



FEMA Steps in to Assist Community After Storm Damage

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FEMA and SRPMIC employees teamed up to distribute information to areas affected by the July storms. Community members had the chance to file their claim from their home or were directed to the Disaster Recovery Center at the Red Mountain Subdivision Housing Center.

The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community received a boost in support from the federal government to help with recovery efforts after storms caused widespread damage on July 17 and 18. On September 2, President Joe Biden signed a disaster declaration to release federal aid to the Community.

Earlier, to reinforce the request for aid from the federal government, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) conducted a Preliminary Damage Assessment (PDA) alongside SRPMIC staff, evaluating the homes and Community infrastructure affected by the storm damage.

The paperwork submitted to the federal government in early August contributed to the release of resources. According to a White House press release, the president's support of the Community's disaster declaration "orders federal aid to supplement

the Tribe's efforts in the areas affected by severe storms from July 17-18, 2022."

Now that the disaster declaration is official, SRPMIC members may qualify for grants for temporary housing and home repairs, as well as low-cost loans to cover uninsured property losses.

According to Charles

Kmet, manager of the SRPMIC Office of Emergency Management, "There are two different pieces to what the president signed. One was declaring for public assistance, which allows for the Community to be reimbursed for its costs for the response and recovery from that particular incident.

"The second piece is called Individuals and Households Program (IHP) assistance. That is where FEMA will be directly assisting Community members [by working with] a lot of different components that go along with that."

Kmet added that the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) also has been brought in to pro-

vide financial assistance to Community businesses.

To help Community members get the ball rolling, FEMA and the SBA have set up a Disaster Recovery Center at the Red Mountain Housing Subdivision Center and a Business Recovery Center at Two Waters Building

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SRFSI and Native-Owned Business Present Insurance Workshop for Community



The Salt River Financial Services Institution (SRFSI) hosted a workshop on homeowner's insurance and renter's insurance for members of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community with a presentation by Leah Cristobal, customer experience manager with Amerind.

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The Salt River Financial Services Institution (SRFSI) hosted a workshop on homeowner's insurance and renter's insurance for members of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community on Tuesday, September 13. The workshop was held once in the afternoon and once in the evening at Two Waters Building B. Leah Cristobal, customer experience manager with Amerind, presented the workshop.

Gracie Briones, financial edu-

cation training coordinator, said she thought it was a good time for the topic because of the damage caused to Community homes from monsoon storms in July.

"We just want help people protect their homes and personal belongings; some could be very valuable, especially when they're passed down from family members," Briones said.

She added that homeowner's insurance is important because for most people, their home is their No. 1 asset, and that asset

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Salt River Launches Initiative to Increase Voter Turnout



The SRPMIC Office of Congressional & Legislative Affairs recently launched the "SkoVoteDen," voter initiative to increase voter registration in the Community.

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The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Office of Congressional & Legislative Affairs' (OCLA) Get Out the Vote Committee has launched a new initiative to increase voter turnout in the Community. Since September 2, new billboards with the slogan "SkoVoteDen" have been attracting the attention of drivers along McDowell Road between the Loop 101 and Longmore Road.

"About the slogan 'SkoVoteDen'—I think just getting it

out there now is where we are, making sure people are aware of our campaign," said OCLA Intergovernmental Relations Project Manager Angela Willeford. That particular slogan is designed to garner interest among Community members, using a recognizable phrase to get out the vote.

"Skoden" is Indigenous slang for the phrase "Let's go then." Adding "Vote" in the middle gives it the meaning "Let's go vote then." It's similar to the slang words "Stoodis" for "Let's do this" and "Supden" for What's

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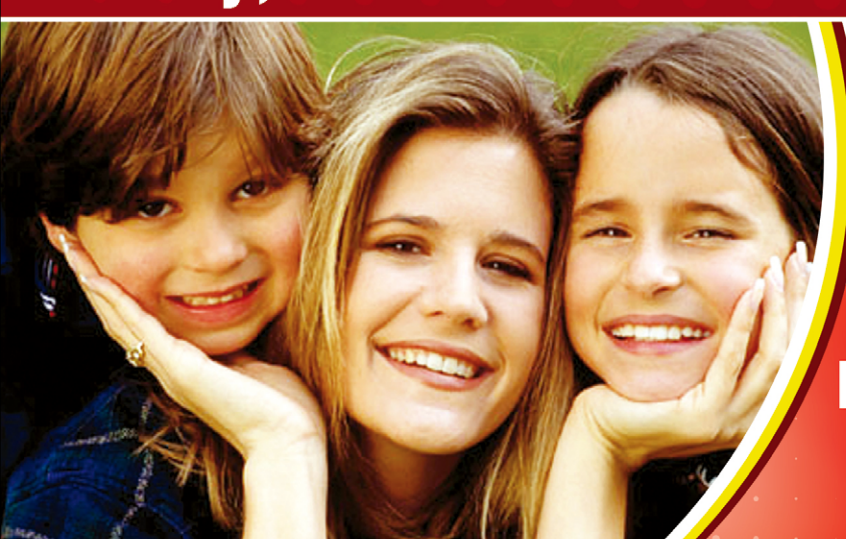


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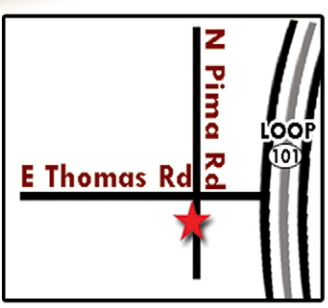
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FEMA ASSISTANCE



The SRPMIC Disaster Recovery Center was setup on Sept. 14 to assist Community members file storm damage claims.

A to help people fill out claim forms.

On September 14, a team of IHP inspectors from FEMA visited every home in which an individual has applied for assistance to verify the damage to the property. If no one was home during the visits, the inspectors attempted to contact the Community members to inform them of the assistance programs and how to report any additional information regarding damage to their home.

For those who had not yet filed their damage claim with FEMA, Disaster Survivor Assistance

(DSA) crews went out with SRPMIC staff members to help Community members file their claims; if no one was home, informational materials were left at the door.

The individual disaster assistance is available to every Community member, and it is not specific to the elderly or disabled. It also is separate from SRPMIC assistance programs, such as the Senior Home Repair & Replacement Program. While the Community has made efforts to repair damage to some homes, the individual assistance program is a separate component and is specific to FEMA.

The individual assistance also applies to both homeowners and renters and those who may or may not have homeowner's/renter's insurance. The ability to apply for FEMA assistance also applies to individuals who have homeowner's insurance but were either denied or did not receive a settlement for their damage claims.

Once a homeowner has received a determination from their insurance company regarding coverage of damages, they will need to provide their insurance information to FEMA to see if they qualify for



Community members speak with FEMA representatives inside the Disaster Recovery Center to file their claims. Elsewhere, SRPMIC small business owners can file their damage claim online through the website provided below www.DisasterAssistance.gov, under DR-4668-AZ in the "Find Assistance" tab.

federal assistance. Even if an individual has gone through the application process with FEMA earlier and did not meet the qualifications for assistance, they will be referred to the SBA to see if they qualify for a low-interest loan to cover damage and loss expenses.

Kmet said, "They have a couple of different programs; if people aren't eligible through some of the FEMA programs, they can be eligible for getting low-interest loans from SBA as well."

Individual homeowners can qualify for an SBA loan of up to \$40,000 to

replace or repair damage to personal property. Businesses that qualify for an SBA loan can receive up to \$2 million, and private nonprofits may be offered up to \$200,000.

Kmet said the main priority is to get the information out to Community members and let them know what assistance they qualify for. Community members and small business owners can check the SRPMIC Facebook page for more information. The SRPMIC Disaster Recovery Center is located at the Red Mountain Housing Subdivision Center at 11889 E. Glenrosa St.

Hours are Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. A second location is at the SRPMIC Fire/Police Substation 292 - Training Room at 3230 N. Stapley Drive. Hours are Monday through Friday: 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 3 p.m.

You may call 1-800-621-FEMA (3362) or 1-800-462-7585 (TTY) from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. (local time) seven days a week. There is also an option to register for assistance online at www.DisasterAssistance.gov.

Annual Tribute to Fallen 9/11 First Responders Draws Over 1,000 Participants



Firefighters from SRPMIC and across the valley took part in the 6th annual 9/11 stair climb at Salt River Fields at Talking Stick on Sept. 10. Individual participants also took part in the event to remember fallen first responders.

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A special tribute to the lives of first responders lost during the September 11, 2001, attacks was recently held on the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community. The sixth annual 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb took place from 4 to 9 p.m. at Salt River Fields at Talking Stick on September 10.

The event was organized by the Salt River Fire Department, Salt River Fields, the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation (NFFF) and Plexus Worldwide, a health and wellness manufacturer. According to a SRPMIC press release about the event, the stair climb is a non-timed race to honor New York City fire, police and emergency medical services personnel.

This year's event drew a total of 1,061 individuals,

who registered to accept the challenge of running up and down the stairs at Salt River Fields, which is the equivalent of the 110 stories of the Twin Towers. The event raised more than \$100,000 for the NFFF and the East Valley Firefighters Fund to help provide financial assistance to fallen public safety workers.

The stair climb memorializes the sacrifices made by first responders who gave their lives during the



A small memorial was setup along the route to remember SRFD EMT Brendan Bessee, who was killed responding to an emergency call on April 8 of this year.

attacks on the World Trade Center. In total, 343 New York firefighters, 60 police officers and 10 EMS professionals perished in the attacks. According to the SRPMIC press release, "Each climber was issued a tag with the name and picture of one of the fallen to carry throughout the climb."

Some of the firefighters participating in the stair climb donned their full kit, including their breathing apparatus, and pushed up and down the bleachers in the 90-degree heat. Adding to the symbolic nature of the stair climb, participants took turns carrying over their shoulders a piece of debris from one of the towers.

Firefighters from United Maricopa/Pinal County Firefighters, the Fort Mc-



Dowell Fire Department, United Mesa Fire Fighters Association, Queen Creek Fire & Medical, Scottsdale Fire Department, City of

Mesa and Salt River Fire Department all took part in the stair climb.

Acting Superintendent Hosts Forum on Salt River Schools Programs



Community members, who came out to the superintendent forum on September 13 at the ALA campus, were treated to informational booths on the different SRS programs.

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Families and educators came together for the Salt River Schools (SRS) Superintendent Forum to hear about the various programs that serve students of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community. The event was hosted by SRS at the Accelerated Learning Academy lecture hall and streamed live on Facebook on September 13.

"We are doing the best for our kids, and doing that means making sure that we are connecting with families in the Community for all of the amazing services that we have," said Dr. Melody Herne, acting superintendent for SRS.

The evening was focused on the various programs offered through SRS and how they come together to serve students of the Community. Representatives from each program provided an update on their activity and how they are working to improve the learning experience of SRPMIC students. Dr. Herne said that in order to bolster SRS's support for students, it needs to collect data on their academic performance and create benchmarks for them to reach

going into 2023.

Programs covered included the Salt River Early Education program and Salt River Elementary School, which focused on how it is preparing young students for success by implementing student reviews and more frequent meetings with students.

Starting from the beginning of their education, the SRS goal "is to prepare children for success as lifelong learners, strengthen the families, and set the foundation for the family to be involved with their children throughout their education," said Tami Brungard, SRS Early Childhood Education assistant program manager.

