



## SRPMIC Seeking Input on Community Housing

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On November 15, the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community's Community Development Department launched a Community member online survey to receive input on the future of housing in the Community. "Future of SRPMIC Housing" survey has been created to identify the ideas, needs and gaps in housing within the Community. Once these responses are received, more information will be available to find ways for more members to call the Community home.

"There's a housing crisis throughout the entire nation right now," said Assistant CDD Director Christi Andrews. "It's definitely becoming more prevalent in the Community. We're hearing a lot of people voice that there's a housing shortage as well as seeing people living in RVs and sheds. Council had tasked CDD with looking to see what other affordable housing options we could provide in the Community. It became very apparent to us that we needed

to actually hear from the Community, so that's the main purpose [of the survey]."

The online survey will help assess the ideas, needs and wants of Community members regarding housing. It will help the Community to provide the types of Community housing desired, as well as forecast future housing needs.

You can participate in this online survey at [www.srpmic-nsn.gov/housingsurvey](http://www.srpmic-nsn.gov/housingsurvey). It is open to any enrolled Community member 16 and older.

"Over the last year, it has become very clear that the voice of the Community is needed to help to determine which products truly fit the needs of Community Members. Otherwise, we could potentially be running down a pathway and producing something that [does] not truly [meet] the needs and demands [of the Community members] today [and in the future]."

said CDD Project Manager Aaron Studebaker.

"We need to have a seven-generation thinking, especially for the youth who are going to age and need housing within

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## Emergency Management Coordinator Assists American Red Cross with Afghanistan Evacuees in New Mexico



(Left to right) Austin Francini of Red Cross, Said Totakhil (afghan translator), SRPMIC Emergency Management Coordinator Kirsten VanDeventer and Yar Mohammed Hotak (translator) on their final day of operations. Photo courtesy of Kirsten VanDeventer

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In August, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Emergency Management Coordinator Kirsten VanDeventer assisted the American Red Cross during a two-week deployment in New Mexico as part of Operation Allies Welcome. This Operation was a global response to the evacuation of Afghan

civilians, allies, and US citizens with the goal of receiving and integrating Afghanistan evacuees into the United States.

VanDeventer shared her experiences and highlighted programs in the Community that Emergency Management utilizes, during the Tribal Emergency Response Commission (TERC) meeting on Monday, November 1. "When

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## How the Pandemic Is Affecting Students and Families



Education Social Services facilitator Leroy Esmonia with a student. Photo courtesy of Salt River Schools

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As school carries on through the second year of the COVID-19 pandemic, parents, students and schools continue to deal with a variety of stressful situations that have taken a deep emotional toll on many families.

Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community families have especially struggled as young children and teens juggle learning in different environments and the physical and emotional changes that come with growing up.

Salt River Schools provides stability and consistency that

many students rely on as a source of support that contributes to their healthy development as young people.

"Native families are extremely resilient and tough people who we know have bounced back from many historical traumas," said Education Social Services facilitator LeRoy C. Esmonia, M.S.

"This pandemic has been unique due to the physical, economic and social impacts that have increased the trauma, pressure and stress on each family unit. Many of the families we already support are facing stress-

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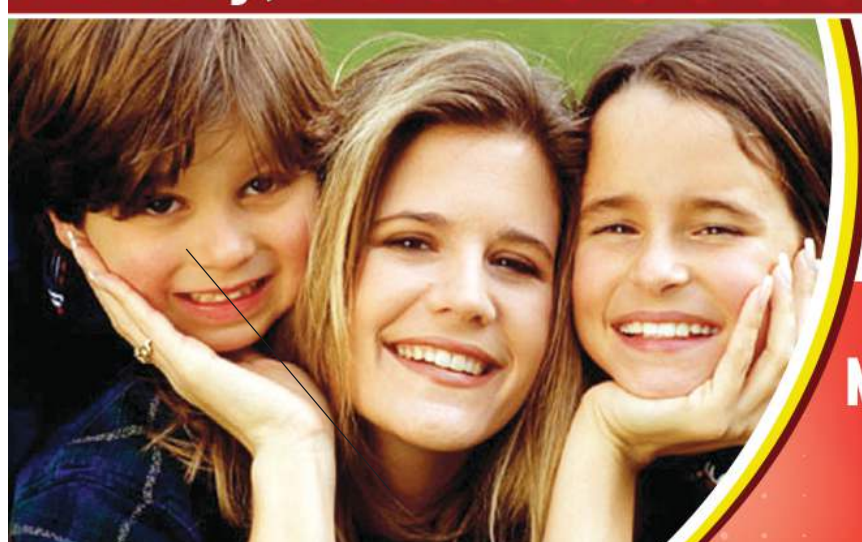


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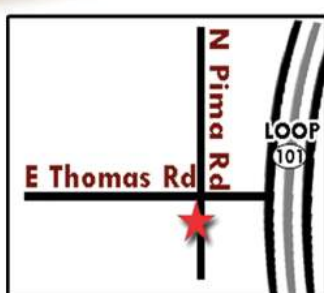
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# How the Pandemic Is Affecting Students and Families

ors from a variety of angles, and the grief, loss and economic hardship caused by the pandemic served as another barrier to families moving towards balance and stability.”

Evan Duffy, M.D., a child and adolescent psychiatrist who works with the SRPMIC Health and Human Services Depart-

activities and even graduations being cancelled.

“It’s important with teenagers to recognize that part of the growing-up phases include ‘putting on’ different personalities and trying out different approaches to lifestyle, generally characterized by unusual clothing, haircuts, slang terms—all

with over the past two years,” said Duffy.

When some parents or guardians have come in to talk to Duffy, they have discussed struggles children and teens had with learning that is completely online, which was quite common last year. According to Duffy, while some children actually do well with computer-based learning, it is only a small percentage.

“Loss of socialization with peers was a big contributor to poor school success; children could not focus and concentrate as well. Frequently I was being made aware of children just leaving their home ‘work site’ and wandering away, or instead just doing video games or watching YouTube and TikTok,” said Duffy.

“Some families tried to remedy this with decreasing [time on] electronic devices or using that as an incentive once school work was completed. So far this year, with schools opened up, these issues are on the decline.”

“I think the most important tip for navigation for families and children [in regards to struggles during the pandemic] is to ask for support when needed,” said Eswonia. “Even those of us who are professional helpers were reminded during the pandemic that we all need support at times and there is absolutely nothing wrong with reaching out to a friend, a family member or professional for support.”

Families seeking resources for education, basic needs, health or behavioral health can contact Education Social Services at (480) 362-2573.

ment, agrees with Eswonia, and says that young children are very resourceful and resilient.

Duffy says children are adaptable to things like wearing face masks and getting immunizations; it’s when parent/guardian anxieties and concerns “trickle down” that children begin to reflect their elders’ fears.

“I have advised parents and guardians to discuss their own anxieties and fears with their children, so they can better understand concerns and efforts made to alleviate them. This in turn allows children to observe the caregivers in their life addressing issues and problems and methodically approaching solutions,” said Duffy.

Things can take a dramatic turn with older children and teens in particular, due to rapid growth, hormonal changes and a natural inclination to identify strongly with peers. This is magnified under the stress of a pandemic.

Duffy says that teenagers are more prone to “protest” school changes when they can’t be around peers the way they used to. This became evident in the last year and half, with school

necessary parts of exploring their world,” said Duffy. The experience of being a teenager is difficult enough as they go through new life experiences and experimental phases. The stress of a pandemic only compounds those experiences.

“Particularly popular now is declaring oneself non-binary, transgender, lesbian, gay, etc.,” said Duffy. “Though it’s surprising to many parents and guardians when they are being told this, it is important to remember that as people grow up, they do experiment with their environment to see what ‘fits’ them best. I remind families that teenagers change their minds a lot during experimental phases.”

Duffy has been particularly impressed that, more often than not, parents and guardians say they make sure their children know they are loved, no matter who they feel they are or what their personal identity.

