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Youth Services Installs Mural at Prosecutor's Office



Youth Services staff and youth paint a mural at the Prosecutor's Office in July.

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The mural, which celebrates the O'dham and Piipaash ways of life, was designed by Natasha Martinez, youth development specialist/fine arts coordinator for the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community's Youth Services, and was painted with the help of the

kids from the Youth Services programs from July 24 to August 3.

Featured in the mural is a Piipaash basket design behind Lady Justice, and the mural also includes traditional dancers and singers. *Continued on page 3*

A new mural has been installed at the Salt River Justice Center, inside the Prosecutor's Office.

Rianna Tate Celebrates Recent Jiu-Jitsu Wins



A week before the IBJJF, Tate won first place in the Abu Dhabi Combat Club (ADCC) in Tijuana, Mexico, proudly representing the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community. Photos courtesy of Rianna Tate

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Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community member and jiu-jitsu champion Rianna Tate turned 16 in August. The last time O'dham Action News spoke with Tate, she was 12 years old.

Since then, she has about 120 wins under her belt. She still has her mind set on one very specific goal: to become the first full-blooded Native American woman to win the Ultimate Fighting Championship.

On July 8, Tate won gold in the International Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Federation (IBJJF) nationals against *Continued on page 10*

Purple Heart Fun Run/Walk Pays Tribute to Medal Recipients



Veteran's Services, Salt River Royalty, and Community Veterans are joined by Jason Parker of the Arizona Order of the Purple Heart in a coin ceremony at the 2nd Annual Purple Heart Fun Run/Walk.

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In the warm, early morning hours of August 5, the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community hosted the 2nd Annual Purple Heart Fun Run/Walk at the Two Waters complex courtyard. Community members and supporters filled out registration forms and received commemorative shirts in preparation for the walk to pay tribute to the brave military men and women who have selflessly served their nation and have been awarded the Purple

Heart. SRPMIC Veterans Representative Troy Truax welcomed everyone in attendance and introduced Jason Parker of the Arizona Military Order of the Purple Heart, who gave brief remarks explaining how the Purple Heart medal is awarded to soldiers who are wounded in combat. "I'm a Purple Heart recipient from Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003," Parker said. "I earned my Purple Heart getting hit with shrapnel from a hand grenade. Then I came back and *Continued on page 8*

In Memorium Cole J. Rennie SRFD

11/8/1991 - 8/9/2023



On the afternoon of August 9, 2023, while on duty, SRFD Firefighter Cole Rennie experienced an unknown medical event and was transferred to a local hospital, where he was pronounced deceased.

Firefighter Rennie was part of the Recruit Class 22-01 "Super Salty," a class of nine Salt River Fire Department firefighter recruits. This was the largest SRFD class, which included SRPMIC members and individuals from other Native American tribes who graduated from the East Valley Regional Academy.

Memorial services were held on August 14, 2023 for Firefighter Rennie, and he was laid to rest on August 15, 2023 in Chinle, AZ.

The SRPMIC and the SRFD ask the Community to keep Firefighter Rennie's family and loved ones in your thoughts and prayers.

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Public Comments to Proposed Amendment to Section 1-293

On July 26, 2023 the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Council ("Council") authorized a forty-five (45) day public comment period for a proposed amendment to section 1-293 Salt River Community Gaming Enterprises enabling ordinance. Page 14

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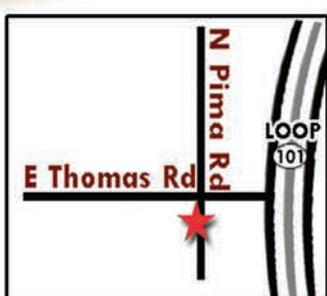
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Left: Natasha Martinez, youth development specialist/fine arts coordinator for the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community's Youth Services paints part of the mural that she designed. Right: Youth painting the bottom right corner of the mural.

“We included Lady Justice because we are painting this mural in the Justice Center and we wanted to incorporate that into the mural. I wanted the kids also to paint something from their culture and their Community. That’s what this whole mural is about: celebrating culture through art,” said Martinez.

Martinez hopes that this mural snowballs into more opportunities from different SRPMIC departments for the kids to come in and paint more murals or display art on their walls.

One of those who helped paint the

mural was Lilah Benally. “I had a good time painting [today]. I’m glad I got to come,” she said.

This is the first mural at the Prosecutor’s Office. The Youth Services Teen Program also recently created a mural, which is located on the side of the VA2 Clubhouse.

This is the first time that Martinez has used acrylic paint on a mural. Because of the location of the mural inside a building, and the employees working there during the hours that the mural was being painted, an acrylic paint

called Liquitex was used.

Martinez has a fine arts degree from the Institute of American Indian Arts in Santa Fe, New Mexico, and has been painting on walls for a little over 23 years. Her paintings and murals have been on display in galleries, buildings, libraries and museums from Seattle to Boston to Atlanta. She is currently a member of an all-Indigenous aerosol art collective called Neoglyphix.

Martinez said that her job allows her to share all of her knowledge and experience with the Community’s next

generation of artists.

“Through singing, dancing and painting pictures, we are keeping the stories of our ancestors continuing,” said Martinez.

“When I was younger, I was always told that there was no money, security or future in art, and that I needed to get a job that provided security. I am hoping that the youth in the Community will feel more supported through opportunities like this to pursue art or anything that they really want to do.”



Community Recreational Services
Social Division

2023-2024 AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Registration open to Community and Way of Life Facility members attending Salt River and Noah Webster Elementary Schools (Grades K - 6th).

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COMMUNITY MEMBER MEETING

September 18, 2023 | 6:00 p.m.
Lehi Community Center
1231 E. Oak Street, Mesa, AZ 85203

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Senior Center Update - Seeking Input on Site Location

By Senior Services and ECS staff

Staff from Senior Services and Engineering and Construction Services of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community have been gathering input on a proposed new Senior Center.

ECS, along with Senior Services staff and the members of the focus group, have been presenting updates on the proposed new Senior Center and getting Community-member feedback at District Meetings. The eight seniors serving as members of the focus group are Russell Ray, Lupita Ray, Darlene Rhodes, Ramona Loring, Serena Padilla, Patricia King, Tony Dallas and Alvin Lewis.

A survey requesting input and feedback from Community members age 45 or older living in the Community concluded in April. There were 243 surveys returned, and they provided information to help drive decisions regarding location and size of the new Senior Center, as well as the types of amenities and programs it should offer.

The top 10 activities requested by the survey respondents are:

1. Movie room
2. Breakfast
3. Cultural activities
4. Walking track
5. Outdoor cooking or grill, including outdoor areas for sitting, visiting, eating and gardening
6. Fitness center/exercise



7. Arts and crafts
8. Computer lab/learning center
9. Lunch
10. Massage therapy

The survey results and District Meeting feedback will help guide the next phase of the project, site development and architectural building layout, which will take about a year. Before staff can move into this phase, consensus for a final location of the facility is required. Your feedback regarding the potential location of the new center is welcome at the District Meetings.

