hold family meetings
- Masks, 6 feet social distancing will be required, and if you are sick please stay home
- Families can have services at churches, if they receive permission from churches

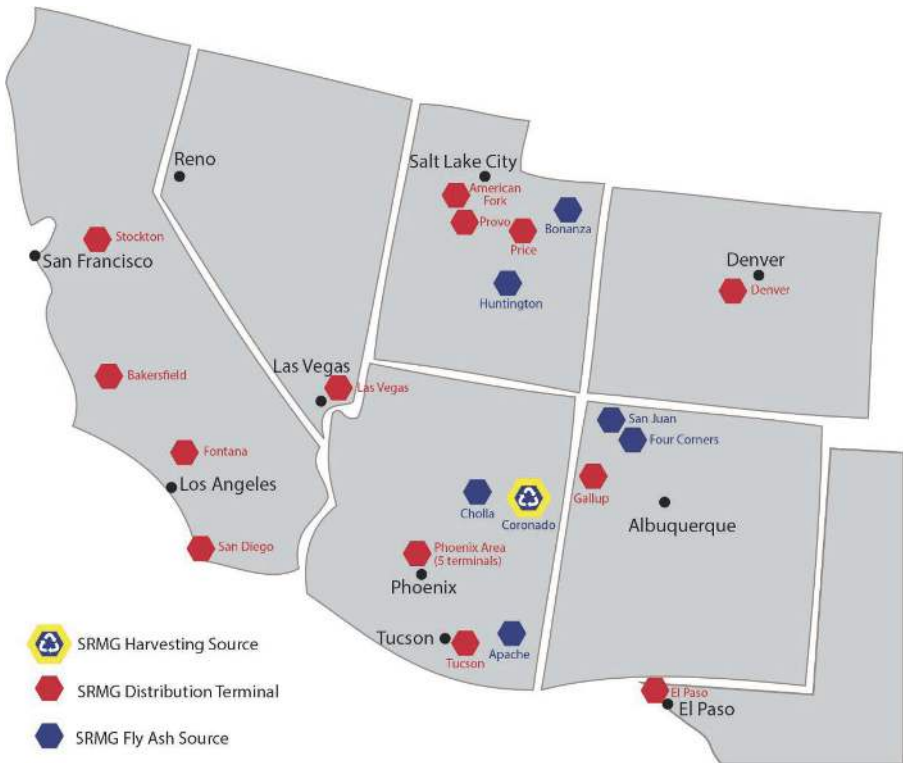
CEMETERY SERVICES PROVIDED DURING

- 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
- Must wear masks and follow social distancing

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



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Calendar of Events

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

ONGOING- SALT RIVER TRIBAL LIBRARY, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Tuesday - Friday. Ways to make an appointment By phone: (480) 362-6600, By Email: TribalLibrary@srpmic-nsn.gov, Online at: www.srpmic-nsn.gov/reservations. When requesting an appointment, please provide: Full name, requested time/ date, contact (Phone/Email). Appointments are 1 hour or more based on capacity, appointments are based in the order which they are received, reservations are open to WOLF members, SRPMIC enrolled Community members and SRPMIC residents. Curbside Services are available, contact to find out more.

ONGOING now through March 31, FIRST: NATIVE AMERICAN ARTISTS OF ARIZONA art exhibition at the Civic Center Public Gallery inside the Scottsdale Civic Center Library, 3839 N Drinkwater Blvd, Scottsdale AZ 85251. The exhibition was curated in consultation with SRPMIC member Ron Carlos and includes art by Ron Carlos, Jacob

Butler, Thomas “Breeze” Marcus and more. Admission is free and the exhibit is open during regular library hours. For more information go to <https://scottsdalepublicart.org/exhibition/first-native-american-artists-of-arizona/>

ONGOING - CHALLENGE: READ 25 BOOKS AS A FAMILY BY MAY 4. Open to all SRPMIC Families! Prizes awarded to families who complete the challenge. Sign up for the challenge and get your family reading journal at Literacy@saltriverschools.org or call (480) 362-2063. See article and ad on page 7.

