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SRPMIC Opens Transitional Housing North of Two-Waters Campus

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The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community held a ribbon-cutting ceremony on April 13 to complete the transitional housing neighborhood located across from the Two Waters campus and Tribal Court. Called the Step To Empowerment Program (STEP) Transitional Housing Program, the neighborhood consists of 10 single and double housing units that will be overseen by the SRPMIC Health and Human Services Department (HHS).

At the ribbon-cutting, SRPMIC President Martin Harvier was joined by members of Council to officially usher in the new transitional housing units on the same site where ground was broken almost a year ago.

Harvier reflected on the importance of the transitional housing project. "To be here and see the project completed and the people that the homes will serve just speaks to how the Community works together to make this happen," he said.

President Harvier thanked the Tribal Council, SRPMIC departments and individuals who were involved with development of the STEP project. "We are blessed as a Community to have this project here [for] individuals who are reaching a point of getting better in their life. These homes will help with that transition, instead of [individuals] going back into the environment they were previously in," said Harvier.

SRPMIC President Harvier and Vice President Leonard and Council Representatives cut the ribbon on the STEP transitional housing community.

"I would like to acknowledge the Special Projects Division within the Community Development Department (CDD). They have definitely put their blood, sweat and tears into making this happen within such a short timeframe," said Christi Andrews, assistant director for the CDD. She thanked individuals from the Resident Resources Division, HHS and the reentry program, which is overseen by the Behavioral Health Services Journey to Recovery (JTR) program.

"[During] my whole life I have seen the tribal campus adapt to the Community's needs … the tribal campus is adapting to the challenges of today," said Normalinda Enas Sidney, construction project manager for the Special Projects Division. She feels that a community has a moral obligation to assist those who have lost their way and help them

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Governor Hobbs Appoints Salt River Educator to Task Force

At left, Dr. Stant, was appointed to the Governor's Education Retention Task Force, that was established by Arizona Governor Katie Hobbs (pictured right). *Photo courtesy of the Office of Governor Katie Hobbs.*

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Arizona Governor Katie Hobbs has appointed Salt River Elementary School third-grade teacher Dr. Lynette Stant to the state's newly established Educator Retention Task Force. The task force aims to better understand the issues affecting teacher retention, including pay and benefits, and to raise the standard of learning in Arizona.

Teacher retention is a vitally important issue in Arizona, which has been losing qualified teachers from the classroom. Many people applied to serve on the task force; they received 650 applications for only 19 openings. The task force consists not only of teachers and school district administrators, but also parents and other experts in the education field statewide.

The task force held its first meeting on April 5. The members will meet regularly to collect findings, discuss them and provide recommendations in a report that will be submitted to Governor Hobbs on December 1. They will also contact all 650 educators who applied and ask for their feedback on the issues.

Dr. Stant, a member of the Navajo Nation from Tuba City, is one of two Indigenous educators selected for the task force. The other is Quincy Natay,

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Tepary Beans Planted at New Community Garden Field

Staff from the Cultural Resources Department put their green thumb to use, by planting tepary beans at the Community Garden.

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On April 11, the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Cultural Resources Department participated in a group activity at the Community Garden's new farm field, where they spent a few hours planting tepary beans.

Community Garden technician Amson Collins said that tepary beans were an important staple food source for the O'odham for thousands of years.

"There are about 16 varieties of tepary beans in Arizona. The O'odham [cultivated] 13 [of them]," said Collins. The CRD planted white and brown tepary beans during the activity.

An ironwood planting stick would have been traditionally used for planting the beans, but the group used cactus ribs during the activity.

The process of planting the seeds at the garden involved groups of two or three people, each of whom had a different responsibility to make quick work of the seed planting.

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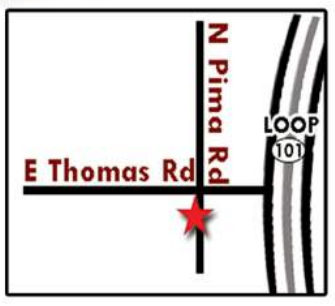

Emergencies and Walk-Ins seen on the same day!

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Governor Hobbs Appoints Salt River Educator to Task Force

superintendent of the Chinle Unified School District on the Navajo Nation.

This is not the first time Dr. Stant has been recognized for her service to education, having been recognized as the 2020 Teacher of the Year. She said that being recognized for these achievements has opened the door for advocating on behalf of her fellow educators.

"I am able to use my voice to help elevate Native teachers and rural communities, since I am originally from a rural community myself," said Dr. Stant. "I went to public school and we've talked about reservation public schools at length, because their challenges are different than [the challenges of] public schools in urban settings.

"For Governor Hobbs to establish this committee to address the educator retention crisis that our state is facing, [she] feels that it is one of the most pressing issues that our state faces," said Dr. Stant.

Dr. Stant chose to sit on the task force's Compensation and Benefits Committee, which will gather information from school districts across the state.

"This is a vetted task force to help identify solutions so that Arizona can become a national leader along with other states in retaining educators," said Dr. Stant. She said one way to help retain teachers is to provide them with compensation that meets their needs as the cost of living goes up.

How large of a crisis is the Arizona education system facing? According to Dr. Stant, there are about 25,000 individuals who hold a teaching certificate but are not currently instructing in the class. More specifically, according to The 2020 Arizona Teacher Workforce, a report prepared by the Arizona Department of Education and the Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College at Arizona State University, almost 60,000 teachers are working in Arizona classrooms. However, almost 25,000 additional individuals with a teacher's certificate have taught in Arizona but are not working in classrooms today. Additionally, over 10,000 have a teaching certificate but have never taught in Arizona. In total, there are 34,661 people with an active teaching certificate who are not teaching.

"That's a huge number," said Dr. Stant. "Why are we not able to retain our teachers? That is something we are looking into."

She said her committee on the task force also will investigate teacher benefits, such as health insurance, for which teachers often must pay a high premium for plans that do not cover their entire family. Dr. Stant added, "That's the real crisis, and it's a known fact that teachers, especially through the [COVID-19] pandemic, have been asked to extend themselves far beyond the classroom," often putting themselves at risk of burnout both physically and mentally.

She said the committee plans to disseminate a survey to educators across the state's 200 individual public school districts which will ask teachers either why they choose to stay in the profession or why they chose to leave the field, and what could have changed that outcome.

"We're going to do that through focus groups, survey feedback, stakeholder meetings and roundtable discussions. Our most pressing goal right now is to create [that] survey, to get it out to educators," said Dr. Stant.

After all the data is analyzed and the task force's report is completed, it will be sent to Governor Hobbs, who will review the task force's recommendations and decide how to take action.

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SRPMIC Opens Transitional Housing North of Two-Waters Campus

President Harvier and Vice-President Leonard share remarks on the opening of the transitional housing units for SRPMIC members that will assist them with re-integrating with the Community. SRPMIC Special Projects Construction Project Manager Normalinda Enas Sidney talks about the progress made in taking the transitional homes from concept to reality.

get back on the right path. "We have put the tiny homes as part of the tribal campus because of this deep-seated belief that a healthy community is mind, body and spirit."

According to information provided by Nicole Charlie, Resident Resources and Services manager and Salt River Financial Services Institution (SRFSI) program administrator, "The STEP program is a cross-departmental collaboration. It is a referral-based program (HHS/JTR and HHS/SSP are the referring programs) so that a participant has a dynamic case plan with case management and resources to foster their success and transition into life after exiting a substance abuse recovery program or the criminal justice system and ultimately find long-term housing outside of the program."

Additionally, according to Charlie, "To maximize the number of participants the program can help, it is a short-term transitional housing program for a term of six months, with a possible extension of an additional six months but not to exceed 12 months total. The extensions will not be automatic and will only be utilized for special circumstances. Since there are only 10 units, we want to ensure participants are working their case plans and actively and diligently seeking long-term housing while they are in the STEP program."

To provide continued oversight of the transitional housing project, the STEP Committee will meet monthly, and the program requires monthly updates on participants from their assigned case managers.

STEP Transitional Housing: Making It Possible:

Community Development Department/Residential Resources (Housing): Property management and managing/facilitating the STEP Committee.

Engineering and Construction Services/Residential Services: Maintenance of the homes.

Health and Human Services/Journey to Recovery Program: Case management and referring applications for program participation

Health and Human Services/SSP: Case management and referring applications for program participation

STEP Committee: Program oversight

CDD/Special Projects Team.

The STEP Committee includes five voting members (CDD/RS, ECS/Residential Services, HHS/Central Intake Center, HHS/JTR, HHS/SSP) and three ad hoc non-voting members (Human Resources, the Education Higher Ed Program and Social Services).

The transitional housing units are fully furnished inside and out with appliances and amenities that include a mailing address to receive correspondence. Top right photo, at the north end of the transitional housing complex, units are available for those exiting the corrections system, while units at the south end are for residents going through the Journey to Recovery program.

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Tepary Beans Planted at New Community Garden Field

Using the stick, the first person made the hole for the seeds, or drew a line. The second person placed the seed in the holes, and the third person covered them up.