“This is not necessarily a COVID-19–driven manifestation, but it has certainly been more noticeable in my practice and the practices of other pediatric psychiatrists I’ve spoken

## 10 Tips for Families of Students During the Pandemic

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**1. FLEXIBILITY IS KEY.** Talk with your children about the importance of staying flexible. Protocols that may be in place in September may change as the school year goes on. With a flexible attitude, children and parents can build resiliency that will help pave the way for a smooth year.

**2. HAVE CONVERSATIONS.** Candid, age-appropriate conversations with your children will help them know they are not alone. Although we do not have all the answers, scientists, health experts, parents, teachers and other leaders are working hard to ensure students’ health and safety.

**3. GET BACK TO A REGULAR SLEEP SCHEDULE.** Many students are on a different sleep schedule throughout the summer. Parents can start incrementally pushing up bedtime in August to help ease the transition. Try to follow a consistent bedtime routine and avoid electronics in the bedroom.

**4. PREVENT SEPARATION ANXIETY.** Children may feel nervous about going back to school and being apart from family members. Have conversations about school and develop tools for your child to feel connected to home, such as notes in their lunchbox or a family photo they can bring to school.

**5. HAVE A PLAN.** Family routines changed during the pandemic. Parents who worked from home may now need to go to the workplace. One of the best ways to help a child feel supported is to ensure they know where all family members are and how to reach them if needed. Consider placing a whiteboard in the kitchen noting where each family member is each day.

**6. COMMUNICATE WITH YOUR CHILD’S TEACHER.** Let your child’s teacher and guidance counselor know if something is going on that might affect the student, such as the loss of a parent’s job, a death in the family, a divorce or other significant life change. Teachers do best when they know what is going on in their students’ lives that could impact their ability to focus, socialize and come to school ready to learn.

**7. MAKE TIME TO LISTEN.** Your children may react to changes in their routine in various ways. Be ready for some behavior changes, such as acting out in younger children and quietness in teens. Before bed is a good time to listen to your child recount events and feelings from the day. This extra time provides a safe environment for children to express their emotions, and you may be surprised how much you learn about them.

**8. WATCH FOR SIGNS OF STRESS.** Stay tuned to warning signs that your child, grandchild or someone you love might need mental health support. These signs include:

- Sudden changes in activities or behaviors
- Sudden weight loss or weight gain
- Trouble in school or extracurricular activities, including missing homework or ending participation
- Reckless behavior, such as withdrawing or acting rebellious, aggressive or overly impulsive
- Signs of depression, such as excessive isolation
- Substance use or abuse
- Sleeping too much or too little
- Destructive behaviors such as self-injury
- Talking or writing about suicide and death

**9. DO NOT DELAY YOUR CHILD’S HEALTHCARE.** Many health issues can be easily managed when recognized early but can lead to challenges if caught later. Your pediatrician will keep your child up to date on immunizations and routine screenings to aid their overall health.

**10. FOSTER A POSITIVE DIGITAL ENVIRONMENT.** Digital media use can have positive and negative impacts on mental health. Encourage your family to disconnect on a regular basis.

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## SRPMIC Seeking Input on Community Housing

the next five to 10 years.”

The online survey has two options, depending on your available time. The first survey takes approximately five minutes and consists of fill-in and multiple-choice questions to learn about the survey taker’s current housing situation and potential future housing needs. After submitting the initial survey, there is an option to complete a more in-depth second step that will look more in-depth information regarding your future housing needs within the Community.

“The five-minute survey may be perfect to just provide answers to general questions, such as ‘Yes, I’m interested in housing,’ ‘This is where I currently live,’ etc.,” said Andrews. “The longer survey may be for individuals who know [more details about] their future housing plan, such as the size of the house desired, when they plan to move into a house, and what area of the Community they’d like to live in, for example. The two surveys allow for us to hit really the lifecycle of needs from multiple and different

Community Members.”

Some of the other questions in the survey ask about the desire to move back to or within the Community, where in the Community is housing desired, preferred sizes of housing, sizes of neighborhoods and more. Whether you complete the shorter or longer survey, your feedback matters. All of the information and opinions collected will be compiled into a report to be reviewed by Council and shared with the entire Community through articles and reports.

“Everything will be tallied up and a report will go to Council to let them know how many people responded, what were the answers to the questions, and what are the trends we are seeing,” said CDD Senior Construction Manager Heather Swanson.

The main goal of the survey is to highlight the needs of the Community and find a multitude of different and affordable housing products that could be brought to the SRPMIC.

Although it’s an online survey,

CDD offers Community members who prefer the opportunity to call in and conduct the survey over the phone, or they can come into the CDD office, where they will receive a laptop to do the survey. Staff want to ensure that your input can be included, even if you do not have access to technology at home, school or work. CDD is located at Two Waters Building B, on the third floor.

By completing this survey, not only will you help influence the types of housing brought to the Community and help create a comprehensive housing plan for future generations, but you also will have a chance to win raffle prizes including iPads, a stay at Great Wolf Lodge and more.

The online survey is offered through January 15, 2022, at [www.srpmic-nsn.gov/housingsurvey](http://www.srpmic-nsn.gov/housingsurvey). If you would like more information, contact Aaron Studebaker at (480) 362-5719 or Heather Swanson at (480) 362-7233.



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- \* A copy of most current utility bill in the applicant’s name.



# Emergency Management Coordinator Assists American Red Cross with Afghanistan Evacuees in New Mexico

planning for Emergency Response it is critical to send staff into large scale disaster responses to enhance the Communities’ knowledge of best practices”.

At the meeting, VanDeventer talked about the Red Cross’s capabilities and what her role was during this response.

“Here in the Community, the American Red Cross comes to assist with house fires, but those capabilities expand drastically in a global response,” said VanDeventer. “The American Red Cross is a humanitarian organization led by volunteers, and operates under a Congressional Charter to provide those Capabilities. This charter outlines the American Red Cross mission to provide disaster relief to victims and help them prepare for, respond to and recover from emergencies.”

As people were evacuated from Afghanistan into the United States, they were routed through the Dulles and Philadelphia international airports, explained VanDeventer. Reception Centers were set up at the airports where the American Red Cross provided; Medical, Behavioral Health Services, and financial support.

VanDeventer went to help the American Red Cross as they provided temporary care for evacuees being sheltered at eight military bases in August. More than 50,000 Afghanistan families have been evacuated into the United States, and as of October 5, more than 124,000 people have been housed at these eight military bases.

“At the time of my deployment, on September 15, there were just under 5,000 Afghanistan allies living within the Holloman Air Force Base (in New Mexico), and Holloman received the most children, which posed special considerations when we were looking at temporary housing.”

VanDeventer’s deployment assignment was to; Identify and provide for immediate needs of current evacuee population, plan for incoming populations, identify Staffing plan to include additional support, coordinate transport of donations, map and transition resources to centralized distribution, establish mentorship and demobilization

of Red Cross and Salvation Army Resources to Homeland Security personnel by September 30.

“We got to work very quickly. We were operating outside for about 14 hours a day in 90-degree weather, driving to and from a warehouse picking up and delivering items and supplies to individual families,” said VanDeventer.

“As you can imagine, that’s extremely taxing and unsustainable, not to mention the staff that I had was six people,” said VanDeventer. “We had six people to serve a population of 5,000. I worked with amazing people who have big hearts, but it’s impossible to accomplish [much] with that small amount of people. Luckily, we were able to partner with Nellis Air Force Base (in Nevada), which sent us a squadron that helped wrap and organize the supplies to move to the centralized warehouse.”

VanDeventer shared some lessons learned from these operations:

1. Staffing is always an issue, get creative; find people in the community you can engage.
2. Find the barriers and break them, if it is language find a community member willing to help, if it is cultural understanding, find someone willing to help you understand.
3. Work smarter, not harder. VanDeventer explained that they went from delivering items and supplies individually to moving supplies to a centralized warehouse system where they could get items to individuals there on the spot.
4. Take care of the staff. “Offer them a good meal, trust them, and be kind; people are smart they just need the flexibility to be smart.”