"Time on Task" is a Salt River Accelerated Learning Academy initiative to help high school students spend more time focusing on their academics and ensure they have the appropriate resources needed to complete their assignments. Other updates include more classrooms, a multipurpose space for students to learn and additional space for staff.

This includes the incorporation of culture and support for students' well-being, according to Barbara Wilkinson, interim principal at the ALA. "Students



Acting Superintendent Dr. Herne speaks to attendees about the evenings agenda and the initiatives undertaken by SRS.

are also provided weekly social and emotional lessons so our students, particularly our adult students, learn how to go through challenges in their lives," said Wilkinson.

The goal is to also provide ALA students with extra time and resources to prepare for the ACT test, including setting goals for attendance and study time. This includes drawing up an attendance plan and allowing students to come in on Saturdays to get caught up on their classwork.

For the young adults working toward earning their GED, Salt River Schools realizes it is important that they incorporate the culture into the learning environment and understand that the population they serve comes from a variety of backgrounds and conditions. According to Adult Basic Education Specialist Erica Litz, who serves GED students, "Currently for September we started the month with 92 students. That's gone up to 100. We have a new graduate as of yesterday, so we have three graduates."

Litz said that GED students can access a number of resources. "Individual instructional services are [available] in person, by appointment, [and through]

hybrid, remote and college opportunities." She said once they graduate, the GED students are referred to the Higher Education Program to expand their horizons through college or a trade school.

Salt River Higher Education Program Manager Rebeca Ronstadt-Contreras spoke about the resources offered to Community students as they plan their college journey. "The Higher Ed program offers a number of supports, primarily financial aid, for any enrolled Community member interested in earning a postsecondary [degree]," said Contreras.

To help SRPMIC students prepare for college and apply for financial aid, Contreras said, "Higher Ed is comprised of seven members, four of whom are education program advisors, so they advise students on that."

SRS also plans to look at improving core subject areas, student attendance, student and staff self-care, and safety for everyone. The forum concluded on the topic of school safety, which was covered by Esteban Lopez, safety and security officer. Lopez said he and staff regularly review emergency procedures, such as fire drills and lockdown procedures.

ASIST Training Workshop Provides Suicide First-Aid Tools

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According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Minority Health, in 2019 suicide was the second leading cause of death for American Indian/Alaska Natives (AI/AN) between the ages of 10 and 34.

The overall death rate from suicide for AI/AN adults is about 20% higher than it is for the non-Hispanic white population.

Armed with this knowledge, the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community's DHHS Prevention & Intervention Services held a two-day interactive suicide first-aid workshop called Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST) on September 21 and 22 as a part of Suicide Prevention Awareness Month.

About 25 participants gathered at Two Waters Building A to understand the ways personal and societal attitudes affect views on suicide and interventions and recognize important aspects of suicide prevention including life promotion, self-care and more.

With ASIST, "We teach participants to recognize when someone may have thoughts of suicide, how to work with them, and how to create a plan to help support their immediate safety," said Community Health Educator Melanie Nosie, MSW, LMSW.

Participants in ASIST don't need formal training, as anyone can learn and use the skills taught in the workshop. Throughout both days of training, participants make their way through a workbook outlining the various skills and tools. The first day focused on preparing the group for connecting with their attitudes about suicide and understanding the needs of a person at risk. The second day was all about putting those tools into practice.

"Participants had an opportunity to play out scenarios, learn about their own biases about suicide, learn how to approach someone who is suicidal, and take on



ASIST attendees discuss suicide prevention techniques on day two of the workshop.

a caregiver role," said Nosie.

Participants were able to recognize suicidal "invitations," or signs of distress that invite help. These invitations include actions such as giving away possessions, words such as "I just can't take it anymore," physical invitations such as a lack of interest in appearance, and feelings such as hopelessness and guilt.

If you or someone you know is having an emergency related to suicide, call 911. Other ways to seek help include calling 988 for the National Suicide Prevention Line, calling (480) 850-9230 for the Salt River Crisis Line, and calling (480) 362-5707 for Salt River Behavioral Health.



ASIST attendees are paired into groups to work on roll play scenarios for preventing suicide.

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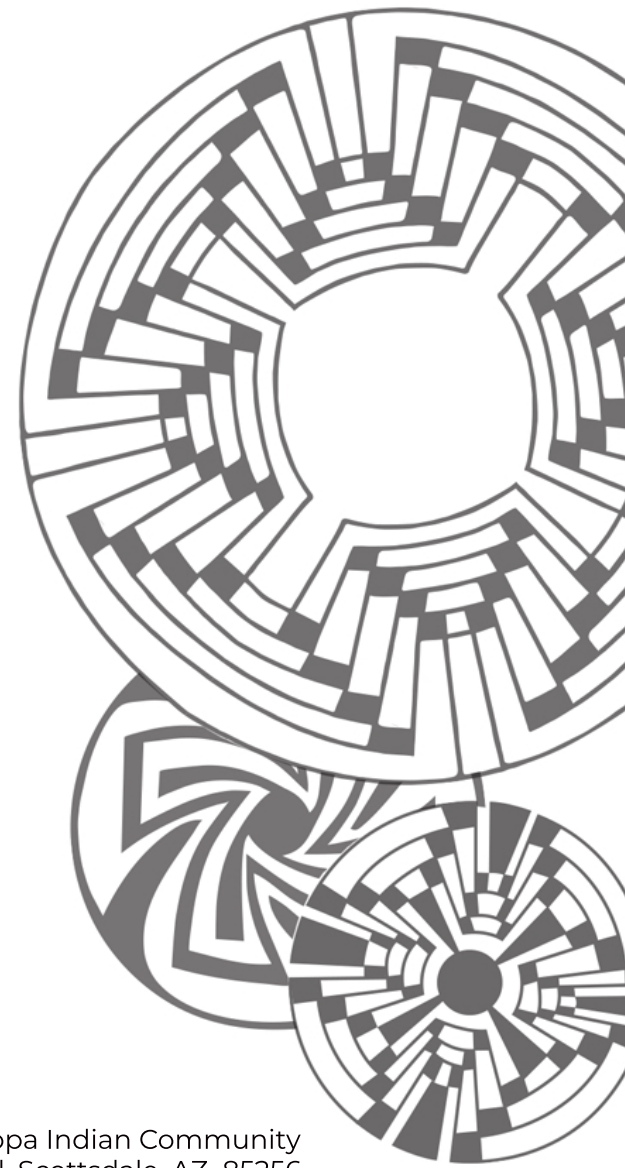
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Expanded Behavioral Health Services Offered to the Community

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The opioid epidemic is affecting people everywhere in the United States, including in Indian Country. "Native communities are a little bit more adversely impacted by it, but not by much; every ethnicity is being hurt by the opioid epidemic," explained John Godfrey, chief behavioral health officer for Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Behavioral Health Services (BHS).

In response, BHS has developed and updated its services and programs to better meet the needs of people suffering from addiction so they can recover and live a healthy life. On top of that, BHS continues to provide crisis services, outpatient mental health and substance use services, counseling, case management, adult and family services, child family services and residential substance abuse services.

Regarding the updates at BHS, Godfrey said, "We're going from serving Salt River to serving all Natives in this new building (the River People Health Center). Our scope has expanded quite a bit over the last year. I would say our biggest [change] is just adding more counselors and more capacity to serve the number of patients that we're getting. Another big thing is we're really beefing up our Journey to Recovery program by making it into more of a treatment philosophy."

Journey to Recovery (JTR) encompasses a variety of services under the umbrella of substance use, including Withdrawal Management, which used to be called Social Detox.

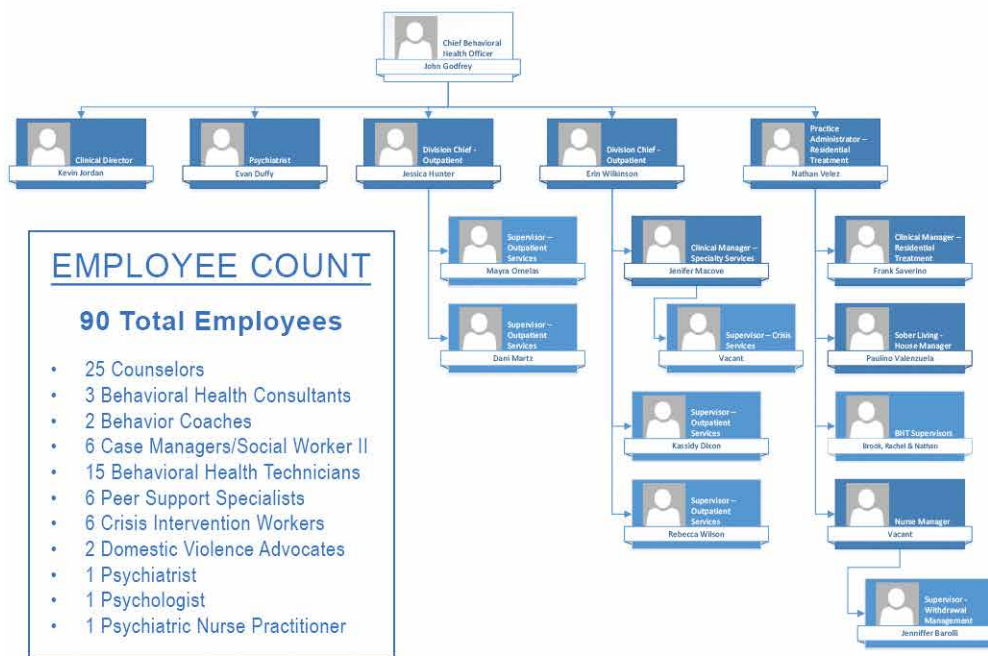
"Withdrawal Management is for people who are dealing with acute withdrawals. ... [T]hey want to get off their substances; that's the first stop. So, they might spend three days to a week there," said Godfrey. "JTR has three buildings: there's the detox building, which we call Withdrawal Management now, and then there's the men's and women's facilities, and they each have a certain number of beds. So, people move from Withdrawal Management over to residential treatment, where they can spend from 90 to 120 days."

But the recovery services don't stop there; JTR also provides a Partial Hospitalization Program for people who don't need the same level of care that a full residential program provides. Those individuals attend the program during the day and participate in group and individual counseling.

After completing the Partial Hospitalization Program, patients can move to the Intensive Outpatient Program, in which patients have a therapist and attend two-hour group counseling three or four days a week.

"We added in the last year a Sober Living home for males, a six-bed facility located at the (remodeled) old group home at Longmore and Chaparral," said Godfrey. "We really want to add a female Sober Living home, and we're probably going to have to either rent a property or build a new house [for that]. That's probably a year or two away."

BHS also has added a medical component to its opioid treatment programs through Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT). Patients seeking to stop their addiction to opioids take medications



John Godfrey
Chief Behavioral Health Officer

Experience:

- 30+ years of experience in behavioral health services.
- Worked for the Community for the past 11 years.

Education:

- BS (Psychology) – Syracuse University 1990
- MC (Masters of Counseling) – Arizona State University 1998

Personal:

- Born and raised in upstate New York
- Moved to Phoenix in 1990
- Married 25 years with two adult children
- Favorite Sports Teams: Suns, Cardinals, Syracuse University and NY Yankees
- Favorite Types of Music: Alternative, Rock & Roll, 70's
- Favorite Foods: Pizza, burgers; anything sweet.

