



# Salt River Recycling Center Open for Business

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The long-awaited 51,000-square-foot Salt River Recycling Center facility located at the landfill on the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community is now open for business.

Built and managed by Republic Services, the new center will be able to process eight truckloads an hour, or 40 tons of material, according to Sidiq Young, Republic Services general manager, North Phoenix Business Unit.

The facility replaces the previous recycling plant, which was lost to a fire in 2019.

"When the facility burned down and then [we had] the [COVID-19] pandemic, recycling was something that probably wasn't top of mind for some communities and some residents," said Young. "But we maintained our ability to collect [recycling material] and continue to recycle in other facilities. So, we kept that going with our mission of sustainability. Having this facility built here and constructed in a way that we can support the Community is just another addition for us to further that mission of sustainability."

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SRPMIC Council members Wi-Bwa Grey (middle left) and Jacob Butler (back right), leaders from across the Valley, Republic Services staff and stakeholders celebrate the opening of the 51,000-square-foot Salt River Recycling facility located at the landfill on the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on January 23.

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# SRPMIC Endorses Ruben Gallego for U.S. Senate

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U.S. Rep. Ruben Gallego (D-AZ) has been officially endorsed by the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community for his 2024 Senate run in the state of Arizona.

The endorsement is the first in the race by any of Arizona's 22 federally recognized tribes. Gallego said he hopes to take on the task of visiting every one of the tribal nations before election day as part of his "go everywhere and talk to everyone" approach.

"When our right to vote was under attack and the validity of our votes was being questioned, Congressman Gallego fought to protect our right, and the right of all Arizonans, to participate in our democracy. We need a leader like that in the United States Senate," said SRPMIC President Martin Harvier. "The congressman's historic tenure as chairman of the Indigenous Peoples Subcommittee in the House Natural Resources Committee during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic set the stage for the largest investment in tribal communities in history. He was there for us when we needed it most, and I am proud to say that I look forward to working with him as the next senator from the state of Arizona."

"The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community contributes so much to our state, and I am honored to have earned their



U.S. Rep Ruben Gallego (D-AZ). Photo courtesy of rubengallego.house.gov.

endorsement," Gallego said in a statement. "President Harvier and the entire Tribal Council have been tireless advocates, and I am grateful for our longtime partnership as we've worked to protect voting rights, infrastructure and the safety of Native families. Our work together to pass our bipartisan Native American Child Protection Act has been particularly rewarding, and I look forward to continuing to build on our successes in the years to come."

In February 2023, Gallego held a press conference with SRPMIC leadership and other Arizona Native leaders at the SRPMIC Family Advocacy Center to discuss the importance of the Native

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# Young River People's Council Holds 2024 Inauguration



The Honorable Judge Darayne Achin swore the young leaders in at their inauguration on January 19 at the SRPMIC Justice Center.

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Young leaders in the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community were sworn in as members of the Young River People's Council on January 19. Hosted inside the SRPMIC Justice Center, the inauguration brought together tribal council, royalty, and families of the members to support them in their new positions of leadership.

John-Paul "JP" Saspe, master of ceremonies and manager of the Youth Services Program, welcomed the attendees by

sharing some of his own memorable experiences with the youth council.

"While we were at the Fourth of July fireworks show in [Washington] D.C., we brought the Salt River flag with us. A couple next to us instantly recognized the seal," said Saspe. "So even thousands of miles away from home, in our nation's capital, the Community is recognized and represented by these individuals of the [Young River People's Council]. They did a fantastic job representing the Commu-

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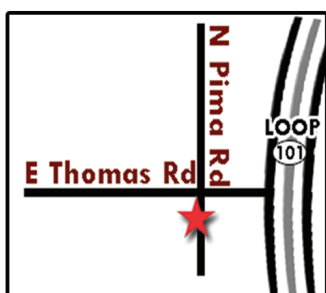
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nity.”  
Members of the outgoing 2023 YRPC Executive Council—President Liam Enos, Vice-President Roman Judge, Clerical Secretary Rito Lopez Jr., Correspondent Secretary Asari Lewis and Treasurer Myson Galindo—shared their memories and expressed their appreciation for the opportunities of the past year.