One or two seeds were planted about 18 inches apart. They will take at least four months to sprout up and be ready for harvesting.

To grow their crops, the relatives of today's Community members traditionally used irrigation water from the river, a source that's no longer available.

"Now we don't have a river, and there are no fields, so that's why it's hard for us grow [seeds]," said Stetson Mendoza, acting Community Garden coordinator.

"A lot of us forgot about what it is to grow [food from seeds], so we're trying to inspire everybody to start a home garden, eat healthy and eat these traditional crops."

Cultural Resources Department employees plant tepary beans in the new Community Garden field. Bottom photos, Stetson Mendoza demonstrates to the group how to plant the beans for the best crop outcome.

VA Waives Copays For Eligible American Indian and Alaska Native Veterans

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Beginning on April 4, eligible American Indian and Alaska Native veterans no longer have to pay a copay for U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs healthcare services and urgent care.

Eligible veterans will still be responsible for copays for domiciliary care, institutional respite care, institutional geriatric evaluation, and nursing home care.

If you're eligible for these copay waivers, you won't be billed for copays for future hospital care and certain other healthcare services, such as outpatient prescription medicines and urgent care visits.

Any copays paid for covered services on or after January 5, 2022, will be reviewed, and eligible copays will be retroactively reimbursed.

The new policy implements Section 3002 of the Johnny Isakson and David P. Roe, M.D. Veterans Health Care and Benefits Improvement Act of 2020, which was signed into law on January 5, 2021, and took effect on January 5, 2022.

The VA recognized Native veterans by saying that for more than 200 years, American Indian and Alaska Native veterans have played a vital role in the defense of the United States as members of the military.

"The U.S. government has a unique responsibility to maintain trust and provide healthcare services to American Indians and Alaska Natives. Recent legislation extended the responsibility of providing care to American Indian and Alaska Native veterans to the Department of Veterans Affairs," the VA said in a statement.

SRPMIC veterans met to discuss the recent changes to the health services and urgent care benefits unveiled by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Veterans will need to submit a completed Tribal Documentation Form (VA Form 10-334), which is available online at https://www.va.gov/vaforms/medical/pdf/VA%20Form%2010-334%20Tribal%20Documentation%20Form.pdf.

The completed VA form must be accompanied by a copy (not an original document) of the veteran's supporting tribal affiliation documentation, which may include a tribal enrollment membership ID card, tribal census documentation, certificate of Indian blood issued by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, or documentation issued by a tribe on official letterhead indicating individual affiliation.

Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Veterans Representative Troy Truax Jr. said that eligible veterans have until August 10 to file for the reimbursement.

"Our courageous American Indian and Alaska Native veterans deserve access to top-notch healthcare, and I have been working hard to inform our SRPMIC veterans about this new policy," added SRPMIC Veterans Representative Amanda White.

"I am pleased to see that the VA is now making care more affordable and accessible for our warriors, and I look forward to assisting them with the necessary documentation to qualify for copayment exemption and potentially receive better treatment at [the VA] than what is typically offered through [the Indian Health Service]."

If you have any questions or want to learn more about the copay waivers, contact the SRPMIC Veterans Services Office at (480) 362-7884 or veteranservices@SRPMIC-nsn.gov.

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SRPD Organized Law Enforcement Torch Run For 31st Consecutive Year

SRPD officers run their stretch of the annual Law Enforcement Torch Run along State Route 87 up to McDowell and Country Club roads.

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On April 20, the Salt River Police Department held its annual SRPD Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR) to support the Special Olympics. After the torch was handed off, Salt River's part of the course went down Beeline Highway (State Route 87) from the Salt River Landfill to the River People Health Center. The torch was then handed off to the next group of participants at Country Club and McDowell roads.

This was the SRPD's 31st consecutive year as part of the event. A total of 40 volunteers, bicyclists and runners participated, from the Salt River Fire Department, Defense Advocate Office, Health and Human Services, and the Salt River Department of Corrections.

"Through excellent communication, coordination and efforts, SRPD organized the event, participation and fundraising," said SRPD Chief Karl Auerbach.

"United efforts were a complete success! Much appreciation to the SRFD professionals who were assigned to the event. You made everyone, including our guests, feel welcomed and like family and a team."

Law enforcement has been one of the largest public awareness and fundraising groups for Special Olympics since 1981.

Summer Aquatic Safety

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The warmer summer months mean that more people will be cooling off in pools all over the Valley. Others will be making trips to local lakes and other bodies of water to have fun with their families and friends. There are many different types of aquatic facilities to choose from: public and private swimming pools, water parks, lakes, rivers and streams.

While you are out and about enjoying time with your family, it is important to prioritize water safety. Here are a few helpful tips to ensure that you and your loved ones will be safe this summer.

Key items to bring to the pool:

- Sunscreen—Bring a sunscreen with SPF 30+ to protect your family's skin from harmful UV rays.
- Water/Pedialyte—It is important to stay hydrated, but swimming sometimes makes it difficult to know if you're hydrated.
- Snacks—Swimming can burn a lot of energy, so if you plan to stay out for a while, bring some snacks or a small meal.
- Aquatic/swim diapers—If you are bringing toddlers and/or infants along, make sure you have swim diapers to ensure fecal matter does not enter the pool.
- Coast Guard-approved flotation device—These devices can be helpful for children who are learning to swim, and they also provide some peace of mind for parents.

Tips to remember:

- Watch children around water. Keep them in your sight continuously, and designate someone to watch the kids if you have to leave, even if it's just a few moments.
- Take breaks to allow children time to rest, hydrate, have a snack and use the restroom.
- CPR training saves lives. Reach out to Health and Human Services for information on CPR classes.
- Alcohol and drugs are never a good combination with swimming, especially with children involved.
- Be aware of physical or environmental dangers. Watch out for summer monsoons; always leave the pool when major storms are approaching.

Consider these tips as just another tool to protect you and your children around water. According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), drowning death rates for American Indian/Alaska Native people ages 29 and younger are two times higher than the rates for White people, with the highest disparities among those ages 25 to 29 (rates 3.5 times higher).

When it comes to water safety, it's everybody's business. Together as a community, we can work to protect our youth and family members around water.

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Earth Day Celebration Back at SRPMIC

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On April 22, the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community celebrated Earth Day. This year marked the return of the celebration to an in-person event after it had changed to a virtual/drive-through event during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Community Development Department (CDD) hosted the event, which included a household hazardous waste collection, a variety of service projects, and an environmental fair featuring booths from many different Community departments and partners.

"All in all, it was a successful first in-person event since 2019," said

About 2,899 pounds of household hazardous waste was collected from more than 120 cars and about 52 seniors. A majority of the waste that was picked up consisted of used motor oil, car batteries, medicines, tires, electronic waste and pesticides.

Hazardous waste collected included 50 waste tires, 11 fire extinguishers, 1 propane tank, 800 pounds of flammable paints, 450 pounds of used oil, and 20 pounds of compact fluorescent bulbs, among many other items.

There was also a station available to drop off paper for shredding, where 2.29 tons of paper was shredded.

After an opening ceremony and prayer, everyone went to do their service projects. These included standpipe painting, planting garden boxes at senior homes, an environmental education garden, working at the Community Garden, projects for those with limited mobility, and litter cleanup along the Beeline Highway, Lehi Wetland and Cottonwood Wetland.

About 192 volunteers total participated in service projects.

A total of 502 people attended the fair, where kids learned about issues such as Environmental Protection Agency rules and how environmental contamination can affect wildlife and human health with the EPNR's watershed model.

SRPMIC staff archaeologist Thomas Wright thought the whole event went great.

"I was indoors most of the time at the EPNR booth, but when I walked outside, there seemed to be a good crowd and lots of people were interested in the various exhibits and activities," he said.

"Overall, I was very pleased with the attendance, the exhibits and the interaction."

The Phoenix Herpetological Society brought an alligator, which both the kids and adults were excited about.

The Salt River Fire Department demonstrated how to put out a small fire with an extinguisher prop, and EPNR was on hand with a face-painting booth and miniature horses.

Talking Stick Golf Club Adds to Portfolio of Amenities

SRPMIC leadership and board members from MayDall Construction, landowners' team and TSGC management cut the ribbon on the new golf academy.

Members from the Salt River Children's Foundation receive a check donation from Century Golf Partners.

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The Talking Stick Golf Club has expanded its world-class class golf facilities and course. On April 3, the ribbon was cut on a new, sprawling facility called the Talking Stick Golf Academy (TSGA), which is managed by Arnold Palmer Golf. Located on the far end of the green swath of the driving range, the new facility also is home to True Spec Golf, a club fitting center, and a performance center in partnership with Vision54, a local golf instruction organization.

"We are so excited because this has been years and years in the making to make this addition possible," said Roy Smith, general manager for Talking Stick Golf Club. "A lot of work went into making this happen, including the work of Vision54, one of our cherished partners at Talking Stick Golf Club," said Smith.

