



38th Annual Native American Connections Parade



Salt River Senior Steppers

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On the weekend before Indigenous Peoples' Day, the 38th Annual Native American Connections (NAC) Parade was held on Saturday, October 8, along Third Street in Phoenix.

NAC began as a small grassroots organization in 1972, operating a program for Native American men in recovery from substance abuse disorders. Today, NAC owns and operates 22 sites throughout Phoenix, helping local Native Americans with health services, affordable housing and community development.

The parade featured several floats, as well as dancers and performers, nonprofit companies, schools, Native American businesses and tribal royalty.

Judges scored the parade entries in four categories as they passed by the NAC booth:

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Health Facility Looks to Fill Positions with Community Members



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On October 6, the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community hosted a job fair for Community members to seek employment at the River People Health Center.

According to Crystal Banuelos, SRPMIC assistant human resources director, 107 attendees came out to the job fair. Of those individuals, 55 were Community members, 40 were enrolled with another tribe and 12 were non-enrolled members.

The job fair consisted of an open general session for all job

seekers and a session during which SRPMIC members could speak directly with RPHC department representatives about requirements for specific positions. The RPHC is looking to fill positions in scheduling, patient registration, peer support specialists, behavioral health, and technicians in various areas.

"The River People Health Center is expected to add over 200 individuals to our team over the next 2 years. We need these individuals to fulfill our mission of increasing the life expectancy of Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Members by 5 years in the

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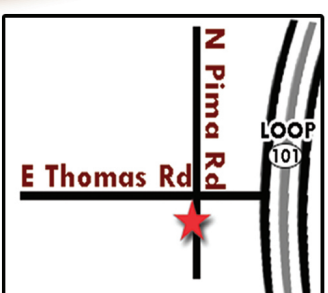
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Social Gathering Takes on Bigger Purpose



Piipaash Matasheevm Committee (PMC) members front row: Emily King, Ardell Moore, Deanna Scabby, Bernice Easchief. Back row: Jesse Broken Rope, Michael Dallas, Sr., Garfield Nish, Robert Aguilar, Alvin Lewis.

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The Piipaash Matasheevm (People's Gathering) has been staple among the Lehi Community since 1998, when Earl and Carolyn Stacey founded the event to celebrate the Piipaash culture on the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community. In the last issue of *O'odham Action News*, we touched upon the day of the event, on October 1 this year. Now we turn our attention to the committee that makes it all happen.

The gathering is a grassroots effort to

preserve the Piipaash culture led by the Piipaash Matasheevm Committee (PMC), which sees many of its members playing crucial roles to host the event each year. The Piipaash Matasheevm held in early October takes on a greater meaning around what a community does when volunteers and the SRPMIC come together to produce an event of cultural significance.

The original event, the Spiritual Gathering of the Gourds, originated in the late 1990s and centered around bringing in traditional singers and dancers to perform. The focus always has been

to honor the Piipaash ancestors who called the Community home and their descendants who live here today.

"I was born and raised here, so I have been involved with this since day one," said Bob Aguilar, an elder from Lehi. "All of us have been involved in some way. We have been lucky to get together to push forward with what we are doing." He said the gathering has progressed to a point of prominence in the Community and is one way of preserving the Piipaash culture.

According to Committee member Garfield Nish, this work

to preserve the Piipaash culture goes back to 1990, when certain songs were introduced into the Community from other tribes with relations to the Piipaash. "You know, we started gathering some young kids and teaching them to sing songs, and that's how it ... originated," said Nish.

From there to the time of the original gathering held by the Stacey family, Nish took an interest in helping out with the annual event. Later, events were held two times a year. He said when it came to seeing how the gathering could thrive, it took a lot of legwork to get support from the Community and bring individuals with cultural knowledge to the table.

At the gathering area in Lehi, one can take note of the arbor that adorns the grounds, which is covered with arrowweed to give shade when the sun is at its brightest and gives way to the open circle where dancers and singers can perform.

"I got involved when it came to the construction of that," said Alvin Lewis, a Community member and member of the PMC. He said it

took a bit of effort to get the assistance from the Community to have the arbor built, but that the overall outcome came from the committee itself.

"We all banded together, and a lot of us knew about construction and working outside, so we knew that if we wanted it done the way we wanted, we would have to build it ourselves," said Lewis. He said the craftsmanship and ideas to incorporate a bench underneath the arbor were touches added by the committee.

Lewis alluded to the fact that the arbor is just one representation of what the gathering is about, but he hopes the lasting impact of the culture can live on as younger people get involved. "We're trying to get everybody involved, no matter who they are, so that way [it will] live on for [at least] another 100 years," said Lewis.

"I'm over 80 now, and we're kind of getting up there in age. And you know, a lot of us won't be around anymore at some point, but hopefully we can get the younger ones involved," said Bob Aguilar, a member

of the PMC. "We have invited younger singers to come to the gathering as well, and I think this last [event] was a success."

Another PMC member and a relative of Aguilar's, Garnet Gates, shared his experience with the gathering that goes back to when it was the Spiritual Gathering of the Gourds. He also talked about the work to get funding from the Community to build the arbor and how, in order to accomplish the project, it needed the know-how of the PMC members.

"We all came from the Colorado [River] tribes with all the tradition and culture because we all have a common connection between the tribes," said Gates. He added that some people would like to see the event last longer or be held over a weekend.

"We are actually thinking of expanding it to two days, like other places where it becomes a weekend affair," said Gates.

If the event lasts two days, then the committee can consider inviting more tribes to the gathering, not only tribes

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U.S. Senator Brian Schatz Visits Community

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Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community President Martin Harvier, staff from the Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs, members of the Young River People's Council and staff from the River People Health Center met with U.S. Senator Brian Schatz (D-Hawaii) on Friday, October 14, at the River People Health Center to discuss a few issues that the Community is facing today.

Senator Schatz is the chairman of the U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, and he wanted to visit a Native American community on his trip to Arizona.

"He's a powerful member [of the Senate], and just to be able to share some concerns with him is good for the Community," said SRPMIC Special Assistant for Legislative Affairs Gary Bohnee. "He has the power to do a lot, and with his staff here, to follow up. It's always important to make sure that we [inform] people like the senator [about] our issues. It's always good to educate [them] because I don't think he's [too] familiar with Arizona."

The visit started off with a meet-and-greet. SRPMIC President Martin Harvier welcomed Senator Schatz and explained the history of the Community and how the two tribes came to be as one.

President Harvier discussed three issues that the Community is facing: grave looting in the Tonto National Forest, the Land Buy-Back Program for Tribal Nations, and concerns with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) regarding the flight paths over the Community.



Young River People's Youth Council members Damien Escovedo and Isaiah Wateuma meet Senator Brian Schatz.

Recently, three individuals were caught looting graves in the Tonto National Forest, which borders part of the Community to the east. Although the Community was listed as a victim in the case, the Community was not notified until after the plea agreement was made with the three individuals.

"We weren't the only victim listed," said Harvier. "Gila River and the San Carlos Apache Tribe also were listed. But it was just the process that was very disappointing, that we weren't involved until plea agreements were made. We did not have the opportunity to attend the hearing."

For years, tribes have not been brought in on decisions relating to the prosecution and punishment of crimes on tribal land or that involve them. This case was another example.

The second issue is that the SRPMIC land is some of the most highly fractionated tribal land in the country, explained Harvier, "and with the Land Buy-Back

Program after the Cobell case, it was very beneficial to us as a Community. We received funding to [consolidate] some of those highly fractionated [land] areas [so we could] bring those into the tribe and actually use them for development for our members. [I wish we could receive] continued support [for] that," said Harvier.

The Land Buy-Back Program is operating on a continuing resolution, but as a policy issue it's important to know how Congress can work with tribes on the land fractionation issue, explained Bohnee.

"The Department of the Interior put in place right-of-way regulations and land regulations that may get really cumbersome for the Community here, for people [who want] to get homesites or [obtain] right-of-way for any kind of development," said Bohnee.