“I loved the loud singing on our drives back home, making new friends with our sister tribes, and being part of something so amazing and impactful. I truly did love my year with youth council,” said outgoing Correspondent Secretary Asari Lewis.

All the youth extended their gratitude to their advisors, Janyse Salinas and Sommer Lopez.

After the outgoing executive members’ reflections, all incoming at-large members of the YRPC stood side by side to be sworn in by the Honorable Judge Darayne Achin for the 2024 term.

Returning for his second term, President Liam Enos welcomed the new executive council: Vice-President Jizelle Juan, Correspondent Secretary Tizoc Lopez, Clerical Secretary Myson Galindo and Treasurer Cruz Lasiloo.

To further encourage the young leaders of the Community, Well for Culture co-founder and Community member Thosh Collins closed the evening with some words of encouragement for the youth in their new roles.

“As *vecij O’odham*, as young people, each and every one of you is special. Each and every one of you is sacred. Each and every one of you is powerful. All of you are here because you belong here. You are here because this Community loves you,” said Collins.

With optimism for the upcoming year, the new members of the Young River People’s Council then danced to O’odham socials to close the night.

Interested SRPMIC youth ages 13 to 21 are welcome to join the Young River People’s Council throughout the year. To learn more, visit [www.srpmic-nsn.gov/government/youth/yrpc/](http://www.srpmic-nsn.gov/government/youth/yrpc/) or follow the Young River People’s Council on Instagram and Facebook.



The newly sworn in Young River Peoples Council along with Miss Salt River Kennise McGertt, Jr Miss Salt River 1st Attendant Patricia Woody and President Martin Harvier.



The YRPC members, families, and friends danced to O’odham socials to close the night.



Community member and Well for Culture co-founder Thosh Collins spoke to the youth.

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Executive members of the Young River Peoples Council. (L-R) President Liam Enos, Vice-President Jizelle Juan, Clerical Secretary Myson Galindo, Correspondent Secretary Tizoc Lopez, and Treasurer Cruz Lasiloo.

# River People Health Center’s Pharmacy Commemorates Human Trafficking Awareness Day

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The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community’s Health and Human Services Suicide Prevention and Intervention department invited all Community employees to wear blue to the workplace on January 11 to recognize Human Trafficking Awareness Day.

National Human Trafficking Awareness Day is a public awareness campaign created to help empower and support communities across the United States working to fight human trafficking. Community Health Educators Vurlene Notsinneh-Bowekaty and Melanie Nosie invited all SRPMIC employees to honor the day by wearing blue. Staff members at the River People Health Center’s Pharmacy Department got together and wore their finest blue threads.



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# Discover Salt River Attends Chicago Travel & Adventure Show

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From the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community to the “Windy City,” the Discover Salt River tourism team traveled to Chicago for the Travel & Adventure Show at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center from January 13-14.

At the show, Discover Salt River was one of over 250 top destinations and tour companies from around the world who had an exhibit at the event. Discover Salt River Tourism Supervisor Jessica Sepulveda and Tourism Specialist Nicole James represented the Community by giving out swag and information, as well as connecting with travelers and other travel companies.

“Our team attends this particular Chicago Show every year to promote staying and playing in Salt River during attendees’ upcoming trips to Spring Training, visiting their family that relocated from Chicago or as they are planning their upcoming trip to sunny Arizona,” said Sepulveda.

“Most times this is the first-time attendees are getting the opportunity to learn about visiting a tribal destination, so we are there to answer any questions and connect with potential visitors.”

James said that many Chicagoans recognize the Talking Stick brand whether it is the Talking Stick Resort, Talking Stick Golf Club, Salt River Fields at Talking Stick or the Talking Stick Entertainment District.