This experience can help the SRPMIC respond to an unforeseen emergency or natural disaster. For example, the Community faces the risk of flooding every year, this could be monsoon rains or a dam failure.

“Opportunities like this deployment afford [emergency response] staff the hands-on practical experience where they can exercise the knowledge bases that we’re teaching them here every day in the Community,” said VanDeventer.



Salvation Army delivering a donation of Girls Shoes to the New 7,300 sq ft. Warehouse. Photo courtesy of Kirsten VanDeventer



Salvation Army's Niki Woolin and Red Cross's Austin Francini finalizing the warehouse move from 800 sq. ft. outdoor area to 7,300 sq. ft. indoor warehouse. Photo courtesy of Kirsten VanDeventer

“They better understand Incident Command System, management, emergency planning and how to work with partners under extreme pressure. All the plans that we have in place according to our emergency operations plan—like mass care, sheltering, donations and management—can all be activated at the same time, and we need to keep that in mind as we’re looking through these. This [Afghanistan] deployment in many ways is a scaled-up version of what we could see here in Salt River. So how

preparing this Community, ourselves, and our partners is essential for emergency response success. Every person in this meeting today has a role to play, so make sure you’re keeping your minds and your hearts open to how we’re taking care of this Community.”

SRPMIC Emergency Manager Cliff Puckett thanked VanDeventer for going to Holloman Airforce Base and bringing that experience back to the Community, and also for giving of herself to those in need.



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# Apache Stronghold Visits SRPMIC With Spiritual Convoy

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On October 13, Wendsler Nosie, former chairman of the San Carlos Apache Tribe and founder of the grassroots group Apache Stronghold, traveled with a spiritual convoy and made a stop at the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community.

The group was on their way to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco to have their arguments heard in opposition to mining company Resolution Copper's project at Oak Flat, an important and sacred site to the San Carlos Apache Tribe as well as many other tribal communities, including the O'odham.

Nosie said of the convoy's journey, "What I told people was that I can't just go to the Ninth Circuit Court and bring a prayer by flying or going in a direct route that way. Everybody's affected by this, so I have to go through the corridors. The corridors are tribes," said Nosie.

"That's why I came into O'odham country and asked them for prayers, because this is the journey that we're on. We're fighting what's evil. What I need is the blessings to carry me on to the next corridor, and the next after that."

During his stop here, Nosie talked with a group of SRPMIC members about O'odham artifacts and belongings near the Oak Flat site that could be disturbed or destroyed.

"I told the O'odham [that I spoke to] that they're erasing your past just like they're doing to us. These artifacts, these places, they are old, they still have semblance. When Resolution Cop-



One Drum spiritual convoy on the way to the Ninth Circuit Court in California. Photo by Steve Pavey, provided by Apache Stronghold

per got the exemption [to mine at Oak Flat], that meant they didn't have to tell anybody anything," said Nosie.

## Vandalism at Oak Flat

Nosie was in Phoenix in October when he heard the news that the holy ground crosses at Oak Flat, a special place of prayer, healing and blessings, were broken apart and damaged beyond repair. Apache Stronghold shared the news on its Twitter account:

"With a heavy heart I share the sad news that our Holy Ground Crosses at Oak Flat were destroyed. It brings sadness to our hearts that someone would do this. It is no different than a church being vandalized or set on fire. Please continue to pray for Oak Flat, as evil is around."

This is the second time in recent



Holy Ground crosses destroyed at Oak Flat by vandals. Photo provided by Apache Stronghold

years that the holy ground site has been vandalized, the last time being in March 2018.

## Hydrology Study

Nosie also addressed the group of SRPMIC members about a new study

that analyzed groundwater usage by Resolution Copper.

In September, the San Carlos Apache Tribe released a water study authored by Dr. James Wells of Everett & Associates Environmental Consultants titled "The Proposed Resolution Copper Mine and Arizona's Water Future." The study shows that the Resolution Copper mine will use an estimated 250 billion gallons of water over the lifetime of the mine.

The study touches upon water usage that could affect the eastern part of the Salt River Valley:

"Even if one accepts Resolution [Copper]'s highly optimistic estimate for water usage, the mine will use about 775,000 acre-feet of water—or about 250 billion gallons—over the life of the mine, of which approximately 70% will be pumped from a large network of new extraction wells in the East Salt River Valley about 15 miles west of the mine, closer to Phoenix and its eastern suburbs. The amount of water Resolution Copper proposes to withdraw from the Desert Wellfield represents nearly 7% of the total available groundwater in the East Salt River Valley subbasin. It is hard to visualize the immensity of this amount of water. That means Resolution Copper could develop an unlimited number of wells and pump an unlimited amount of water from the East Salt River Valley even as agricultural uses and cities are forced to cut back."

The study also shows that the mine's tailings, or waste materials left over after a commodity is mined from the earth, would permanently threaten groundwater and surface water quality in the region, including the Gila River.



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I graduated from Westwood High School in 2001. After that, I took a bit of a break from school and worked with my brother at a sign manufacturing company in Tempe. I was there for five years. During that time, I started attending Scottsdale Community College and took classes in fire science. I was taking an EMT class, Firefighter Fitness and Supervisory Training for Firefighters.

## Where are you from?

I'm from this great land of Salt River. I went to the elementary school on Longmore and McDowell (Salt River Day School) for the entire first through sixth grade, and I graduated from there. There was a time my family lived in Mesa for a couple of years, but I continued to attend school out here.

## What made you want to become a firefighter?

Well, I never really thought about being a firefighter at all as I was growing up. As I got older, and after a couple years working with my brother, I knew I had to do something that not only paid better, but also would provide me with a future for myself and provide for my family that I was starting to create. One night when I was at my mom's house visiting, a car accident took place right in front of her house. We both rushed out to see what was going on; it was a head-on collision. One person was only slightly injured because she was wearing her seatbelt and the airbag helped soften the impact, but the other person wasn't so lucky. I saw the fire department arrive and they hopped off the fire truck and quickly evaluated her through the window. They got out their hydraulic tools and began cutting the car open to get her out; then they quickly started using their



medical skills and got her into the back of the rescue vehicle. When I saw that, something changed for me. I knew I could do that, and I wanted to do something for my Community as well.

## What's the most rewarding part about being a firefighter with the Salt River Fire Department?

Being able to provide a service for my Community and help them in their time of need is very rewarding to me. The majority of my patients are either people I grew up with, their kids or their parents. Not only that, but I also enjoy trying to be a positive role model for the younger kids and show them they can be firefighters too and do something for their Community as well. Not just the boys either, but more so the girls, because I know firefighting is thought of as more a "guy" career ... not true. Girls are also capable of becoming firefighters.

## Besides firefighting, what are some of your other passions?

I like to travel, even though I don't get to do it as much as I would like to. I like to take in and appreciate other people's cultures and architectures. It is probably immature of me, but I also still like to play video games in my off time!





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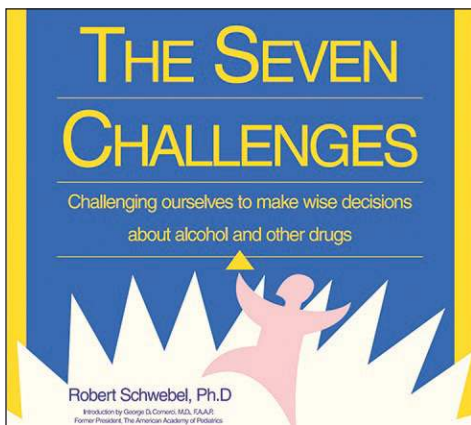
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# Seven Challenges Group to Offer Drug Abuse Counseling for Teens



The Seven Challenges book by Robert Schwebel, Ph.D., for which the Seven Challenges program at SRPMIC is modeled after.

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The Seven Challenges program is being offered to teens in the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community through the Behavioral Health Services department as part of a new approach to substance abuse counseling.

The program was developed by Robert Schwebel, Ph.D., in 1991, and meets teens (and adults) where they are in their developmental stage and partners with them in a decision-making model.