The final issue involved FAA flight plan regulations. Years ago the Community expressed its concern to the FAA

following a lawsuit filed by the City of Phoenix. The FAA changed flight paths without public comment and now there are flight paths out of Sky Harbor International Airport that pass directly over the Community. Recently the Community has been working with the City of Scottsdale over the same concern.

At Sky Harbor, many flights take off to the east, and sometimes that brings them over the Community. "In the past, [departing planes] used to [fly] out past the development area and kind of made their turn [when they were] over the Tonto National Forest," said Harvier. "Well, we've noticed that they fly directly over our Community." Not too long ago, a plane over Los Angeles had an emergency and it dumped fuel right over a school. "That's the concern that we have here: What if something like that happened over the Community? We have a lot of open ground, but we do have homes throughout our Community," Harvier said, emphasizing that the FAA needs to inform the Community about flight path changes in the interest of public safety.

Senator Schatz and his staff discussed ways to bring these issues before the Indian Affairs Committee to be resolved.

"These are some issues we'd like to get resolved, but I think there are larger policy issues," Bohnee said. "We've had several members of Congress visit the Community, and it's important that we put a face on our issues when they are actually here, versus meeting in D.C."

Ending the visit, SRPMIC Health and Human Services Director Joseph Remitera led a tour of the River People Health Center, explaining to Senator Schatz and his staff how this new healthcare facility is benefiting not only the Community, but other tribal communities in the region.

38th Annual Native American Connections Parade

Performance, Schools, Nonprofit and Commercial.

In the Performance category, first place went to the Ballet Arizona Native Hoop Dance Class. The San Carlos Apache Tribe Baby Girl of the Year 2021-2022 won second place, and the Salt River Senior Steppers won third place.

Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community member Francia "Cissy" Neisen has been with the Salt River Senior Steppers for just over a year. She said the parade experience was fun and exciting, and participating with the group is a great way to stay in shape.

"Everything was well organized. The route was filled with people and we were able to dance, wave, say hello and give out candy, said Neisen. "Then we got out in front of the judges' booth, did our little dance, and everyone cheered. Representing the Community is always awesome. Being with the Senior Steppers [is great]; they're a fun group of people."

Also participating in the parade were Miss and Jr. Miss Salt River Royalty and the Miss Indian Arizona Contestants, who included Sistine Lewis and Manderee Jose from the SRPMIC. Later that day, Lewis was crowned Miss Indian Arizona 2022-2023.



Salt River Royalty waves as their float drives by parade attendees.



San Carlos Apache Baby Girl of the Year 2021-2022



Gila River Royalty 2022-2023 waves to parade watchers.



PKU Native American Education Program Youth Councils tell the crowd that they are on O'odham land.



Ballet Arizona Native Hoop Dance Class performs for the crowd.



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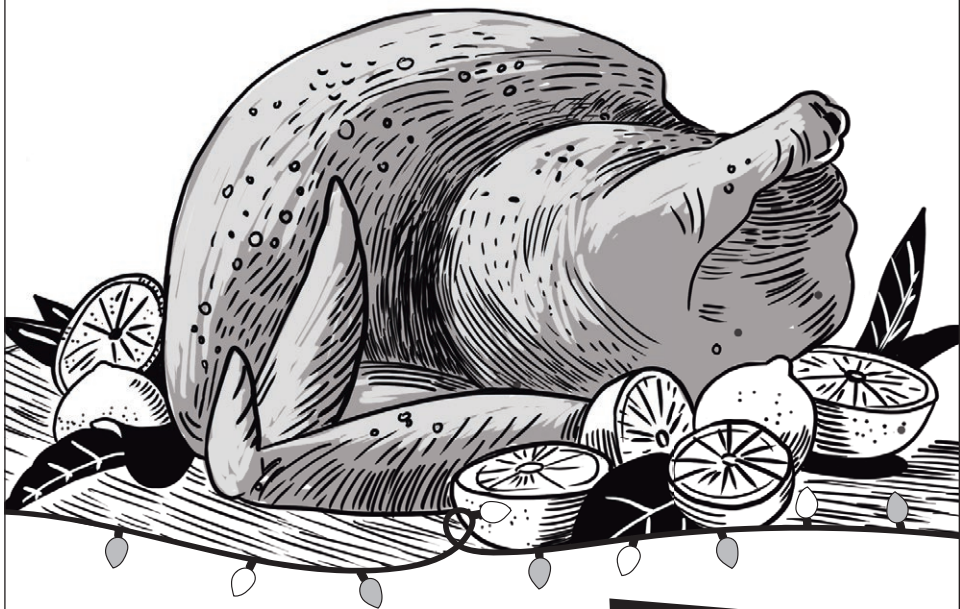
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When you walk in the main entrance of the River People Health Center, you may notice an arch covered in flowers and ribbons and a sign explaining the display: It's the Circle of Hope and Remembrance to acknowledge Recovery Week 2022. The display is part of the Not One More campaign on taking a stand against drug use in the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community. RPHC guests are welcome to tie a yellow, white or purple ribbon to the arch. The yellow ribbon is for someone saved from overdose with Narcan, white is for someone who died from an accidental overdose, and purple is for someone who is in recovery or is actively using. Families can also place a ribbon of hope or remembrance for someone who is currently suffering from or has been lost to substance abuse. - Tasha Silverhorn, *O'odham Action News*

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Work Program Helps SRPMIC Members Reach Career Goals

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In August the U.S. Department of Labor awarded \$70.8 million to 166 tribal nations in the form of grants. Among the recipients, was the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, which was awarded \$87,995 for adult programs and \$52,630 for youth employment.

According to a U.S. Dept. of Labor press release, the funding is to, "Help provide employment and training services to low-income and unemployed Native American adults and youth." The goal is to create opportunities for individuals to reach positions of their interest.

"We get funds directly from the DOL and other grant funds and the Administration for Children & Families," said Crystal Banuelos, SRPMIC Assistant Director of Human Resources. She said the funds go towards the Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act program the Community provides for its members.

"What the WIOA programs serves, is to help Community members to reach their employment goal. We help them along their path to become, let's say a medical assistant, for example," said Banuelos.

The WIOA program helps place individuals, who are pursuing a vocational or specialized field, including opportunities for the youth. Banuelos said for the youth, they are given opportunities to gain experience, while they are in school, even as they finish high school.

"We can help with [those] individuals that are looking to go back into school, like post secondary education or like a vocational school, with the cost that goes into various support services for that Community member," said James Smith, SRPMIC Manager of Human Resources Apprenticeship Program.

"For the youth, we work with them, provide them with virtual training as well so they continue to stay focused on their involvement in the program and prepare them for work readiness," said Banuelos. Smith said the important part is for them to stay active in school and get good grades. Smith also said the WIOA program offers different types of workshops, so they stay engaged.

"Some of the youth come in with certain barriers when it comes to income, so help them with stipend," said Banuelos. Smith added, the same opportunity is afforded to adult students, regardless of their status of either full-time or part-time, they will receive a stipend for being in class with an instructor.

Based on an Community members eligibility, they create opportunities for them to meet the requirements, if it's income, disability and other even parenting, which some participants split their time between school and home life.

She said at times, during the course of their studies, a student may need to pay for tuition and school supplies and the Community will help them with those needs. Banuelos said that if it requires car repairs, because it is their only means of transportation, the Community will assist them to ease that burden.

Smith added, that the WIOA funding (in some cases tribal funding) will help with things such as testing fees are eligible for program participants, such as certifications for a state licensing fees. "We try to take that barrier off of them, so they need not worry about some of the costs, we can assist we can with the costs," said Smith.

Banuelos said for a Community who wants to become a medical assistant and is a participant in the WIOA program, they will work with the River People Health Center to line up an opportunity for them.

"Most departments are receptive of our participants, because it is extra help, even if they are in a trainee role, its good for them to get a real world experience in the field they want to eventually be in," she said.

Smith said for Community members who want to take their learning experience into college, they can connect them with a representative at higher education and they can still be a participant of the WIOA program at the same time.

Banuelos and Smith both encouraged Community members to stop by the WIOA program and reach out to them if they are interested in pursuing their career goals. "95 percent of the time people will drop in and that is fine, we are happy to help them with their goals," said Smith.