Attendees that have not visited Arizona or a Tribal community were happy to learn that the team was at the show to share their information.

“It was great chatting with annual visitors and see how excited they are each time they visit and experience new properties,” said James.

The Choctaw Nation was also at the event with a tourism exhibit.

Coming up next, Discover Salt River will be



Discover Salt River Tourism Specialist Nicole James represents the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community with a booth at the Travel & Adventure Show in Illinois. Photo courtesy of Discover Salt River Tourism

attending the Phoenix Travel & Adventure Show in February.

“We are excited to get in front of Valley residents and encourage them to visit our Community,” said Sepulveda. “We are looking forward to a thriving 2024 for our Destination and properties!”

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# Senior Services to Host Serenity for Seniors Expo February 16

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The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community’s Senior Services Health & Wellness Program is hosting its second senior expo, Serenity for Seniors, on Friday, February 16, in the Way of Life Facility (WOLF) gymnasium. The event is for Community seniors age 55+ and adults with adaptive needs.

“It was our intent to make this an annual event, and we are thrilled to be continuing the momentum built at our first senior expo,” says Health & Wellness Program Manager Celinda Joe. “Our seniors are eager for information and opportunities to improve their health.”

This year’s expo has a tai chi theme and is focused on the department’s tai chi and other wellness programs.

“We have excellent yoga and enhanced fitness classes a few times a week, and we’re excited to be expanding our tai chi offerings in 2024 as well,” said Joe. “Tai chi strengthens the mind-body connection and promotes wellness physically, mentally and emotionally. Some even find it spiritual.”

John Wiki agrees. He has been taking tai chi classes with Senior Services for nearly a year. He finds that it helps him both mentally and physically.

“It’s my meditation. It calms my mind and helps me to see myself in a peaceful setting,” said Wiki. “When I first started, I looked at the instructors. Now, I like to do it with my eyes closed and feel my arms move and flow like leaves in the wind.”

He also credits tai chi with speeding his healing after a recent fall. “They told me I would not walk for at least two weeks, but I did tai chi in my bed every day, moving my arms and focusing inward,” said Wiki. “I feel it helped with my circulation and helped my brain connect with my body. I was walking within a week.”

Wiki recommends tai chi to other seniors who want to reduce stress and improve their strength and mobility. “Tai chi will help your mind speak to your body and give you confidence in your walking and your stability,” he said.

The expo features a tai chi demonstration, fall-prevention assessments, wellness vendors, informative fun and raffles. A healthy Asian lunch will be provided.

“The expo is a great opportunity to connect our seniors with vital programs available through Senior Services and through other agencies in the Community and the Valley that can improve their health and wellbeing,” said Joe. “We hope that everyone comes out to join the fun and kick off their 2024 wellness journey.”

To learn more about the Serenity for Seniors expo and other Health & Wellness activities, contact Celinda Joe at (480) 876-7180 or celinda.joe@srpmic-nsn.gov.



Nearly 100 seniors attended last year's senior expo. This year's Serenity for Seniors Expo is scheduled for Feb. 16 at the WOLF. Community seniors 55+ and adults with adaptive needs are invited.



Senior Services Mascot Toby Toodles and Health & Wellness Manager Celinda Joe fully embrace the Serenity for Seniors Expo's tai chi theme which features a demonstration with Tai Chi for Health Institute Board Certified Master Ileina Ferrier from Arkansas.

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# Pacer Reina Shares His Wellness Journey

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The Healthy Lifestyle Series, a program offered by the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community's Recreational and Educational Services, continued its January events with Edward "Pacer" Reina sharing his wellness journey.

On January 17, inside the Accelerated Learning Academy auditorium, Reina spoke and led a slideshow presentation discussing his childhood, his football career in high school, his military service, how fatherhood has motivated him, and the lessons he has learned along the way.