“We know that youth have a need to feel heard,” said BHS manager Erin Wilkinson.

“We know that youth developmentally need a space and support to think for themselves, and we know that kids use drugs and alcohol for a variety of reasons. They need a program that encourages them to work on all the issues

in their life. We want better outcomes for the youth, and Seven Challenges is evidence-based, showing great outcomes.”

Youth are guided by the counselor through the program using a combination of readings, support, interactive journaling and counseling. Developing a trusting, honest relationship in counseling is the foundation for the program.

“We know that drug and alcohol use is not a stand-alone issue, so the program emphasizes cognitive and emotional decision-making, focusing on what is important and relevant to the youth and their substance use and mental health,” said Wilkinson.

The Seven Challenges counseling approach was being used in individual counseling sessions with clients until BHS had a large enough roster to start a group, which was slated to begin on November 8.

The group format also includes individual counseling and family/parent involvement. Currently, the group is only for teens ages 13 to 17, although a 12-year-old can join if appropriate.

Once enough teens join the group, they will meet on Mondays and Thursdays from 4 to 5:30 p.m. and Tuesdays from 4 to 5 p.m. at the BHS building at 10215 E. Osborn Road.

BHS counselor Cora-lei Marquez, M.A., is facilitating the Seven Challenges teen group. She is a member of the Yavapai–Apache Nation, and much of her experience and knowledge has been gained while working within her own community as the drug court coordinator, a tribal leader, a substance

abuse counselor, a domestic violence advocate and UNITY advisor.

Marquez earned a B.A. from Northern Arizona University in interdisciplinary studies—applied human development, with an emphasis in community sustainability. She also has an M.S. in addiction counseling from Grand Canyon University.

“We know the need is present and there are young people abusing substances [every day]. We encourage their caregivers to contact BHS to add them

to the group or ask us questions to help them make that decision,” said Wilkinson.

Wilkinson added that a Seven Challenges group will be offered for adults soon.

To join the teen group or to have your child assessed for counseling needs, call BHS at (480) 362-5707. If you or someone you know is experiencing a crisis, or if there is a need to receive Narcan, call the Crisis Intervention Team at (480) 850-9230.

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**Where**  
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10215 E. Osborn Rd.

The Seven Challenges Program is designed for adolescent substance abusing or substance dependent individuals, to motivate a decision and commitment to change. It helps young people look at themselves, understand what it take to give up a drug abusing lifestyle—and prepare for and attain success when they commit to making changes.

**Call to Join Seven Challenges Counseling:  
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#### THE SEVEN CHALLENGES

We decided to open up and talk honest-ly about ourselves and about alcohol and other drugs.

We looked at what we liked about alcohol and other drugs, and why we were using them.

We looked at our use of alcohol or other drugs to see if it has caused harm or could cause harm.

We looked at our responsibility and the responsibility of others for our problems.

We thought about where we seemed to be headed, where we wanted to go, and what we wanted to accomplish.

We made thoughtful decisions about our lives and about our use of alco-hol and other drugs.

We followed through on our decisions about our lives and drug use. If we saw problems, we went back to earlier challenges and mastered them.

## SRPMIC Member Becomes IFBB Bikini Professional Bodybuilder

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Leanne “Aimee” Velasquez, a 27-year-old Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community member, was working as a registered nurse when she decided to change up her routine of going to the gym in February 2020. Feeling intimidated and lost, she hired a fitness coach to help her get a new routine down. Her coach turned out to be a bikini prep coach on the bodybuilding competition circuit. Now Velasquez competes as an International Federation of Bodybuilding and Fitness (IFBB) bikini bodybuilder.

“He just was talking me up, telling me how I have amazing genetics and my body loves the muscle and all these things,” said Velasquez about how she was convinced to start training for fitness competitions. “He threw me into my first show at the Legends Classic in February 2020 in Las Vegas.”

In that show, Velasquez competed in the True Novice Division, winning first place and overall winner. She also received first place and overall winner in the Novice Division and second place in the Open Bikini Division, which qualified her for the Universe and Nationals fitness championships.

Prior to those competitions, Velasquez decided to take her training more seriously. She moved on with a new coach knowledgeable in Olympics training.

“She helped me with my physique. I stepped onstage in November 2020 at the San Antonio Classic and took first place in the Open Bikini Division. A week later I went to Universe Nationals and took fifth place in the Open Bikini



SRPMIC member Leanne “Aimee” Velasquez turned her regular routine to the gym into an entire new journey into body building. Photo courtesy of Leanne “Aimee” Velasquez

Division,” said Velasquez.

Velasquez started out at 5’2” and about 97 pounds; now she weighs about 113 pounds, gaining muscle and definition.

“[With this fitness routine], my confidence, self-esteem, motivation, drive and self-discipline [are like] night and day compared to where it was before I started,” said Velasquez.

Not only did she have to physically train, she also had to change how she eats. She explained that it was hard to gain weight because she had to eat enough food—if she just ate a little, those calories would burn off easily because of her increased muscle. So, she had to consume more calories than she was burning to make sure she gained muscle.

“People look at it and they’re like, ‘Oh, I don’t want to eat healthy; I don’t want to eat this, it sounds horrible,’ but

you’ve got to really find things that you enjoy,” said Velasquez. “If you like peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, that’s good, just eat whole-grain bread and a natural peanut butter, and instead of getting jelly, you can get strawberry preserves that are sugar-free and it’s real fruit. So, you can always have alternatives to foods and not just think one way.”

Velasquez has her own website where she does online coaching and blogs about her fitness journey. She would like to invite SRPMIC members to visit and ask her any questions about health, fitness and bodybuilding. You can visit her website at [www.fitnessbyaims.com](http://www.fitnessbyaims.com) or reach her at fitnessbyaims on Facebook and Instagram.

She advises those interested in starting a fitness routine to visit a gym and just take some time to look things over. “Find a cardio machine (treadmill or

elliptical) that looks out over the weight equipment, and while you are using it just watch how the weight machines work and plan your workout. For example, you will know where to go for your arm workout and then go on to legs and so on,” said Velasquez. “Just kind of feel out your little program and know where to go so you don’t feel too lost. That helped me a lot in the beginning and when I was working out at new gyms. If you feel stuck, get a coach and a meal plan. Just get comfortable in the gym and be consistent.”



Velasquez nationally qualified at her first body building show and is now a IFBB Bikini Pro. Photo courtesy of Leanne “Aimee” Velasquez



# Liam Enos Finishes First Season of Cross Country

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Rancho Solano freshman Liam Enos, the son of Shea Enos Jr. and Maricella Quintero, completed his first season of cross country this fall. Enos, a longtime football player, has taken on the challenge of cross country at Rancho Solano because the school does not have a football team.

“I didn’t know what to expect; I just knew it had to do with running,” said Enos about whether crosscountry was what he expected it to be. “It seemed pretty simple, but it was a lot of work. We had to run for 30 minutes, three miles a day or sprint long distances. But all that running did help me build up my endurance.”

Enos explained that he can now run long distances without slowing down, and his times and distances have definitely improved since starting cross country.

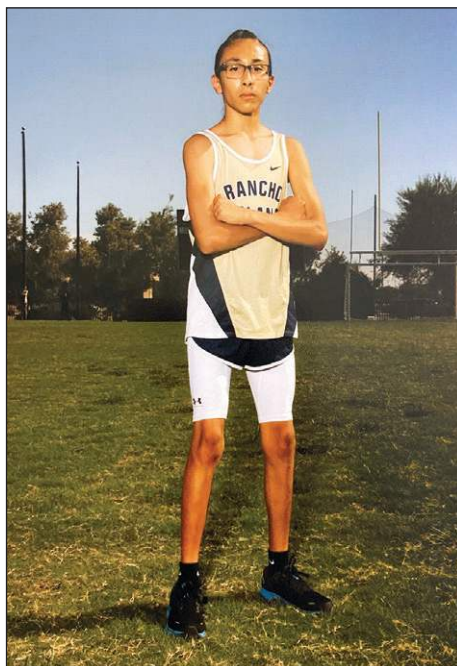
“In my first competitive race there were so many people; everyone was going at different speeds and some really pushed themselves,” said Enos. “So, you had to push yourself if you wanted to do good. That was something unexpected.”