NOVEMBER 2022 DISTRICT MEETINGS

CM ENOS, DISTRICT A

Mon., November 14, 2022, 6 p.m.
 • Legalization of Marijuana
 • Update on the Ordinance Amendment for Homesite Leases
 • Community Member (CM) Comments

SRPMIC Council Chambers
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CM ANTONE, DISTRICT B

Sat., November 19, 2022, 9 a.m.
 CANCELLED, due to Community Thanksgiving program

CM DOKA, DISTRICT C

Mon., November 7, 2022, 6 p.m.
 • SFRD Winter Safety Tips
 • Active Shooter Presentation
 • Probate Process & Estate Planning
 • CM Comments

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CM GREY, DISTRICT D

Thur., November 17, 2022, 6 p.m.
 • District D Crime Stats
 • Homeless Individuals and Transients Information
 • SR Devco Enabling Ordinance
 • CM Comments

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CM LARGO, DISTRICT E

Mon., November 28, 2022, p.m.
 • HHS Prevention & Intervention Services
 • CM Comments
 • (CM Largo's last District Meeting)
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CM SCABBY / CM DALLAS, LEHI DISTRICT

Tue., November 15, 2022, 6 p.m.
 • Residency Ordinance
 • Medical Marijuana - Next Steps
 • CM Comments
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 WORK SESSIONS: November 3, 10, 17, 24 / Thursdays at 10 a.m.

Young River People's Council Spends Fall Break in Leadership Training

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After the Young River People's Council (YRPC) resumed with a group of new youth in September, October's fall break was a perfect opportunity for the new group of young people to get in some leadership training. They gathered for a four-day leadership workshop on Wednesday, October 5, through Saturday, October 8, at the Round House Café and Way of Life Facility.

"We thought we'd utilize that time for them to get going, to hit the ground running in their leadership development," said Janyse Salinas, Youth Services supervisor for the YRPC. "It's an easy introduction into leadership. We had speakers lined up from different [Community] departments. They [youth also met] with Tribal Council, including the president and vice-president of the Community."

The YRPC members began their first day of training with a cultural presentation from Cody Achin, outreach coordinator for the O'odham Piipaash Language Program. Achin taught the youth how to introduce themselves in both O'odham and Piipaash. Isaac Lopez, cultural youth development specialist, taught them how to make shell etchings.

The second day focused on professionalism, addressing topics such as dress code,



Young River People's Council meet with Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community President Martin Harvier as they take a tour of the Executive Administration Office. Photo courtesy of Young River People's Council

higher education and career opportunities in the Community.

"We had Higher Education come in to give a brief overview of how to go about the process of getting into a vocational school or college as they continue their education after high school," said Salinas.

The students toured the Council Chambers on the third day, meeting the SRPMIC Council Representatives. They also took a tour of the Tribal Administration offices, learned about travel etiquette and studied Robert's Rules of Order.

The last day ended with a presentation titled "Youth Council: Best Practices for Leadership," presented by Ginger Martin.

"Overall it's been pretty good. I like the people; they are



Eli Johnson, trainer from Training and Development giving a presentation on "Know Your Why." Photo courtesy of Young River People's Council

very polite," said Aiyana Collins about her experience with YRPC Leadership Training.

"So far, I have learned that if

we want to get things done, we have to work as a team. We also learned about our culture."



New YRPC members Aiyana Collins and Jalen Rangel learn how to do shell etching on their first day of Leadership Training.



Sommer Lopez, Youth Development Specialist help the youth create their shell designs. Photo courtesy of Young River People's Council

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Health Facility Looks to Fill Positions with Community Members



Community members sign-in during the SRPMIC HR and RPHC job fair to fill out applications and speak with SRPMIC human resource representatives on October 6.

next 5 years (also known as our "5 in 5" goal). In order to accomplish our goal, we seek to attract well-qualified team members that believe in creating a positive healing environment," said Joe Remitera, Department of Health and Human Services Director.

An SRPMIC member at RPHC for a healthcare appointment at the time used the opportunity to fill out a job application.

"I am interested in getting a job here, but most importantly it's for my kids," said Sanuye Zotigh. "I filled out a form and then figured I would see what they have to offer."

"I am interested in custodial work. I really would like to work for the Community, but I am also open to any other opportunities that are available here at the RPHC," said Anna Stevens, a Community member.

Job openings in direct patient care included registered nurses, phlebotomists, medical assistants and

dental assistants.

SRPMIC member Atel Butler said she was drawn to the job fair by the medical assistant and phlebotomist positions. "I am currently employed as a medical assistant and I sometimes do phlebotomy when my work asks me to," said Butler.

Samuel Malin, a Community member who is currently studying nursing, said that the RPHC would be a good place to start his healthcare career. "I've wanted to apply here ever since I heard about the job fair," said Malin. After 11 years out of school, he felt that it was time for him to go back to school, and he has two years left to complete his nursing program.

"The tribe is a good place to work for. I have done it the past seven years. They take care of us, and I would like to continue working for the Community."

"Ultimately we want to, 'Be Ready When You Are Ready' and to do that we must have the highly trained, compassionate staff on board ready to meet the needs of those we serve," said Remitera.

Banuelos added, "The recent Job Fair was just another avenue to ensure people are aware we are actively recruiting and have many jobs available in all sectors supporting the RPHC. We had a good number of Community Members and other individuals come out to express interest. HR is actively working to ensure people are able to submit their interest to the right job. In the end, we do want to share how grateful we are for everyone's help and support, making this event a success."

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A panel discussion on "Whose Land?" held at Puente Human Rights in Phoenix.

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The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community's Fall Overhaul was back to being an in-person event for the first time in three years.

With the theme of "All of Us" ('A:cim Ve:sij in O'odham and Mat chuuwaama in Piipaash), the 2022 Fall Overhaul was held on October 21, with indoor and outdoor service projects established by the Community Development Department (CDD) and Environmental Protection and Natural Resources (EPNR) Department around the boundaries of the Community.

In total, 1,332 employees participated in the event.

"It was good to have a Fall Overhaul event this year without doing anything virtually. More projects were accomplished this year [because of being in-person]. The weather was perfect," said CDD/EPNR Senior Compliance Coordinator Victor Gonzales.

Fall Overhaul service projects and the departments that worked on them included the Community Garden (Cultural Resources and Social Services), behind the Community Garden (Legal Services, Office of General Counsel), the Wetlands at Cottonwood and Lehi (Health and Human Services, Cultural Resources, Scottsdale Community College, Internal Audit, Defense Advocate's Office, Human Resources), and the Beeline Site (Salt River Police Department, Community Relations, Finance, Senior Services).

In about 2.5 hours, the Beeline Site cleanup team picked up more than 1,200 pounds of trash.

Other projects that SRPMIC departments worked on were eight garden



Fall Overhaul 2022 participants paint standpipes for their project that they were assigned. Photo courtesy of Lanell Poseyesva

boxes (Transportation, Treasury, Youth Services), Project Can-It (Department of Corrections), a river cleanup (Engineering and Construction Services, Recreation Services), rock painting (Administration, Tribal Council), ditches (Education Administration) and standpipes (Community Regulatory Agency, Judicial Center, Information Technology).

There were limited-mobility projects for employees who are on light duty or who cannot participate in the physical service projects. The Accelerated Learning Academy and Salt River Elementary School also worked on projects on their school campuses.

On October 22, the Household Hazardous Waste/Paper Shredding event was held at the Two Waters Complex north parking lot. The event gave Community members a chance to get rid of hazardous materials that are not allowed in the usual garbage collection.

Hazardous waste was collected from 52 Community homes and 65 cars, and a half ton of paper was shredded. On the way out, pumpkins were given out to each car.

On the weekend prior to Indigenous Peoples' Day, local organizers Matriarch Ways held their 8th annual Indigenous Peoples' Day Arizona (IPDAZ) gathering with events throughout the Valley.

This year the theme was "Against All Odds, We Still Exist," and IPDAZ event organizer Laura Medina said that the goal was to go back to the original intent of the first event: to connect with the community and hold discussions on important topics.