Behavioral Health Services

Outpatient Services

- Individual and Group Counseling
- Psychiatry
- Psychological Testing
- School Based Counseling
- Behavioral Health Consultation
- Re-entry Program
- Circles of Support
- Crisis Team
- Domestic Violence Advocacy
- Batterers Intervention Program
- Case Management

Outpatient Services

- Withdrawal Management
- Residential Treatment
- Partial Hospitalization Program
- Case Management
- Peer Support
- Sober Living

Contracted Services

- Child and Adolescent
 - Psychiatric Hospitalization
 - Residential Treatment
 - Respite
 - Sexually Maladaptive Treatment
- Adult
 - Psychiatric Hospitalization
 - Medical Detoxification
 - Residential Treatment
 - Equine Therapy
 - Medication Assisted Treatment

to ease the symptoms of withdrawal, such as, cravings, nausea, fatigue and anxiety.

"What we find is that when somebody comes into treatment, the withdrawal is so horrible that they would rather leave and continue to use the drug," said Godfrey. Being able to lean on the medications "allows us to reduce their physical symptoms, which increases the chance that they will stay in the program, engage in therapy and get better. They can talk about their problems and they're not constantly obsessed with trying to fight that addiction in the brain.

"Suboxone and Buprenorphine are medications that you can take to reduce the craving for the opioid drug," said Godfrey. "You can be on a medication and ... it basically will take away the withdrawals so ... the mental and physical addiction just drops right down."

BHS is also starting a Re-entry Program to help those being released from jail. The program helps individuals transition from being incarcerated to reentering the Community through therapy and working with a social worker. They will begin their treatment in jail if they have a substance abuse problem, and when they are released, the program will help them with housing and finding a job.

"Our job is to help them re-enter society and have a softer landing when they get out of jail. [For example,] they might not have their [driver's] license or it has expired, they don't have a job lined up, and maybe they didn't finish their GED," said Godfrey. "We're going to help them transition and get those services."

Currently, BHS is hiring additional counselors to help provide these ser-

vices to more people. All these services are available to people enrolled in a federally recognized tribe.

"There's a lot of stigma around seeking help for something that happens with your brain. Somehow, we feel like we should be able to take care of it ourselves," said Godfrey. "But let's say you have diabetes or cancer. You're not going to cure that just by thinking that you can. But when we have something going on with our feelings and emotions, we feel like we can handle it

alone. You have to think of [addiction] as a physical illness. It's something that needs to be treated and requires professional help."

If you are seeking counseling, would like help for addiction recovery, or need any other BHS services, call (480) 362-RPHC (7742). To learn more about the behavioral health services offered at the River People Health Center, go online to www.rphc.org/services/behavioral-health/.

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'Be Your Own Hero' and Fall Into Reading



'Be Your Own Hero' cosplay participants at the Fall Into Reading event.

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On September 15, about 150 people attended the Fall Into Reading literary event at the Accelerated Learning Academy gymnasium to kick off the school year.

The theme of the event was 'Be Your Own Hero,' with a focus on storytelling and literacy through cosplay, which is wearing costumes of characters and studying and acting like them.

"There's different forms of literacy. Cosplay is one way of telling a story; connecting with characters and sharing that experience. So, it was just something different we wanted to try," said Trinidad Yazzie, project manager for Literacy for All at Salt River Schools. "With cosplay, you have voice characters, and you can have different career paths in that field."

Attendees were able to show off their cosplay by competing in a contest to see who had the best look. Contest winners took home themed prize packages featuring Star Wars, Marvel, Lord of the Rings, Harry Potter and more.

Event partners such as Salt River Elementary School, Food Services, Scottsdale Community College, and the Salt River police and fire departments set up booths and handed out information and free comic and character-themed items.

Many of the books given away had themes relating

to Native American authors and characters and also included stories about the O'odham and Piipaash.

"Having a Native American focus, it's something that [attendees] can identify with," said Yazzie.

- The Literacy for All Campaign's four goals are:
- Empower students to explore diverse career opportunities and develop valuable skill sets to be successful
 - Provide literacy training for the Salt River Community and professional development training for early childhood educators. Instill a daily habit of reading by providing books to build libraries in the classroom (K-12) and at home.
 - Engage SRPMIC youth and Community members to write, illustrate, and narrate picture books that reflect life as an O'odham and/or Piipaash person. The books will be digitally published and distributed
 - Produce literacy communication messages aiming to employ Native youth to develop workforce skills. Coming up for Salt River Schools is the spooky Spooktacular Halloween event at ALA on October 27.

Cosplay Contest Winners

- Lyla-Anne Waters (right)
- Harmony Brown (below)
- Baby Yoda (below, right)



Cosplay contest photos courtesy of Salt River Schools.



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SBA to Close Business Recovery Center in the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – Director Tanya N. Garfield of the U.S. Small Business Administration's Disaster Field Operations Center-West announced today that SBA will close its Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Business Recovery Center at 5 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 29, 2022. "SBA opened the center to provide personalized assistance to businesses that were impacted by severe storms that occurred July 17-18, 2022," said Garfield.

Businesses of all sizes and private non-profit organizations may borrow up to \$2 million to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate, machinery and equipment, inventory and other business assets. SBA can also lend additional funds to businesses and homeowners to help with the cost of improvements to protect, prevent or minimize the same type of disaster damage from occurring in the future.

For small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, small businesses engaged in aquaculture and most private nonprofit organizations of any size, SBA offers Economic Injury Disaster Loans to help meet working capital needs caused by the disaster. Economic injury assistance is available regardless of whether the business suffered any property damage.

Disaster loans up to \$200,000 are available to homeowners to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate. Homeowners and renters are eligible for up to \$40,000 to repair or replace damaged or destroyed personal property.

Interest rates can be as low as 2.935 percent for businesses, 1.875 percent for private nonprofit organizations and 1.688 percent for homeowners and

renters with terms up to 30 years. Loan amounts and terms are set by SBA and are based on each applicant's financial condition.

Applicants may apply online, receive additional disaster assistance information and download applications at <https://disasterloanassistance.sba.gov/>. Applicants may also call SBA's Customer Service Center at (800) 659-2955 or email disastercustomerservice@sba.gov for more information on SBA disaster assistance. For people who are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability, please dial 7-1-1 to access telecommunications relay services. Completed applications should be mailed to U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

The deadline to apply for property damage is Nov. 1, 2022. The deadline to apply for economic injury is June 2, 2023.

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Salt River Launches Initiative to Increase Voter Turnout

up then?” Willeford said, “I know it’s a slang term, but I think now that I am hearing people talk about [the billboard] more and more, they are curious what it’s about and then they ask if it’s a certain language. So right now, it is a popular phrase among [our] younger Native audiences.”

She said that although the phrase is popular among younger audiences, some in the older age demographic of the Community are not familiar with the phrase. “I went out to the seniors and I presented the ‘SkoVoteDen’ campaign to them,” Willeford said. “Some of the seniors asked what it meant, so some people may not know what it means.”

Willeford said that the GOTV committee will continue to launch more voter initiatives prior to the next U.S. midterm general election on November 8. Information will continue to go out to the Community on how individuals can register to vote and learn more about the candidates appearing on Arizona’s ballot.

There is also another billboard a short way down McDowell Road that highlights the lack of representation of Native



The OCLA setup a voter registration booth at the Roundhouse Cafe, where they got to meet Democratic Congressional District 1 Kevin Hodge, who encouraged individuals to vote.

Americans in the media. It presents a list of the various ethnicities, but where “Native Americans” should be, it says “Something Else.”

The phrase comes from a CNN election graphic depicting voter demographics that was posted live on-air during the 2020 Presidential Election. It used “Something Else” as the category representing Native peoples. In response to the gaffe, the National Congress of American Indians said the choice of labels to represent Natives and other voters takes away from the overall impact of their votes in historic elections.

According to Willeford, the lack of appropriate Native representation in the media makes it even more important to emphasize Native representation and underscore that Native votes matter in all elec-

tions. She said, “With our campaign, we are saying ‘Don’t Be Something Else, Register to Vote.’”

The OCLA has also taken its efforts to homes in the Community. On September 17, the GOTV committee members and volunteers went door-to-door to inform Community members about registering to vote and the upcoming general election.

“We have different phases, so right now our first phase is to get everyone else to vote. On the day we went door-to-door, we visited 176 homes,” said Willeford, who stressed that these were homes where the data indicated that individuals were not registered to vote.

“We got the data through the Voter Access Network, and then we got our Community data, and then our GIS (Geographic Information Systems) team



A large billboard adorned with the graphic representing how important it is for indigenous voices to be heard through voting, is located between Dobson and Longmore Road. Below, members and volunteers of the OCLA GOTV committee get ready to go door to door to encourage voter turnout.

merged them together and removed duplicate addresses. There are some individuals that we are unable to visit due to reasons that prohibit us from doing so,” said Willeford.

As the November 8 general election draws closer, the Community is in a position to help determine who will become the next governor of Arizona and which lawmakers will be elected from Arizona to Congress.

“The governor’s role is extremely important to Native communities,” Willeford said. “A lot of individuals know that [the SRPMIC is] a sovereign Community, but we definitely need to make sure we are voting in a governor who will advocate on behalf of our needs.”

The GOTV Committee would like to stress to Community members who are not registered to vote

how important it is for the benefit of the Community that they exercise their right to vote. Willeford said that voting is a way for them to make their voices heard and to elect candidates who represent their values and interests, including those of tribal communities like SRPMIC. Native people have overcome many historical challenges in order to earn the right to vote. In Arizona, they were finally given the right to vote after a court decision in 1948.

From now through

November 8, Community members can expect to see a slew of GOTV-supported events, such as voter registration booths at various locations and events in the Community, mailers and articles in O’odham Action News. The best way to stay up to date on the GOTV activities is to visit the Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs’ Facebook page or their website at www.srpmic-nsn.gov/government/administration/ocla/.



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Actor-Comedian Rob Schneider Meets with Fans at Butterfly Wonderland

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On Sunday, September 18, actor and comedy veteran Rob Schneider and his 9-year-old daughter Miranda met with fans and signed books at Butterfly Wonderland to promote their new movie, "Daddy Daughter Trip." The film stars the daddy-daughter duo in an adventure comedy set in Arizona.

Their spring break adventures take place at a number of filming locations in or near the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, such as Butterfly Wonderland, Arizona Boardwalk, Bashas' (at In-

dian School Road and Hayden Road) and Saguaro Lake Ranch on the Salt River. They also filmed in northern Arizona, at Bearizona Wildlife Park and in Flagstaff.

"In the movie, Miranda's character, Meara, is drawing pictures wherever she goes during their adventures during her spring break trip," said Karin Korpowski-Gallo, Butterfly Wonderland's director of public relations. "They ended up making the book that is in the movie and it becomes a real-life book. That is what they are signing here today."

Schneider and his daughter greeted fans from 9 a.m. to well past noon; they chatted with fans, autographed Meara's Storytime Book and took pictures.

"We wanted to just go to places that we knew and that we liked. This is the first place that we took the kids, and it really is an oasis for us after moving here from California," said Schneider on why he chose to film at Butterfly Wonderland.

Schneider and his family also loved visiting Sedona and Flagstaff, the Great Wolf Lodge, Musical Instrument Museum and other fun places.

Tickets are now on sale for "Daddy Daughter Trip," which opens on Friday, September 30,



SRPMIC Family Karin Howard, Albert Valenzuela, Ysmael Polk and Teleah Polk meet with the Schneiders as he autographs their copy of Meara's Storytime Book.