Reina's presentation began with a photo of himself on the auditorium screen when he was 8 years old. "My father had custody of us and we were living in Mesa," he began. "At the time, like many kids, I was growing up by learning by example." Reina detailed how his teachers gave him the title of "class clown" because he drew a lot of attention in the classroom.

"In my teen years, something changed," he admitted. "There were some times that were not very happy. I didn't get to do the things that high school kids do socially. And that was a good thing, because a lot of my friends were out partying with girlfriends or boyfriends. But when your dad is the chief of police for the community where you live, you don't get to do a lot of those extracurricular activities," he said with a smile.

At the time, his teenage self did not appreciate being home, but now, as an adult, he realizes how impactful staying home was for him. Reina explained how he thanked his father for that. "I said, 'Dad, thank you for keeping me in the



"Here is a before and after photo of myself," said Reina as he detailed how he was tired of being overweight and one day decided to take action and work on bettering himself physically, emotionally, and spiritually.

home even though I really didn't enjoy it at the time.' And my dad told me, 'You were always a good kid. You always found things to occupy yourself.'"

Next, Reina described how he entered military service. "I didn't tell anyone, not even my mom," he began. "I read a lot of books on military history. Then, a friend of mine wanted to go into the military, so I went with him. I ended up being an infantryman. They showed me a video of paratroopers. I was eventually sent on a six-month tour in Egypt, and then coming back I went to serve in Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm."

One day, during his military service, Reina recalls looking at the sunset and thinking about his future. He said, "I told myself, 'If I get through this, I want to go home and start a family. And that's what I did.'" The slideshow presentation showed a group photo of Reina with his

five children in the early 2000s.

After his marriage resulted in divorce, Reina had to look within himself, as he was responsible for raising his children and improving himself simultaneously. "The two things that shook me back then was the fact I was going to be raising my kids on my own and I could no longer be on autopilot. Who I was had to be altered and changed. I asked myself, 'What do I need to do to be a better friend/father/husband?'"

Reina said that by "being on autopilot" he was aware of his surroundings, and even appeared to be happy, but deep down he felt an unspoken level of unhappiness.

Showing a before-and-after photo collage of himself before his divorce and then eight years later, Reina shared a deep truth about himself. "That guy in the 'before' picture was huge," he admit-

ted, alluding to his sweet tooth and love of fast food back then. "There's so much more to wellness than just the physical. It's mental, emotional and spiritual. My thoughts have changed about myself." The "after" photo showed Reina in a weight room, appearing considerably thinner. "I'm still a big guy, but not like how I used to be," he said.

While he was transforming his physical self, Reina also was able to improve his mental wellness during the time he was employed at the Huhugam Ki Museum. "At the time, a coworker told me about the Piipaash singing classes. Again, I had to challenge myself," he stated. "Eventually, it led to me being open to learning, understanding and singing these songs. Once I started singing, my girls, who were entering pageants at the time, eventually started coming with me. My boys, who were nearby watching or playing baseball, eventually they came over too," Reina said.

Reina continued his presentation with a photo of himself bird singing at 2023's spring Piipaash Matasheevm. "It's been said that the hardest thing in the world is to express who you are. I believe that, because I still struggle with thoughts of the past. Wellness is different for everybody. It helped me change the way I think and react to certain things. Wellness has allowed me to be free."

His presentation came to an emotional ending when he shared with the group why he undertook this journey to wellness: He wants to see all of his children and grandchildren succeed. "I want to see my grandchildren graduate high school, go to college and develop a career, that's my 'why,'" he said.

# Tigg Bakes Cakes in Salt River

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Coming from a family of entrepreneurs, Victoria "Tigg" Wood grew up in the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community influenced by the drive and successes of loved ones and their business ventures.

Wood's father, Malcolm Wood, was the owner of Bee-Bee's Towing & Repair, and her uncle Daniel Wood had a business called Cakes By Pie.

"Seeing them run their own businesses really inspired me," said Wood.