He said the vision to include a fitting bay within the academy is just another way to create a high-level experience for golfers. "This is simply the best of both worlds for golfers of all levels who want to get comfortable with their clubs and improve on their form," said Smith.

Smith's remarks were followed by a special check presentation on behalf of Century Golf Partners/Arnold Palmer Golf to the Salt River Community Children's Foundation in the amount of $100,000. The check was presented by Andy Gaudet, vice-president with Century Golf Partners.

The check presentation was followed by a traditional song and a blessing performed by SRPMIC Vice-President Ricardo Leonard.

"We have been very blessed by [this] land … There is so much beauty here, from the wildlife to the facilities. And most of all we are thankful for this partnership," said Leonard.

SRPMIC President Martin Harvier said he appreciated the donation by Century Golf to the Salt River Children's Foundation. "I'd like to thank Century Golf for their generous donation, which helps the youngest members of our Community to achieve a brighter future. This (the foundation) was conceived by the late Robert Scabby Sr."

He also thanked the landowners upon whose property the golf club and its facilities are built, as well as the SRPMIC member-owned construction firm MayDall Construction, Salt River Materials Group and the management of Talking Stick Golf Club.

Harvier said, "I think this is going to be a place where people can come and create memories that they'll remember for the rest of their lives. Just coming out here with what's being done, being able to hold different types of events at the new clubhouse and academy, is wonderful experience for all."

After the ribbon-cutting and tour of the new Talking Stick Golf Academy, attendees made their way to the accompanying facility called the Sandwich House, where they tried some of the menu items including roast beef sandwiches, sandwich wraps and hot dogs.

The Salt River Community Children's Foundation is a nonprofit, charitable division of the Community. The Foundation is devoted to assisting children and youth of the Community with reaching their fullest potential and finding personal success in life.

The Foundation will use this donation the way it does all other donations: to provide children and youth of the Community with beneficial opportunities and experiences in the following categories: Education Attainment or Enrichment, Health-Related Programs (including sports), Special Needs Services and Programs, Arts and Culture, and Youth Leadership.

From Heartbreakers to Shakers to Senior Steppers

March 18, SR Steppers participated in the Mul-Chu-Tha Parade; L to R, Jacque Bradley, Roberta Seepie, Carol Kimble, Francia Nielsen, Pauline Smith, Lupita Ray, Pat Nahee. L to R; Russell Ray and Roberta Johnston. Not pictured; Brenda Hardy, Patricia King, Diane Johnson, Janet Johnson, Esther Washington, Leona Andreas, Maria Chavez, Deborah Robinson, Debra Cachora, Isabel Montiel. *Photos courtesy of Roberta Johnston.*

February 23, SR Steppers participated in the Mul-Chu-Tha Elder Chair Volleyball tournament. The Steppers overtook the Jackrabbits and won championship! L to R; Isabel Montiel, Debra Cachora, Elaina Osife. Back row L to R; Gerald Adams, Roberta Johnston, Don Schurz and Governor Lewis. Individuals received jackets and a beautiful team trophy. Not pictured are Brian Smith, Frances Cashoya and Roberta Seepie.

BY CHRIS PICCIUOLO
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For almost 20 years, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community member Patricia King has collected videos, T-shirts and trophies from participating in the many versions of a competitive dance group in the Community.

"I'm one of those people who collects all her stuff [over] the years," she said. From the Salt River Heartbreakers to the Shakers to the Senior Steppers, the dance group has continued to stay active for years, regardless of their name.

The Heartbreakers began at the Inter Tribal Council of Arizona's Indian Council on Aging Conference in 2005, which hosted team and individual competitions for representatives from the participating tribes.

"There was one event called the 'chicken throw,' where you throw the plastic chicken across the room and measure [the distance]," King said with a laugh. There also was an aerobic dance competition.

As a senior, and being involved at the Senior Center, King asked some of the ladies she knew if they would want to try it out. She was able to get nine people to enter that first dance competition, and the Heartbreakers took home first place.

In fact, the group won first place for several years in a row before they were finally overthrown on their home turf in the Community.

Recently, King was going through her items and came across pictures of the group accepting their award.

"I also found my diagram of the songs that we were going to do, the length of time we do it in, our lineup, how we would turn, and even the steps that we were going to use."

In that competition, the group started with an O'odham hummingbird song, went into the electric slide and the twist, and ended with a dance to a cumbia song. "[The entire dance presentation] had to be under five minutes, so that was my first competition, and I was a new senior," King said.

King looked around for someone to assist the group with choreography and steps because she knew the competition was going to get heavy.

Roberta Johnson used to work for the Diabetes Program, and she had the experience and resources to help the dance group take off. Eventually they were renamed the Senior Steppers.

With the support of the Diabetes Program, the group was able to get T-shirts and travel more often. Now that Johnson is no longer working for the program, the Steppers is an independent group run by Johnson.

King still keeps up with the Senior Steppers and attends some competitions, but she mainly goes to the practices.

The Senior Steppers currently have 19 members ages 58 to 76. The group remains active, most recently performing on the Fort McDowell Indian Reservation and in the Mul-Chu-Tha Parade.

Most of the members of the dance group are also on the Senior Steppers chair volleyball team, which won second place at a Valentine's Day tournament and then won the championship at Mul-Chu-Tha with only six players on the team.

The Senior Steppers also often perform their dances during halftime at Arizona Rattlers indoor football games.

"We're always well received. People enjoy seeing our group dance," said Johnson.

"We get together every Tuesday, and I have a dance class where we go over our music and learn new dances. We're just getting back into it again. Now there are new, younger seniors who are with the group. It's exciting because they're going through what some of us did when we first began."

If you are 55 or older and want to join the Senior Steppers, reach out to Roberta Johnson at (480) 242-2807.

Miss Salt River Hosts Social Event as Part of Platform

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On April 14, Miss Salt River Nani-Reina hosted a social dance at the Lehi gathering area as part of her platform to raise awareness on culture and families coming together. The evening started off with a few remarks from Miss Salt River and then from her father, Pacer Reina, who led a group of traditional bird singers at the social event.

"It is one of those things I did as a child growing up," said Reina on her exposure to culture as a child. "My family went through a time when we weren't really connected with one another, but one of the things that did bring us together was our culture," she said.

The evening began with a traditional meal of beef and potato stew for all the guests in attendance, while traditional Piipaash singers performed a few songs to open the event. Reina also talked about programs in the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community geared toward cultural enrichment.

"One of the [things] that was taught to us was bird singing and dancing, which was provided by the Cultural Resources Department. Our dad signed us up and we went every Wednesday night. That is one of the things that connected us as a family," said Reina.

She said individuals and families that are interested in learning how to sing and dance culturally should consider taking one of the classes offered by the Cultural Resources Department because it can open the door to new opportunities and experiences. "Although this is my one and only event as Miss Salt River, [this] event is close to my heart, because it has been one of those things that brings us together," said Reina.

Above, Miss Salt River 2022-2023 Nani Reina opens the social with a dance. At right, Piipaash bird singers provided traditional music throughout the social's evening of activities. Below, members from the Junior Miss Salt River royalty, prepare meals for the attendees.

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Get Out and Move Event

Get Out and Move participants enjoy yoga, Zumba and Pound in the Community Building.

BY CHRIS PICCIUOLO
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On April 8, Salt River Public Health put together Get Out and Move, an event held at the Salt River Community Building to motivate Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community members to move around and start thinking about healthy choices as the weather changes from cool to warm.

The event began with a walk/run down Longmore Road. Walkers and runners who crossed the finish line could catch their breath and then restore their energy with healthy food items and water in the shade provided at information booths set up by Diabetes Prevention Services, Environmental Health, Injury Prevention, Public Health Nursing, and the Women Infants and Children (WIC) Program.

Inside the Community Building, exercise classes included yoga, Zumba and Pound.

During the event, prizes were given away to participants in a raffle.

Get Out and Move participant takes home a prize for participating in the event.

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Federal Agency on Child Safety Hosts Meeting with Salt River

President Harvier discusses the importance of tribal communities in care of foster children with state and federal agencies, during the Tribal Child Welfare Regional Convening at the Community Building on April 14.

CHRISTOPHER LOMAHQUAHU
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The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community hosted a daylong session on tribal child welfare at the Community Building on April 14. The joint informational meeting was held with state and federal officials to discuss child welfare from a tribal perspective.

"I'm very, very proud to be here today. Thank you for your leadership and thank you for hosting [us] today," said January Contreras, Assistant Secretary of the Administration for Children and Families (ACF), the United States' largest human services administration. Contreras said that it is important for her to sit down with tribal leadership to determine how they can help move child welfare initiatives forward.

She also spoke about the need to support the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA), which ensures that Native children who are removed from their homes and put into foster care or adoption still maintain a connection to their tribal communities. Recent challenges by non-Native plaintiffs argue that the ICWA is imposing unlawful requirements on states and their constituents, and the U.S. Supreme Court is reviewing the case, with a ruling expected later this year that could invalidate ICWA. In the event that the Supreme Court should side with the plaintiffs in the case (Brackeen v. Haaland) and declare the ICWA unconstitutional, some states have been working to pass new laws at the state level to ensure children who are placed in the child welfare system can still remain within their tribal communities.