"Since that time, our community has grown and the issues have remained. Colonization has never ended, but at least we are more aware of its impact," said Medina. "We definitely try our best to center O'odham land and people [in our program]. As an Ojibwe, it is my responsibility to uphold being a good relative to others' traditional territories."

The event started on Saturday, October 8, with a community cleanup project at the 7th Avenue Trailhead at Rio Salado. The cleanup was sponsored by Keep Nature Wild and Chispa AZ.

The next day, participants and organizers met at the Steele Indian School Park by the Phoenix Indian School visitor center for the Day of Movement Spiritual Run, a half-mile walk involving prayer with spiritual runners.

On Monday, October 10, Indigenous Peoples' Day, IPDAZ held an all-day gathering at Puente Human Rights in Phoenix.

The day began with the IPDAZ Conference, which featured three panel discussions. The first panel was "Whose Land?" during which attendees learned about the territory of Phoenix from O'odham and Piipaash organizers and knowledge holders.

Chuvak "Cloud Feather Mist" Montiel-Nunez, an enrolled member of the SRPMIC, was a part of the panel, and she shared her experiences growing up next to settlers who moved on O'odham land bordering the present-day boundaries of the Community.

"There are a lot of Americans who oppose the border wall, but they don't see all of the borders that aren't walls that are separating the O'odham right now," she told attendees.

The second panel was "Voices From the Frontlines," which included updates from land and water defenders locally and from throughout Turtle Island. The third panel was "Native Creatives," a discussion with Indigenous content creators, musicians and entertainers."

At sundown, performers took the stage, and SRPMIC band Ramoncito & Company provided entertainment.



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CRD Collaborates with Mesa Historical Museum for New Exhibition

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On Saturday, October 15, the Mesa Historical Museum held a special event to mark the opening of its new exhibition on the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, celebrating the Onk Akimel O'odham and Piipaash cultures. The opening included an arts and crafts festival, food demos and tours of the new exhibition, which will remain on display as a permanent year-round exhibition at the museum.

The exhibition features information about the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, including the history of the two tribes, traditional diets, cultural artifacts, languages, pottery, basketry and more.

"Mesa Historical Museum Executive Director Susan Ricci wanted to have the Pima and Maricopa—or, as we call ourselves, O'odham and Piipaash—represented here in this museum for a number of reasons," said SRPMIC Cultural Resources Department Director Kelly Washington. "We're the indigenous people of this area, and a lot of us also went to this school here, including myself. I'm glad to be here [just to see] the exhibition, and for those memories that go with the school as well." The museum is housed in the building that served as the old Lehi school.

The Cultural Resources Department, which collaborated with the museum on the exhibition, set up booths during the event to talk about how they work to help preserve the history and culture of the SPRMIC. Representatives from the Huhugam Ki: Museum were there, as well as representatives of the O'odham Piipaash Language Program, which endeavors to teach and preserve the two tribal languages. Community Garden Program representatives were also on hand to share their knowledge of the traditional foods.

Huhugam Ki: Museum Manager Gary Owens and his family provided a popover (frybread) demonstration, giving out free popovers. Guests could eat them plain or add some sweetness with honey and/or powdered sugar.

A number of SRPMIC members served as arts and crafts vendors and demonstrated traditional tribal arts such as pottery, shell etching, burden baskets and beaded jewelry. Artisans from Salt River and the Tohono O'odham Nation demonstrated traditional O'odham basketry.

The Mesa Historical Museum is located in the Old Lehi School at 2345 N. Horne and is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information on exhibitions and events, call (480) 835-2286 or go online to www.mesahistoricalmuseum.com.

Addiction Recovery Month Observed

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The Journey to Recovery (JTR) program of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Committee's Behavioral Health Department Substance Use Division hosted a series of events on substance abuse recovery during National Recovery Month in September. The Not One More Committee is comprised of Lena Jackson, Joe Remitera, John Godfrey, Dr. Nate Valez, Dr. Nancy Mangieri, Mikah Carlos, Frank Saverino, Jessica Hunter, Jennifer Macove and Bernice CotaGann. "We wanted to shed light on [substance abuse] in our Community," said Dr. Nate Valez, JTR administrator. "The biggest thing is, we decided to go before Council and renew the Community's proclamation on Addiction Recovery Month for September." He said the proclamation shows that the SRPMIC is committed to recognizing key initiatives that impact the Community and how its members can seek services like JTR to treat addiction.

Inspiration for the proclamation originated from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), which in 1989 recognized September as National Recovery Month. According to SAMSHA, the goal is to promote awareness around the treatment of substance abuse through community involvement.

The proclamation states that the Community is aware of the ongoing struggle that SRPMIC members face with alcohol and drug abuse, which

can disrupt all aspects of their lives and families.

"Recovery from alcohol and drug use disorders is possible and everyone facing alcohol and drug use disorders deserves the benefit of recovery," said the proclamation. "Furthermore it states, 'Recovery from alcohol and drug use disorders is a journey of healing and transformation that can allow our Community members to fully participate and contribute to our Community.'"

The JTR program decided to do one event per day for a week in September. "We had an awareness event at the Round House Café and passed out information to the public," Valez said. The information was about getting access to treatment and about the medication-assisted treatment program.

A special hope ceremony was held to offer hope to those in recovery and celebrate the lives of individuals who have recovered from substance abuse. Valez said it is also about the dangers of opioid abuse and how effective measures can be taken to treat addiction.

"For the hope ceremony, we also let people come and place ribbons on a tree [as a symbol of] hope for sustaining their recovery," said Valez. He said it was also to remember those who have been lost to addiction.

The event drew Community members who were interested in treatment services and learning what JTR is all about. "We had a lot of visitors to our table who were Community members wanting treatment. We got a lot of people into treatment that week," said Valez.

Another event was held at the Way of Life Facility to garner the support of SRPMIC families, which is an important part of the recovery process. "We geared the event towards getting children and families together in celebration of sobriety and recovery," said Valez. The event was also a chance for JTR patients in recovery to participate in the family night. Valez said that opportunities for patients in recovery to be with their families is an essential element of their treatment.

The average length of stay at the JTR facility is 87 days, Valez said, and 93% of the patients who go through withdrawal management opt to undergo the medication-assisted treatment.

JTR offers a chance for Community members to seek the treatment they need and commit to the program. Seven out of 10 patients successfully complete the program, Valez said, and with each patient, it means they are taking a stand against their addiction.

Dr. Valez would also like to share that the JTR program is hiring a new position named Peer Support Specialist. This is a position that shows recovery is possible, by those who have lived it and continue to live in their sobriety. Furthermore, it is a position on the JTR Team that supports our members in treatment, all while also supporting their own recovery. Which is a evidenced based model of helping those in recovery. We are proud to offer these very positions to members of the community and those who have successfully navigated JTR services and our inspired to help others.

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Social Gathering Takes on Bigger Purpose

that share a cultural history with the Piipaash, but also other tribal groups from Mexico to northern Arizona.

Gates said that the event gets better every year, and the ladies who work behind the scenes make the whole event possible. They handle the coordination between the group and the Community and work with Council representatives like Michael Dallas and Deanna Scabby to get the support from the SRPMIC.



PMC members Alvin Lewis and Bob Aguilar talk amongst each other about the Piipaash Matasheevm on October 13.



Additional members shown are, Ronnie Mack and Rick Nelson. Photos courtesy of PMC



Elaina Osife and Garnet Gates, also members of the PMC. Photos courtesy of PMC

SRPMIC Members and Employees to Take Part in Annual IRONMAN Triathlon

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The annual event that draws the participation of Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community members and employees, is a chance to test individual and group teamwork. SRPMIC will once again, have representation in the form three competing teams and a lone Community member, who will take-on the challenge of swimming, biking and running against competitors from all over in Biostarks IRONMAN Arizona Triathlon on November 20.

The annual event is a hallmark event for the City of Tempe, which has been popular among athletes looking to shatter their Personal Record (PR). It is also a chance for Ironman athletes to punch their ticket to the 2023 Vin-Fast IRONMAN World Championships, that will take place next October in Kailua-Kona, Hawai'i.