Meara's Storytime Book is available at Butterfly Wonderland.

at Harkins Theatres across the Valley.

Schneider and his daughter hosted another book-signing at Butterfly Wonderland on Saturday, October 1. You can purchase Meara's Storytime Book at Butterfly Wonderland. For more information, visit <https://butterflywonderland.com/special-events/>.



9-year-old Miranda Schneider met with fans and signed books at Butterfly Wonderland to promote their new and her famous dad Rob Schneider's movie, "Daddy Daughter Trip."



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Making a Gourd Doll Ornament with a Mini Cape

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Editor's Note: This article contains the Piipaash words and phrases in parentheses.

On September 17 and 19, the O'odham Piipaash Language Program (OPLP) held two sessions demonstrating how to make a gourd (*xnaaly*) doll ornament and a mini cape, blending contemporary gourd art with traditional Piipaash/Yuman cape making and beadwork techniques.

Participants used different techniques and acrylic paint (*thshnyoy*) colors to make their own unique ornaments out of mini bottle gourds that came from Wuertz Gourd Farm in Casa Grande.

According to Ron Carlos, curriculum specialist for the Cultural Resources Department of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, beadwork has always been a part of Piipaash tradition. About 20 years ago, Carlos was asked to teach beaded cape making to the tribal membership, so it became one of the traditional art classes for the OPLP.

"When we started teaching the gourd doll classes, we added a little more flair to the dolls by adding beaded jewelry," said Carlos.

First, participants took a pencil or marker (*nyman-yyor*) to the gourd and traced out their designs. Then, it was time to paint the gourds. After the gourds were painted, they were hung to dry.

For the cape, two colors of beads (*xvshuu*) were chosen by each participant, and they were added to a piece of string (*uukwov*) with a needle at one end. The process for creating a cape can take anywhere from a couple of hours, if you are an expert, to a few days or weeks for a beginner.

"Like all crafts, traditional or modern, it takes time and commitment. You get out of it ... what you put into it," said Carlos. "There is no easy way to teach patience. It's something you have to learn on your own. Learning a craft or learning to play a musical instrument takes practice and effort."

Piipaash education specialist Sierra Ward walked around the class, extending her knowledge to participants with their beadwork.



Ron Carlos, curriculum specialist for the Cultural Resources Department, holds up a finished gourd doll with mini cape.

"The beaded cape is a Maricopa necklace that other Yuman tribes such as the Mohave and Quechan also create. I learned from Ron Carlos," said Ward. "[He] is the most knowledgeable person I know regarding Xalychidom Piipaash and O'odham gourd work, rattles, pottery and beading. If anyone is interested in learning about these things, I recommend Ron."

Once the paint on the gourds was dry, Carlos added a glossy finish over the paint. When completed, the cape goes around the neck of the gourd doll.

For more upcoming language classes and sessions, head to www.linktr.ee/saltrivercrd.



A participant adds acrylic paint to a mini gourd as a part of the gourd doll making class.

Longtime CEO for Casino Arizona and Talking Stick Resort to Retire

Dennis Leong Announces Retirement Following 12 years with Organization

Dennis Leong, president, and chief executive officer (CEO) has announced his retirement. Leong's retirement will bring to a close more than a decade of extraordinary leadership.

"We are so grateful for Dennis' tenure with Casino Arizona and Talking Stick Resort," said Martin Harvier, President of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community. "He has served these properties, our employees and guests loyally, guiding us with confidence through times of hardship and expansion. His many contributions have laid the foundation for a bright future."

Leong joined the enterprises 12 years ago just after the opening of Talking Stick Resort in 2010. Over the course of his career with Casino Arizona and Talking Stick Resort, he was instrumental in establishing each as a successful, independent brand. During his tenure, Casino Arizona expanded with the addition of a new sports bar, CAZ Sports Bar, bingo hall and prime rib station.

At the same time under his leadership, Leong led Talking Stick Resort to become the gold-standard for casino resort properties in the Valley. One of Leong's first initiatives was to install the iconic LED lights on the resort's hotel tower. The lights helped establish the resort as a beacon within the Talking Stick Entertainment District and served as a communications vehicle for the events and promotions inside. He also ushered in the ground-breaking RELEASE pool party series, a first of its kind at an Arizona casino property. Further, Leong was at the helm of Talking Stick Resort through many expansions including



Dennis Leong. Photo courtesy of Casino Arizona/Talking Stick Resort

the addition of the Arena Poker room, a new high limit lounge and new restaurants and lounges including the poolside Sun-Watchers Bar and Tash.

Beyond the endeavors on property, Leong ushered in several sponsorships further establishing the Casino Arizona and Talking Stick Resort brands across the Valley. Among them included a past naming rights agreement with the Phoenix Suns and more recently an exclusive long-term partnership with the Arizona Diamondbacks. He also helped broker agreements with the Fiesta Bowl, WM Phoenix Open, Top Golf, Bentley Scottsdale Polo Championship, Grand Canyon University and Legacy Sports Park.

"I have had the great privilege of working at many tribal casinos across the country, but there has been no better experience than my time spent with the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community and its Enterprises," said Dennis Leong. "The professionalism, generosity and compassion the Community has demonstrated to its employees has been unparalleled. I will leave this enterprise with much admiration and appreciation."

During the transition period, Leong will continue to serve in his current capacity until a replacement is found.

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Kennise McGertt Continues Flag Tossing with ASU Marching Band

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Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community member Kennise McGertt has had quite an adventure since graduating from Mountain View High School in May. McGertt traveled to more than 20 states while on tour with the Academy Drum and Bugle Corps over the summer. When she returned in mid-August, she began her first year of college, attending Scottsdale Community College and joining Arizona State University's Marching Band along with fellow SRPMIC member James Schaaf.

McGertt said she is grateful to have had the opportunity to travel across the country. She enjoyed the different landscapes and weather.

"Seeing all the greenery I was like, whoa!" said McGertt. "We went to Mississippi, where we had to cancel our performance due to a high number of COVID cases. But we practiced, and the humidity just got to me. It was something I've never experienced before."

She was able to visit some iconic sites such as the first Starbucks and the Space Needle in Seattle, Washington; she ran up 72 flights of stairs just like Sylvester Stallone did in the movie "Rocky" in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and in Texas she performed at the Astrodome, where music icon Selena Quintanilla once performed, and visited her hometown of Corpus Christi.

The tour was a unique experience for McGertt. She and her team would practice 14 hours a day and sleep on their tour bus as they traveled from state to state.

"I learned time management, dedication, patience and life skills," said McGertt. "I never thought I would do an activity like that. I thought that I would only do color guard in high school; I didn't realize there was more after high school. I'm happy I [toured with the group] because it helped me improve my skills and enhance my performance quality and helped me realize that I'm capable of so much more than when I started. I surprised myself."

Going into the Academy, she only knew Schaaf, but due to an injury he left the program early and didn't get to travel after the first few performances. That opened up the opportunity for McGertt to meet new people from other corps across the country.

McGertt said she has learned many new flag-tossing techniques moving



from high school to the college level.

"In high school they teach you to go outside your comfort zone, but in college they push you to your limits to see what you are willing to do to perform," said McGertt. "I did learn how to do a one-handed toss, which is one hand, double rotation; it's a very high toss, and being very petite I had to put a lot of power into it. It was very challenging for me, but after consistently practicing I was able to do it."

McGertt performed for her first college football game in August at ASU, and she and the marching band will be performing for every home game this season. They performed prior to the game, during and a little bit afterward.

"It was a wonderful experience. It was completely different from high school; people come from all around the state to come and watch you. I don't know how to explain it, but it was just an amazing experience," said McGertt.

McGertt has some advice for young SRPMIC members who are seeking to perform in any extracurricular activity. She urges them to take the opportunity, because you never know where those opportunities will take you.

"You will be able to make memories and have fun. I am going to try out for a couple of drum and bugle corps on the East Coast," she said, Carolina Crown and the Boston Crusaders.

McGertt is currently working on an associate of fine arts degree in dance and plans to attend the University of Rochester in New York after completing school at Scottsdale Community College.

"Although my family wasn't there physically, they were there for me spiritually. They texted me every day to make sure my well-being was okay," said McGertt. "I also want to know my instructor, Kyle Edwards. He was at my high school since I was a freshman and was able to follow me up until college. He would always help me when I didn't understand and would try his best to explain [things] to me. He even helped me get my single and a half 45 out (a flag tossing technique)!"

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Senior Services Holds First In-Person Senior Breakfast Since Pandemic

SUBMITTED BY LAURA TOUSSAINT
SRPMIC Senior Services

On Wednesday, September 7, the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community's Senior Services welcomed back more than 75 seniors and adults with physical and adaptive needs for its popular Senior Breakfast, the first held since the COVID-19 pandemic restricted in-person contact.

"It was really exciting to see everyone and how excited they were to see each other and our staff. It's been a long time," said Jessica Martinez, Senior Services community liaison and organizer of the event. "I am thankful to all of our Senior Services staff for helping with this event, because as much as I like to believe I am King Kong, I am actually Donkey Kong and could not have done it without them!"

The morning was hosted at the Lehi Community Center and featured several speakers. Sharon Selestewa provided an emotional prayer. Angela Willeford of the SRPMIC Office of Congressional & Legislative Affairs spoke about the importance of registering to vote and voting in the November election. Toni Harvier of StrongLife shared the benefits of the Community wellness program. Janet Johnson of Community Relations encouraged attendees to complete its communication preferences survey by Sept. 30 (the survey can be completed online at tinyurl.com/srcom-survey). SRPMIC President Martin Harvier said a few words and thanked the dignitaries in attendance: Vice-President Ricardo Leonard; Council members David Antone, Michael Dallas and Diane Enos; and Council Member-Elect Jacob Butler.

In addition to the speakers, information tables at the event were set up by Community Relations, the IT Department, the Office of Congressional & Legislative Affairs, the River People Health Center, the Senior Home Repair & Replacement Program, StrongLife and Veterans Services.

But it wasn't all information. There were tasty breakfast items, an hourly prize drawing and a final trivia question to win a prize.

"We want to make sure they have fun. It's really more of a social hour with a bit of information thrown in," said Martinez.

The Senior Breakfast is held the first Wednesday of every month from 8:30 to 10 a.m. and features presentations on topics of concern to Community seniors and adults with physical and adaptive needs. The location alternates between the Lehi Community Center and the Salt River Community Building.

The next senior breakfast will take place Wednesday, November 2 at Lehi.



The morning featured several information tables from Community Relations, the IT Department, the Office of Congressional & Legislative Affairs, the River People Health Center, the Senior Home Repair & Replacement Program, StrongLife and Veterans Services. Photo by Ravenna Curley, Senior Services



More than 75 seniors and adults with adaptive needs attended Senior Services' first Senior Breakfast since the pandemic. The event was held on September 7 at the Lehi Community Center. Photo by Ravenna Curley, Senior Services



Angela Willeford of the Office of Congressional & Legislative Affairs was among the speakers at the Senior Breakfast, which also included SRPMIC President Martin Harvier, Sharon Selestewa, Toni Harvier of StrongLife and Janet Johnson from Community Relations. Photo by Ravenna Curley, Senior Services

2023 Spring Training Schedule Announced



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Information on ticket sales for Salt River Fields at Talking Stick will be announced at a later date. For more updates, visit dbacks.com/spring.

The 2023 Spring Training schedule at Salt River Fields at Talking Stick has been announced for the Arizona Diamondbacks and Colorado Rockies.