They inspired her so much that Wood started her own business, Tigg Bakes, baking cakes, cookies and other sweets.

"My middle name is Tigger, but everyone calls me Tigg. Hence the name Tigg Bakes," she said.

Wood has been baking for about 10 years now, but she said she didn't know anything about baking until she went to college. She attended Johnson & Wales University in Miami, Florida, earning an associate degree in baking and pastry.

In January 2020, her family encouraged her to start an Instagram page (@tiggbakes) for her business. With the social media presence now on both Instagram and Facebook, Woods' business has been flourishing.

"For the most part, I'm a one-woman show," said Wood.

She gives props to her mother, Shannon Reina, who Wood said has supported her tremendously.

Wood is a scratch baker, meaning everything she bakes is all homemade. To reach the stage where she is now with her perfected recipes, she admits that there was some trial and error along



Victoria "Tigg" Wood holds up one of the cakes she made for her business Tigg Bakes

the way. Some of her recipes, she said, come from school, online research, and other bakers and chefs she has met. "I try to make every cake as if it were for someone in my family," she said.

Wood added, "Knowing someone wants my creation at their special event really motivates me to make it my best. I love getting tagged in pictures and hearing they liked what I made for them."

Some of the cake decorations Wood is most proud of include O'dham gingerbread, a 50th anniversary cake, Wood's latest logo, a gender-reveal cake, and cookies for Miss Indian Arizona 2022-2023 Sistine Lewis.



A three-tiered cake with traditional designs by Tigg Bakes.

Besides baking cakes and cookies to order, Tigg Bakes also sells at the McDowell Pop-Up Shop, with a different menu every time.

"I try keep up with all the hot trends or what my supporters request," said Wood. "My favorite treat is always changing. It depends on what's on the menu that week."

Tigg Bakes posts menus on its social media pages so people can see what is available to order with a one-week notice from customers.

Cake sizes are 6 to 12 inches (round), quarter/half/full (sheet) and 6 to 10 inches (heart shaped). Customers can choose whipped cream or buttercream frosting, and there are many flavors and fillings available as well.

The starting price for a cake is \$50, with the final price varying according to size, flavor and decoration.

Wood has some advice for other potential entrepreneurs. "If you are also



Cookies by Tigg Bakes, made for Miss Indian Arizona 2022-2023 Sistine Lewis.

a creator in any way, put yourself out there!" she said. "One thing I regret was being too self-conscious and holding myself back. I'm very proud of how far I have come, and I'm excited to share where I will go with Tigg Bakes."

Tigg Bakes is online with Facebook and Instagram; the telephone number is (480) 375-0985.



Tigg made delicious goodies with her Tigg Bakes logo design on it.

# SRPMIC Educates on the Dangers of Stalking

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"I rented a house in Phoenix about seven years ago," began Memory Dawn Long Chase, domestic violence response director for the Southwest Indigenous Women's Coalition (SWIWC) during her webinar presentation on stalking on January 10. "My neighbor was very interested in getting to know me, and it was really weird to me. He was constantly looking into my yard at all times, making me feel unsafe. I asked my colleagues if there was anything I could do, and then I learned it's not against the law to be creepy," she said.

Stalking is defined as a pattern of harassing or threatening behaviors directed toward a specific person that are both unwanted and would cause a reasonable person to fear for their safety. Stalking differs from most crimes because it cannot be a single incident and it is largely defined by the victim's state of mind. Many acts that align with the definition of stalking may appear to be legal or harmless.

Long Chase said, "I cussed [my neighbor] out, tried talking calmly with him to get him to stop, but nothing ever changed. It wasn't until I had a big, tattooed boyfriend who went over and had a talk with my neighbor that eventually he stopped."

Following her story, Long Chase asked the attendees in the webinar group if they had any stalking experiences to share. A few discussed their experiences that involved cyberstalking, which is another form of stalking.

"We have to be alert. Nobody wears a shirt out in public that says 'I'm going to harm you,'" said Long Chase.