Council member Jacob Butler's District A meeting takes place August 24 at 6 p.m. at the SRPMIC Council Chambers.

If you have any questions or want to share comments, please attend a District Meeting, contact any of the focus group members, or contact Angela Zubko at ECS, (480) 362-3191. You may also contact Senior Services at (480) 362-6350.

Şopol E'esbig Maşad "Short Planting Month"

The previous month of July is known as Ju:kiabig Maşad, the Rainy Moon/Month. This is when the summer monsoon storms usually arrive and bless us with rain. This year, however, we only got one or two rainstorms in our area during July. In O'odham, August is known as Şopol E'esbig Maşad, the Short Planting Moon/Month. With the long warm season here, we are able to have two warm weather planting seasons. The first planting is early spring after the last frost. August is the second and shorter season. Actually, warm weather plants can be planted throughout spring and summer. August is kind of the deadline for safely planting warm-weather crops. After August, there's a pretty good chance the weather will turn cool before the warm weather crops make it to maturity. Piipaash speakers simply refer to August as Xly'a Sapxuk, the Eighth Moon/Month.

Şopol E'esbig Maşad is also the time prickly pear fruit is ripe. The prickly pear plant is called i:bhai in O'odham and kalyaap in Piipaash. These words can also be used

when referring to the fruit, but the word 'fruit' can be added in either language if specificity is necessary. Traditionally, prickly pear fruit was eaten raw. It is often said that it should be eaten in small quantities so as not to get the chills.

Today, prickly pear fruit can be used in a variety of ways. It can be used to make a jelly or syrup that can added to a variety of recipes for additional flavor. This fruit is nutritious and has been purported to have a number of health benefits.

With sufficient rain, wolfberries may also be available in August. There are many varieties of wolfberry plants that fruit at different times that range in taste from slightly bitter to sweet. They are akin to the Chinese goji berries sold commercially and are also purported to have many health benefits.



Wild summer spinach can also be found in August. The most obvious is the abundant amaranth that grows along the ditches. The seeds and young leaves of these plants were once an important part of our ancestors' diets. Amaranth seeds are sold in many health food stores today. Purslane is another wild green you may notice growing in your yard or garden. You may also find these commercially available in Mexican grocery stores under the Spanish name, verdolagas. Of course, picking them from the wild is the most cost efficient option, but avoid picking from places that may be polluted by vehicle exhaust and pesticide use (e.g., agricultural ditches next to the road).

Cultural information for Şopol E'esbig Maşad and other months can be found at the SRPMIC Cultural Resources Department website - scan the QR code below. You will also find audio links to help you pronounce the names of the months in O'odham.



LIVING LANGUAGES SERIES NEW WORDS with Kelly & Luis

At the end of 2022 we launched a new animated video series titled Living Languages - New Words. This series explores the different processes our ancestors used to create new words in O'odham and Piipaash. These same processes are still used today and are helpful in keeping the O'odham and Piipaash languages alive and thriving.

You can watch our latest episode, Episode 8: Semantic Shifts here:



Piipaash Word Search Answers

NOTE: There was a misprint for iishaaly kthxaav. There is only one 'i' when there should be two.

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The Day The Rez Stood Still

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It was July 29. The Day The Rez Stood Still. Out from the murky, sweltering fog appeared the spine-chilling market of strangeness and horror at the Salt River Community Building.

A group of Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community members called The Woodenhead Collective organized the event, to which more than 500 souls escaped for an afternoon.

"The event went a lot better than we expected. We had a suspicion there was a large horror/Halloween fan base in Salt River. We were right!" said The Salt River Buzzsaw (Dushane Manuel), event organizer and Collective founder.

The Collective also includes media team leader Spike the Warlord (Seneca Silverhorn), event coordinator Lady Ray, art department Professor Possessor (Dwayne Manuel), and social media coordinator and master of ceremonies Bigg D. Evol (Dominic Martinez).

Many horror- and oddity-themed art and food vendors set up shop, including Community member-run booths FatDogz Foods, RezyStreet-Foods, Dank Drank, Everything Kool-Aid, Zazas Candy Core and Dwayne Manuel Studios.

The first 50 souls who attended received a gruesome gift bag full of candy, fake spiders and bugs, along with a printed poster of both The Day The Rez Stood Still flyers.

Some attendees participated in the event by wearing costumes such as creepy clowns, WWE characters, "Ghostbusters" ghosts, homemade macabre face masks, and more.

The event also offered hourly prize raffles and opportunities for attendees to test their horror trivia knowledge.

"We would like to thank everyone that came and had some fun and everyone that helped us. Scare ya later!" said The Salt River Buzzsaw.

You can follow the Woodenhead Collective on Facebook, Instagram and Tik Tok for videos, pics and projects.



Above: The Salt River Buzzsaw (Dushane Manuel) welcomes you to The Day the Rez Stood Still at the Salt River Community Building.



Left: Vendors sell crafts and other items at The Day The Rez Stood Still

Below: SRPMIC member-owned business Everything Koolaid sold items off their menu at the event.



All Salt River Schools students, staff, and families, as well as all Community members, are invited to attend the upcoming Community Forum on September 12 at the Accelerated Learning Academy. Leaders from all Salt River Schools sites and programs will showcase their departments, highlight important dates, and answer questions. A light meal will be served while supplies last.

Tuesday, Sept. 12
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SALT RIVER WOMAN SENTENCED TO 15 YEARS FOR FENTANYL OVERDOSE DEATH OF HER BABY

PHOENIX, Ariz.— Sarah Caitlin Burnette, 23, of the Salt River-Pima Maricopa Indian Community, was sentenced on June 12, 2023, by United States District Judge Steven P. Logan to 180 months in prison. Burnette previously pleaded guilty to Voluntary Manslaughter.

On February 27, 2021, Burnette's 18-month-old baby boy died of acute fentanyl toxicity after ingesting the drug. On October 19, 2021, Burnette was charged with murder and child abuse for the fentanyl overdose death of her son, and exposing another child to the same risk of death by fentanyl overdose.

The Salt River Police Department and FBI jointly conducted the investigation in this case. Assistant U.S. Attorney Jennifer E. LaGrange and Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Alane Breland, District of Arizona, Phoenix, handled the prosecution. SAUSA Breland is also the Chief Prosecutor for the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community.