In keeping with the yearly tradition, the Diamondbacks and Rockies, who share the facility, will face off in the opener on February 25 at 1:10 p.m.

The Diamondbacks will host the West Virginia Mountaineers college baseball team in a split-squad game on February 27.

There will be a World Baseball Classic game held on March 9, with the Rockies hosting a team yet to be determined.



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SRFSI and Native-Owned Business Present Insurance Workshop for Community

needs insurance protection. “A lot of Community members have owned their homes for years, but after they paid them off, they never renewed their homeowner’s insurance. It’s really important to be covered.”

Amerind is a 100% Native-owned insurance company focused on serving the tribal marketplace, which it believes is underserved by the large commercial insurance companies. It offers flexible and affordable coverage for homeowners and renters on tribal land through its Native American Homeowners and Renters (NAHR) insurance program.

“We don’t do credit checks, so your whole premium is based solely on what [coverages] you need. Other companies do a credit check and increase or decrease your premium based on things such as ... whether you have a fire department within so many miles of your home. If your home doesn’t meet that requirement, [that insurance company may] increase their premium or they won’t offer you insurance. At Amerind, we don’t have any fire department restrictions because we understand that a lot of Indian Country [homes are] in rural areas,” said Cristobal.

The NAHR plan allows the homeowner to select the coverages and coverage limits based on their needs.

Amerind’s coverage options are:

- Dwelling coverage—The limit of your dwelling is the



Leah Cristobal, customer experience manager with Amerind, hands out door prizes to participant Elaine Cabrara of the homeowner’s insurance and renter’s insurance workshop on Tuesday, September 13.

cost to replace like and kind. Amerind will calculate how much your home is worth, how much it will cost to rebuild, and calculate your dwelling limit at replacement cost.

- Personal Belonging coverage—Covers items like furniture, clothing, computers, televisions, etc.

- Other Structures coverage—Covers detached garages, tool sheds, barns and carports.

“A detached structure is not attached to the house, so we would give you up to 10% at no charge for any detached structure,” said Cristobal.

- Personal Liability—This is third-party liability for bodily injury and property damage. For example, if a person is in your home as a guest or is on your property and is injured, this will cover their medical

expenses.

- Scheduled Property—This covers items with intrinsic value, such as jewelry, artwork, pottery and ceremonial regalia.

- Loss of Use—This covers the additional cost of living expenses (hotel, food, etc.) due to a covered property loss.

- Builder’s Risk—This helps cover a home undergoing construction or renovation.

Amerind does not offer flood insurance. To obtain flood insurance, you have to apply to the National Flood Insurance Program; go online to www.fema.gov/flood-insurance for the information.

To qualify for Amerind’s NAHR insurance program, you must be an enrolled member of a federally recognized tribe and your home must be located on a reservation, on restricted land, on trust land or on an Indian allotment. Amerind does not provide insurance to those living off the reservation. You need to fill out the application form and provide four color exterior photos of your home along with a copy of your tribal ID.

What’s it going to cost? “It’s hard to say, because my house is different from your house, and her house could be different from both of the other two houses,” said Cristobal at the workshop. “Location also is a big factor—for example, Arizona is not like Oklahoma. Arizona doesn’t have tornadoes. Our average homeowner’s

insurance premium in this area is anywhere from \$600 to \$800 a year.” Amerind offers several payment plans.

For more information about

Amerind’s insurance program, go online to <https://amerind.com/services/homeowners-renters/> or contact SRFSI at (480) 362-7600.

Safety Tips To Prevent And Reduce Loss

AMERIND is dedicated to providing resources and education to our members and customers to help them avoid losses. As you look at the operations and processes conducted within your structure, there are many hazards that may influence the frequency and severity of your losses from fire. Together, we can prevent fires in Indian Country.

COMMON AND SPECIAL HAZARDS

Fire hazards exist in almost every class of business occupancy, usually relating specifically to the following areas:

- Housekeeping
- Heating equipment
- Electrical equipment
- Smoking

RISK MANAGEMENT PROGRAM GUIDELINES

An effective risk management program consists of:

- Daily monitoring of housekeeping activities
- Consistent adherence to relevant codes and standards
- Effective pre-fire planning and training
- Active support of top management and cooperation of all other levels of management

ELEMENTS OF FIRE PROTECTION

Fire protection includes all the measures taken to protect lives and property from fire damage and consist of fire prevention, fire detection, and fire suppression. To reduce the risk of fires, make sure your organization schedules regular inspections of all your fire protection equipment.

Fire Prevention are the measures taken to reduce the likelihood of fire and reduce fire losses including:

- Improving housekeeping
- Enforcing rules for handling hazardous substances
- Controlling ignition sources
- Conducting frequent inspections

Fire Detection are the measures and equipment used to detect fire and alert the fire service when a fire breaks out. Early detection reduces the severity of fire losses. Fire Suppression are the measures and equipment used to contain and extinguish a fire such as sprinkler systems, fire extinguishers, and fire brigades. Efficient fire suppression greatly reduces loss severity.



Gracie Briones, financial education training coordinator of SRFSI hands out information to workshop participants.

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NOTICE TO COMMUNITY MEMBERS ABOUT TREE PRUNING

Salt River Project (SRP) has hired contractors from ACRT Inc and Asplundh Tree Expert Company to come out to the Community to identify, prune and remove vegetation around transmission powerlines and easements. Operations will commence October 3rd and are expected to continue through April 28, 2023.

Staff from the Environmental Protection & Natural Resources (EPNR) division have been coordinating efforts with both SRP and SRP Contractors to ensure the trimming operations meet the Community’s conditions and requirements for ongoing maintenance.

SRP periodically prunes or removes trees that are near powerlines to prevent unsafe conditions and to maintain reliable electric service. Trees that grow too close to overhead power lines can create fire and safety hazards, and cause power outages. SRP prunes or removes vegetation around lines that are part of the SRP electric delivery system. SRP uses an internationally recommended arboricultural technique called “directional pruning.” This explains the various tree shapes that result from this pruning technique. However, this approach enables them to maintain the proper clearance from overhead lines, and keep trees in place.

If you have any concerns regarding recent vegetation clearing activities, please call (602) 236-8888 or email TreeTrim@srpnet.com.

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 SRP-MIC 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.

August 3, 2022 – Council Meeting Items:

Gaming Enterprise Development Fees Offset Agreement– Council approved a resolution for a Development Impact Fee Offset Agreement between the SRPMIC and the Salt River Gaming Enterprises for the Talking Stick Resort Building expansion and Casino Arizona Bingo tent.

Amended Gaming Ordinance – Proposed amendments to Chapter 15.5 Gaming Ordinance were presented. The new amendment conforms to the 2021 Gaming Compact. Council approved a 60-day public comment period for Community member comments on the proposed amendments.

SRPD Contract Approval for LeadsOnline– Council approved a resolution for an agreement between the SRPMIC on behalf of the Salt River Police Department and LeadsOnline LLC for the purchase of an electronic reporting and criminal investigation system.

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

Community Member Comments: None.

Executive Session Items: Letter of Intent, Exclusion Request, SRPD Contract, Office of General Counsel Legal Matters.

August 4, 2022 – Council Work Session Items:

No work session scheduled due to another Council meeting/event.

August 10, 2022 – Council Meeting Items:

Major Disaster Declaration – Council approved a SRPMIC Major Disaster Declaration into record, “A declaration of major at the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community due to the extensive power outage, flooding and storm damage caused by the severe monsoon storm that impacted the Community on July 17, 2022”.

Wells Fargo ATM Presentation – Council was presented information on a proposed ATM at the River People Health Center and the (3) potential locations. For information at this point.

Agreement with Penta Building Group, LLC. – Council approved a resolution authorizing the Salt River Community Gaming Enterprises, a division of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community to enter into an agreement with Penta Building Group, LLC, that includes a limited waiver of sovereign immunity.

COVID-19 Update – An update as of August 10, 2022 was presented. There are 20 active cases living in the Community and a total of 28 active cases.

Administrative Reports: Depart-

ment and operational reports and updates were given by the Community Manager, OCLA Special Assistant, Police Chief, Fire Chief, Vice President, and President. Two new Police officers were introduced. SFRD Chief introduced Hal Nevitt, who was hired through a grant for the Critical Incident Stress Management Team to assist the Fire Department and care for the first responders.

Community Member Comments: 1) First Community Member requested an executive session with Council. Council approved request and met with individual after open session. 2) Second comment expressed concerns about comments made on social media about their business and did not give approval of release of his information. Requested for Council to look into the issue and find out who is releasing sensitive information. 3) Third comment expressed concern about the release of information as mentioned by the second commenter. Agrees that an investigation be done to find out who is releasing internal documents and handle that person accordingly. 4) Fourth commenter stated on behalf of OAK, they are not the ones responsible for release of internal documents on social media.

Executive Session: HR Review, SRP Contribution in Aid of Construction, Board Application Review (LMB), General Counsel Legal Matters.

August 11, 2022 – Council Work Session Items:

Beeline Highway Pit Stop (BHPS) – An overview and update on the BHPS was presented. The management agreement will expire on December 21, 2022. A few options were reviewed on the agreement. Council motioned to continue the management contract for one year and re-evaluate other options for the future.

Code Changes – The code changes for the “Right to Counsel” and “Change of Judge” were presented and discussed. The code changes will be presented in an open session and a request for a public comment period will be requested for Community member comments/input.

Medical Marijuana – This item was tabled and was placed on another agenda.

Minutes (Regular) – Council approved the minutes as presented or edited.

Executive Session items: Puppy Bowl, Project Update, Minutes (Exec).

August 17, 2022 – Council Meeting Items:

Proposed Code Amendment-Appointment of Counsel in Juvenile Matters – Guidance was requested on a minor code change in regards to appointment of counsel in juvenile matters. Council approved a 30-day public comment period for Community Member comment/input.

Proposed Code Amendment-Right to Change of Judge in Adult Criminal Matters– Guidance was requested on a minor code change in regards to change of judge request in adult criminal matters. Council approved a 30-day public comment period for Community Member comment/input.

Certification of Council Poll – Council certified a poll approving burial and use of Memorial Hall for a non-member that was married to a Community member. It was noted the non-member lived and worked in the

Community for several years.

Election Board Request – Council approved an additional temporary election clerk to assist the District I Election Board at the General Election.

Administrative Reports: Department and operational reports and updates were given by the Community Manager, OCLA Special Assistant, Police Chief, Fire Chief, Vice President, and President. An update was provided on potential FEMA funding for the Community was presented.

Community Member Comments: 1) First Community Member requested an executive session at a later date/time. Council agreed to set a date/time to meet. 2) Second Community Member provided suggestions and recommendations for the Multi-Family apartment housing project. Updates were requested on the SR Devco board meeting and the direction of the future of Beeline Highway Pit Stop.

Executive Session: Gaming Enterprise Monthly Report, Sponsorship Opportunity, SR Devco Memo, Veteran’s Discussions, General Counsel Legal Matters.

August 18, 2022 – Council Work Session Items:

Executive Session: Enterprise Budgets: Salt River Fields, SR Landfill, SRMG, SRFSI, SR AutoShow, Beeline Highway Pit Stop.

August 24, 2022 – Council Meeting Items:

SRP Roosevelt Dam Flood Control Storage Accounting and Delivery Agreement – Council approved a resolution authorizing an agreement for Accounting and Delivery of Water made available in the modified Roosevelt Dam flood control space under a temporary deviation to the water control plan.