Throughout the presentation, webinar attendees learned how harmful stalking truly is and how in some unfortunate cases it can even lead to death. Long Chase played a clip of a video from the YouTube channel "@TheRobbieHarvey" which showed a man trying to justify his actions of stalking a woman to police officers. The man claimed that certain women fantasize about being followed. The man was unable to convince the officers of his

viewpoint, however, and was instructed to stop his actions.

There are many different forms of stalking, and not all of them involve physical assault. Stalking by strangers, gender-based stalking, stalking by intimate partners, stalking celebrities/public persons, anonymous online mobs and corporate stalking are all different forms of abuse.

Criminal laws vary widely on what level of fear a victim must experience to make a stalker's behavior criminal. Long Chase referred back to her neighbor, who technically was not doing anything illegal, however she felt extremely uncomfortable with him. "He wasn't doing anything illegal, he was just 'creepy neighbor guy,'" she said. Long Chase then discussed the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community's official tribal code on stalking (see sidebar). Members of the Salt River Police Department who attended the webinar verified the Community's detailed policy.

As the presentation was nearing its end, Long Chase offered helpful ways to provide support to those who have experienced different types of stalking. Advocates can help victims strategize about how to safely respond to stalking by creating an action plan. By collecting all the evidence from the stalker—letters, gifts sent, voicemails, text messages, photos—an advocate can help someone who is being stalked report it to tribal or local police. Long Chase added how it's crucial for Community members to continue to build a supportive network of families and loved ones for those who need to cope with and recover from stalking.

Long Chase ended the presentation by encouraging everyone to download a stalking incident and behavior sheet from [www.stalkingawareness.org](http://www.stalkingawareness.org). The sheet records date, time, description of incident, location(s), witnesses and more categories to help detail a stalking crime. The form is free and can be critical when tracking stalking-related incidents to determine if the criminal justice system needs to get involved.

"We have to take care of one another," said Long Chase.

## SRPMIC CODE OF ORDINANCES ON STALKING

### Sec. 6-55. Stalking

(a) A person commits stalking if that person intentionally or knowingly engages in a course of conduct that is directed toward another person and if that conduct would either cause a reasonable person to fear:

(1) For his or her safety or the safety of his or her family or household member, and that person in fact fears for his or her safety or the safety of his or her family or household members; or

(2) Death of that person or that person's family or household member, and that person in fact fears death for oneself or his or her family or household member.

(b) The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this section, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this subsection, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Course of conduct.

(1) The term "course of conduct" means any contact with another person, either directly or through a third party, that is initiated or continued without the consent of the person, or in disregard of that person's expressed desire that the contact be avoided or discontinued. The term "course of conduct" includes, but is not limited to, any of the following:

- Following or appearing within the sight of that person;
- Approaching or confronting that person in a public place or on private property;
- Appearing at the work place or residence of that person;
- Entering onto or remaining on property that is owned, leased, or occupied by that person;
- Contacting that person by telephone;
- Sending mail or electronic communications to that person; or
- Placing an object on, or delivering an object to, property owned, leased, or occupied by that person.

(2) The term "course of conduct" does not include constitutionally protected activity.

(c) Attempts by the accused person to contact or follow the stalked person after the accused person has been given actual notice that the stalked person does not want to be contacted or followed constitutes prima facie evidence that the accused person intentionally or knowingly engaged in a prohibited course of conduct.

(d) Stalking is a Class C offense if committed in violation of subsection (a)(1) of this section.

(e) Stalking is a Class B offense if committed in violation of subsection (a)(2) of this section.

(Ord. No. SRO-418-2013, § 6-55, 3-6-2013)

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# Westwood JV Boys Finish Strong Against Skyline High School

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Westwood High School's boys' junior varsity basketball team has already experienced their fair share of highs and lows this season. When their season began in late November, the Warriors fell short to Williams Field High School, 59-31. The following day, they were victorious against Seton Catholic Prep to the tune of 59-43.