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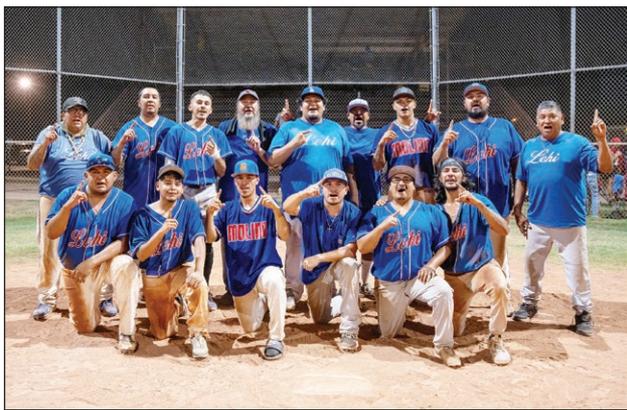
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Love,
Grandma Jonell & Family

59th Annual SRPMIC All-Indian Baseball Tournament



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On July 27, 28 and 29, more than 400 people endured the Valley's record-breaking summer heat to show their support and watch 16 teams compete with a high level of talent in the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community's 59th Annual Men's All-Indian Baseball Tournament at the Salt River, Lehi and Accelerated Learning Academy baseball fields.

Brackets and highlight photos were posted on the Salt River Community Recreational Services social media pages throughout the tournament.

For many Community members, participating in this tournament is a long-standing tradition.

"Grandparents, dads, sons, nephews and cousins—they all have a memory to share of when they played or watched someone play [when they were] growing up," said CRS Athletics Program director David Willis. "You can see many past players in the stands talking about the last time they took the field and how great it is to see the game still being played by family members."

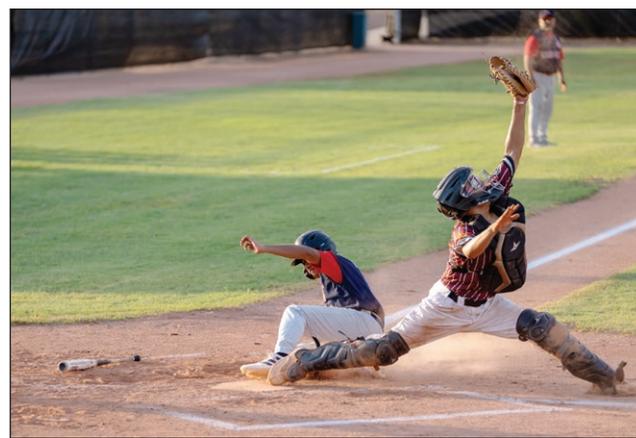
Two of the teams in the tournament were from the Community: the Desert Dingers and Lehi Raiders.

The Lehi Raiders defeated the Lechee Lizards 7-5 in the third-place game. From there, they went on to win a close championship game vs. the Guadalupe Yaquis with a score of 5-4.

For the Lehi Raiders, this is their first time winning the tournament since 1996.

"Recreation appreciates everyone who came out to support [the tournament]. Special thanks to the SRPMIC Council, Public Works, Accelerated Learning Academy and the Salt River Police Department," said Willis.

Photos courtesy of Kasey Kauakahi, Community Recreational Senior Multimedia Specialist



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got involved with the [Military Order of the Purple Heart], which has been really helping me with the transition back to civilian life.”

He added that the members of the Arizona Military Order of the Purple Heart are grateful for what the Community has done to acknowledge Purple Heart recipients.

“We’re here today to celebrate the three elements which bring us all together, which are bravery, resilience and unity,” Parker said. He followed the introduction with a moment of silence before returning the microphone to Truax.

Truax then described the significance of Purple Heart Day, which is August 7, and highlighted the signs posted throughout the Community which serve as a reminder of this facet of Salt River’s identity.

Members of the Salt River Royalty were then introduced, and they emphasized the importance of staying hydrated before reading the names of Community members who have received a Purple Heart (see list). In attendance was one of those names, Cameron Grey Sr.

Then it was time to start the 1.5-mile run/walk. At the starting line, Kevin Riding-In led the crowd in a series of warm-up stretches.

As the last of the participants, some of whom went for a second lap, returned to the courtyard, they refueled with fruit and electrolytes thanks to a supply of H3O fitness beverages provided by Kevin Dalton of Good Life Nutrition.

The event saw an impressive turnout of approximately 125 attendees, with some participants traveling all the way from Tucson.

As a final thank-you, Parker presented commemorative Purple Heart Supporter Coins to the Veteran’s Services Team, Kevin Riding-In, the Salt River Court, and the two

runners who finished first, Melissa Jackson and Patrick Shaw.

Opportunities to connect to community like this help bridge the gap between civilians and veterans, which in turn helps foster understanding of what it means to be a Purple Heart Community and how to continue honoring that designation. The event also provided a platform for veterans to connect, share their experiences and form bonds that can aid in their journey through life after returning from conflict.

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Salt River Rising Theme For This School Year

BY TATÉ WALKER

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Back-to-school season is here and Salt River Schools students had their first day on July 31. Superintendent/Director of Education Dr. Melody Herne said the first week of school was a success and is excited for the new school year.

“We have a lot of great things happening,” Herne said. “You may see a lot of new faces this year, and I am so excited about that, because it means we’ll be able to offer more services to students and families.”

The theme uniting staff and students this year is “Salt River Rising,” which recognizes that the goal of Salt River Schools is to increase academic achievement for students, empower families with learning opportunities and resources, and uplift education staff with powerful professional development and support. What does this look like day-to-day? Salt River Schools strives to ensure its services are always focused on student achievement, safety, and wellness for an exceptional school experience.

With safety in mind, Daniel Brown, the School Resource Officer for Salt River Schools, reminded drivers to be aware of students heading back to school in the Community and elsewhere. Brown is with the Salt River Police Department and has been a school resource officer for nine years.

He had five tips for navigating back-to-school traffic:

- * Vehicles must slow down in school zones, which have a speed limit of 15mph.
- * Pedestrians should use marked crosswalks to cross the street.

- * Vehicles must stop when a school bus extends its stop arm to pick up/drop off students.
- * Watch for pedestrians and bicycles when driving, especially when turning.
- * Follow your school’s drop-off/pick-up rules.
 - Do not park in designated handicapped parking spots to drop-off/pick-up students.

Brown said the SRPD conducted extra patrols in and around Salt River Schools and throughout the Community during the first week of school to ensure the safety of students and others in the area. SRPD also set up traffic signs near the schools to encourage safe driving.

There are many upcoming events happening across Salt River Schools, which includes the Early Childhood Education Center, Salt River Elementary School, and the Accelerated Learning Academy. Many departments and programs are also housed under Salt River Schools, including the Salt River Higher Education program, ABE/GED services, Child Find, NYCP Literacy for All, STEP Up Tutoring, and School and Community Relations, among others. Find out more about these programs and the events/activities they offer by visiting www.SaltRiverSchools.org or call 480-362-2500.

“We look forward to seeing you at our events this year,” Herne said. “Our events highlight both the academic focus and cultural connections prioritized at Salt River Schools.”

All Salt River Schools students, staff, and families, as well as all Community members, are invited to attend the upcoming Community Forum on Tuesday, Sept. 12, from 5:30-7:30 p.m.



Salt River Elementary School teacher Dawn Meyers sends students off from every music and movement lesson by having them do self-affirmations in a mirror. This is part of the school’s commitment to the health and wellness of every student and is an important part of a child’s emotional development.

at the Accelerated Learning Academy Lecture Hall. Leaders from all Salt River Schools sites and programs will showcase their departments, highlight important dates, and answer questions. A light meal will be served while supplies last.