Contreras said they are working with the Department of Justice, the Department of Interior and tribes across the nation to ensure that ICWA remains the law of the land. The meeting with SRPMIC and other tribal communities is part of an ongoing initiative to gather feedback on the importance of ICWA and its benefit to tribes, because ICWA supports efforts to keep children close to their community.

According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services website, Contreras' position focuses on "effectively and equitably delivering on the agency's vital mission to promote the economic and social well-being of children, families and communities across the nation."

Looking at child welfare from a tribal level, SRPMIC President Martin Harvier shared the importance of building a robust system with the help of ICWA to help Native children remain with their tribal communities.

"The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community creates a wraparound program that will help children and families stay together. I think it is important that we focus on keeping them together when children are being placed into alternative care," said Harvier. He said the first option for placing a Native child should be to seek out a close family member or relative who maintains the same culture of the Community.

Harvier shared a personal story about child adoption and the maintaining of cultural identity as a means of keeping a community together. He said children who grow up away from their community in adoptive care (in a non-relative, non-Native household) reach a point in their age when it is important for them to learn about their culture and their tribal family.

"I really believe our youth is so valuable, because they are the future of all of [us] and Native people … understanding who we are and where we come from is important to maintaining a sense of family," said Harvier.

Steve Hudson, director of Social Services for the SRPMIC, said, "The Community is at a point where we can talk about how we are going to help children and families increase their quality of life. Not just by keeping [children] out of foster care, but increasing the life expectancy of our entire membership." He said it takes a whole community working together with interdepartmental collaboration to ensure that tribal children in foster care are maintaining a connection to the Community.

SRPMIC Council Representative Mikah Carlos was also present at the meeting to share her thoughts on child welfare from a tribal perspective. Carlos spoke about her experience working as the assistant director for SRPMIC Youth Services and building programming around Native culture, substance abuse and suicide prevention.

Carlos said that after working for 10 years in youth-based programming, she feels it is important for Community departments to help Native youth have healthier homes by building an environment that strengthens both their culture and their family life.

Emergency Management Highlight: Heat Awareness

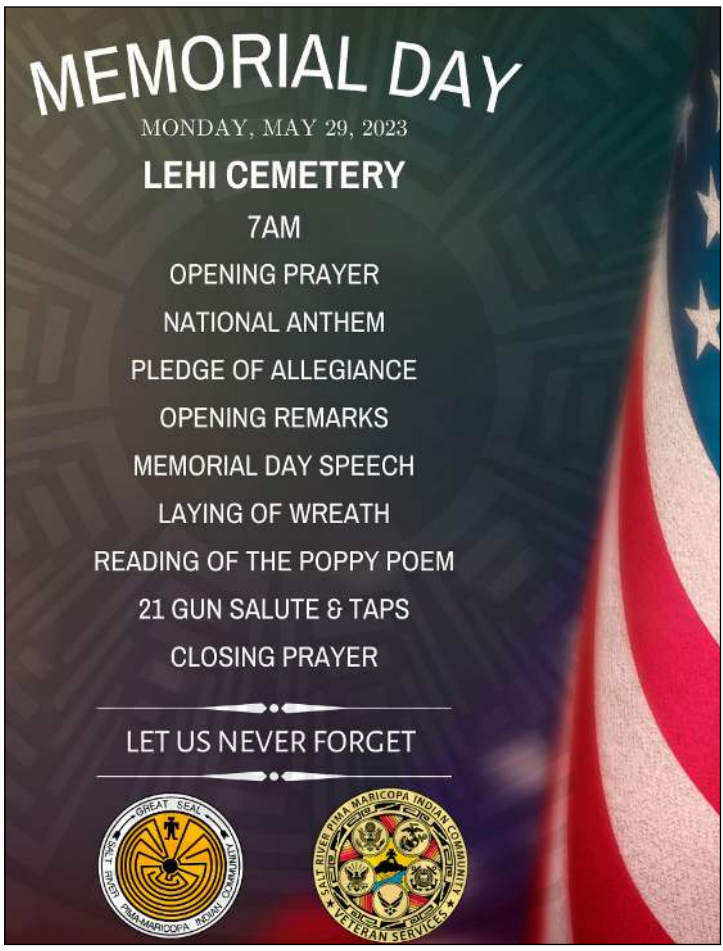
BY TERRY NELSON,
SRPMIC Emergency Management Coordinator

As the temperatures increase throughout south-central Arizona, your Emergency Management team would like to again share some information about heat safety. Everyone can be vulnerable to heat, but some people face more risk than others. Those who are most vulnerable include young children and infants, older adults, people with chronic medical conditions, and pregnant women. These at-risk individuals should take additional measures to ensure they do not fall victim to heat-related illnesses.

Being aware of heat illness risk factors and following these tips can help keep individuals and their families safe when extreme heat threatens:

- Stay hydrated ahead of the heat by drinking plenty of fluids, preferably water.
- Never leave people or pets in a closed car.
- Check on family members and neighbors.
- Avoid strenuous activities.
- Watch for signs of heat exhaustion, heat cramps, and heatstroke.
- Recognize heat-related illnesses early, and seek medical attention for those who become affected beyond normal conditions.

Stay safe in our rising temperatures by seeking shelter or places with air conditioning, and stay informed of weather conditions through local media outlets. For more information on protecting against the dangers of extreme heat, contact the SRPMIC Emergency Management team at (480) 362-7929 or Emergency.Management@srpmic-nsn.gov.



LEGAL NOTICES

JUVENILE COURT JURISDICTION

JURISDICTION: SALT RIVER PIMA MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT

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Burns, Christine Ann- Review Hearing Case: J-21-0054/0055 Court Date: June 6, 2023 at 11 a.m.

Carlos, Andrew James - Review Hearing Case: J-21-0133 Court Date: May 25, 2023 at 11 a.m.

Doe, Manuel - Review Hearing Case: J-18-0044 Court Date: May 11, 2023 at 11 a.m.

Hayes, Kelly William Jr. - Evidentiary Guardianship Hearing Case: J-22-0091/0092/0093 Court Date: June 13, 2023 at 9 a.m.

Lopez, Alejandra Gail - Review Hearing Case: J-21-0053 Court Date: June 6, 2023 at 11 a.m.

Manning, Aaron Shunshine – Review/Permanency Hearings Case: J-21-0119 Court Date: June 6, 2023 at 10 a.m.

Manuel, Ashlee Noreen - Permanency Hearing Case: J-22-0118/0119/0120 Court Date: June 7, 2023 at 9 a.m.

Olivas, Lindsey Lorraine - Evidentiary Termination of Parental-Child Relationship/ Review/Permanency Hearings Case: J-22-0135/J-21-0120 Court Date: May 16, 2023 at 1:30 p.m.

Paul, Derek Lloyd - Permanency Review Case: J-18-0117 Court Date: May 24, 2023 at 10 a.m.

Pavatea, Sherica Marie - Review Hearing Case: J-23-0023 Court Date: June 7, 2023 at 11 a.m.

Unknown Father - Adjudication Hearing Case: J-23-0062 Minor A.G (10/05/2011) Mother Vanessa Lynn Gutierrez Court Date: May 23, 2023 at 1:30 p.m.

Unknown Father – Evidentiary Guardianship Hearing Case: J-22-0091/0092/0093 Minor: A.A.H.: 08/24/2012, Minor: E.A.A.: 08/15/2013, Minor: E.A.H.: 11/09/2016, Mother: Cedella Summer Kill Court Date: June 13, 2023 at 9 a.m.

Valencia, Jazmin Manuela - Review Hearing Case: J-19-0082 Court Date: May 22, 2023 at 11 a.m.

Valles Sr., Robert Anthony – Review Hearing Case: J-15-0174 Court Date: May 24, 2023 at 9 a.m.

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SALT RIVER PIMA MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT

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Acevedo, Alexis Audel Jr - Default Judgment Hearing Case: SM-22-0001 Court Date: May 16, 2023 at 11 p.m.

Allen, Hailey - Restraining Order Hearing Case: R-23-0027 Court Date: May 17, 2023 at 11:30 a.m.

Antone, Charles Ray - Civil Complaint Hearing Case: C-23-0020 Court Date: May 22, 2023 at 9 a.m.

Anzaldua, Rosa - Evidentiary Hearing Case: R-23-0032 Court Date: May 30, 2023 at 3 p.m.

Avila, Frank - Probate Hearing Case: P-22-0060 Court Date: May 23, 2023 at 10:30 a.m.

Cachora, Colette Marie - Initial Guardianship Hearing Case: CF-23-0071 Court Date: June 5, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

Coelho, Ana Rose - Child Support Modification Hearing Case: CFCS-19-0048 Court Date: May 30, 2023 at 9 a.m.