ONGOING - SALT RIVER SOCIAL SERVICES - FOSTER CARE INFORMATION SESSIONS, begin March 30. Are you interested in supporting your community by providing care for children in need? Contact the Salt River Social Services Foster Care Licensing Team to learn more about becoming a licensed foster parent. Contact: Norma Hernandez, MSW Foster Care Licensing Manager, Phone: (480) 362.2728 or Email: norma.hernandez2@srpmic-nsn.gov / Katie Avalos, MSW Sr. Foster Care Licensing Worker Phone: (480) 362.7342 or Email: katie.avalos@srpmic-nsn.gov. See ad on page 14 for more information.

MARCH

14 The SALT RIVER PHARMACY moved to the River People Health Center. Call for an appointment (480) 278-RPHC

(7742).

19 CM ANTONE - DISTRICT B, 9 a.m., virtual meeting. Topics: Agenda to be announced. Meeting Entry Info.: Website: <https://meet.srpmic-nsn.gov/councilmeeting/8LQH584Q>, Phone: 480-362-5990, Conference ID: 460361. For more information contact the Council Secretary Office at (480) 362-7469.

21 SAVE THE DATE FOR SRPMIC BECOMING A PURPLE HEART COMMUNITY virtual program. Live Vimeo link: <https://vimeo.com/event/1882561>. See ad on page 3 for more information.

26 CM DOKA - DISTRICT C, 9 a.m., virtual meeting. Topics: GIS information, Other items to be added. Meeting Entry Info.: Website: <https://meet.srpmic-nsn.gov/councilmeeting/LN2NGVW0>, Phone: 480-362-5990, Conference ID: 4867827. For more information contact the Council Secretary Office at (480) 362-7469.

APRIL

1 CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH, CIRCUS CELEBRATION DRIVE UP, 4 p.m. - 7 p.m. at the Two Waters-North Employee parking. Circus, Food, Entertainment, Raffles, Family Fun. Help us end Child Abuse. Community members only.

1 FIRST FRIDAY CHATS WITH HIGHER ED, 10 a.m. - 11 a.m., via Microsoft Teams. Ask questions, get advice, learn

from the experts and feel confident about your higher education goals. Email Higher.Ed@saltriverschools.org to register. See Ad on page 17.

5 Join Us For Information About START BY BELIEVING Zoom Presentation, 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. What is a Start By Believing? A Campaign that has made a profound difference in survivors' lives, by fostering a safe and supportive environment for survivors to disclose. **SEEKING JUSTICE/ONE RESPONSE AT A TIME: EVERY RESPONSE MATTERS/YOUR RESPONSE MATTERS.** Registration link: https://us06web.zoom.us/join/register/tZUudOuvqz4vHNO9GZiaoATpucmYt8XfM_W

7 THROUGH MAY5, FINANCIAL SKILLS FOR FAMILIES, 5:30 p.m. - 8 p.m., at the Way of Life Facility, Room 56. A series of 5 interactive classes to improve you understanding of budgeting and money management, banking and saving, understanding credit and predatory lending. Registration opens March 28, register at <https://sugeni.us/dc60>. See ad on page 15 for more information.

14-16 NOT ONE MORE - TAKING A STAND AGAINST DRUG USE IN OUR COMMUNITY. Substance abuse prevention and education. Open to Community members. See ad on page 13.

IMPORTANT ELECTION & VOTER REGISTRATION DATES



STATE OF ARIZONA Election Deadlines Primary Election, August 2

July 5—Deadline to register to vote
July 6—Early voting begins/ballots mailed
July 22—Deadline to request ballot by mail

GENERAL ELECTION November 8

October 11—Deadline to register to vote
October 12—Early voting begins/ballots mailed
October 28—Deadline to request a ballot by mail

WATCH FOR INFORMATION IN THE OAN, FACEBOOK AND INSTAGRAM.