R: Salt River Elementary School students in Dawn Meyers’ music and movement class work with balloons for hand-eye coordination. The lesson was also used to introduce students to the school year theme, Salt River Rising, which is meant to encourage academic and emotional growth in and out of the classroom.



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Rianna Tate Celebrates Recent Jiu-Jitsu Wins



A week before the IBJJF, Tate won first place in the Abu Dhabi Combat Club (ADCC) in Tijuana, Mexico, proudly representing the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community.

opponents who were much bigger.

A week before that, Tate won the Jiu Jitsu World League (for the second time) in Tijuana, Mexico, and won first place against adults who are higher ranked in the Abu Dhabi Combat Club (ADCC), which, Tate said, is kind of like “the Olympics of grappling.”

“When I first saw my brackets, I was pretty nervous just because [my opponents] were much bigger. I played a different game than I normally do,” said Tate. “What I did was nothing but my stand up wrestling with takedowns and getting to their backs so I can go for a choke. That’s my strategy of getting a hold of the bigger and taller girls.”

Tate said that her style is nothing but wrestling. She will use her jiu-jitsu on the ground, but when she’s standing up she likes to use Greco-Roman wrestling and freestyle.

One of her biggest accomplishments, she said, is recently placing third against a UFC fighter.

“I was able to hang in there with her and give her a hard time,” said Tate.

In some tournaments, Tate is considered a juvenile, she said. In the ADCC, she can fight as an adult against adults.

Every week or two, Tate stays fresh by participating in matches that take her to places like California, Texas, Georgia, and Mexico.

Tate trains out of 12th Street Jiu-Jitsu under Jose Munoz and Adrian Nez (Diné), who she says is one of the best Native grapplers right now.

“I’m blessed to have [Nez] by my side as I’m going through my jiu-jitsu career,” said Tate.

Tate’s father and coach, MMA fighter Joe “Tomahawk” Tate, initially encouraged Rianna to start a healthy lifestyle after she came close to being diagnosed with diabetes. Jiu-jitsu was a way for her stay active and to get her body to a healthier place.

Since about 2020, Tate’s family has battled its own health issues involving



Rianna Tate wins gold at the 2023 American National IBJJF (International Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Federation Jiu-Jitsu Championship) in July.

the COVID-19 pandemic, with Tate losing her grandmother and “Popa” to the virus.

Joe Tate was also affected by the virus, leaving him on a ventilator and being hit with diverticulitis for four months. He is now dealing with “long COVID,” which he said has left him disabled.

“Rianna has been taking care of me since my strength was lost,” Tate said. “She helped lead me and guide me.”

As she takes care of her family and

competes, Tate is also looking forward to mixed martial arts (MMA) competitions in a couple years as an adult in the Asia-based ONE Championship, before competing in the UFC.

“I want to be a role model to the younger Native youths,” said Tate. “It’s a big blessing to go out there and show what I do as an O’odham female, and I think about my ancestors and my family members [when I’m] out on the mat.”

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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.

June 21, 2023 – Council Meeting Items:

Miss Salt River and Jr. Miss Court Introductions — The new 2023-2024 Miss and Jr. Miss were introduced. Kennise McGertt, Miss Salt River, Jizelle Juan, Jr. Miss Salt River, Patricia Woody, 1st Attendant to Jr. Miss Salt River.

Hoover Benefit Credit Agreement — Council approved a resolution for a benefit-crediting agreement with the Salt River Project Agricultural Improvement and Power District and the U.S. Department of Energy, acting through the Western Area Power Administration.

2023-2027 Tribal Transportation Improvement Program (TTIP) — Council approved a resolution to approve the SRPMIC's 2023-2027 Tribal Transportation Improvement Program.

Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) — Council approved a resolution to approve the 2023 amendment to the 2019 SRPMIC LRTP which includes the Tribal Transportation System inventory showing roads by ownership, construction need, and road classification; updated priority projects; and a description of the priority projects.

MOU with Maricopa County for Securing the Cities Program (STC) — Council approved a resolution to approve a memorandum of understanding between the SRPMIC and Maricopa County for active participation and cooperation in the securing the cities program.

Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS) Local Board Recommendation of Appointment — Council reappointed Fire Fighter Kevin Langolf and Police Officer Jared Kosina for a two year term on the PSPRS Local Board.

Administrative Reports — Department and operational reports and updates were given by the Community Manager, Police Chief, Fire Chief, Vice President, and President. Council scheduled the next CMO meeting at Lehi Community Building on September 18, 2023.

Community Member Comments — 1) Community member commented on the Memorial Day events at Lehi, thanked Chief Daryl Dash for his years of committed service, commented that district meetings should not be scheduled on Saturdays.

Executive Session Items — Gaming Enterprise Monthly Report, CM Request, Sports Sponsorship Request, Development Proposal, Appellate Justices, Office of General Counsel Legal Matters.

June 22, 2023 – Council Work Session:

No Work Session. Council offsite for retirement of SRFD Chief Dash.

June 28, 2023 – Council Meeting Items:

Introduction of Executive Principal of Intergovernmental Affairs, Salt River Project — Gwen Salt, introduced herself to the Council and Community.

Boys & Girls Club Youth of the

Year — Angela DiCiccio, Branch Supervisor, introduced Marie Washington, Red Mountain Branch Youth of the Year and Rose Casias, Lehi branch Youth of the Year. Both shared how the Boys & Girls Club plays an important part in their lives and young members of SRPMIC.

Proposed Code Amendments for Special Tribal Criminal Jurisdiction — Council approved a 60 day public comment period on the proposed code amendments.

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

Community Member Comments — 1.) Community member expressed concerns of recent house fire and requested more Community communication. 2) Community member expressed concern regarding recent house fire and safety concerns. 3.) Community member expressed concern regarding recent house fire, asked why police/fire did not take immediate action to stop the fire. 4.) Community member suggested more Community communication regarding events in SRPMIC, commented on lack of transparency, and commented on Council discussion and actions in executive sessions. 5.) Community member voiced concerns of no SRFD or First Aid areas at Community events. 6.) Community member requested alternate event dates and time for the Senior Center to host activities out of respect for dialysis patients. 7.) Community member commented on the recent house fire. Commented on police concerns and mental health issues in SRPMIC.

Executive Session — Presiding Judge, Gaming Board Quarterly Update, AZ Advisory Council for Indian Health Care, OGC Legal Matters (CAP Memo).

June 29, 2023 – Council Work Session Items:

Executive Session Work Session Items — Moss Adams, Community Member Issue, Casino Arizona Update.

July 5, 2023 – Council Meeting Items:

SRMG Board Announcement — Council announced the following have been appointed by Council to serve on the Salt River Materials Group (SRMG) Board, Margaret Rodriguez, two (2) year term as a Community Member from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2025; Joseph Garza, three (3) year term as a Community Member from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2026; Ivan Makil, three (3) year term as a Professional from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2026 and Gary Nielson, two (2) year term as a Professional from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2025.