Eatmon, Riheam Nikell Jordan - Order to Show Cause/Entry of Default Judgment Hearings Case: C-23-0030 Court Date: May 22, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

Galvan, Shalayne Annamarie - Civil Complaint Hearing Case: C-23-0082 Court Date: June 5, 2023 at 10 a.m.

Hernandez, Matthew Gabriel - Initial Guardianship Hearing Case: CF-23-0071 Court Date: June 5, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

Lewis, Denzel - Restraining Order Hearing Case: R-23-0028 Court Date: May 17, 2023 at 11:30 a.m.

Manuel, Miriah Skye - Order to Show Cause Hearing Case: CF-19-0074 Court Date: May 23, 2023 at 11 a.m.

Martinez, Xavier - Annual Review Hearing Case: CF-22-0076 Court Date: May 9, 2023 at 9 a.m.

Miles-Careaga, MorningStar Michelle - Probate Hearing Case: P-23-0038 Court Date: June 27, 2023 at 9 a.m.

Osif, Nicholas Lee - Order to Show Cause Hearing Case: CF-19-0173 Court Date: May 15, 2023 at 10:30 a.m.

Sandoval, Numeszio - Initial Paternity/Custody/Child Support/ Evidentiary Hearings/Default Notice: CF-23-0026/CF-23-0027/ CFCS-23-0010 Court Date: May 18, 2023 at 10:30 a.m.

Scott, Jessica Marie - Civil Complaint Hearing Case: C-23-0079 Court Date: May 25, 2023 at 10 a.m.

Standing Elk, Carla Anne - Civil Complaint Hearing Case: C-23-0045 Court Date: May 18, 2023 at 9 a.m.

Thomas, Vanessa B. - Probate Hearing Case: P-21-0012 Court Date: May 16, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

Zotigh, Sosha - Evidentiary Guardianship Hearing Case: CF-23-0054 Court Date: May 23, 2023 at 9 a.m.

DEFAULT NOTICES

ACEVEDO JR., ALEXIS AUDEL
DEFAULT NOTICE
SM-22-0001
JASMINE LILLIAN ACEVEDO,
V.
ALEXIS AUDEL ACEVEDO JR.

To: Alexis Audel Acevedo Jr. 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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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 27th of March, 2023

CLERK OF SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY TRIBAL COURT

CASTRO, NICOLE
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE NOTICE
CASE NO. CF-21-0020/CF-21-0021/CFCS-21-0005
SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY
V.
NICOLE JASMINE CASTRO

TO: Nicole Jasmine Castro,

YOU ARE HEREBY ORDERED to appear before the above-entitled court on the 8th day of May, 2023 at 9:30 AM, in Court Room #2, and show cause why you should not be held in contempt for Failing to adhere to court orders.

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

ORDERED this 6th day of March, 2023.

ANTHONY LITTLE, JUDGE OF THE SRPMIC TRIBAL COURT

COELHO, ANA

Notice of Judgment and Order of Child Support:

Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community Court, State of Arizona, Maricopa County original jurisdiction court case number CFCS-23-0004

Notice of Judgment and Order of Child Support is hereby ORDERED AND ADJUDGED and is hereby ENTERED on the 15th day of March. It is further, ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that Respondent Ana Coelho shall pay child support in the amount of $649.50 per quarter to Petitioner, Teresa M. Cruz. Payment shall be made to Petitioner beginning of April 2023 Per cap after this Order. Petitioner is granted a judgment of back support in the amount of $2,864.33 against the Respondent. The Order of support presumptively terminates on October, 2031. This order is final for purposes of appeal.

EATMON, RIHEAM NIKELL JORDAN
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE NOTICE
CASE NO. C-23-0030

In the Matter of: Riheam Nikell Jordan Eatmon

TO: Riheam Nikell Jordan Eatmon,

YOU ARE HEREBY ORDERED to appear before the above-entitled court on the 22nd day of May, 2023 at 9:30 AM, in Court Room #1, and show cause why you should not be held in contempt for failing to appear for a hearing on January 25, 2023 at 10:45am after being duly noticed.

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

ORDERED this 31st day of March, 2023.

RAYMOND L. DEER, JUDGE OF THE SRPMIC TRIBAL COURT

FRENCH, TRACEY SERINA/JOHN DOE FRENCH
NOTICE OF DEFAULT JUDGMENT:

Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community Court, State of Arizona, Maricopa County original jurisdiction court Case #: C-22-0056/C-22-0057

Notice of Default Judgment is hereby given ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that default judgment against Respondent, Tracey Serina French and John Doe French, is hereby DISMISSED WITHOUT PREJUDICE. This order is final and shall be served on Respondent in accordance to Rule 5-20(c).

GUTIERREZ, RUSSELL LEE
SUMMONS
J-23-0062
I.T.M.O.: A.G. (DOB: 10/05/2011)

TO: Russell Lee Gutierrez

On March 30, 2023, a Petition was filed in this court alleging that the child named above is a dependent child as defined at S.R.O. § 11-2 Dependent Child. You may obtain a copy of the petition by calling (480) 362-6315. A hearing has been set to determine whether the child named above has been neglected or abused, or is otherwise a dependent child by law.

THEREFORE YOU ARE ORDERED to APPEAR for a dependency Adjudication Hearing and respond to the allegations in the Petition before the Salt River Juvenile Court located at 10040 E. Osborn Road, Scottsdale, Arizona 85256 on May 23,2023, at 1:30 p.m., in Court Room #3 before Judge Darmody.

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 SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY TRIBAL COURT

MANUEL, MIRIAH SKYE
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE NOTICE
CASE NO. CF-19-0074
IN THE MATTER OF: M. G. G. (D.O.B. 07/03/2009)/K. I. A. G. (D.O.B. 08/12/2010)

TO: Miriah Skye Manuel,

Event Date: 04/06/2023 Scottsdale, AZ 85256

YOU ARE HEREBY ORDERED to appear before the above-entitled court on the 23rd day of May, 2023 at 11:00 AM, in Court Room #1, and show cause why you should not be held in contempt for failing to appear for a hearing on Thursday October 23rd at 11:00 a.m. after being duly noticed.

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

ORDERED this 6th day of April, 2023

RAYMOND L. DEER, JUDGE OF THE SRPMIC TRIBAL COURT

OSIF, NICHOLAS LEE
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CASE NO. CF-19-0173
IN THE MATTER OF: A.O. (D.O.B.: 6/26/2011)/A.O. (D.O.B.: 11/24/2012)

TO: Nicholas Lee Osif,

YOU ARE HEREBY ORDERED to appear before the above-entitled court on the 15th day of May, 2023 at 10:30 AM, in Court Room #1, and show cause why you should not be held in contempt for failing to appear for a hearing on January 31, 2023 at 9:00am after being duly noticed..

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

ORDERED this 3rd day of April, 2023.

RAYMOND L. DEER, JUDGE OF THE SRPMIC TRIBAL COURT

SAMPSON, COLLETTA R.

Notice of Entry of Default Judgment:

Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community Court, State of Arizona, Maricopa County original jurisdiction court case number C-22-0147

Notice of Entry of Default Judgment is hereby given ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that entry of default judgment against Respondent, Colletta R. Sampson, is hereby ENTERED. It is further, ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that Respondent, Colletta R. Sampson, shall pay $11,981.49 to Petitioner, Country Club Cars. Payment shall be made to Petitioner within ten (10) days of this Order. This order is final and shall be served on Respondent in accordance to Rule 5-20(c).

SANDOVAL, NUMESZIO
DEFAULT NOTICE
CF-23-0026/CF-23-0027/CFCS-23-0010
DANETTE RAE LOSEY
V.
NUMESZIO SANDOVAL

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

DATED this 3rd of April, 2023

CLERK OF SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY TRIBAL COURT

SCOTT, COBY DEWAYNE
DEFAULT NOTICE
C-23-0043
COUNTRY CLUB CARS
V.
COBY DEWAYNE SCOTT

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

DATED this 23rd of March, 2023

CLERK OF SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY TRIBAL COURT

UNKNOWN FATHER
SUMMONS
J-23-0062
I.T.M.O.: A.G. (DOB: 10/05/2011)

TO: Unknown Father

On March 30, 2023, a Petition was filed in this court alleging that the child named above is a dependent child as defined at S.R.O. § 11-2 Dependent Child. You may obtain a copy of the petition by calling (480) 362-6315. A hearing has been set to determine whether the child named above has been neglected or abused, or is otherwise a dependent child by law.

THEREFORE YOU ARE ORDERED to APPEAR for a dependency Adjudication Hearing and respond to the allegations in the Petition before the Salt River Juvenile Court located at 10040 E. Osborn Road, Scottsdale, Arizona 85256 on May 23,2023, at 1:30 p.m., in Court Room #3 before Judge Darmody.

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 SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY TRIBAL COURT

Marijuana in the SRPMIC

Frequently Asked Questions

When was the legalization of medical marijuana enacted:

October 19, 2022.