It is important to note that the course has changed from previous years, where a portion of the triathlon took place on roadways on the Community. This year, the event will be held all within the boundaries of the City of Tempe

in and around Tempe Town Lake and SRPMIC along Beeline Highway.



Kyle Dallas will take part in his 4th Ironman triathlon this year.

In the individual event, the following SRPMIC members that will be taking part in this year's IRONMAN triathlon will be:

Rachel Seepie is this year's SRPMIC IMAZ sponsored athlete.

Community Member Kyle Dallas will also be racing this year as an individual athlete.

The following non-community member individuals are competing in the IRONMAN Triathlon:

Wayne Sekaquaptewa and Michelle Roan.

Below are the following teams, that will take part in different stages of the event:

Salt River Team 1
Fantasia Painter (swimmer)
Aaron Mireles (cyclist)
Malorie Charley (runner)

Salt River Team 3
Felicia Sekaquaptewa (swimmer)
Amanda Rose (cyclist)
Sherrie Log (runner)

Salt River Team 2
Rueben Malin (swimmer)
Brady Dohrmann (cyclist)
Caroline Sekaquaptewa (runner)

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Sunday, Nov. 20th

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- From Tempe/Mesa
- North on Country Club Dr/SR 87
- Cont. north onto Beeline/SR87 to turnaround
- Turn around just south of Shea Blvd
- Cont. back south on Beeline/SR87
- To Mesa/Tempe

Expect delays in Tempe, Mesa and SRPMIC.
Lane restrictions on Beeline Hwy 87 beginning Nov 19th thru 6pm
Nov 20th. Please plan accordingly.

What's New in the GED Program?

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option is best for the individual. The process is customized to each individual's needs.

"The flexibility of services and delivery options has [made it possible] to work with those SRPMIC tribal members who work full-time, are caregivers, who live far away, and who reside in group and rehab facilities," said Litz.

Benefits of Obtaining a GED

Completing the GED opens doors to college and career. Completion of a high school-level education is correlated with a longer life expectancy, along with the obvious benefit to the graduate's socioeconomic status, employment and life opportunities, and security.

Litz said that higher educational attainment has a ripple effect through the whole family.

"For Indigenous adult students, the impact goes well beyond the immediate nuclear family due to close relational ties with the extended family. It's a beautiful effect to witness over and over," said Litz. "Often, an auntie may start her GED and then encourage her nieces and nephews to enroll, or vice versa."

Litz continued, "It's wonderful how the Akimel O'odham and Piipaash adult learners encourage, share with

and support each other through this process and keep trying through all life's changes and challenging circumstances."

Any adult learner who is an SRPMIC member and interested in achieving

a GED can email Litz at erica.litz@saltriverschools.org for more information and to start the registration process.

Celestina Rodriguez

- 2019 GED Grad Success Story

What was your GED experience like?

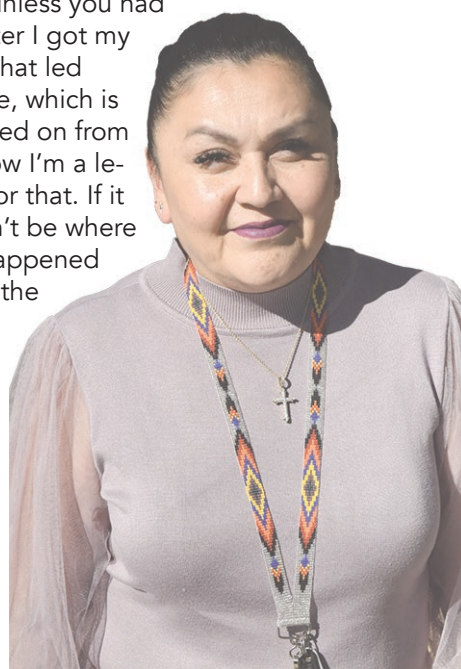
It was difficult for me to sign up initially, because I didn't know what to expect. Family members encouraged me to sign up to attain my GED. I had been out of school for 20-something years, so I was very nervous. After I signed up, Erica, the teacher, was so helpful through everything. She made me feel like it's never too late to get the GED done. With her help and encouragement, it was very possible. I was able to get my GED finished within three months or so. It was very helpful to have that support and someone to push you and tell you "You can do it!"

Where did your GED lead you?

You couldn't get a job with the tribe unless you had your GED or high school diploma. After I got my GED, I started by doing temp work. That led me to something more positive for me, which is working with Legal Services. I continued on from there and was hired as a clerk, and now I'm a legal secretary. I thank God every day for that. If it wasn't for the GED program, I wouldn't be where I am right now. I wish it would have happened a lot sooner, but I was out of state [at the time], and the opportunities weren't there for me out of state.

How important is getting your GED?

I wish more people would utilize the GED program, because this certificate is very important to have. It can carry you a long way, and I'm living proof of that. It opens the doors for better opportunities job-wise.



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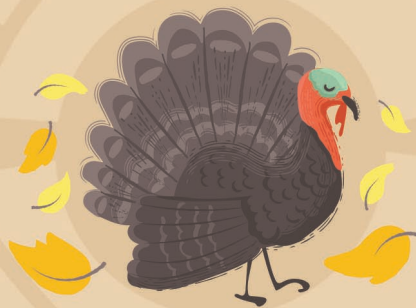
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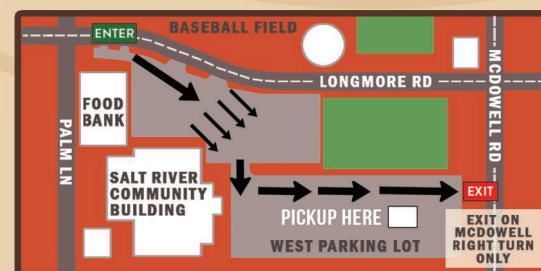
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FEMA Announces First National Tribal Affairs Advocate



FEMA

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The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) announced that it has appointed the agency's first National Tribal Affairs Advocate, Kelbie Kennedy, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma.

The appointment follows the August release of the agency's "2022-2026 FEMA National Tribal Strategy," which addresses its responsibilities to federally recognized tribal nations when responding to and preparing for disasters affecting tribal lands.

"I am honored to be the first tribal political appointee in FEMA history and will work hard to ensure that tribal nations and tribal sovereignty are at the forefront of our efforts," said Kennedy.

"Growing up on my tribal nation's reservation in southeastern Oklahoma, I learned firsthand that tribal nations are the first—and many times the only—line of defense when disaster strikes Indian Country. When tribal nations have the necessary resources and support they need, the entire community is better prepared and able to respond to disasters."

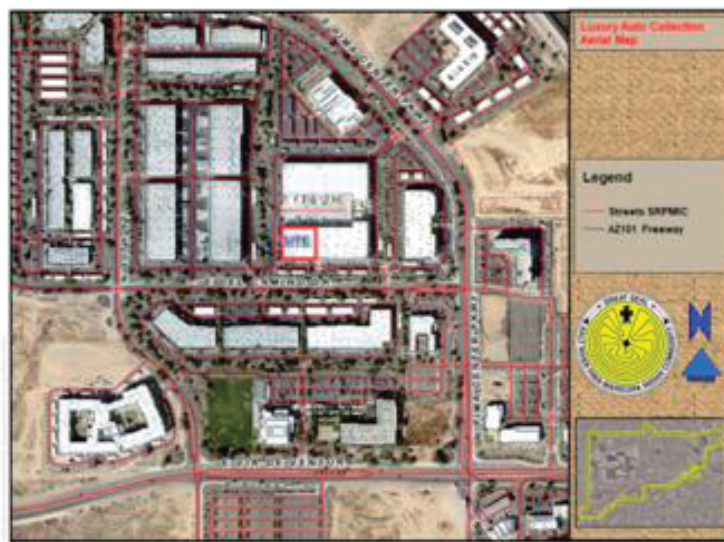
Kennedy will advise the FEMA administrator and the agency on tribal affairs while working to ensure that the agency lives up to its treaty and trust responsibility to tribal nations.



FEMA at the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community. OAN Archives

FEMA, along with the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), recently set up a Disaster Recovery Center in the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community's Red Mountain Housing Subdivision Center, as well as a Business Recovery Center at Two Waters Building A, to help people fill out claim forms for federal aid from the severe storms in the Community from July 17-18.