Agriculture Board — Council announced CM Butler has been nominated to apply for the Agricultural Board with the United States Department of Agriculture.

Resolution for Community's Tribal Trust Account Officials — Council approved a resolution to authorize certain officials of the SRPMIC to initiate disbursements, provide investment instruction and receive information on the Community's Tribal Trust Accounts held with the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Administrative Reports — Department and operational reports and updates were given by the Community Manager, OCLA Special Assistant, Police Chief, Fire Chief, Vice President. Acting SRFD Fire Chief made a recommendation to Council to implement a stage one fire restriction per Tonto National Forest. Council gave consensus

to implement.

Community Member Comments — None.

Executive Session Items — Personnel Issue, Bond Update, Health Benefit Premiums, Gaming Ordinance, Board Appointment (SRCCF), Strategy O, Filming Request, Office of General Counsel Legal Matters.

July 6, 2023 – Council Work Session Items:

No Work Session.

July 12, 2023 – Council Meeting Items:

Introduction of Bureau of Indian Affairs, Western Region Director and Pima Agency Superintendent — Gary Bohnee of the Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs (OCLA) introduced Jessie Durham, new BIA Western Region Director, and Rachel Larson, new BIA Pima Agency Superintendent.

Certification of Enrollment — Council approved the second quarter enrollment figures of 2023, Quarter Ending June 30, 2023 with a total of per capita certified members of 11,066.

Stage 1 Fire Restrictions — Fire Marshall Zamboni presented the Stage One Fire Restrictions for the Red Mountain area within SRPMIC due to the excessive heat and dryness of the area.

OVW FY2023 Special Tribal Criminal Jurisdiction Grant Program — Council approved a resolution to authorize application for, and receipt and implementation of grant funding through the USDOJ, Office on Violence Against Women (OVW), fiscal year 2023 Special Tribal Criminal Jurisdiction Grant Program.

AZ Trauma Informed Substance Abuse Prevention Program (TISAPP) — Council approved a resolution to authorize application for, and receipt and implementation of, grant funding through the Governor's Office of Youth, Faith, and Family Arizona Trauma-Informed Substance Abuse Prevention Program.

Salt River Community's Children Foundation (SRCCF) Board Appointment Announcement — Council announced Angelica Valadez has been appointed to fill the expired term on the Children's Foundation Board for a three-year term, effective July 5, 2023.

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 a burial request for a non-enrolled member for use of Memorial Hall only. Community Manager reported the Community will be partnering with the BIA Wild Land Fire to begin clearing dry brush, trimming weeds and trees at the river with a tentative start date of July 17, 2023. Acting SRFD Chief, Tsosie Wood, introduced himself to Council and Community. President Harvier reported on attending the event at Gila River with US Vice President Kamala Harris.

Community Member Comments — 1.) Community member commented the information regarding wood permits should be publicized to the Community. Also requested an update on the house that burned down. Council informed that the information will be given to the homeowner. Community member also voice concerns regarding the hiring process at Human Resources and lack of communication given to applicants.

Executive Session — Ordinance Amendments Review, Door-to-Door Solicitation, Strategy Updates, Board Application Review (LMB), Office of

General Counsel Legal Matters.

July 13, 2023 – Council Work Session Items:

Homesite Compliance — Information on codes/regulations, Homesite lease, compliance efforts, and ordinance suggestions.

Executive Session — Community Archaeology

July 19, 2023 – Council Meeting Items:

Young River People's Council (YRPC) Report — Informational report on the YRPC events and activities was given.

Probate Ordinance — Council approved a resolution to approve an amended SRPMIC probate ordinance to provide guidance to the Office of Hearings and Appeals at the Department of the Interior regarding the adjudication of trust land and assets.

Intergovernmental Fund Transfer Agreement for CMAQ Funded Projects — Council approved a resolution to accept the agreement to design and construct projects on public roads within the boundaries of the Community using federal congestion mitigation and air quality funds pursuant to the surface transportation reauthorization act of 2021 (STRA-21).

Judicial Conduct and Discipline Commission (JCDC) Ordinance Amendments — Council approved an ordinance to amend the JCDC to authorize the commission to also have jurisdiction over attorney and advocate discipline for practice before the SRPMIC Court.

Ordinance Amendments to Section 4-92, Advisory Opinions — Council approved a 30 day comment period on the ordinance to amend the scope of advisory opinions issued from the court of appeals of the SRPMIC.

Administrative Reports — Reports were given by the Community Manager, OCLA Special Assistant, Police Chief, Fire Chief, Vice President.

Community Member Comments — Community member asked about cooling stations and expressed desire to participate in 21CP discussions.

Executive Session Items — Event Wagering, Gaming Enterprise Monthly Report, McKellips Corridor Development, Office of General Counsel Legal Matters.

July 20, 2023 – Council Work Session Items:

Election Board — Information on the proposed Constitutional amendments to the Election process.

Fire Station Update — Status update on the proposed new Fire Station.

Housing Update — Status update on the proposed and completed housing projects.

McDowell Road Speed Mitigation — Information on speed mitigation options for McDowell Road (Lehi area).

July 26, 2023 – Council Meeting Items:

Public Hearing: Dark Fiber – Phase 2 Right-of-Way Easement — Information presented for Community member comment and questions. Resolution scheduled to be presented at the August 9, 2023 Council meeting.

Salt River Community Gaming Enterprise (SRCGE) Amendments to Enabling Ordinance and By-Laws — Council approved a 45 day comment period.

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Council Actions Corner

Board Appointments Announcement (MSRC) — Tabled to future agenda.

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 — A Community member requested follow-up on a question he previously asked regarding a referendum.

Executive Session Items — SRMG Update, Gaming Update, Unclaimed Personal Property Ordinance Amendment, Board Appointments (MSRC), Office of General Counsel Legal Matters.

July 27, 2023 – Council Work Session Items:

Strategy A Update (Food Storage/ Preparedness) — Information and status update.

Strategy B Update (Community Farming) — Information and status update.

Strategy C Update (State of the Community) — Information and status update.

Strategy D Update (Improve Communication to Members) — Information and status update.

Strategy F Update (Communicate Government Services to Members) — Information and status update.