Enos had some running experience prior to joining the cross country team. He would place first in many of the Salt River Elementary School fun runs. He also participated in the Pat’s Run honoring Pat Tillman each year. He is planning on participating in track and field in the spring but is not sure what particular event just yet. He also hopes to play football in the future and believes his cross country and track and field experience will help him be faster on the football field.

“[I would like to give] a big thank-you to my auntie Jasmine Enos. She took me to Flagstaff for one of my runs when my parents weren’t able to,” said Enos. “Also, thank you to my parents for supporting me.”



Liam Enos takes a look at the medal he received after one of his runs. Photo courtesy of Maricella Quintero



Rancho Solano freshman Liam Enos completed his first season of cross country. Photo courtesy of Maricella Quintero



Enos competed in a number of races and since starting cross country has improved his time and distance in running. Photo courtesy of Maricella Quintero

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# Lehi Resident Garnet Gates: *Serving With the Marines in Vietnam*



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Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community member and Lehi resident Garnet Gates was born to Loretta Gates (Maricopa) and Tommy Contreras (San Pasqual Band of Diegueño Mission Indians) in Phoenix. Growing up in Lehi, he was raised by his aunt Ann Smith and enjoyed swimming in the canals and playing in youth baseball and basketball leagues. He attended Salt River Day School and went to Stewart Indian School in Nevada for high school, where he was an all-around athlete in 1963.

When he was 17, Gates enlisted in the Marines after coming across a recruiting station on First Avenue in downtown Phoenix.

"I was 17 years old. Mom had to sign the enlistment papers for me," said Gates. "That was in May 1963."

Gates had an uncle who was in the Marines, Buddy Gates, which prompted him to enlist. The Vietnam War started in 1965, two years after he

enlisted. Prior to his deployment overseas, he completed basic training in San Diego (nicknamed the "Hollywood Marines"), where he was trained as a field radio operator.

"I learned about different types of radios, radio communications and the radio language," said Gates.

Gates remembers that in Vietnam the food was terrible, eating the commercially prepared C-rations. He was outfitted with a jungle utility uniform and stayed in tents and foxholes. He experienced monsoon-season weather while in Vietnam: rain, heat and humidity. He didn't get much free time except for between tours, when he had some personal time.

Gates arrived in Da Nang, Vietnam, aboard a naval LST (Landing Ship, Tank) with the 9th Marine Expeditionary Brigade, 3rd Marine Division in March 1965. This was not the first foreign country Gates had been to; he had been stationed in Okinawa, Japan, in 1963 during Christmas and New Year's. All together he served in Okinawa in 1963-1965, Da Nang in 1965-1966, and his second tour

with the 1st Marine Regiment in 1966-1967.

His job duties were to patrol the air base and communicate with controls. He explained that there were no front lines because the enemy was all around them. On his first night in combat, they got hit. One of his most frightening experiences was the mortars, he explained, because they didn't know where the mortars were going to hit. Marching and patrolling were exhausting, but the whole experience was exciting, explained Gates.

While in the war, Gates used M14 rifles and a .45 caliber pistol. He saw the enemy use AK-47's and rockets.

"There were rock monkeys there; they would throw rocks at us because we were in their territory," said Gates when asked if he remembered any fun moments.

Gates lost friends in Vietnam. He kept in touch only with one friend from Ohio for about five years, then eventually lost contact with him. During his service he would keep in touch with his mother, receiving and sending letters every two weeks to a month.

He was happy when his tour ended. He returned home with the Vietnam Service Ribbon with 4 Stars, the Combat Action Ribbon, and 2 Presidential Unit Citation Ribbons.

When he settled back in Lehi, Gates became employed with the Salt River Police Department and had two children. Later on he became the grandfather of eight, SRPMIC Vice-President, and a construction general contractor in drywall, which helped him provide a lot of work for the Community.

Gates worked with organizations such as Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Disabled American Veterans. He contributed to Native Community establishments and has been a member of the Lehi Gathering Committee.

Thank you for your service, Lance Corporal Garnet Gates.

*Note: Thank you to Veterans Representative Amanda White for providing the interview with Garnet Gates to the O'dham Action News*



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# Q&A with Air Force Veteran Jonathan Greyeyes

**Q: When did you enlist?**

July 2014 was the start date of my six-year enlistment.

**Q: What do you remember about the day you enlisted?**

I remember the recruiter asking me if I wanted a four-year or six-year enlistment and my mother telling me to do six years, so I did!

**Q: How did you tell your family and friends that you were joining the military?**

Telling my friends and family about joining the Air Force wasn't a big deal. They loved the fact that I was committed and passionate about joining to serve. As the oldest child, I was always told about how concerned they were from me leaving every day until I finished my enlistment.

**Q: What were some of the reasons that you joined the military? How did you choose your branch of service?**

I wanted to better myself. I felt it would jump-start my life with experiences with work as well as self-development. I originally wanted to go to school to be a pilot or some sort. I knew the Air Force was the branch for me.

**Q: How did you imagine military life before you joined? How did your perceptions change after serving?**

I thought it would be getting yelled at 24/7 and deployments. Once you are



finished with your first base, you get a sense of the culture and that you want to focus on learning your job occupation, promoting to the next rank, and deciding if you want to make 20+ years out of it.

**Q: What are some of the things you remember about adapting to military life?**

I would say the part of military life that requires the most adaptation was being away from family. Not just from the ones you leave from home. If you have a spouse or kids, if you deploy or even go on a short-term travel assignment, you'll end up leaving them until you get back. The whole family must adapt.



**Q: Where did you serve?**

Stateside: Texas, Ohio, Mississippi  
Overseas: Turkey, South Korea, Kuwait, Iraq, Afghanistan, United Arab Emirates

**Q: What are some things you remember most about your deployment?**

My time I served in the U.A.E. We took a one-day trip to Dubai. I can't ever say deployments are not fun.

**Q: Is there someone you served with whom you remember fondly?**

In my second deployment I recall Senior Airman Anthony Morfin. We got each other through the days joking and becoming great friends all while working on deployment. We keep in touch almost daily now.

**Q: When did you leave the military? What was that process like?**

I separated in July 2020. I couldn't believe the six years went by so quickly. At the same time, I was super excited to get out, even though the current events were beginning to unfold. A term every service member knows is "Hurry up and wait." I was grateful to have completed my term enlistment.

**Q: Was there anything or anyone that helped you during the transition from military to civilian life?**

I think from what I have learned since joining, my self-motivation helped me tremendously. Always have something that motivates you to get your drive going.

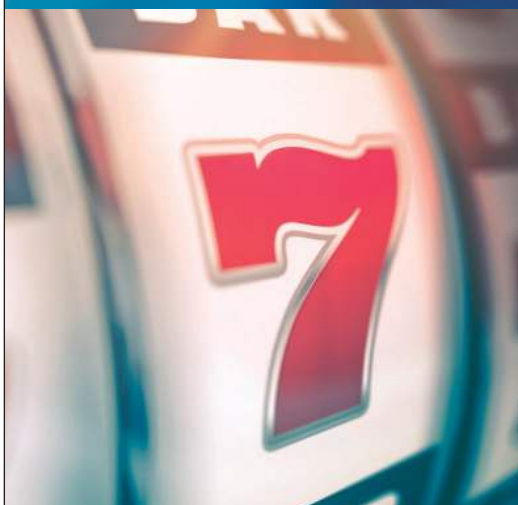
**Q: What are some of your hopes and goals for the future?**

Continuing education is big; finding what you want to learn is bigger. I hope to become a network administrator or cybersecurity analyst. Shout out to Western Maricopa Education Center!