When was the legalization of recreational marijuana enacted:

Approved on March 29, 2023 with an enactment date of May 1, 2023.

Are the laws surrounding personal possession and use of marijuana consistent with the State Laws of Arizona:

Yes.

Is personal cultivation of marijuana allowed within the SRPMIC:

Yes under certain conditions and guidelines.

Is the commercial growing, manufacturing or selling of marijuana allowed in the SRPMIC:

No. At this time, the marijuana business industry aspects are not permitted within the SRPMIC.

How old does an individual have to be in order to possess / use marijuana for recreational purposes:

21.

How old does an individual have to be in order to possess / use marijuana for medical purposes:

18.

How old does an individual have to be in order to cultivate marijuana for personal use:

21.

How much marijuana is allowed for possession or use for recreational purposes:

1 ounce, of which not more than 5 grams is in the form of marijuana concentrate.

How much marijuana is allowed for possession or use for medical purposes:

2 ½ ounces, of which not more than 12 ½ grams is in the form of marijuana concentrate.

How much marijuana can be grown for personal cultivation:

No more than 6 plants by a single individual and not more than 12 plants at a single residence where 2 or more individuals reside who are at least 21 years old.

How does an individual qualify as a legitimate medical user of marijuana:

An individual must have a valid, unexpired medical marijuana card, also known as a registry identification card, issued by the State of Arizona.

What medical conditions qualify under the medical marijuana card provisions in the State of Arizona:

Alzheimer's Disease, Lou Gehrig's Disease, Cachexia or Wasting Syndrome, Cancer, Chronic Pain, Crohn's Disease, Glaucoma, Hepatitis C, HIV or AIDS, Nausea, Persistent Muscle Spasms, PTSD and Seizures.

Where can an individual cultivate marijuana for personal use:

Only at the individual's primary residence.

Where within a primary residence can cultivation of marijuana occur:

Within a closet, room, greenhouse or other enclosed area and that is equipped with a lock or other security device that prevents access by minors.

What other restrictions are there regarding personal cultivation of marijuana:

Cultivation can only take place in an area where the marijuana plants are not visible from the public view.

What is the criminal penalty if an individual is convicted of possession or use of marijuana in excess of the allowed amounts for recreational and medical uses:

Possession of marijuana is a Class C offense which carries a maximum penalty of 6 months in jail and/or a fine up to $1,000.

Is it illegal to possess paraphernalia such as pipes, rolling papers, vape pens when used for the smoking or administration of marijuana:

Possession of drug paraphernalia is illegal under 6-123 of the Code of Ordinances except when the item(s) is used for the smoking or administration of marijuana under the guidelines for legal use.

What is the criminal penalty for sale / trafficking of marijuana:

Sale of drugs, including marijuana, is a Class A offense which carries a maximum penalty of 3 years in jail and a fine up to $15,000.

If the sale of marijuana is illegal in the SRPMIC, how / where can an individual purchase marijuana for legal use:

Marijuana must be purchased by a marijuana establishment (dispensary) licensed by the State of Arizona.

Can marijuana be given from one individual to another if both are of legal age:

No, the "transfer" of marijuana is illegal under 6-128 of the Code of Ordinances under sale or manufacture of marijuana. Each individual user will need to legally purchase their own marijuana.

Can an individual use marijuana in a public place within the SRPMIC:

Use of marijuana is not allowed in any public place, any Community building or facility, or at any Community event.

Does the legalization of marijuana protect an individual from getting charged or convicted with other criminal offenses:

No. There are other criminal offenses that may come into play such as driving while impaired and under the influence of marijuana, child abuse, contributing to the delinquency of a minor, etc...

Does the laws on legalization of marijuana dictate employment policies on the same subject:

No. The law expressly allows the Community, its enterprises and businesses within the Community to develop and maintain a drug and alcohol free workplace.

What will the Community's drug and alcohol workplace policy look like:

The Human Resources Department is in the final stages of amending the drug and alcohol workplace policy that is consistent with the legalization of medical and recreational marijuana. That policy will be introduced and implemented May 2023.

POINT OF CONTACT

For questions and clarifications, please reach out to the Office of General Counsel:

Jeffery Harmon

Assistant General Counsel

(480) 362-7450

2nd Quarter 2023 ELIGIBILITY DEADLINE June 30, 2023

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

DEADLINES FOR CHANGES

Direct Deposit Start-Ups and Changes: Tuesday, July 11th at 5:00 PM. 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 July 2023 payout.
Forms received after this date will not be effective until the October 2023 payout.

Discontinue Direct Deposits: Tuesday, July 18th 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, July 18th at 5:00PM. 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 July 2023 payout. Forms received after this date will not be processed until the first week of August 2023.

Tax Withholding Changes: Tuesday, July 18th at 5:00 PM. 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

Council Actions Corner

Welcome to the Council Corner. Here you will find a recap of the weekly Council Meeting actions and other important information. During Phase IV of the Return to Work Plan the SRPMIC Council is continuing business by holding Council meetings in-person (adhering to COVID precautions). Regular Sessions and Work Sessions will be available for a delayed viewing at https://www.srpmic-nsn.gov/ click on Tribal Government, Virtual Council Meetings.

March 29, 2023 – Council Meeting Items:

Proposed Revision of Drug and Drug Related Statutes with Recreation and Medical Marijuana Exemptions – Council approved an ordinance amendment to repeal Chapter 6, article VI, section 6-121 and replace it with section 6-121 through section 6-129 of the SRPMIC Code of Ordinances to enact Comprehensive Drug Laws and to allow for possession and use of marijuana for medical and recreational purposes in defined quantities and under defined circumstances, effective May 1, 2023.

Longmore Road Utility Easement – Council approved a resolution to approve a right-of-way application and consent to a grant of easement for a utility easement for the SRPMIC to provide public utility services for the general benefit of the Community and residents on tribal and allotted land along Longmore Road (McDowell Road to McKellips Road).

Limited Liability Easement – Council approved an ordinance to repeal and replace Chapter 24, Article I-VII, of the SRPMIC Limited Liability Act.

Administrative Reports: Department and operational reports and updates were given by the Community Manager, Police Chief, Fire Chief, Vice President, and President. The Community Manager announced Council hired a consulting firm, 21 CP Solution to do a review into the Salt River Police Department. President Harvier reported on his meeting with Senator Mark Kelly regarding PIMC land acquisition effect.

Community Member Comments: 1) Community member commented on the drug regulation statute decision and acknowledged Council for the tough decision they have to make.

Executive Session Items: 2005/2006 Bond LIBOR Transition, Gaming Regulatory Board, Equipment Request, Board application Review (LEC), Office of General Counsel Legal Matters.

March 30, 2023 – Council Work Session:

Budget Guidance – Guidance was provided for the FY2024 budget cycle.

E-Citation Demo – Informational presentation was provided on the E-Citation/E-Warning work flow.

Executive Work Session Items: Employee Morale Survey, CIP Update.

April 5, 2023 – Council Meeting Items:

Special Use Permits (SUP's) – Council approved the SUP's for the following events that will be held in the Red Mountain Preserve Area.

- STES 6th Grade Culture Camp at Red Mountain
- Senior Services Quarterly Meeting

Medifix Contract – Council approved a resolution to approve an agreement between the SRPMIC on behalf of River People Health Center and Medifix, Inc. for certain healthcare supplies, products and services.

Online Radiology Medical Group (OMG) Contract – Council approved a resolution to approve an agreement between the SRPMIC on behalf of the River People Health Center and Online Radiology Medical Group, Inc. for teleradiology services.

Land Partition – Council approved a resolution to authorize the President or the Vice-President to consent on behalf of the SRPMIC to the partition of Salt River allotment 538-D into two parcels for the benefit of the landowner.

Resolution for grant for CDD-EPNR – Council approved a resolution to authorize application for, and receipt and implementation of, grant funding through the United States Fish and Wildlife Services (USFWS).

Administrative Reports: Department and operational reports and updates were given by the Community Manager, Police Chief, Fire Chief, Vice President, and President. The Community Manager reported on the review and assessment of the SRPD by 21 CP Solutions. He also announced the river was open again. Chief Dash introduced the new lateral hires for the Fire Department. Each gave an introduced themselves to Council and Community.

Community Member Comments: 1.) Community member invited Community members to an information session on the initiative for recreational marijuana. 2.) Community member expressed displeasure on the marijuana ordinance process. Also, expressed frustrations with the Special Use Permit (SUP) requirements for the OAK music festival event. Requested Council support to offset costs. Council stated they will discuss.

Executive Session: Opioid Settlement Update, Council Open House, Board Application Review (SR Devco, 12% Committee), City of Tempe, Admin Question, Office of General Counsel Legal Matters (Acquisition, CAP Board Request)

April 6, 2023 – Council Work Session Items:

Enhanced Tribal ID's – A recap on previous discussions in regards to the enhanced Tribal ID's was presented. Acceptable uses were discussed. (Voting, Travel, SSA, tax exemption) Council requested information to be shared at district meetings.