NOTICE OF COMMUNITY HEARING



The Land Management Board has scheduled a Community Hearing. You may or may not be a landowner in this area; however this special invitation is extended to all Community Members and Landowners with ownership interest within a 1/2 mile radius. Mainspring Capital Group requests a Conditional Use Permit, case number 22-CUP-01, to allow expansion of an auto/light vehicle sales use in an existing building in the Pima Center. The location of the project is at 9160 E Del Camino Drive Parkway (North of the northeast corner of Via De Ventura and Pima Center Parkway).

This notice is made under Article I, Section 17-4, Sections 7-95 (d), 17-97 (e) along with the SRPMIC Code Ordinance.

Date: Tuesday, November 8, 2022
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: SRPMIC Council Chambers, 10091 East Osborn Road, Scottsdale, Arizona 85256

You may also view the pre-recorded video and audio presentation of the Community Hearing starting November 9, 2022. To view the video, please visit: <https://www.srpmic-nsn.gov/government/1879-phc/>.

Public comments can be made via email at public_hearing_comments@srpmic-nsn.gov, by phone at (480) 362-7470, by text at (623)282-5757, by survey (follow weblink above) or by mail CDD, Attn: Public Comments, 10005 E. Osborn Rd, Scottsdale AZ 85256. Comments must be received before 5 p.m. on November 17, 2022.

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Council Actions Corner

Welcome to the Council Corner. Here you will find a recap of the weekly Council Meeting actions and other important information. During Phase IV of the Return to Work Plan the 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.

Sept 14, 2022 – Council Meeting Items (Lehi Quarterly Meeting)

- o **Grant Request for Special Diabetes Program for Indians** – Council approved a resolution for grant funding through the Indian Health Services.
- o **PSPRS Local Board Appointment Recommendation** – Council appointed Captain John Bellefeuille to fill the expired term on the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS) Local Board for a four year term.
- o **Special Use Permits (SUP)** – Council approved SUP's for: St. Judge Children's Hospital 5k Walk/Run (9/24/22); Phoenix Children's Hospital Miles that Matter 5k (10/18/22); D-Backs Race Against Cancer (10/15/22); TGen Foundation Step-N-Out 5k Walk/Run (11/6/22); Walk to Defeat ALS (11/19/22).
- o **Public Hearing: Designation of Land Use (DOLU)** – Journey to Recovery Project – Information was presented on this project. Comments and questions were addressed after the presentation.
- o **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.
- o **Community Member Comments:** 1) Commented on a police incident that occurred at their home. 2) Commented on an OAN article in regards to fund raising efforts for a family to replace a handicapped vehicle and questioned what the Community will do to help. Council will review article and see what assistance can be provided. 3) Commented on homeless people that inhabit the river area.
- o **Executive Session Items:** Gaming Enterprise Monthly Report, Policy Questions, Exclusion Matter, Office of General Counsel Legal Matters.

Sept 15, 2022 – Council Work Session Items

- o **Water Presentation** – The Water Resources Department at Salt River Project (SRP) presented an update on Arizona Water. An overview of the water supplies in Arizona, Surface Water (SRP, Colorado River, and Central Arizona Project), Indian Water Rights Settlements, planning for water shortages, and how to address water shortages, for discussion and planning.

Sept 21, 2022 – Council Meeting Items

- o **Introduction of new Police Officer**– Police Chief Auerbach introduced Officer Davis.
- o **NCAI Resolution** – Council tabled this item.
- o **Land Sale Resolution** – Council approved a resolution for the purchase of cemetery and BIA Day School land on behalf of the SRPMIC.
- o **FY2023 Possessory Interest Tax and Utility Tax Rates** – Council ap-

proved the proposed rates.

- o **Ordinance Amendment** – Council approved a 30 day Community Member Comment period for changes to Chapter 15 in regards to the Community's Administration and Collection of Possessory Interest Tax.
- o **DOT/Education Grant Request** – Council approved a resolution for the AZ Transportation Modernization Grant Program.
- o **COVID-19 Update** – An update as of September 21, 2022 was presented. There are 23 active cases living in the Community, 7 cases in tribal government, and 1 case in the tribal enterprises.
- o **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. The NARD drive thru-event, Healthcare Administrative Training Program, and Not One More Calendar of Events, were presented.
- o **Community Member Comments:** There were eight Community member in regards to complaints about the SRPD. Council accepted three complaints and acknowledged receipt of the complaints for follow-up.
- o **Executive Session:** NCAI Resolution, Land Sale Update, PIT Code Changes, Board Application Review (SHRRP, SRLF, SRCGE), Office of General Counsel Legal Matters.

Sept 22, 2022 – Council Work Session Items

- o **Housing** – An update was provided on the multi-family project and options. Council approved to move forward with building multi-family apartments and use of a combination of outside funding and SRPMIC contributions to construct the project.
- o **Journey to Recovery (JTR)** – An overview was presented on the JTR programs.
- o **Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)** – Updates were presented on VAWA and tribal ordinance implementation of Special Domestic Violence Tribal Jurisdiction. The Tribal Prosecutor's Office and Office of General will move forward with the legislative changes and bring back to Council.
- o **Way of Live (WOLF) Operations** – An update was provided on the WOLF, the departments and the services they provide.
- o **12% Gaming Grant Overview:** An overview was provided on the 12% Gaming Grant Program.
- o **Executive Work Session Items:** Community comment follow-up, HHS/Temporary Housing, Exclusion matter.

Sept 28, 2022 – Council Meeting Items

- o **Proposed Ordinance for Change of Judge** – Council approved the ordinance amendment to implement a provision entitling the prosecutor and defendant to a change of judge as a matter of right, now that the comment period had ended.
- o **Proposed Ordinance Amendment for appointment of Counsel in Juvenile Matters, Section 11-200** – Council approved the ordinance amendment to add a provision entitling a parent or guardian to be represented by counsel through appointment, now that the comment period had ended.
- o **Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) Update**– ACM Dalton provid-

ed an updated on several Engineering and Construction Services projects and the status they are in.

- o **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. Fire Chief provided an update on the helicopter accident that occurred north of the Salt River Landfill. He also presented information on opiates and pills because they are circling surrounding cities and cautioned the Community about the drugs being distributed like candy to appeal to younger users.
- o **Community Member Comments:** 1) Asked if the casino has deals or plans for the Super Bowl next year. Also voiced concerns of casino upper management and injustices happening to Community member employees. The Council reps on the Gaming Board will follow-up on the question and concern. 2) Asked for follow-up and response on the complaints submitted last week in regards to the SRPD. Council stated they will be hiring an outside firm to look into the SRPD complaints. 3) Stressed concerns of lack of follow-up on complaints and communication, asked for status of Beeline Pit Stop. 4) Asked about the ownership of air space of the Community. Suggested to change the Community's name to the original native language name, suggested a post office for the Community, and suggested creating stronger police commission rules. 5) Stated concerns that seniors are not the priority and the need for a better Senior Center. 6) Stated concerns of SRPD and feels the Council dismisses complaints from Community members, suggested to delete the vaccine mandate for the benefit of Community members seeking jobs. 7) Requested names and photos of all police officers. 8) Commented on discussions involving police and Community members, recommended to put the Chief of Police on Administrative leave during investigation. Council recommended to all who spoke to provide their information if they would like to be contacted by the investigator when one is selected.
- o **Executive Session:** Gaming Board Quarterly Update, Casey Family Program, Office of General Counsel Legal Matters.

Sept 29, 2022 – Council Work Session Items

- o **Residency Ordinance** – An overview and update on the current proposed Residency Ordinance was presented. Presentations were given at district meetings and public notification was done. A request to reopen the public comment period will be presented at an upcoming regular session.
- o **Medical Marijuana** – An update and information on medical marijuana and options were presented. Council discussed the options. The selected option will be presented in a regular session meeting for Council action.
- o **Executive Session:** Probate Code.