*Note: Thank you to Veterans Representative Troy Truax for reaching out to Air Force Veteran Jonathan Greyeyes.*



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# Yoga in the Outfield at Salt River Fields

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On November 7, about 300 people showed up to energize their mind and body in the outfield at Salt River Fields at Talking Stick for one of a kind yoga experience taught by yoga instructor Courtney Sheber.

“Yoga in the Outfield is such a unique experience unlike any other in the Valley. It is so awesome to see the community come together from near and far to move and breathe on the field,” said Sheber.

The event was a collaboration be-



Yoga instructor Courtney Sheber teaches Yoga in the Outfield at Salt River Fields at Talking Stick

tween Salt River Fields at Talking Stick and Earn Your Booze, who gave away branded hats and shaker cups during the class.



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**CDC now recommends everyone ages 5 and older get a COVID-19 vaccine to help protect against COVID-19.** Children ages 5 years and older are now able to get an age-appropriate dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine.

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Vaccinating children can help protect family members, including siblings who are not eligible for vaccination and family members who may be at increased risk of getting very sick if they are infected. Vaccinating children ages 5 years and older can help keep them in school and help them safely participate in sports, playdates, and other group activities.

Parent/ legal guardian must have their ID when bringing child for vaccination.

If parent/guardian is bringing multiple kids, or coming for a vaccine for themselves, 5-11 year olds will be vaccinated first.

## \*NOTICE\*

# 2022 Agricultural Lease Payment

In compliance with SRPMIC Emergency Declaration Directives for COVID-19, the 2022 Agricultural Lease payment to landowners will be made by mail, direct deposit, or SRPMIC Pay Card only. There will be no in person payout.

On Friday, January 21, 2022, Agricultural Lease Payment checks will be mailed to your address on file or, if you have elected to use direct deposit, disbursement will occur to the financial institution on file with the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community ("SRPMIC") Finance Department. Incorrect information will cause a delay in receiving your payment. To update your address or direct deposit information, or to sign up for direct deposit, please contact:

**SRPMIC Vendor Maintenance, ph: (480) 362-7729**  
(staff is available Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. am to 5 p.m. Arizona time)  
The last day for Agricultural Lease Payment updates is December 17, 2021.  
Please call as soon as possible.

Pay Card disbursement will be placed onto your SRPMIC Pay Card on Friday, January 21, 2022. To sign up for a SRPMIC Pay Card for your lease payment or to add your lease payment to an already issued SRPMIC Pay Card, **please contact the SRPMIC Finance Department at (480) 362-7620. The last day for Agricultural Lease Payment updates is December 17, 2021.**

**Payments less than \$15.00.** All direct deposit and Pay Card payments will be disbursed regardless of the amount. For checks less than \$15.00, landowners will need to contact the SRPMIC Finance Department and request that a check be mailed. Such checks will be processed 7-10 business days following the request after January 21, 2022.

**Questions? Contact the SRPMIC Finance Leasing Payment Office (480) 362-7730.**

\*Agricultural lease payments will be made based upon farmer payments received by January 3, 2022.

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with the SRPMIC Code of Ordinances, Ordinance Number SRO-355-2010, a public hearing on a Liquor License Application for LM Restaurants, LLC dba Dickey's Barbecue Pit located at 9280 E. Via De Ventura, Suite 104, Scottsdale, Arizona 85258. The hearing shall be virtually held on "Skype Meeting" on Monday, December 20, 2021, at 10 a.m., at SRPMIC Community Regulatory Agency/Office of Alcohol Beverage Control (CRA/OABC), at 8840 E. Chaparral Rd., Suite 165, Scottsdale, AZ 85250 (video conference). Petitions and testimony will be heard from persons in favor of or opposed

to the issuance of a liquor license that reside in the Community, or own or lease property located within the Community that is in close proximity to the proposed premises. **To request for additional information regarding this application, contact Special Investigator B. J. Missie Stillman, at (480) 362-6896.**

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## 4th Quarter 2021 ELIGIBILITY DEADLINE December 31, 2021

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

**DIRECT DEPOSIT START-UPS AND  
CHANGES:** Tuesday, January 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 January 2022 payout.  
Forms received after this date will not be  
effective until the April 2022 payout.

**DISCONTINUE DIRECT DEPOSITS:**  
Tuesday, January 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,  
January 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 January 2022 payout. Forms received  
after this date will not be processed until  
the first week of February 2022.

**TAX WITHHOLDING CHANGES:** Tuesday,  
January 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  
at (480) 362-7600

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

## 2021 SRPMIC Christmas Angels Program

We are looking for donations and sponsors for the  
2021 SRPMIC Christmas Angels Program. Please  
consider sponsoring a child or family, or supporting  
the program with a donation of gift cards or toys.  
All donations go directly to Community  
families in need.

**Details:**  
**11/1: Sponsorships begin**  
**12/3: All gifts due to Social Services**  
**for distribution.**  
**For Details or To Sponsor Contact:**  
**Annamari Hogan at 480.643.0593 or**  
**annamari.hogan@srpmic-nsn.gov**

### CHURCH LISTING

#### LEHI CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

1452 E. Oak St.  
Mesa, AZ 85203  
Mailing Address:  
PO Box 4628  
Mesa, AZ 85211  
Pastor Merrill Jones  
(480) 234-6091

**SERVICES**  
-Visit us on Facebook Live and in  
person. Search for Lehi Church of  
the Nazarene  
-Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.  
-Worship Service, 10:45 a.m.  
-Sunday Night Service, 6:30 p.m.  
-Wed. Bible Study at church, 6:30  
p.m.  
-SOAR Group 2nd & 4th Friday  
every month at the church 7 p.m.  
-Monday night Prayer Meeting,  
6 p.m.  
-Singspiration, last Sunday of the  
month at 6 p.m.

#### FERGUSON MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

1512 E. McDowell Rd. (Lehi)  
Mesa, AZ 85203  
Pastor Neil Price  
(480) 278-0750

**SERVICES**  
- Worship Service, 10 a.m.  
- Thurs. Bible Study Service, 7 p.m.  
-Sunday service 10 a.m. now  
available through the Zoom app call  
church for Zoom ID.

#### LEHI PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1342 E. Oak  
Mesa, AZ 85203  
Pastor Annette Lewis  
annette.f.lewis@gmail.com  
(480) 404-3284

#### SERVICES

-Sunday Services 10 a.m.  
-Communion First Sunday of every  
month 10 a.m. (limited 10 people)

#### THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST PAPAGO WARD

2056 N. Extension Rd. Scottsdale  
AZ, 85256  
(480) 947-1084

#### SERVICES

-Sunday service suspended until  
further notice

#### PIMA CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

12207 E. Indian School Rd.  
Scottsdale, AZ 85256  
Pastor Marty Thomas  
(480) 874-3016/  
Home: (480) 990-7450

#### SERVICES

- Sunday service 11 a.m.  
- Bible Study Wednesdays 6 p.m.  
via Zoom  
- Churches Zoom ID: 7081368738  
pwds : 3r28HAJ

#### SALT RIVER ASSEMBLY OF GOD

10657 E. Virginia Ave.  
Scottsdale, AZ 85256  
(480) 947-5278  
Rev. Jim Lopez

#### SERVICES

- Sunday Morning Prayer 10 a.m.  
- Worship 11 a.m.  
- Evening Worship 6 p.m.  
- Thursday Evening Worship 6 p.m.

#### SALT RIVER CHURCH OF CHRIST

430 N. Dobson Rd.  
Mesa, AZ 85201  
(720) 626-2171  
[SaltRiverChurchofChrist.com](http://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](mailto:SaltRiverPresbyterian@gmail.com)  
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#### Pastor Charlotte Fafard

#### SERVICES

-Sunday Service, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.  
-Communion First Sunday of the  
month  
CDC/SRPMIC Guidelines fol-  
lowed

#### ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC MISSION

3090 N. Longmore, Scottsdale, AZ  
85256  
(602) 292-4466 (cell)  
Administrator: Deacon Jim Trant  
Parish President: Cindy Thomas  
Father Peter McConnell and Father  
Antony Tinker  
**SERVICES**  
-Sunday Mass 12 p.m.  
-Holy Hours 1 p.m.