Child Custody Ordinance – Updates to the Child Custody Ordinance were presented. Council asked staff to move forward and present the proposed ordinance at a Council meeting to request a public comment period.

Amendments to Administrative, Policy 1-10 – Amendments were presented to Policy 1-10, Council Section and Appointment of Board Members for consideration. Council asked staff to revise and bring back for Council review.

Executive Work Session Items: Way of Life Facility

April 12, 2023 – Council Meeting Items:

PUBLIC HEARING: 84th Street Phase 2 Right-of-Way (ROW) Easement – A public hearing was held for comments and questions regarding the ROW Easement in allotment, BIA Tract No.649.

PUBLIC HEARING: JSC Motorcars, Conditional Use Permit – A public hearing was held for comments and questions regarding the Mainspring Capital Group Conditional Use Permit to allow an indoor auto/light vehicle sales use in an existing building in the Pima Center.

NCAI Youth Commission Update – Caleb Dash, Co-President NCAI Youth Commission, gave an update on NCAI and the goals of the Youth Commission for Council and Community information.

Enrollment Certification – Council approved the first quarter enrollment figures.

Salt River AutoShow Update and Future Plans – Stacey Gubser, SRAS board member, presented information on the SAS-South snapshot, Expansion concepts, Dealers/Uses, and Next Steps for Council and Community information.

3 Year Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Plan – Council approved a resolution for the continuation of the TANF program and authorizing the Community to share data with the social Security Administration and the Arizona Department of Economic Security to ascertain individual eligibility for TANF.

Child Custody Ordinance – Council approved a child custody ordinance to establish child legal decision-making authority and parenting time. It was noted that prior to this enactment, the Community did not have a custody

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MAY 2023 DISTRICT MEETINGS

MEETING DATE/TIME		LOCATION:
CM Butler District A **Thursday,** **May 25, 2023** **6:00 pm**	• Cultural Greetings (Ske:g taṣ Kamduum) • Additional items to be added • Community Member Comments	**SRPMIC Council Chambers** 10091 E. Osborn Road Scottsdale, AZ 85256
CM Antone District B **Saturday,** **May 20, 2023** **9:00 am**	• Additional items to be added • Community Member Comments	**SR Community Building** 1880 N. Longmore Road Scottsdale, AZ 85256
CM Doka District C **Saturday,** **May 13, 2023** **9:00 am**	• Proposed Amendments to Chapter 10, Child Custody Ordinance • Additional items to be added • Community Member Comments	**SRPMIC Council Chambers** 10091 E. Osborn Road Scottsdale, AZ 85256
CM Grey District D **Thursday,** **May 4, 2023** **6:00 pm**	• Restorative Justice • Re-entry Program • Community Member Comments	**ALA (SRHS) Auditorium** 4827 N. Country Club Road, Scottsdale, AZ 85256
CM Carlos District E - CANCELLED **Thursday,** **May 18, 2023** **6:00 pm**	MAY DISTRICT E MEETING **CANCELLED**	**WOLF, Room 56** 11725 E. Indian School Road Scottsdale, AZ 85256
CM Scabby / CM Dallas Lehi District **Tuesday,** **May 16, 2023** **6:00 pm**	• Additional items to be added • Community Member Comments	**Lehi Community Center** 1231 E. Oak Street Mesa, AZ 85203
CM Scabby / CM Dallas Quarterly Lehi District **Saturday,** **May 13, 2023** **9:00 am**	• Public Works Facility Request Process • Additional items to be added • Community Member Comments	**Evergreen Neighborhood Center** 12275 E. Fairmount Avenue, Scottsdale, AZ 85256

May Council Meetings

Council may enter Executive Session as necessary.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS: May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 — **Wednesdays at 3pm**
REGULAR SESSIONS: May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 — **Wednesdays at 5pm**
WORK SESSIONS: May 4, 11, 18, 25 — **Thursdays at 10am**

Questions? Contact the Council Secretaries Office at (480) 362-7469.

COUNCIL MEMBERS:
Erica Harvier at (480) 362-7466
Elyse Lewis at (480) 362-7469

PRESIDENT HARVIER OR VICE PRESIDENT LEONARD:
Ardell Moore at (480) 362-7465

Council Secretaries Office (480) 362-7469 | https://tinyurl/SRPMICCouncil

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.
-Sun. School, 9:30 a.m.
-Worship Service, 10:45 a.m.
-Sun. Night Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.
-Wed. Devotion Night at church, 6:30 p.m.
-SOAR Group 2nd & 4th Friday every month at the church 7 p.m.
-Mon. night Prayer Meeting, 6 p.m.
-Singspiration, last Sunday of the month at 6 p.m.

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

LEHI PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
1342 E. Oak
Mesa, AZ 85203
Pastor Annette Lewis
annette.f.lewis@gmail.com
(480) 404-3284
SERVICES
-Sunday Services 10 a.m.
-Communion First Sunday of every month 10 a.m.
Birthday Sunday Potluck- Last Sunday of the Month, after services.
-Youth Devotion/Music (bring your instruments!) last 2 Saturdays of the month at 4 p.m.

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

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

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

SALT RIVER CHURCH OF CHRIST
430 N. Dobson Rd.
Mesa, AZ 85201
(720) 626-2171
SaltRiverChurchofChrist.com
SERVICES
-Bible Class 9:30 a.m. -10:30 a.m.
-Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
-Sunday Bible Class 6 p.m.
-Bible Study Wednesdays 7 p.m.
-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.
-Communion first Sunday of the month

ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC MISSION
3090 N. Longmore, Scottsdale, AZ85256
(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.

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

FULL WAKE AND FUNERAL ARE PROVIDED AT FACILITIES

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

CEMETERY SERVICES PROVIDED DURING

- Tent, tables, and chairs provided
- 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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Council Actions Corner

ordinance.

Administrative Reports: Department and operational reports and updates were given by the Community Manager, OCLA Special Assistant, Police Chief, Fire Chief, Vice President. Council approved the recommendation to close the Salt River because of the high flow of the river until April 3, 2023. Warning signs will be posted.

Community Member Comments: 1.) Community Member requested an update on the request presented at the previous Council meeting. Commended the Council for their efforts.

Executive Session Items: 401(k) Plan, Community Group Request, Minor's Trust Account, Board Member Resignation, Board Appointments (12%), Office of General Counsel Legal Matters.

April 13, 2023 – Council Work Session Items:

Work Session cancelled due to visit of Mr. Jaime Harrison, Democratic National Committee Chairman.

April 19, 2023 – Council Meeting Items:

84th Street Phase 2 Right-of-Way Easement – This item was for follow-up from the April 12, 2023 Public Hearing. Council approved a resolution to approve a ROW application and consent to the grant of easement for a road and utility easement on allotted land along 84th street in BIA Tract 649 for the general benefit of the Community and adjacent landowners.

Resolution for Re-assignment of BIA Easement to SRPMIC – Council approved a resolution.

Board Appointment Announcement (12% Committee)– Council announced that two enrolled Community members, Thomas Largo, Sr. and Winter Wood, were appointed to the 12% Gaming Contributions Committee for a three-year term.

Administrative Reports: Department and operational reports and updates were given by the Community Manager, OCLA Special Assistant, Police Chief, Fire Chief, Vice President.

Community Member Comments: None.

Executive Session Items: Gaming Enterprise Monthly Report, CA Members Meeting Update, Administrative Policy 1-10, CDD/PW Construction Yard, Office of General Counsel Legal Matters.