Oct 5, 2022 – Council Meeting Items

- o **Certification of Enrollment** – Council certified the 3rd quarter enrollment figures.
- o **Salt River Devco Enabling Ordinance Revisions** – Council approved a public comment period for the Salt River Devco enabling ordinance.
- o **Land Partition** – Council approved a

resolution to partition of SRAL 861-B into three parcels for the benefit of the landowners.

- o **Land Management Board Appointments** – Council appointed Roxie Andrews, Russell Ray, August Antone, and Kay McAnlis, for a 3-year term to fill the expired terms on the board.
- o **Exclusion** – Council approved a resolution to permanently exclude William Johnathan Peck from the territory and boundaries of the SRPMIC.
- o **COBRA Rates** – Council approved the 2023 COBRA rates presented.
- o **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 on the storm relief and efforts was presented.
- o **Community Member Comments:** 1) Requested an executive session without staff present. Council granted an executive session after regular session. 2) Asked Council to restart the Salt River High School. Council stated the Education Board is working on options and the type of school it can be used for. 3) Stated appreciation of independent investigation on their complaint. 4) Expressed concerns about her experience at intake.
- o **Executive Session:** 21 CP Solutions, Exclusion, LMB Appointments, LEC Applications, CM Question, Office of General Counsel Legal Matters.

Oct 6, 2022 – Council Work Session Items

- o **Intake** – The HHS Intake process, resources, and other programs were presented. Additional discussion will be scheduled on an upcoming meeting.
- o **Homeless/Transient Concerns** – CDD and SRPD presented the issues impacting the Community due to transients and homeless. The hotspots at the river or in the river bed, debris/dumping, and challenges were presented and discussed. Proposed actions and recommendations were presented. For more discussion/action at a future meeting.
- o **Executive Session:** OGC Matter, meeting participation, funeral loan consideration.

Oct 12, 2022 – Council Meeting Items

- o **Designation of Land Use for the Journey to Recovery (JTR) Facility** – Council approved a resolution for the designation of certain Tribal lands for the JTR facility.
- o **COVID-19 Update** – An update as of October 12, 2022 was presented. There are 17 active cases living in the Community, 7 cases in tribal government, and 4 case in the tribal enterprises. An update was provided on the COVID memorial area.
- o **Public Hearing:** Fairmount Avenue Proposed Road and Utility Easement – A hearing was held for the request of a road and utility ROW easement for the benefit of a proposed subdivision on allotted lands in the Fairmount Avenue subdivision area. Comments and questions were addressed. This will be placed on an upcoming agenda to allow for any other Community member comments.
- o **Public Hearing:** Vista Drive Proposed Road and Utility Easement – A hearing was held for a request for road and utility ROW easement for the benefit of homes on allotted and

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Council Actions Corner

tribal lands in the Vista Drive sub-division area. This will be placed on an upcoming agenda to allow for any other Community member comments.

- o **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.
- o **Community Member Comments:** 1) Shared information on the Gathering of Prayer Sticks to honor those who have gone on. 2) Asked for information on the Senior Only Meeting. Prefers that it not be with the Senior Holiday dinner. 3) Recommended and supports recreational marijuana use. Also had concerns of speeding in the Community and the SRPD not making stops. 4) Commented an arrest on a civil matter. Felt officers were laughing and humiliating her. Also, had an incident of pulled over for tinted windows. Council will follow-up in the matter and asked name and phone number be provided to Assistant Community Manager to be able to contact her. 5) Informed Council that a civil warrant was issued because they forgot about a court date. Asked that sinks be put in DOC cells to let inmates wash their hands. Also, mentioned concerns of in-kind support from Cultural Resources.
- o **Executive Session:** Storm Support, Department Review, Donations, Code Amendment for Electronic Citations, SRCGE Board Appointment (Prof Rep), Board Application Review (SR Devco), Office of General Counsel Legal Matters.

Oct 13, 2022 – Council Work Session Items

- o Cultural Sensitivity Training in lieu of work session.

Oct 19, 2022 – Council Meeting Items

- o **Amendment to Chapter 15.5 Gaming Regulatory** – This item was tabled for clarity on the ordinance amendment.
- o **Residency Ordinance** – A review of the overview, purpose, and benefit of a residency ordinance was presented. The ordinance had a 3 month public comment and received feedback and questions. Council approved an additional 90 day public comment period.
- o **Proposed Ordinance for Medical Marijuana Exemption** – A review of the proposed ordinance was presented and the number of meetings held on this issue. Council voiced pros and cons. Council approved the proposed ordinance for medical marijuana in the Community.
- o **NCAI 2022-2023 Membership Resolution** – Council approved a resolution to authorize payment for the 2022-2023 NCAI membership dues.
- o **SRCGE Board Appointment** – Council appointed Stacey Pickavance as the Professional Representative on the Salt River Community Golf Enterprise board to fill the expired term.
- o **Funeral Loans** – A presentation was given to revisit the funeral loan policy, existing rule sets and if interested to change language of the family circle.
- o **Emergency Loans** – Follow-up information was provided on options related to SRPMIC Emergency Loans, security, collateral, rule sets, defaults, etc. Current and possible options were discussed to seek Council's direction.
- o **Homeowners Insurance** - An overview was presented of homeowner insurance in general and other policies that pertain.
- o **Minutes (Regular)** - Council approved the minutes as presented or edited.
- o **Executive Work Session:** Minutes (Executive)

Oct 20, 2022 – Council Work Session Items

- o **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.
- o **Community Member Comments:** 1) Shared information on the Gathering of Prayer Sticks to honor those who have gone on. 2) Asked for information on the Senior Only Meeting. Prefers that it not be with the Senior Holiday dinner. 3) Recommended and supports recreational marijuana use. Also had concerns of speeding in the Community and the SRPD not making stops. 4) Commented an arrest on a civil matter. Felt officers were laughing and humiliating her. Also, had an incident of pulled over for tinted windows. Council will follow-up in the matter and asked name and phone number be provided to Assistant Community Manager to be able to contact her. 5) Informed Council that a civil warrant was issued because they forgot about a court date. Asked that sinks be put in DOC cells to let inmates wash their hands. Also, mentioned concerns of in-kind support from Cultural Resources.
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4th Quarter 2022 ELIGIBILITY DEADLINE December 31, 2022

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

DEADLINES FOR CHANGES

DIRECT DEPOSIT START-UPS AND CHANGES:

Tuesday, January 10th 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 "VOID-ED" check or statement from the bank with the Routing and Account Numbers. Forms received by this date will be effective for the January 2023 payout. Forms received after this date will not be effective until the April 2023 payout.

DISCONTINUE DIRECT DEPOSITS:

Tuesday, January 10th at 5:00 PM. 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, January 17th at 5:00PM. This deadline is for submitting the Adult SRP-MIC Member's Per Capita Information Certificate. Forms

received by this date will be effective for the January 2023 payout. Forms received after this date will not be processed until the first week of February 2023.

TAX WITHHOLDING CHANGES:

Tuesday, January 17th at 5:00 PM. This deadline is for making changes to "Additional" tax withholding percentage or amount.

Tax forms are available on the Finance Per Capita Intranet Site and can also be requested by e-mailing finpercap1@srpmicnsn.gov.

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

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

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

PUBLIC WORKS NOTICE

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

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

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

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Community Development Department

10005 E. Osborn Road, Scottsdale, AZ 85256
Phone (480) 362-7600

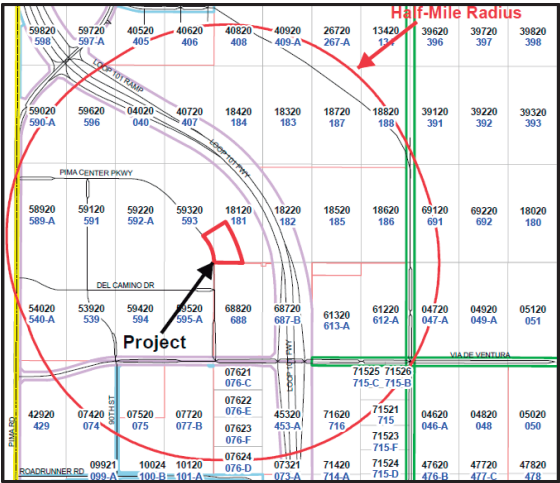
NOTICE OF COMMUNITY HEARING

The Community Council has scheduled a Community Hearing for a project located on allotted land. You may or may not be a landowner within the project, but we are extending this invitation to all Community Members and Landowners with ownership interest within a 1/2 mile radius to attend this Community Hearing regarding the following:

Homewood Suites Hotel Request for a Conditional Use Permit (22-CUP-02)

CIG, Inc. is requesting a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to construct an extended stay hotel within the C3-PC zoning district, to be located north of the northwest corner of Pima Center Parkway and Via de Ventura within the Pima Center. Approval of a CUP is a requirement for a hotel per Article 4.1 of the Community's Zoning Ordinance (SRO-467-2015).