## 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 at office or cemetery

#### SERVICES PROVIDED DURING PHASE 2

- One (1) wake and/or funeral service per day at each facility: Memorial Hall and Xalychidom Piipaash Nyvaash
- Wakes and funerals may be scheduled between 7AM and 9PM. ALL services, except Traditional overnights must end **no later than 9PM.**
- If a family chooses to keep loved one at the facility overnight, no one will be allowed to stay with loved one. Family may choose to have mortuary transport loved one back to mortuary after wake service. (Transport fee may apply)
- Overnights will be allowed for Traditional O'odham and Piipaash services ONLY.
- Families will be responsible for overseeing and running the kitchen during services to include the serving of food and cleaning up after services. Day labor may or may not be available at this time.
- Nursery and family room closed at this time.
- Memorial Services will create and post funeral announcements, if requested by family.
- Wakes and Funeral services will **not be allowed** at the homes at this time, due to Community 11th directive.
- Memorials will not be held at this time.
- Facilities will not be available to hold family meetings at this time.
- Masks must be worn while attending services, 6 feet social distancing will be required, and if you are sick please stay home.

#### GRAVESIDE SERVICES PROVIDED DURING PHASE 2

- Tent, table, chairs provided
- If family wishes to dig grave, tools will be available
- Staff may assist with burial
- Handwashing station, hand sanitizer and port-a-john available
- Casket cart/table for Urn
- Must wear masks and follow social distancing guidelines

**Please Call Memorial Services at (480) 278-7050 for any questions**



If you have a story idea, please call OAN at  
**(480) 362-7750**

Leave your name, number and brief message and we will return  
your call







Special Domestic Violence Criminal Jurisdiction  
Proposed Amendments to the Salt River Code of Ordinances

90-Day Comment Period, November 3, 2021 – January 26, 2022

Summary of Proposed Amendments to the Salt River Code of Ordinances – The proposed amendments would enable the Community to implement special domestic violence criminal jurisdiction, which would allow the Community to prosecute non-Native American offenders for crimes involving domestic violence and violation of a protection order when the victim is Native American and the defendant has sufficient ties to the Community. Sufficient ties to the Community could be either (1) resides within the Community, (2) employed within the Community, or (3) in a relationship with a Community member or Indian resident. The proposed changes are required by federal law in order to prosecute non-Native American offenders for these crimes. The proposed code changes are:

- Ordinance 4-31(a)(3): Require appointment of a licensed judge to preside over all cases in which any defendant is charged with at least one Class A Offense, in all cases in which the maximum punishment could exceed one year of incarceration, and in all cases in which a defendant is charged with domestic violence, special domestic violence or violation of an order of protection.
- Ordinance 5-35(d)(1) & 5-35(d)(2): Creates a new jury pool that would apply only in cases in which a non-Indian defendant is charged with special domestic violence (domestic violence, aggravated domestic violence or violation of a protective order). This jury pool would be comprised of adult Community Members, as well as adult employees of the Community (includes non-Indians and enrolled tribal members from other native communities). The jury pool for all remaining cases would remain unchanged, and would be comprised only of adult Community Members.

- Rule of Criminal Procedure 6: Ensures that a licensed defense attorney would be appointed to represent every defendant charged with domestic violence, special domestic violence or a violation of an order of protection.
- Rule of Criminal Procedure 17.1: Technical amendment that references 5-35. Anytime an amendment to the numbering in 5-35 is enacted, Rule 17.1 also needs to be amended so that the reference is accurate.
- Ordinance 10-258: Creates the offense of Special Domestic Violence Criminal Jurisdiction so the Community can assert criminal jurisdiction over non-Indian offenders who commit crimes of domestic violence and violations of orders of protection that occur within the Community boundaries, so long as certain legal criteria are met.

These proposed ordinance changes are open for public comment from November 3, 2021 until January 26, 2022, and will be discussed at Council District Meetings throughout November and December of 2021 and January of 2022. The proposed code amendments can be located 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](mailto:jeff.harmon@srpmic-nsn.gov) or (480) 362-5409. All comments will be presented to Council at the end of the public comment period.

SRPMIC EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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Right-of-Way (ROW) Specialist	11/19/21
Irrigation Maintenance Technician	11/19/21
Behavioral Health Technician	11/20/21
Behavioral Health Counselor	11/22/21
Physical Therapist	11/22/21
Accountant Emphasis on Fixed Assets	11/23/21
Attendance Technician	11/23/21
Education Secretary (ECEC)	11/23/21
Optometrist	11/23/21
Social Media Specialist	11/23/21
Chief Medical Officer	11/27/21
Pediatrician	11/27/21
Pharmacist	11/27/21
Physician (Family Medicine)	11/27/21
IT Project Manager II	12/1/21
Police Officer (Recruit)	12/1/21
Safety Administrator	12/2/21
Civil Engineer (Drainage)	12/3/21
Civil Engineer - Water Resources	12/8/21
Security Supervisor - HHS	12/11/21
Accountant	Continuous
Senior Accountant	Continuous
Instrumentation and Controls Technician	Continuous
Licensed Practical Nurse (Community Health)	Continuous
Lifeguard	Continuous
School Teacher – Gifted	Continuous
Substitute Teacher	Continuous

For more information contact the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community - Human Resources Department  
Address: 10005 E Osborn Road Scottsdale, Arizona, 85256  
Phone : (480) 362-7935 Website: <http://www.srpmic-nsn.gov/employment/>

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There are many flu viruses, and they are always changing. Each year a new flu vaccine is made to protect against the influenza viruses believed most likely to cause disease in the upcoming flu season. Even when the vaccine does not exactly match these viruses, it may still provide some protection.

**NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED FOR THE FLU SHOT**

#### SRPMIC IS OFFERING THE FLU VACCINE AT:

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**SALT RIVER GYMNASIUM**  
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- SRPMIC Government employees & family members
- SRPMIC Enterprise employees & family member
- IHS beneficiaries (CDIB: Certificate of Indian blood)

SRPMIC Community Meeting Notice about Brownfields Multipurpose Grant

The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community's (SRPMIC) Brownfields Program was recently awarded an \$800,000 Brownfields Multipurpose Grant for the Roadrunner Lake Resort Trailer Park (RLR). SRPMIC will be completing Phase I and Phase II assessments of the RLR beginning Fall of 2021. There will be a virtual Zoom public meeting to discuss opportunities for assessment and clean up of the RLR and other sites. The Community will also have the opportunity for input about what the RLR could become in the future.

Please join us on Zoom on November 22, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting at: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85035623050?pwd=NXhQRVZOR1IKRjdDeXpLcHdVZVF1dz09>  
Meeting ID: 850 3562 3050  
Meeting Password: Passcode: 524924

For more information please email Lily Bermejo at [lily.bermejo@srpmic-nsn.gov](mailto:lily.bermejo@srpmic-nsn.gov)

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### ONGOING-COUNCIL MEETINGS,

Regular Sessions, Wednesdays at 1 p.m. Questions can be directed to the Council Secretaries Office at (480) 362-7469. To contact the Council members, call Erica Harvier at (480) 362-7466 or Elyse Lewis at (480) 362-7464. To contact President Harvier or Vice-President Leonard, call Ardell Moore at (480) 362-7465 or Pat Rush (480) 362-7438. Community members can view the public Council meetings at [www.srpmic-nsn.gov/governemnt/council/councilmeetings/](http://www.srpmic-nsn.gov/governemnt/council/councilmeetings/) Community members can also provide public comments, concerns and/or input by emailing: [membercomments@srpmic-nsn.gov](mailto:membercomments@srpmic-nsn.gov).