Certification of Council Poll – Council certified a poll that conducted approving use of Memorial Hall for a non-member, who was married to a Community member.

COVID-19 Update – An update as of August 25, 2022 was presented. There are 20 active cases living in the Community and a total of 32 active cases.

Administrative Reports: Department and operational reports and updates were given by the Community Manager, OCLA Special Assistant, Police Chief, Fire Chief, Vice President, and President. An update was provided on the storm damage in the Community. FEMA staff came out to review the damages. The Community is using all the internal staff and resources and are waiting for FEMA funding.

Community Member Comments: 1) First Community Member requested an update on the SRMG CEO position. Council reported that the board met and reviewed the application of the candidates and it was determined to reopen the announcement for another 30 days. 2) Second Community Member requested follow-up from her previous requests in regards to home repairs, storage box from CRD, and where they are on the list of homes to be repaired. Council responded on the FEMA funds and advised those affected by the storm to contact Engineering & Construction (ECS). 3) Third Community member voiced support of the CM comments being broadcasted. Council will discuss the topic and make a decision on this topic.

Executive Session: Gaming Update, Education Reimbursement Policy, Storm Mitigation Policy, General Counsel Legal Matters.

August 25, 2022 – Council Work Session Items:

Executive Session: Enterprise Budgets: Talking Stick Golf, SR Devco, Gaming Enterprise, Saddleback Communications, Peerless/Staybridge, Treasury wrap up.

August 31, 2022 – Council Meeting Items:

Enterprise Budgets – Council approved by motion the FY2023 Enterprise budgets.

Recovery Month Proclamation – Council approved by motion the Proclamation to recognize September as National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery month.

Beeline Highway Pit Stop Update – A general update was given on the BHP management and operational changes.

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

Community Member Comments: 1) Concern about Noah Webster bus service. 2) Commented on Community Members in leadership roles, acknowledged new Finance Director, suggested implementing a coaching and mentorship program for Community Members, stated the Underfill program needed to be improved.

Executive Session: Comments, Housing, General Counsel Legal Matters.

September 1, 2022 – Council Work Session Items:

Minutes (Regular) – Council approved the minutes as presented or edited.

Executive Session: Government Budget Work Session, HR Review, Minutes (2021 Exec).

September 7, 2022 – Council Meeting Items:

FY2023 Budget – Council approved by motion the FY2023 Government Budget resolution.

Introduction of State Representative, Melody Hernandez – Introduction and information only.

Special Use Permit (SUP) – Council denied by motion the SUP Request for NFL Green / Odysea /Force Blue event.

COVID-19 Update – A COVID-19 update as of September 7, 2022 was presented.

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

Community Member Comments: 1) Invited people to volunteer at the Food Bank and/or to stop by and see what services are provided; opined that the food bank needed to be updated. 2) Reviewed concerns with the Election; noted when commenting to Council, to ask for a follow-up response; congratulated the elected Council candidates;

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FEMA gives notice to the public of its intent to reimburse eligible applicants for eligible costs to repair or replace facilities damaged by severe storms from July 17-18, 2022

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) hereby gives notice to the public of its intent to reimburse eligible applicants for eligible costs to repair or replace facilities damaged by severe storms from July 17-18, 2022. This notice applies to the Public Assistance (PA) and Hazard Mitigation Grant Programs (HMGP) implemented under the authority of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 5121-5207.

Under a major disaster declaration FEMA-4468-DR-SRPMIC, signed by the President on September 2, 2022, the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (SRPMIC) has been designated adversely affected by the disaster and eligible for PA. The Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) is available community wide.

This public notice concerns activities that may affect historic properties, activities that are located in or affect wetland areas or the 100-year floodplain, and critical actions within the 500-year floodplain. Such activities may adversely affect the historic property, floodplain or wetland, or may result in continuing vulnerability to flood damage.

Presidential Executive Orders 11988 and 11990 require that all federal actions in or affecting the floodplain or wetlands be reviewed for opportunities to relocate, and evaluated for social, economic, historical, environmental, legal, and safety considerations. Where there is no opportunity to relocate, FEMA is required to undertake a detailed review to determine what measures can be taken to minimize future damages. The public is invited to participate in the process of identifying alternatives and analyzing their impacts.

FEMA has determined that for certain types of facilities there are normally no alternatives to restoration in the floodplain or wetland. These are facilities that meet all of the following criteria: 1) FEMA's estimate of the cost of repairs is less than 50 percent of the cost to replace the entire facility,

and is less than \$100,000; 2) the facility is not located in a floodway; 3) the facility has not sustained major structural damage in a previous Presidentially declared flooding disaster or emergency; and 4) the facility is not critical (e.g., the facility is not a hospital, generating plant, emergency operations center, or a facility that contains dangerous materials). FEMA intends to provide assistance for the restoration of these facilities to their pre-disaster condition, except that certain measures to mitigate the effects of future flooding or other hazards may be included in the work. For example, a bridge or culvert restoration may include a larger waterway opening to decrease the risk of future washouts.

For routine activities, this will be the only public notice provided. Other activities and those involving facilities that do not meet the four criteria are required to undergo more detailed review, including study of alternate locations. Subsequent public notices regarding such projects will be published if necessary, as more specific information becomes available.

In many cases, an applicant may have started facility restoration before federal involvement. Even if the facility must undergo detailed review and analysis of alternate locations, FEMA will fund eligible restoration at the original location if the facility is functionally dependent on its floodplain location (e.g., bridges and flood control facilities), or the project facilitates an open space use, or the facility is an integral part of a larger network that is impractical or uneconomical to relocate, such as a road. In such cases, FEMA must also examine the possible effects of not restoring the facility, minimizing floodplain or wetland impacts, and determining both that an overriding public need for the facility clearly outweighs the

Executive Order requirements to avoid the floodplain or wetland, and that the site is the only practicable alternative. State of Tennessee and local officials will confirm to FEMA that proposed

actions comply with all applicable state and local floodplain management and wetland protection requirements.

FEMA also intends to provide HMGP funding to the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community to mitigate future disaster damages. These projects may include construction of new facilities, modification of existing, undamaged facilities, relocation of facilities out of floodplains, demolition of structures, or other types of projects to mitigate future disaster damages. In the course of developing project proposals, subsequent public notices will be published if necessary, as more specific information becomes available.

The National Historic Preservation Act requires federal agencies to take into account the effect of their undertakings on historic properties. Those actions or activities affecting buildings, structures, districts or objects 50 years or older or that affect archeological sites or undisturbed ground will require further review to determine if the property is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (Register). If the property is determined to be eligible for the Register, and FEMA's undertaking will adversely affect it, FEMA will provide additional public notices. For historic properties not adversely affected by FEMA's undertaking, this will be the only public notice.

As noted, this may be the only public notice regarding the above-described actions under the PA and HMGP programs. Interested persons may obtain information about these actions or a specific project by writing to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region IX, 1111 Broadway, Suite 1200, Oakland, CA 94607. Comments should be sent in writing to the attention of the Regional Environmental Officer at the above address or via email to Chelsea.Klein@fema.dhs.gov, referencing DR-4668 within 30 days of the date of this notice.

3rd Quarter 2022 ELIGIBILITY DEADLINE September 30, 2022

Must be eighteen (18) years old, enrolled, and living to be eligible for the October 2022 Per Capita Payment.

DEADLINES FOR CHANGES

Direct Deposit Start-Ups and Changes:

Tuesday, October 11 at 5 p.m. This deadline is for new start-ups for direct deposit or changes to existing information. All forms MUST be submitted with a "VOIDED" check or statement from the bank with the Routing and Account Numbers. Forms received by this date will be effective for the October 2022 payout. Forms received after this date will not be effective until the January 2023 payout.

Discontinue Direct Deposits: Tuesday, October 11 at 5 p.m. This deadline is to discontinue an existing direct deposit. ***Failing to notify the Per Capita department when an account is closed may delay your Per Capita payment. Per Capita Eligibility: Tuesday, October 18 at 5 p.m.

This deadline is for submitting the Adult SRP-MIC Member's Per Capita Information

Certificate. Forms received by this date will be effective for the October 2022 payout. Forms received after this date will not be processed until the first week of November 2022.

Tax Withholding Changes:

Tuesday, October 18 at 5 p.m. This deadline is for making changes to "Additional" tax withholding percentage or amount. Tax forms are available on the Finance Per Capita Intranet Site and can also be requested by e-mailing finpercap1@srpmic-nsn.gov.

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

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

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encouraged Council to implement a Code of Ethics; asked that outreach be done to see who was affected by the storm. 3) Congratulated the elected Council Members; requested to speak to someone about the Veterans Affairs program.

Executive Session: Gaming Update, Development Opportunity, Audit Plan, General Counsel Legal Matters.

September 8, 2022 – Council Work Session Items:

No work session.

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LEGAL NOTICES

JUVENILE COURT JURISDICTION

SALT RIVER PIMA MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT

ADDRESS: 10040 E. OSBORN RD. SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85256

CONTACT: (480) 362-6315

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

FAILURE TO APPEAR EITHER IN PERSON OR TELEPHONICALLY CAN AFFECT YOUR RIGHTS

ANTONE, Jordan James - Review Hearing Case: J-21-0089/0090 Court Date: November 3, 2022 at 10 a.m.

BURNS, Christine Ann - Review/ Permanency Hearings Case: J-21-0054/0055 Court Date: December 6, 2022 at 11 a.m.

BURNS, Julie Marie - Evidentiary Guardianship Hearing Case: J-12-

0153 Court Date: November 1, 2022 at 11 a.m.

DOE, John - Disposition Hearing Case: J-22-0072/0073 Court Date: November 1, 2022 at 9 a.m.

FLORES, GUADALUPE - Disposition Hearing Case: J-22-0072/0073 Court Date: November 1, 2022 at 9 a.m.

LAWRENCE-FELTON, Galyce - Disposition Hearing Case: J-22-0064 Court Date: October 24, 2022 at 10 a.m.

LEWIS, Robi Corey - Evidentiary Guardianship Hearing Case: J-22-0071 Court Date: October 24, 2022 at 10 a.m.

LOPEZ, Alejandra Gail - Review/ Permanency Hearings Case: J-21-0053 Court Date: December 6, 2022 at 10 a.m.

MANUEL, Ashlee Noreen - Adjudication Hearing Cases: J-22-0118/J-22-0119/J-22-0120 Court Date: October 24, 2022 at 9 a.m.

VEST, Dwight Edmund - Evidentiary Guardianship Hearing Case: J-22-0089/0090 Court Date: October 25,

2022 at 9 a.m.

WHITMAN, Jason - Disposition Hearing Case: J-22-0072/0073 Court Date: November 1, 2022 at 9 a.m.

CIVIL COURT JURISDICTION

SALT RIVER PIMA MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT

ADDRESS: 10040 E. OSBORN RD. SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85256

CONTACT: (480) 362-6315

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

FAILURE TO APPEAR EITHER IN PERSON OR TELEPHONICALLY CAN AFFECT YOUR RIGHTS

ACEVEDO JR., Alexis Audel - Separate Maintenance Hearing Case: SM-22-0001 Court Date: October 27, 2022 at 10 a.m.

BEJARANO, Pauline Blaine - Child Support Status Case: CFCS-21-

0013 Court Date: October 10, 2022 at 9:15 a.m.

CENTENO, Adrian - Evidentiary Guardianship Hearing Case: CF-22-0112 Court Date: October 11, 2022 at 10 a.m.