PUBLIC WORKS NOTICE

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

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

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

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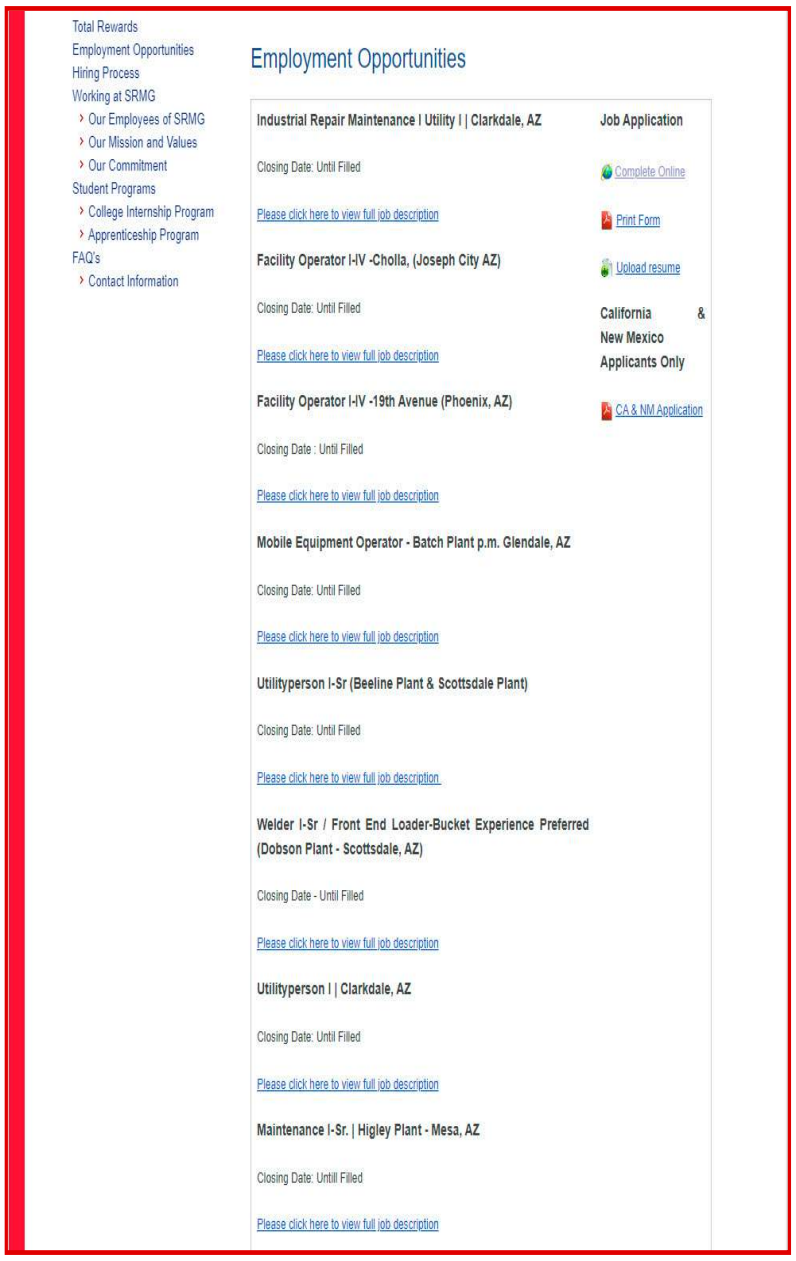

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Calendar of Events

ONGOING

TANF 3-YEAR PLAN PUBLIC COMMENTS OPEN, Salt River Tribal TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) is seeking assistance from the public to provide comments on the proposed TANF 3 Year Plan that will be in effect from June 1, 2023 through May 31, 2026. Please submit comments to Quentin.Begay@SRPMIC-nsn.gov OR WinterElk.Valencia@SRPMIC-nsn.gov. Comments must be submitted by May 27.

MAY

5 WRITING TO HEAL WORKSHOP, 6 p.m. at 10211 E Osborn Rd. Building 15 Trailer. Join the Family Advocacy Center for MMIWG Day as we honor our missing loved ones for an evening of written expression, storytelling, and poetry.

8 WEAR LIME GREEN DAY, Show support for mental health awareness by wearing Lime Green and send a photo to melanie.nosie@srpmic-nsn.gov for a participation gift

9 JOURNEY TO RECOVERY GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY, 9 a.m. West of River People Health Center. RSVP to RSVP_Events@srpmic-nsn.gov. Please RSVP by April 28 at 5 p.m.

9 SRPMIC EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PRESENTATION: STORM PREPAREDNESS, 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. at Lehi Community Center. This presentation will cover ways to plan ahead and be prepared for all manner of emergency weather situations. Evening will include a raffle prize and refreshments for attendees. Interested residents may contact DHHS Housing Services to RSVP at (480) 362-5763

11 SRPMIC IT DEPARTMENT PRESENTATION: INTERNET CONNECTIONS AND SAFETY, 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. at Salt River Senior Center. Community Seniors (55+) are invited to attend basic computer classes for a fun, hands-on learning experience. No prior computer experience is necessary, contact ITCustomerCare@srpmic-nsn.gov for more information.

11 OPEN HOUSE AT HHS CENTRAL INTAKE CENTER, 4 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. at 10241 E Osborn Rd. Featuring information on the many services available, raffles, prizes, building tours, and a free meal for the first 200 attendees. Call 480-362-7350 for more information.

12 ZOOM WEBINAR: COPING WITH GRIEF & LOSS, 9 a.m. - 10 a.m. To register and receive zoom link(s), contact Melanie Nosie, LMSW @ 480-362-6678 or melanie.nosie@srpmic-nsn.gov OR Vurlene Notsinneh-Bowekaty, B. S. @ 480-362-2706 or vurlene.notsinneh-bowekaty@srpmic-nsn.gov

12 SENIOR SERVICES MOTHER'S DAY DINNER DANCE, Doors open at 5:30 p.m. at Salt River Community Building with live music, dinner, and dancing. Call activities line for questions at 480-362-7565

13 CM DOKA, DISTRICT C MEETING, 9 a.m. at SRPMIC Council Chambers, 10091 E. Osborn Rd., Scottsdale, AZ. Topics: Proposed Amendments to Chapter 10 - Child Custody Ordinance, additional items to be added, community member comments. For more information, call Erica Harvier at (480) 362-7466 or Elyse Lewis at (480) 362-7469.

13 QUARTERLY LEHI DISTRICT MEETING CM SCABBY / CM DALLAS, 9 a.m. at Evergreen Neighborhood Center 12275 E. Fairmount Ave., Scottsdale, AZ. Topics: Public Works Facility Request Process, additional items to be added, community member comments. For more information, call Erica Harvier at (480) 362-7466 or Elyse Lewis at (480) 362-7469.

14 MOTHER'S DAY

15 KINDERGARTEN CELEBRATION

16 EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION CENTER PROMOTION CEREMONY

16 CM SCABBY / CM DALLAS LEHI DISTRICT MEETING, 6 p.m. at Lehi Community Center 1231 E. Oak St., Mesa, AZ. Topics: TBD, community member comments. For more information, call Erica Harvier at (480) 362-7466 or Elyse Lewis at (480) 362-7469.

16 PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE LITTLE FIG LIQUOR LICENSE, 10 a.m. at 8840 E. Chaparral Rd., Ste. 165 Scottsdale, AZ 85250. For additional information, contact Stephanie Deel at 480-362-6897

17 "WE WISH YOU WELL" F.A.C.E. CELEBRATION

17 6TH GRADE PROMOTION CEREMONY

18 ZOOM WEBINAR: EMOTIONS & STRESS WHEN CARING FOR AGING PARENTS, 9 a.m. - 10 a.m. To register and receive zoom link(s), contact Melanie Nosie, LMSW @ 480-362-6678 or melanie.nosie@srpmic-nsn.gov OR Vurlene Notsinneh-Bowekaty, B. S. @ 480-362-2706 or vurlene.notsinneh-bowekaty@srpmic-nsn.gov

18 CM CARLOS DISTRICT E MEETING CANCELLED For more information, call Erica Harvier at (480) 362-7466 or Elyse Lewis at (480) 362-7469.

20 CM ANTONE DISTRICT B MEETING, 9 a.m. at SR Community Building 1880 N. Longmore Rd., Scottsdale, AZ. Topics: TBD, community member comments. For more information, call Erica Harvier at (480) 362-7466 or Elyse Lewis at (480) 362-7469.

25 SRPMIC IT DEPARTMENT PRESENTATION: INTERNET CONNECTIONS AND SAFETY, 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. at Lehi Senior Center. Community Seniors (55+) are invited to attend basic computer classes for a fun, hands-on learning experience. No prior computer experience is necessary, contact ITCustomerCare@srpmic-nsn.gov for more information.

25 CM BUTLER DISTRICT A MEETING, 6 p.m. at SRPMIC Council Chambers, 10091 E. Osborn Rd. Scottsdale, AZ. Topics: Cultural Greetings (Ske:g taş. / Kamduum?), additional items to be added, community member comments. For more information, call Erica Harvier at (480) 362-7466 or Elyse Lewis at (480) 362-7469.

26 BUSHMASTER'S RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. at Salt River Community Building hosted by American Legion Post 114 ("The Bushmasters") in advance of Memorial Day Weekend. Contact Troy Truax Jr. at Troy.Truax2@srpmic-nsn.gov or visit redcrossblood.org and use sponsor code: AmericanLegion114

29 MEMORIAL DAY, Tribal offices closed.

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9 JR. MISS SALT RIVER PAGEANT

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13 PATHWAY TO HOMEOWNERSHIP, 5:30 p.m. at the Two Waters Bldg. B-Room B-106. This workshop is an orientation to the SRFSI homeownership program and covers the following topics: Homeownership process, Program requirements, Assessing your personal financial situation and Becoming "Home Loan Ready." To register contact Gracie Briones at (480) 362-7833 or email gracie.briones@srpmic-nsn.gov OR Lori Calderon at (480) 362-5763 or email lori.calderon@srpmic-nsn.gov

22 2023 GRADUATION RECOGNITION EVENT, 6 p.m. at Talking Stick Resort. This event is to recognize all SRPMIC high school and postsecondary graduates from the class of 2023. This includes any graduation from high school, GED, trade school, or college/university occurring from July 2022 through June 2023. Registration must be completed by June 9, contact the Higher Education Program at (480) 362-2547 or GradRecognition@saltriverschools.org