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

### ONGOING- SALT RIVER TRIBAL LIBRARY,

10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Tuesday - Friday. Ways to make an appointment By phone: (480) 362-6600, By Email: [TribalLibrary@srpmic-nsn.gov](mailto:TribalLibrary@srpmic-nsn.gov), Online at: [www.srpmic-nsn.gov/reservations](http://www.srpmic-nsn.gov/reservations). When requesting an appointment, please provide: Full name, requested time/ date, contact (Phone/Email). Appointments are 1 hour, all appointments must be scheduled, same day scheduling; appointments are based in the order which they are reserved, reservations are open to SRPMIC enrolled Community members and SRPMIC residents.

**ONGOING - WIC UPDATES.** For the health and wellness of our clients and staff, SRPMIC WIC will be providing Telehealth services for the entire month of October, by appointment only. For appointments only call (480) 362-7300. Already a WIC client? Please don't forget to check your food benefits for the month. Additional contact information, Text 1-888-365-1338 or email [WIC@srpmic-nsn.gov](mailto:WIC@srpmic-nsn.gov)

**ONGOING- COVID-19 BOOSTER AVAILABLE** The SRPMIC now offers the COVID-19 booster shot for all vaccines (Pfizer, Moderna, and Johnson and Johnson) for those who have been fully vaccinated and meet the CDC guidance for a booster. Other groups may receive a booster shot based on their individual risk and benefit. Meet with your health provider to determine if the booster shot is right for you.  
**TWO LOCATIONS AVAILABLE:**  
**SALT RIVER CLINIC,** 10005 E. Osborn Rd, Bldg. 61, Scottsdale, AZ 85256. Every Tuesday 9 a.m.

– 3:30 p.m. Individuals must have a SR Chart and an appointment. Call (480) 946-9066 to make an appointment. **COVID-19 VACCINE CLINIC,** Salt River Gymnasium, 1880 North Longmore Road, Scottsdale, AZ 85256. Friday from 7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Closed for a lunch 12 - 1 p.m. COVID-19 Vaccines available every Friday. **Who can receive a COVID-19 Booster shot:** \* Community Members & family (No incentive payment for a 3rd dose or booster shots will be given). • Community Residents & family. \* SRPMIC Business & Enterprise Employees and family members • SRPMIC member owned business and employees and family members. Call the COVID-19 Hotline for an appointment at (480) 362-2603

**ONGOING- SART (SEXUAL ASSAULT RESPONSE TEAM)** A Community voiced group that will help shape procedures, collaboration, eliminate gaps in services, defines roles and relationships, and most importantly the way one responds to sexual assault victims and families. Who? Community Members 18+, When? Every first Wednesday of the month. Requirements? Commitment of attendance and engagement to SART. How? Virtual Zoom Meet Registration: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81776569929> or <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81776569929> or by phone: (480) 362-6600 or email [TribalLibrary@srpmic-nsn.gov](mailto:TribalLibrary@srpmic-nsn.gov). **Winter Book Club for Kids:** Meets 4 p.m. at the Way of Life Facility. Books we will share are titles by Native America/First Nations Authors, like Fry Bread, Jingle Dancer, When We Were Alone, and A Stranger at Home. A Book to take home each session! Limited to 10 participants, snacks provided, best for ages 6-11 years old. Dates of Meetings: Nov. 30, Dec. 14, Jan. 15, Jan. 5 & Jan. 19. Sign up by website: <https://sugeni.us/WwSA> or by phone: (480) 362-6600 or email [TribalLibrary@srpmic-nsn.gov](mailto:TribalLibrary@srpmic-nsn.gov). **Winter Book Club for Kids:** Meets 4 p.m. at the Way of Life Facility. Books we will share are titles by Native America/First Nations Authors, like Fry Bread, Jingle Dancer, When We Were Alone, and A Stranger at Home. A Book to take home each session! Limited to 10 participants, snacks provided, best for ages 6-11 years old. Dates of Meetings: Nov. 30, Dec. 14, Jan. 11, Jan. 25, Feb. 8. Sign up by Website: <https://sugeni.us/Ww6q> or by phone: (480)

**ONGOING - 2021 SRPMIC CHRISTMAS ANGELS PROGRAM.** We are looking for donations

and sponsors for the Christmas Angel Program. Please consider sponsoring a child or family, or supporting the program with a donation of gift cards or toys. All donations go directly to Community families in need. Dec. 3 all gifts due to Social Services for distribution. For details or to sponsor contact: Annamari Hogan at (480) 643-0593 or [annamari.hogan@srpmic-nsn.gov](mailto:annamari.hogan@srpmic-nsn.gov)

**ONGOING - WINTER BOOK CLUBS** with Salt River Tribal Library. Love to read? Join us for a friendly book discussion on Native American authors. Please note meetings in person may move to Zoom depending on SRPMIC phases for safety of all. **Winter Book Club for adults: Meets at 6pm in the Tribal Library.** For November and December we will focus on The Round House by Louise Erdrich. Readers will vote on the next book to read for January! Book provided, Best for adults, limited spots available. Dates of meetings Nov. 30, Dec 14, Dec. 15, Jan. 5 & Jan. 19. Sign up by website: <https://sugeni.us/WwSA> or by phone: (480) 362-6600 or email [TribalLibrary@srpmic-nsn.gov](mailto:TribalLibrary@srpmic-nsn.gov). **Winter Book Club for Kids:** Meets 4 p.m. at the Way of Life Facility. Books we will share are titles by Native America/First Nations Authors, like Fry Bread, Jingle Dancer, When We Were Alone, and A Stranger at Home. A Book to take home each session! Limited to 10 participants, snacks provided, best for ages 6-11 years old. Dates of Meetings: Nov. 30, Dec. 14, Jan. 11, Jan. 25, Feb. 8. Sign up by Website: <https://sugeni.us/Ww6q> or by phone: (480)

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### NOVEMBER

**20 SRPMIC THANKSGIVING Drive Thru Turkey & Pie Giveaway,** 9 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. - Seniors only (55+) / 11 a.m. - General Public (Enrolled Community members. Pick up locations: Lehi & Salt River Community Building Parking Lot. For questions, call Events at (480) 362-7740.

**20 2021 PHOENIX INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S MARCH;** Relay Run, 2 p.m. - 6 p.m., Steele Indian School Park, Phoenix. A 5-mile relay run from Steele Indian School Park to Eastlake Park, Then a march from Eastlake Park to the Arizona Capital. At this cultural awareness march we are gathering...To Honor our Elders for the cultural knowledge they possess and pass down to each of us. To Honor our ancestors, and those that have passed yesterday so we could live tomorrow. To remember lives lost in boarding school atrocities committed across continental North America. To Remember those affected by the MMI/MMIW Epidemic (MMIW)- To Remember lives lost during last years epidemic within our communities. To Bring awareness to much more beyond this list. Instagram: @phxipmarch. Email: [phxipmarch@gmail.com](mailto:phxipmarch@gmail.com)

**23 & 26 PUBLIC WORKS HOLIDAY TRASH SCHEDULE - THANKSGIVING.** All domestic trash will be picked up as regularly schedule on Tuesday, November 23 & Friday,

November 26. All recycle containers will be serviced on Friday, November 26. Please have all your containers out in your designated pick up area by 6 a.m.for servicing. If you have any questions, please contact the Public Works Department at (480) 362-5600 or email: [PWCustomerService@srpmic-nsn.gov](mailto:PWCustomerService@srpmic-nsn.gov)

**25-26 SRPMIC TRIBAL OFFICES ARE CLOSED** on Thursday, Nov. 25 and Fri. Nov. 26, in observance of Thanksgiving. Please plan accordingly. Have a safe Thanksgiving.

**28 - ZOOM WITH A COUNSELOR - GRIEF & LOSS SUPPORT GROUP,** 5 p.m. via Zoom. Join BHS counselors Paulina Smith, LAC NCC and Micki Begay, MS in a safe space to talk, share stories, support each other, and learn ways to cope. For each group will be running on forth Thursday each month through December of 2021. Join Zoom Meeting ID: <http://zoom.us/j/81776569929> for more information on this group support call BHS (480) 362-5707 or to submit anonymous questions prior to the Zoom: email Jessica.Hunter@srpmic-nsn.gov