CHANDLER, John - Restraining Order Hearing Case: R-22-0064 Court Date: October 10, 2022 at 1:30 p.m.

COELHO, Ana Rose

Notice of Default Judgment:

Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community Court, State of Arizona, Maricopa County original jurisdiction court case number C-22-0064

Notice of Default Judgment is hereby given ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that default judgment against Respondent, Ana Rose Coelho, is hereby ENTERED. It is further, ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that Respondent, Ana Rose Coelho, shall pay \$4,488.50 to Petitioner, Country Club Cars. Payment shall be made to Petitioner within sixty

(30) days of this Order. This order is final and shall be served on Respondent in accordance to Rule 5-20(c).

CRUZ, Diana Marie - Initial Guardianship Hearing Case: CF-22-0118 Court Date: October 24, 2022 at 10 a.m.

FLORES-RODRIGUEZ, Theresa Marie - Default Judgment Hearing Case: C-22-0063 Court Date: October 12, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.

FULWILDER JR., Loyd Russell - Bond Forfeiture Hearing Case: CR-21-0230 Court Date: November 2, 2022 at 10 a.m.

GLORIA SR., Antonio - Initial Child Support Hearing Case: CFCS-22-0029 Court Date: October 12, 2022 at 10 a.m.

LOPEZ, Josiah Nathan Manfred - Evidentiary Child Support Hearing Case: CFCS-22-0021 Court Date: October 10, 2022 at 10:30 a.m.

LUDLOW-MARTINEZ, Maurice

Timothy - Restraining Order Hearing Case: R-22-0071 Court Date: November 3, 2022 at 11:30 a.m.

GONZALES, Antonio Angel - Initial Guardianship Hearing Case: CF-22-0118 Court Date: October 24, 2022 at 10 a.m.

MARTINEZ, Marie Louise - Order to Show Cause Hearing Case: CF-21-0115 Court Date: October 25, 2022 at 9 a.m.

MANUEL JR., Delroy - Revocation Hearing Case: CF-14-0109 Court Date: October 13, 2022 at 10 a.m.

SPEX, Erica Victoria - Initial Child Support Hearing Case: CFCS-22-0030 Court Date: October 18, 2022 at 9 a.m.

VALENZUELA, Frank Harvier - Entry of Default Judgement Case: C-22-0105 Court Date: November 1, 2022 at 10 a.m.

ZARAGOZA, Elisandro - Evidentiary Guardianship Hearing Case: CF-22-0108 Court Date: November 17, 2022 at 10 a.m.

DEFAULT NOTICES

Coelho, Ana Rose NOTICE: MOTION FOR DEFAULT JUDGMENT

C-22-0064

COUNTRY CLUB CARS

V.

ANA ROSE COELHO

To: ANA ROSE COELHO,

- The Court has received a Motion for Entry of Default Judgment filed against you in this Court. A copy of the Motion and affidavit of amounts owing is attached to this Notice.
- You are given Ten (10) days from the date the Process Server hands you this to file an Answer, Motion to Dismiss or other responsive pleading.
- If you want to Deny the Motion, you must file a Written Answer, Motion to Dismiss or other responsive pleading within 10 days of service unless the law requires otherwise.

- You should go at once to a Legal Counsel or Advocate to see if they will prepare a written answer for you.
- If you do nothing, the Court may grant a Default Judgment against you and you will be obligated to pay the judgment and award. (Section 5-16.1, Judgment by Default)

DATED this 18th of August, 2022

CLERK OF SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY TRIBAL COURT

Flores-Rodriguez, Theresa Marie MOTION FOR DEFAULT JUDGMENT

C-22-0063

COUNTRY CLUB CARS

V.

THERESA MARIE FLORES-RODRIGURZ

To: Theresa Marie Flores-Rodriguez,

- The Court has received a Motion for Entry of Default Judgment filed against you in this

Court. A copy of the Motion and affidavit of amounts owing is attached to this Notice.

- You are given Ten (10) days from the date the Process Server hands you this to file an Answer, Motion to Dismiss or other responsive pleading.
- If you want to Deny the Motion, you must file a Written Answer, Motion to Dismiss or other responsive pleading within 10 days of service unless the law requires otherwise.
- You should go at once to a Legal Counsel or Advocate to see if they will prepare a written answer for you.
- If you do nothing, the Court may grant a Default Judgment against you and you will be obligated to pay the judgment and award. (Section 5-16.1, Judgment by Default)

DATED this 23rd of August, 2022

CLERK OF SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY TRIBAL COURT

Valenzuela, Frank Harvier

DEFAULT NOTICE

C-22-0105

ATWOOD RENTALS, INC

V.

FRANK HARVIER VALENZUELA,

To: Frank Harvier Valenzuela, RESPONDENT

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

- A default judgment may have serious, adverse, and irreversible consequences against you.
- 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
- If you do nothing, the Court may give Judgment for what the Complaint demands. (Section 5-16.1, Judgment by Default)

DATED this 10th of September, 2022.

CLERK OF SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY TRIBAL COURT

SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY

FALL FESTIVAL TRUNK OR TREAT DRIVE THRU

SATURDAY, OCT 29, 2022 | 5PM - 7PM
SALT RIVER HIGH SCHOOL NORTH PARKING LOT

NO WESTBOUND LEFT TURN

ENTER EXIT

CHAPARRAL RD

COUNTRY CLUB DR

SALT RIVER HIGH SCHOOL

SRHS ATHLETIC NORTH PARKING LOT

ECEC

HIGHLAND AVE

EXT RD

CENTER ST

DETOUR

NO WALK UPS ALLOWED.
CHILD/CHILDREN MUST BE IN VEHICLE TO RECEIVE GOODIES!
(15 YRS. OLD AND YOUNGER)

GOODIES AVAILABLE FROM SRPMIC DEPARTMENTS/PROGRAMS!

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2022 Christmas Angels Program

Submit your application for sponsorship starting 10/3!

Applications will be accepted over the phone, by email, or in person on a first come first serve basis.

To submit an application:
Call: 480-362-7460 (Leave a message – this is a VOICEMAIL ONLY line)
Email: ChristmasAngels@srpmic-nsn.gov
In Person: Social Services Office at 10005 E Osborn Rd, Building 32 (N. Side of building)

Applications will be accepted starting 10/3/22. To qualify for sponsorship, applicant must have legal AND physical custody* of the children; and child or guardian must be an enrolled SRPMIC tribal member in order to apply. Gifts will be distributed through a scheduled, no-contact drive through the week of 12/12/22.

*Kinship and foster care placements do not qualify for sponsorship at this time, but may be eligible for other resources.

**Please note: Completing an application DOES NOT guarantee sponsorship. Sponsorships will be arranged based on availability and in the order which applications were received.

Public Comments on Proposed Amendments to Tax Ordinance

Comment Period: September 22, 2022 – October 21, 2022

On Wednesday, September 21, 2022, the SRPMIC Council authorized a 30 day public comment period for the proposed amendments to the Community's Tax Ordinance. The draft ordinance does the following:

This is a proposal to amend the Tax Code (Chapter 15.1) to update the Community's administration and collection of Possessory Interest Tax. The changes impact the process of valuation, payment timeframes, and payment disputes. The proposed changes are all consistent with the Community's current policies and practices, but will provide increased transparency and clarity to taxpayers.

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 the General Counsel
10,005 East Osborn Road
Scottsdale, Arizona 85256
OrdPublicComment@srpmic-nsn.gov

SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA
INDIAN COMMUNITY

10005 East Osborn Road
Scottsdale, Arizona 85256

ORDINANCE NUMBER: SRO-_-2022

TO AMEND CHAPTER 15 OF THE SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY CODE OF ORDINANCES TO UPDATE THE COMMUNITY'S ADMINISTRATION AND COLLECTION OF POSSESSORY INTEREST TAX.

BE IT ENACTED THAT:

Section 15.1 of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Code of Ordinances shall be amended as follows with Section 15.1-83 being repealed in its entirety and the remaining Sections renumbered accordingly:

Section 15.1-2 shall be amended as follows:

The definition of Tax year or taxable year shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced with:

Tax year or taxable year shall occur simultaneously with the Community's fiscal year, and is the 12-month calendar period from October 1 to September 30. The

tax year is the year following the valuation year. The tax year is the same year in which the second half possessory interest tax is due.

The definition of Valuation year shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced with:

Valuation Year is the calendar year prior to the tax year and is the same year in which the first half possessory interest tax is due.

Section 15.1-17 shall be amended as follows:

Section 15.1-17(c)(3) shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced with:

(3) Requirements for petition. The petition shall be in writing, shall describe the action of the tax collector which the taxpayer disputes, and shall state the basis of the taxpayer's contention that such action is erroneous. A taxpayer may file a petition of his assessment on the basis of (1) factual errors in the assessment, (2) improper classification, (3) inaccurate valuation, (4) improper denial of an exemption, (5) inequitable valuation, or (6) some combination of the above factors. The taxpayer may not contend inaccurate valuation if he did not timely supply the collector with requested income and expense information.

Section 15.1-7(e) shall be amended to include the following sentence at the end of the section:

The taxpayer has the burden of proving that the

assessment is incorrect.

Section 15.1-22 shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced with:

All remittances of taxes imposed by this chapter shall be made by bank draft, check, cashier's check, money order, electronic funds transfer, or cash to the collector, who, upon request by the taxpayer, shall issue receipts to the taxpayer; provided, that no remittance for the tax assessed and levied under the provisions of this chapter shall be deemed received unless and until it has been paid to the collector by any of the methods specified above.

Section 15.1-81 shall be amended as follows:

Sections 15.1-81(d) through (h) shall be relabeled as Sections 15.1-81 (e) through (i) respectively, and the following language shall be included as a new Section 15.1-81(d):

(d) On or before August 1 of each valuation year, the tax collector shall determine the location, ownership, and full cash value of all possessory interests within the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Reservation. A notice of full cash value for such possessory interests shall be issued to each taxpayer owner by August 1 for the upcoming tax year. Taxpayers have the right to appeal the valuation pursuant to Section 15.1-17.

Section 15.1-81(i) shall be amended to include the following sentence at the end of the section:

A property shall be deemed to be in use for its intended purpose and no longer partially complete upon issuance of either a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy or Certificate of Completion.

Section 15.1-82(f) shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced with:

f. Partially completed improvements not yet in use for intended purpose and not issued either a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy or Certificate of Completion.

Section 15.1-83 shall be deleted in its entirety, and Sections 15.1-84 and 15.1-85 shall be renumbered as Sections 15.1-83 and 15.1-84 respectively.

Section 15.1-84(a) shall be deleted in its entirety, renumbered as 15.1-83(a), and replaced with:

(a) The Community Council shall meet at the council chambers of the Community on or before the third Wednesday of September of each year and fix the rate of taxation on class one possessory interests for the upcoming tax year. The rate shall not exceed the mean of the rates then in effect in Maricopa County tax rate area codes 001400, 031400, 311400, 481400, 691400,

931400 and 981400.

Section 15.1-85(c) shall be added to Section 15.1-85, hereby renumbered as 15.1-84.

(c) The taxes due and payable on or before the first of November will be applied to the first half of the valuation year (defined as January 1 through June 30), and the remaining taxes due on or before the first of May will be applied to the second half of the valuation year (defined as July 1 through December 31).