Half-Mile Radius



Date: Wednesday, November 9, 2022
Time: 5:00 P.M.
Location: SRPMIC Council Chambers (Longmore & Osborn)

If you have any questions or concerns you may call John Roanhorse, Planner at (480) 362-7666. If you cannot attend, you may submit your written comments to the Community Development Department by mail at: 10005 E. Osborn Road, Scottsdale, AZ 85256 or by person at: 10079 E Osborn Road Two Waters Building B, Third Floor.

PROPOSED RESIDENCY ORDINANCE

The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Council is currently considering the enactment of a Residency Ordinance. The purpose of the Residency Ordinance is to determine which non-members may be permitted to reside within the Community, track/monitor these non-members residing within the Community, and place requirements upon these non-members with respect to certain tribal programs like jury service (in limited cases). The following is a structural breakdown of the proposed ordinance:

- Section 17-16 states the purpose(s) of the ordinance and defines certain terms.
- Section 17-17 specifies the various non-members who may reside within the Community.
- Section 17-18 lists the requirements for registration by non-member residents.
- Section 17-19 includes civil violations for not complying with the proposed ordinance.
- Section 17-20 includes the obligations of non-member residents.
- Section 17-21 re-affirms the Community's ability to utilize and enforce the exclusion process.

The proposed ordinance is open for public comment until January 19, 2022, and will be discussed at meetings and venues throughout November and December in 2022 and January 2023. The Community Council is hoping to receive additional Community member feedback on this proposed ordinance. You can also locate the full text of the proposed ordinance at: <https://www.srpmic-nsn.gov/government/ogc/proposed-ordinances/>

Please submit any questions or comments to Jeff Harmon at jeff.harmon@srpmic-nsn.gov or (480) 362-5409. All comments will be presented to Council at the end of the public comment period.



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10005 East Osborn Road / Scottsdale, Arizona 85256-9722 / Phone (480) 362-7400 / Fax (480) 362-7593

NOTICE OF EXCLUSION DECISION William Johnathan Peck (DOB XX/XX/1989)

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community ("SRPMIC") Council pursuant to Article VII, §1(g) of the SRPMIC Constitution and Sections 7-72 through 7-75 of the SRPMIC Code of Ordinances voted on October 5, 2022 to permanently excluded William Johnathan Peck from the boundaries of the Community. It was determined that William Johnathan Peck is a nonmember whose presence is detrimental to the peace, health, or morals of the SPRMIC.

The SRPMIC Council's decision is in an order entitled "An Order by the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community ("SRPMIC") Council to uphold the decision of the SRPMIC Exclusion Committee and Permanently Exclude William Johnathan Peck from the territory and boundaries of the SRPMIC". See SR-3999-2023. William Johnathan Peck is not allowed to be within the territorial boundary of the Community and therefore, he is not to drive through, work, visit others, reside or come within the Community boundaries at any time for any reason.



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- Worship 11 a.m.
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- Thursday Bible Study 6pm

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Calendar of Events

NOVEMBER

- 5 **34TH ANNUAL RED MOUNTAIN EAGLE POW-WOW** – Saturday & Sunday, November 5 & 6, 2022 Salt River Baseball Field 1839 N. Longmore Road Scottsdale, Az. Public Event! Everyone Welcome! Free Admission! GRAND ENTRY SCHEDULE: 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 5th at 5 p.m. Contacts: Victorialyn McCarthy, Phone: (480) 234-1432, Email: victorialyn@aoaukmor.com David Montiel, Phone: (602) 882-5553, Email: David@onaukmor.com. See ad on page 13.

can be directed to Education Board Secretary, LaRue Jackson at (480) 362-2500

- 11 **VETERANS DAY PROGRAM** – Friday, November 11, 2022. See insert for additional information.

- 11 **CRSD ATHLETICS DIVISION JOURNEY TO WELLNESS TURKEY TROT 5K** – 8:30 a.m. Saturday, November 12th, 2022 Pre-registration: October 4th, 2022 via Sign-up Genius (closes at 5 p.m.) On-site registration: 7:30 a.m. We invite you to RUN, TROT, WALK or WOBBLE your way to the finish line

- 15 **SALT RIVER SCHOOLS PARENT NIGHT** – 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, November 15, 2022 at the Salt River Community Building 1880 N. Longmore Rd. Scottsdale, AZ – Join us for the first School & Community Relations Parent Night of the 2022-2023 school year! The School and Community Relations will host this meeting for SRPMIC Community parents & Guardians. Topics include: Student Advocacy, School Enrollment, Counseling Services, Community Resources, Routines, and Self Care. Raffles & Light Refreshments will be provided. Questions? Call: (480) 362-2534

- 17 **THRIVING WITH DIABETES: REDUCING RISKS** - 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. 11/17/22 Reducing Risks.

- 18-20 **41st ANNUAL ORME DAM VICTORY DAYS “Carrying On The Strength And Perseverance Of Our Yavapai Ancestors,”** at the former Ft. McDowell Casino parking lot, Highway 87 – 3 miles east of Shea Blvd. Ft. McDowell, Arizona. POW-WOW SCHEDULE: Friday, Nov 18 – Gourd Dancing at 6 p.m./Grand Entry at 7 p.m.; Saturday, Nov. 19 – Gourd Dancing at 11 p.m./Grand Entry at 1 p.m.; Sunday, November 20, Gourd Dancing at 12 p.m./Grand Entry at 1 p.m. REGISTRATION: Friday, Nov 18 – 5 p.m.-10 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 19 – 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

- 19 **COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER** – 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Two Waters Courtyard. Program begins at 11 a.m. Serving begins at 11:30 a.m. For more information see ad on page 10.

- 21 **SALT RIVER SCHOOLS EDUCATION BOARD MEETING** – 5:15 p.m. Monday, October 21st, 2022, 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

- 21 **THANKSGIVING DRIVE THRU TURKEY & FOOD BOX EVENT** at the Salt River Community Building. No overnight parking. Free while supplies last. See ad on page 10 for more information.

for the event “The Nightmare Before Christmas” and we will have a pajama contest for individuals and families? Visit our School and Community partners for games, treats, and resources! This event is free and open to the public! Call (480) 362-2500 with any questions.

DECEMBER

- 01 **THRIVING WITH DIABETES: HEALTHY COPING** - 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. 12/01/22 Healthy Coping.

- 05 **SALT RIVER SCHOOLS EDUCATION BOARD MEETING** – 5:15 p.m. Monday, December 5th, 2022, 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

- 06 **READING ALL THE WAY “NIGHTMARE BEFORE CHRISTMAS”** – 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. Tuesday, December 6th, 2022 in the ALA gymnasium (park in the lot along Highland Avenue south of the football field). The theme

07 PEARL HARBOR DAY

- 10 **COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AND LIGHT PARADE**. Watch the Community Facebook page and the next OAN for additional information.

- 16 **SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY INAUGURATION CEREMONY** – 6:30 p.m. at the Salt River Grand Ballroom – Talking Stick Resort 9800 E. Talking Stick Way, Scottsdale, AZ. Program, Dinner & Dance: Music by Gertie and the T.O. Boys. OATH OF OFFICE: Martin Harvier, President; Ricardo Leonard, Vice President; Jacob Butler, Council Member; Mikah Carlos, Council Member; Cheryl Doka, Council Member; Michael Dallas, Sr., Council Member.