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September 30, 2023

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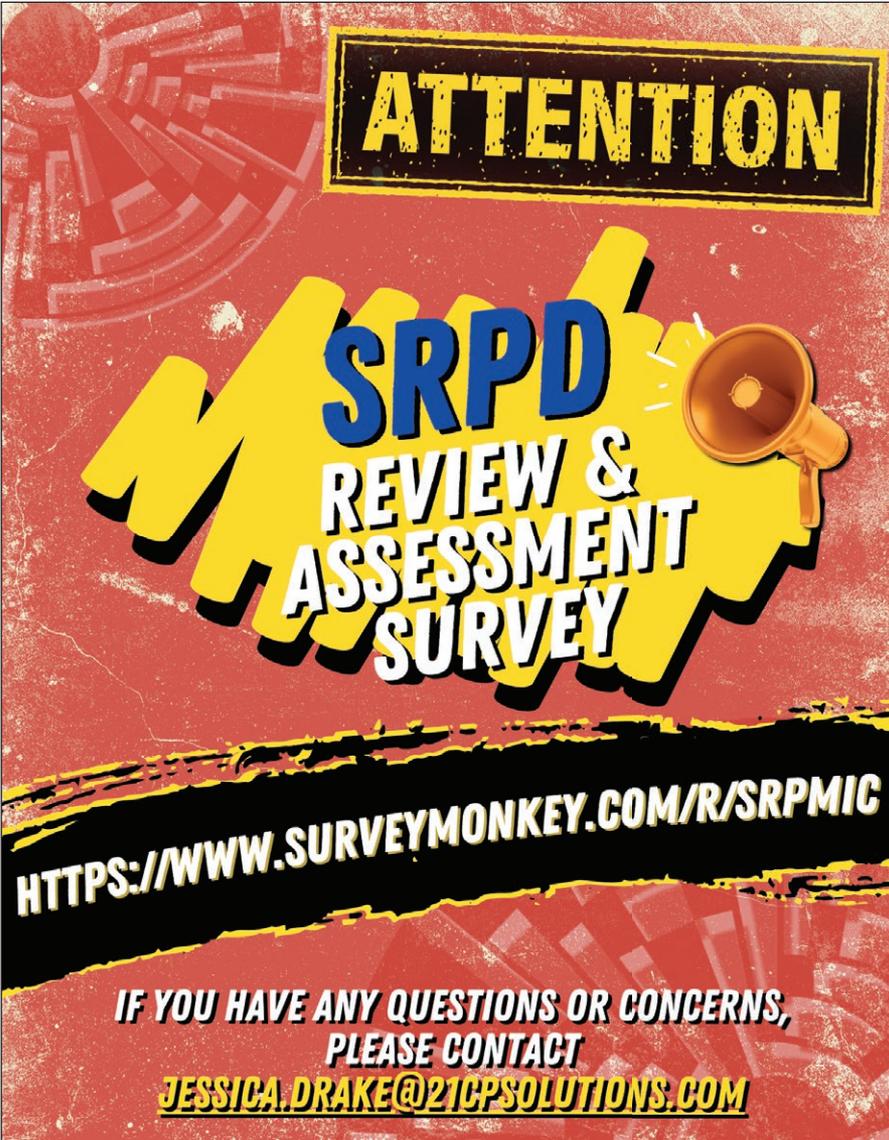
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Andrews, Dracy – Disposition Hearing Case: J-23-0040/J-23-0041/J-23-0042 Court Date: September 6, 2023 at 1:30 p.m.

Antone, James Sheldon – Evidentiary Paternity Hearing and Adjudication Hearing Mother: Brittany Spex (DOB: 03/08/2000) Minor: A.W.S. (DOB: 10/24/2022) Case: J-23-0033 Court Date: September 14, 2023 at 11 a.m. Courtroom #3.

Becerra, Oscar Garcia - Review Hearing Case: J-15-0043 Court Date: August 31, 2023 at 9 a.m.

Burns, Christine – Permanency Hearing Case: J-21-0055 Court Date: September 6, 2023 at 11 a.m. Courtroom #3

Curtis, Lila Star - Review Hearing Case: J-20-0100/0101/J-21-0031 Court Date: September 5, 2023 at 11 a.m.

Doe, John – Initial Guardianship Hearing Case: JV-23-3008 Minor: S.B.: 02/22/2016, Mother: Amber Leigh Elena Baptisto Court Date: August 24, 2023 at 11 a.m.

Doe, Manuel - Review Hearing Case: J-18-0044 Court Date: August 23, 2023 at 10 a.m.

Hayes Jr., Kelly – Review/ Permanency Hearings Case: J-22-0091 Court Date: August 28, 2023 at 1:30 p.m.

Gutierrez, Nicholas – Mother: Dracy Andrews (DOB: 07/07/1993) Children E.J.G.A. (01/04/2023), A.V.G.A.(01/17/2014), R.E.A. (01/01/2017). Evidentiary Paternity Hearing and Adjudication Hearing:

J-23-0040/J-23-0041/J-23-0042 Court Date: September 6, 2023 at 1:30 PM

Kavoka, Jessica Ann - Status for Termination of Parental-Child Relationship Hearing Case: J-22-0128/J-22-0129 Court Date: August 24, 2023 at 11 a.m.

Losey, Devyn Robert – Permanency/ Exceptional Care hearings Case: J-23-0056 Court Date: September 25, 2023 at 10 a.m.

Manuel, Ashlee Noreen - Review Hearing Case: J-22-0118/J-22-0119/J-22-0120 Court Date: September 6, 2023 at 9 a.m.

Manuel, Ian Joshua - Review Hearing Case: J-20-0100/0101/J-21-0031 Court Date: September 5, 2023 at 11 a.m.

Percy, Garrett Cecil – Review/ Permanency Hearings Case: J-22-0030/0031 Court Date: September 7, 2023 at 10 a.m.

Romo, Emmaleigh Rose – Permanency/Exceptional Care hearings Case: J-23-0056 Court Date: September 25, 2023 at 10 a.m.

Salazar Jr, Jose - Mother: Jessica Kavoka (DOB: 10/11/1990) Children: M.A.S. (DOB: 05/12/2007) and J.B.S. III (DOB: 08/05/2008). Status Hearing for Termination of Parental-Child Relationship Hearing Case: J-22-0128/J-22-0129 Court Date: August 24, 2023 at 11 a.m.

Santo, Carmelita Iris - Review Hearing Case: J-15-0043 Court Date: August 31, 2023 at 9 a.m.

Spex, Brittany Arless – Evidentiary Paternity/Review Hearings Case: J-23-0033 Court Date: September 14, 2023 at 11 a.m. Courtroom #3.

Swan, Dajuan Anthony - Mother: Sabrina Sampson Merino 11/07/1989 Child: D.M 08/29/2022 Review Hearing Case: J-22-0150 Court Date: September 7, 2023 at 9 a.m.

Valles Sr., Robert Anthony - Review Hearing Case: J-15-0174 Court

Date: September 11, 2023 at 10 a.m.

Wahpeta, April – Disposition Hearing Case: J-23-0027/0028/0029 Court Date: August 29, 2023 at 10 a.m.

Wellington Sr., Spencer - Permanency Hearing Case: J-21-0055 Court Date: September 6, 2023 at 11 a.m.

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CONTACT: (480) 362-6315 CIVIL COURT CASES REPORT TO COURTROOM #1/ #2 ON THE 1ST FLOOR.