Section 15.1-112 shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

On or before September 1 of each calendar year, the tax collector shall determine the location, ownership, and full cash value of the property interests of all utility companies operating within the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Reservation. The full cash value of such utility property interests shall be as of January 1 of the valuation year and be equivalent to their proportionate value as determined by the owner-provided Annual Report or by the tax collector using commonly accepted methods of appraisal.

CERTIFICATION

Pursuant to the authority contained in Article VII, 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 resolution was adopted this ___ day of September, 2022, 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

Senior Services Recreation Presents

Escape from Senior Services

Trunk-or-Treat Drive-Thru!

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Friday Oct. 21

5-6:30 p.m.

Lehi Community Center Parking Lot

Must be in vehicle
Must be present to receive items (limited quantity)

For community seniors 55+ and adults with physical and adaptive needs.

Questions?
Contact Byron at 480.362.5691

Map: Oak St., Exit, Enter, N Snider Dr., Lehi Community Center

SENIOR SERVICES
SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY

HUHUGAM KI: MUSEUM

MUSEUM CLOSURE

CLOSED FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2022

WE WILL BE CLOSED FOR ANNUAL INVENTORY AND BUILDING MAINTENANCE. STAFF WILL BE AVAILABLE VIA PHONE OR EMAIL. WE WILL REOPEN ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2022. WE APOLOGIZE FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE.

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For more information contact the Huhugam Ki: Museum

HUHUGAM KI: MUSEUM 480.362.6320

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MEMORIAL SERVICES

Wake and Funeral Services

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

CONTACTING MEMORIAL SERVICES

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

FULL WAKE AND FUNERAL ARE PROVIDED AT FACILITIES

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

CEMETERY SERVICES PROVIDED DURING

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

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



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Foundation



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In partnership with the Arizona Humane Society and the Dept of Environmental Health

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October 15th & 16th

Doors open at 8:00 AM

First come, first served
Space is limited

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Scottsdale, AZ 85256

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- Wellness Exams
 - Vaccines
 - Flea/Tick Prevention
 - Heartworm prevention for dogs
 - Microchipping & Health Screening
- (for diseases such as Heartworm, Lyme, FIV and FeLV)

Pet food will also be available!

Please Note

Spay/Neuter surgery will not be available.
Pets must be brought by legal owner (age 18+)
Cats must be in carriers. (One cat per carrier.)
Dogs must be on leash.
No limit as to how many animals you bring.

Connect With Us

NAGI Foundation offers a variety of animal services, behavioral health support, and family resources that coincide with traditional values of First Nations communities.

info@nagifoundation.org
(602) 730-2092



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@nagifoundation

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



The Spooktacular Halloween event welcomes everyone in the Community to come & trick-or-treat indoors at the Accelerated Learning Academy! There will be food, spooky games/prizes, haunted rooms & more!

THURSDAY

OCT 27

6-8PM | ALA



480-362-2500

CHURCH LISTING

LEHI CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

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

FERGUSON MEMORIAL 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. Jim Lopez
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
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Father Peter McConnell and Father Antony Tinker
SERVICES
-Sunday Mass 12 p.m.
-Holy Hours 1 p.m.

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Calendar of Events

OCTOBER

- 6 THRIVING WITH DIABETES** – Attend our 8-week course and learn how to manage your diabetes! Limited to 12 participants. Meeting will be held in the Teaching Kitchen at RPHC. You MUST be vaccinated to attend meetings. Approved for 15 WellPath or 15 Strong Life Points. 10/06/22 Diabetes A-Z; 10/13/22 Healthy Eating; 10/20/22 Being Active; 10/27/22 Know Your Medications; 11/3/22 Finding Solutions; 11/17/22 *Week of Thanksgiving – No Class*; 12/1/22 Healthy Coping. For Registration call (480) 362-3355 or email: RPHCNUTRITIONSERVICES@SRPMIC-NSN.GOV
- 7-8 1st ANNUAL BRIGHT LIGHT HITTERS SLOW PITCH CO ED** – 8 a.m. – 10 p.m., Guadalupe Beihn Park & Yaqui Fields. 16 teams, double elimination. \$200.00 buy in. \$20 Unlimited Homerun Bracelets. Food Sale & Costume Contest. All proceeds to go Native Worlds Tournament. Contact: Manuel Ozuna, (480) 548-9761.
- 8 THE 61ST MISS INDIAN ARIZONA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM: "CELEBRATING INDIGENOUS RESILIENCE"** – 6:30 p.m. The Miss Indian Arizona Association and the Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona invite you to come out and support our young Indian women at the Chandler Center for the Arts. This year the Association will be awarding \$10,400 in scholarship funds to the winners. Proof of Covid 19 vaccination shot's and the wearing of masks are required for all participants and those attending the program. Free Covid-19 testing will be available on site. Tickets can be purchased electronically at www.chandlercenter.org, in person at the Chandler Center for the Arts, 250 Arizona Avenue, Chandler, AZ. Box Office (480) 782-2680.

- 8 38th ANNUAL NATIVE AMERICAN CONNECTIONS PARADE** – 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. Saturday, October 8th, 2022. Starts at 3rd St. & Oak St. Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Native American Connections & the 75th anniversary of the Phoenix Indian Center. Both organizations will serve as Grand Marshals! An open house will be held at the Phoenix Indian School Visitor Center after the parade from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Please contact (602) 254-3247 for questions and concerns. Thank you!
- 8 THE PHOENIX INDIAN CENTER PRESENTS THE "CELEBRATING OUR HISTORY, HONORING THE PEOPLE" SOCIAL POW WOW & GOURD DANCE** – Phoenix Indian Center. Join us for this FREE event to celebrate our 75th Anniversary! More Details Coming Soon! For more information: (602) 264-6768 or PHXINDCENTER.ORG
- 13 THRIVING WITH DIABETES: HEALTHY EATING** - Attend our 8-week course and learn how to manage your diabetes! Limited to 12 participants. Meeting will be held in the Teaching Kitchen at RPHC. You MUST be vaccinated to attend meetings. Approved for 15 WellPath or 15 Strong Life Points.
- 14 ARIZONA STATE FAIR ALL-INDIAN RODEO** – 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Slack Time at 9 a.m., Eligibility: Open to all Native Americans with proof of Tribal Identification. NO EXCEPTIONS! PRCA/WPRA rules apply to all contestants. Must be 18yrs or older. Must present verification of Tribal enrollment or age upon request by Rodeo Secretary. For more information contact www.azstatefair.com or Rodeo Secretary (602)-672-8660.
- 15 ARIZONA STATE FAIR ALL INDIAN**

- RODEO** – 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, October 15th. Slack Time at 9 a.m. Eligibility: Open to all Native Americans with proof of Tribal Identification. NO EXCEPTIONS! PRCA/WPRA rules will apply to all contestants. Must be 18yrs or older. Must present verification of Tribal Enrollment or age upon request by Rodeo Secretary. For more information contact www.azstatefair.com or Rodeo Secretary (602)-672-8660.
- 15 HARMONY'S RIDE FUNDRAISING DANCE** – 7 p.m., Salt River Community Building 1880 N Longmore Rd, Scottsdale, AZ \$10 at the door. Music by: Pima Express, Chad & Company and Special Guest. A night of Music, Dance, Food, Fun and More!
- 17 SALT RIVER SCHOOLS EDUCATION BOARD MEETING** – 5:15 p.m. Education Board Room, 4836 N. Center St, Scottsdale, AZ. Meetings will be held in person and virtually during the 2022-2023 school year. The Education Board welcomes your attendance and appreciates your interest in our students. Questions can be directed to Education Board Secretary, LaRue Jackson at (480) 362-2500
- 20 THRIVING WITH DIABETES: BEING ACTIVE** - Attend our 8-week course and learn how to manage your diabetes! Limited to 12 participants. Meeting will be held in the Teaching Kitchen at RPHC. You MUST be vaccinated to attend meetings. Approved for 15 WellPath or 15 Strong Life Points. 10/2022 Being Active.
- 21 SENIOR SERVICES RECREATION SERVICES PRESENTS: ESCAPE FROM SENIOR SERVICES TRUNK OR TREAT DRIVE THRU!** – 5 p.m. – 6:30 p.m., Friday, October 21st, 2022, Lehi

- Community Center Parking Lot. Put on your best costume and join us for a frightfully good time filled with music, food and trick-or-treat stations! It's sure to be a spooktacular evening! For Community Seniors 55+ and Adults with physical and adaptive needs. Must be in vehicle. Must be present to receive items. (Limited quantity) Questions? Contact: Byron at (480) 362-5691 or Email: Byron.silversmith@srpmic-nsn.gov
- 21 FALL OVERHAUL, 8 - 11 a.m.** Activities include painting stand pipes, Cottonwood wetland clean up, Lehi wetland clean up, garden boxes, "Project Can It" (repainting garbage cans), and river cleanup and planting. For more info, reach out to Victor Gonzales at Victor.Gonzales@srpmic-nsn.gov or Gina Gage at Gina.Gage@srpmic-nsn.gov.
- 22 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY**, 7 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the parking lot north of Two Waters complex (across from SRPD). Will include batteries, paint, oil, paper shredding, etc. For more info, reach out to Victor Gonzales at Victor.Gonzales@srpmic-nsn.gov or Gina Gage at Gina.Gage@srpmic-nsn.gov.
- 27 SPOOKTACULAR** - 6 p.m. – 8 p.m., 4827 N Country Club Dr. at the Accelerated Learning Academy. Our Safe Schools and Security Team has a fun event planned, including haunted rooms to walk through, treats galore, and lots of prizes for best costumes! Face masks are encouraged. This is a free event for all ages and open to all our school departments and Community. Food, Games & Haunted Rooms! Questions? Call Esteban Lopez at (480)-362-2500 or Esteban.Lopez@srpmic-nsn.gov
- 27 THRIVING WITH DIABETES: KNOW**

- YOUR MEDICATIONS** - Attend our 8-week course and learn how to manage your diabetes! Limited to 12 participants. Meeting will be held in the Teaching Kitchen at RPHC. You MUST be vaccinated to attend meetings. Approved for 15 WellPath or 15 Strong Life Points.
- 29 FALL FESTIVAL TRUNK OR TREAT DRIVE THROUGH**, 5 - 7 p.m. at the Salt River High School North Parking Lot. No walk ups allowed. Child/Children must be in vehicle to receive goodies (15 years and younger). For more call Community Relations - Events at (480) 362-7740. See ad on page 8.
- 3 THRIVING WITH DIABETES: KNOW YOUR NUMBERS** - Attend our 8-week course and learn how to manage your diabetes! Limited to 12 participants. Meeting will be held in the Teaching Kitchen at RPHC. You MUST be vaccinated to attend meetings. Approved for 15 WellPath or 15 Strong Life Points.
- 5-6 34TH ANNUAL RED MOUNTAIN EAGLE POW-WOW** – at the Salt River Baseball Field 1839 N. Longmore Road Scottsdale, Az. Everyone Welcome! Free Admission! GRAND ENTRY: Saturday: 1 p.m. & 7 p.m. Sunday: 1 p.m. GOURD DANCING: Saturday: 10 a.m. & 5 p.m., Sunday: 10 a.m., COMMITTEE SPONSORED FEAST: Saturday, November 5 at 5 p.m. Contacts: Victorialyn McCarthy, Phone: (480) 234-1432, Email: victorialyn@onaukmor.com David Montiel, Phone: (602) 882-5553, Email: David@onaukmor.com

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