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Clapp, Monica - Probate Hearing Case: P-23-0009 Court Date: August 21, 2023 9 AM

Eatmon, Riheam Nikell Jordan - Default Judgement Hearing Case: C-23-0030 Court Date: September 20, 2023 at 9:30 AM

Jauregui, Alicia Sandra- Child Support Modification Hearing: CFCS-23-0021 Court Date: September 12th 2023 9:30AM

Legarde, Jacqueline - Order to Show Cause Hearing Case: D-19-0023 Court Date: September 11, 2023 at 10 AM

Martinez, Ambria Jean - Probate Hearing Case: P-23-0009 Court Date: August 21, 2023 9 AM

Martinez, Donna - Evidentiary Hearing Case: CFCS-21-0045 Court Date: September 7, 2023 at 9 AM

Standing Elk, Nicole - Evidentiary Child Support Hearing Case: CFCS-23-0018 Court Date: August 21, 2023 at 10 a.m.

Thompson, Franzia Kaye - Initial Paternity Hearing Case: CF-23-0090 Court Date: September 19, 2023 at 9:30 AM

DEFAULT NOTICES

LEGARDE, JACQUELINE ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE NOTIICE D-19-0023 MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ V. JACQUELINE LEGARDE

TO: Jacqueline Legarde,

YOU ARE HEREBY ORDERED to appear before the above-entitled court on the 11th day of September 2023 at 10:00 AM, in Court Room #2, and show cause why you should not be held in contempt for Failing to comply with the order of parenting time.

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 25th day of July 2023.

JUDGE ANTHONY LITTLE, SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY TRIBAL COURT

EATMON, RIHEAM NIKELL JORDAN DEFAULT NOTICE C-23-0030 COUNTRY CLUB CARS V.

TO: Riheam Nikell Jordan Eatmon, RESPONDENT

1. A Complaint / Petition has been filed against you in this Court and your immediate attention to this fact is urgent if you do not want judgment entered against you.
2. The Court record reflects that you have failed to respond to defend by filing an answer, motion to dismiss, request for extension of time or other responsive pleading and you have failed to attend hearings at the Court called for this matter.
3. If you do not defend against this suit within Thirty (30) days from the date the Process Server hands you this or you are served with it otherwise as permitted under the Community Code, the Court may enter default judgment against you.
4. A default judgment may have serious, adverse, and irreversible consequences against you.
5. If you want to defend against the claim and avoid default judgment entered against you, you must file a written answer, motion to dismiss or other responsive pleading within thirty (30) days from when you are served with this Notice. The Court will not extend time for your response and you must make your response in writing, no oral responses will be accepted
6. If you do nothing, the Court may give Judgment for what the Complaint demands. (Section 5-16.1,

Judgment by Default)

DATED this 25th of May, 2023

CLERK OF SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY TRIBAL COURT

UNKNOWN FATHER SUMMONS JV-23-3010 I.T.M.O.: J.H. (12/13/2007)

TO: Unknown Father

A Dependency Petition has been filed in this Court alleging that you neglected or abused a child or that the child is otherwise a dependent child.

THEREFORE YOU ARE ORDERED to APPEAR for an Adjudication Hearing and respond to the allegations in the Petition before the Salt River Juvenile Court on September 14, 2023, at 1:00 PM, in Court Room #3.

WARNING: Failure to attend any hearing without good cause shown may result in a finding that you have waived your legal rights to be present and defend against the allegation(s) in the petition. The hearing may go forward without you and may result in a finding of dependency, and the Court could make permanent orders by motion. Further, failure to appear at Court hearings or to participate in services may result in the termination of your parental rights or the establishment of a permanent guardianship. Failure to appear at any Court hearing after receiving notice of the hearing may result in a bench warrant being issued for parent's/guardian's/custodian's immediate arrest.

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

COURT CLERK –SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT

Public Comments to Proposed Amendment to Section 1-293

45-Day Public Comment Period July 26, 2023 – September 11, 2023

On July 26, 2023 the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Council (“Council”) authorized a forty-five (45) day public comment period for a proposed amendment to section 1-293 Salt River Community Gaming Enterprises enabling ordinance. The purpose of the amendment is summarized below:

* Section 1-293(f)(7) requires the enterprise to have effective employment policies for

- preference to Community Members in hiring, promotion and training
- Indian preference.

* The enterprise already has such policies in effect, but codifying this requirement strengthens the duty

* Section 1-293(i)

- Reduces board size from ten to nine members
- Authorizes the CEO of the gaming enterprise as a voting member of the board
- Reduces the number of Community members on the board from seven to six (including two council members)
- Maintains two professional members on the board (can be Community members or not)

Please submit all comments in writing either to the Community’s intranet “Ordinance Public Comment” page, or via standard mail or email to the following:

Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
The Office of General Counsel
10005 East Osborn Road Scottsdale, Arizona 85256
OrdPublicComment@srrpmic-nsn.gov

SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY

10005 East Osborn Road

Scottsdale, Arizona 85256

ORDINANCE NUMBER: SRO-____-2023

AN AMENDMENT TO THE SALT RIVER COMMUNITY GAMING ENTERPRISES GOVERNING ORDINANCE TO REQUIRE COMMUNITY MEMBER AND INDIAN PREFERENCE POLICIES AND REVISE THE COMPOSITION OF MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.

BE IT ENACTED THAT:

Section 1-293(f)(7) and (i) of the Community’s Code of Ordinances is hereby amended and the following modified provision shall be enacted effective immediately:

Sec. 1-293. Established.

Section 1-293(f)(7) shall be amended and read as follows:

(7) To hire, promote and discharge such personnel as may be required to conduct its business. The Gaming Enterprise shall maintain effective policies for giving preference in hiring, promotion, and training to qualified Community members in all levels of employment. Community member and Indian preference policies shall be adopted and implemented by the Gaming Enterprise consistent with Community law and any other applicable law.

Section 1-293(i) shall be amended in its entirety and read as follows:

The general oversight of the operation of the Gaming Enterprise shall be conducted by a board which shall consist of nine voting members who shall be appointed by the Community Council. The qualifications of the board members are as follows:

- (1) The chief executive officer of the Gaming Enterprise.
- (2) Six members shall be enrolled members of the Community, and two shall be members of the Community Council.
- (3) Two members shall have extensive professional or management experience in the gaming, restaurant, hotel, convention center, resort operations, banking, or finance business.

Members of the Community Council who are members of the board and the chief executive officer of the Gaming Enterprise shall serve as members of the board for the time that each such member occupies the office which qualifies such member to serve as a board member. Any board member who is qualified under subsection (i)(2) or (3) of this section shall serve at the pleasure of the Community Council and if not earlier removed by the Community Council shall serve for a term of three years or thereafter until their successors are appointed by the Community Council or if members of the Community Council, until their Council term has expired and their successors elected by the Community Council. Except for the chief executive officer and council representatives, the terms of the board shall be staggered.

C_E_R_T_I_F_I_C_A_T_I_O_N

Pursuant to the authority contained in Article VII, Section 1 (f) of the Constitution of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (as amended), ratified by the Tribe on February 28, 1990, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on March 19, 1990, the foregoing Ordinance was adopted this ____ day of _____, _____, in a duly called meeting of the Community Council at Salt River, Arizona, at which a quorum of ____ members was present, by a vote of ____ for; ____ opposed; ____ abstaining; and ____ excused.

SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Martin Harvier, President

ATTEST:

Erica Harvier, Secretary

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.
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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, 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.

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.



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SALT RIVER COMMUNITY BUILDING
AUGUST 13, 2023 TO SPRING 2024

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Events or activities will not be scheduled in the multipurpose room during this time.

Please contact Public Works Customer Service for availability of other facilities for your private or department events.

Thank you for your understanding.

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-  www.facebook.com/SRPublicWorks
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SALT RIVER PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
 480-362-5600  PWCustomerService@srpmic-nsn.gov

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Two Waters, Building B
Room: B102
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Contact Ileana Ray, WIOA Specialist at: 480-362-3071

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

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 Two Waters, Building B, Room 106

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Calendar of Events

AUGUST

- 18 & 19 NAGI FOUNDATION WELLNESS CLINICS**, Doors open at 8 AM at Community Building Gymnasium, 1880 N. Longmore Rd. This free monthly pet clinic is available for the pets legal owner, aged 18+. Cats must be in their own carrier and dogs must be on a leash. First come, first served. SRPMIC members, residents, and employees are eligible. Tribal ID or proof of residency/employment required. Email info@nagifoundation.org with questions.
- 19 CM ANTONE DISTRICT B MEETING**, 9 AM at SRPMIC Council Chambers. Topics to include Proposed Special Tribal Criminal Jurisdiction Ordinances, additional items to be determined, and community member comments. Please contact Council Secretaries Office at (480) 362-7469 with questions and to confirm meeting schedule.
- 19 SCC**, Classes begin, contact administration at (480) 423-6000 with questions.
- 22 DIABETES AMONG FRIENDS: HEALTHY EATING AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY**, 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM at WOLF Room 247. This 5 week class series invites you each Tuesday to discuss diabetes self management and is open to people with diabetes, caregivers to those with diabetes, community members over 18, and

- Tribal Employees. For more information, contact Karina Watson at (480) 362-3278.
- 23 SENIOR BOOK CLUB**, 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM at WOLF Senior Room. Read new books, make new friends, and get cool prizes! Contact Celinda Joe to register and coordinate transportation if needed at celinda.joe@srpmic-nsn.gov or (480) 876-7180
- 24 ADULT WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT (WIOA) INFORMATION SESSION**, 9 a.m. - 10 a.m. at Two Waters Building B-102. Join the Salt River WIOA Program for an information session on how the program offers support to individuals toward their career goals through education and training. For questions, contact Ileana Ray, WIOA Specialist at 480-362-3071
- 24 COMPUTER CLASSES FOR COMMUNITY SENIORS: MICROSOFT WORD**, 9 AM - 11:30 AM at Lehi Senior Center. Contact SRPMIC-IT Customer Care with questions at (480) 362-7555
- 24 ENABLING BREASTFEEDING EVENT**, 10 AM - 23 PM at WOLF. On-site registration will be available for Breastfeeding Awareness Walk (inside track), Baby Yoga and Baby Crawl (Gym) and infused water and healthy snack session (Room 56). Contact wic@srpmic-nsn.gov with

- questions.
- 24 CM BUTLER DISTRICT A MEETING**, 6 P.M. at SRPMIC Council Chambers. Topics to include New Senior Center, additional items to be determined, and community member comments. Please contact Council Secretaries Office at (480) 362-7469 with questions and to confirm meeting schedule.
- 29 DIABETES AMONG FRIENDS: DIABETES WELLNESS**, 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM at WOLF Room 247. This 5 week class series invites you each Tuesday to discuss diabetes self management and is open to people with diabetes, caregivers to those with diabetes, community members over 18, and Tribal Employees. For more information, contact Karina Watson at (480) 362-3278.
- 30 BREASTFEEDING IN THE WORKPLACE**, 12 PM - 1 PM. Informational zoom session with Q&A. Contact wic@srpmic-nsn.gov with questions.
- 31 WELLNESS BINGO NIGHT AT WOLF**, 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM at Way of Life Facility, Room #247. WOLF Members are invited to join Diabetes Prevention Services for a night of fun and knowledge on health and wellness. Participants will also make a healthy snack to enjoy, and prizes will be awarded to the lucky bingo winners. Contact Karina Watson for more information at (480) 362-3278

SEPTEMBER

- 4 LABOR DAY**, Tribal Government Offices Closed, please plan accordingly.
- 5 ART & CULTURE SERIES PART 3: BEADED CAPE MAKING**, 5:30 PM - 8 PM at WOLF, Room 56. Learn to create Piipaash beaded capes with Phillip Smith. Limited to 15 participants, 14 years or older. Questions? Contact Mel Solis at (480) 362-5652
- 9 7TH ANNUAL SALT RIVER FIRE-FIGHTERS 9/11 MEMORIAL STAIR CLIMB**. Check-in begins at 4 PM at Salt River Fields at Talking Stick, 7555 N. Pima Rd. Scottsdale, AZ. Opening Ceremonies will begin at 6:30 PM and Stair Climb will begin at 7 PM.
- 12 SALT RIVER SCHOOLS COMMUNITY FORUM**, 5:30 - 7:30 PM at ALA Lecture Hall. Students, staff, families, and community members are invited to join leaders from all Salt River Schools sites as they showcase their departments, highlight important dates, and answer questions. A light meal will be served while supplies last. Questions? Contact Communications@saltriver-schools.org
- 14 COMPUTER CLASSES FOR SENIORS: POWERPOINT (SALT RIVER)**, 9 AM - 11:30 AM at Salt River Senior Center. No computer experience is required - our goal is to
- have fun while learning technology. Classes are provided by SRPMIC IT Dept. - Customer Care Division, contact IT-CustomerCare@srpmic-nsn.gov with questions
- 14 MIGHTY TOTS SESSION**, 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM at WOLF Room 247. This event repeats on the second Thursday of each month. This program is offered for children ages 3-6 with their adult caregiver, where participants will be able to learn about healthy habits while engaging in fun physical activity. For more information, contact Karina Watson at (480) 362-3278 or Eric Makil at (480) 362-7320
- 18 SRPMIC COMMUNITY MEMBER MEETING**, 6 PM at Lehi Community Center. More information to come! Questions? Contact Council Secretaries Office at (480) 362-7469
- 21 COMPUTER CLASSES FOR SENIORS: POWERPOINT (LEHI)**, 9 AM - 11:30 AM at Lehi Senior Center. No computer experience is required - our goal is to have fun while learning technology. Classes are provided by SRPMIC IT Dept. - Customer Care Division, contact IT-CustomerCare@srpmic-nsn.gov with questions
- 23 7TH ANNUAL NATIVE YOUTH IDENTITY CONFERENCE**, open to ages 12-18. More details to come. Questions? Call (480) 362-6390