Sophomores Kael Andrews and Noah Lasiloo anchor both sides of the ball. Lasiloo is the sharpshooting specialist who provides Westwood with the offensive advantage other teams don't have. Andrews commands the paint, often getting double- and triple-teamed by the opposing team because of his ability to rebound.

Entering the January 12 game against Skyline High School, the JV Warriors were in the midst of a five-game losing streak. However, once tipoff began, the boys were committed to reversing their fortune against Skyline.

Lasiloo got the start and Andrews provided offense and defense as the team's sixth man. Both shared time on the court together, allowing for Westwood to take the early lead. However, Skyline crawled back in the second quarter and eked out a 17-14 lead moments before halftime.

In the third quarter, Andrews got into foul trouble and found himself on the bench. Both teams were tied at 25 when Westwood began to pull away toward victory thanks to some stellar defense. Lasiloo stole the ball from Skyline's point guard, which resulted in an easy layup on the other end for Westwood. That gave them a 32-25 lead, which would be just enough for the Westwood boys to defeat Skyline.

The boys continued their 2023-2024 season with a home game on January 25 against Mountain View and an away game against Skyline on January 26. They will finish the season at home on February 2 against the Dobson Mustangs.



Kael Andrews spent most of his time in the paint, battling for rebounds and putbacks to help his team secure the victory.



Noah Lasiloo, known for his stellar jumpshot, makes an easy bucket in the face of his Skyline opponent.



During the fourth quarter, Kael Andrews was double-teamed by Skyline's forwards and centers due to Andrews getting easy rebounds all game.



On his way to the lane for an easy layup, Kael Andrews showcased great effort while finishing at the rim with ease.



Dishing out the rock for an assist, Noah Lasiloo proved to be superior on both sides of the ball, making plays on offense and defense.

# Accelerated Learning Academy Hosts Acceptance Walk

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In 2004, Annie Hopkins created 3E Love (Embrace, Educate, Empower), a unity brand promoting personal acceptance. The brand converted into a company in 2007 when Annie and her brother Stevie Hopkins launched 3E Love as an LLC with the intent of promoting their unique symbol and brand.

The company's trademarked International Symbol of Acceptance (a wheelchair heart logo) symbolizes the drive behind its mission to provide people of all abilities with the tools to embrace diversity, educate society, and empower each other to love life.

Sadly, in January 2009, Annie passed away during a routine medical procedure. To help celebrate her life and honor his sister, Stevie created the annual International Day of Acceptance Walk in memory of Annie. Since 2010, January 20 has been recognized and celebrated as the International Day of Acceptance.

On January 19, the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Recreation Department hosted the annual International Day of Acceptance Walk at the Accelerated Learning Academy football field.

Before the walk, SRPMIC vendor booths handed out free goodies to help promote the walk. The first 100 attendees received a free T-shirt celebrating the night's event. At the entry to the campus track, a table with posterboards and markers was

provided so participants could write a short message to or about the person they were walking for.

As the walk began, Vanessa Lechuga shared a prepared speech about her experiences raising her son Kaden. She detailed the joys of motherhood that she's experienced, as well as some of the obstacles she has faced raising her son, who is neurodivergent.

"His challenges have changed. One day, he's okay; the next day, he's less okay," Lechuga said. She added how she accepts how things have gone, "because it means I still have a son," she stated. She then read a speech written by Kaden.

"My life with ADHD is hard and exhausting. It burns my energy and feels like I carry weights everywhere I go," said Kaden in his letter. "I feel everything, all the time, all at once, and it's exhausting. Well, that's all. Thank you for sharing the evening with me. Bye, Kaden."

Those in attendance then started their walk to embrace, educate and empower family members and loved ones they hold near and dear to their hearts.



The walk began at 6:30 p.m. and all families and guests were invited to create posters and celebrate their loved ones they were honoring during the walk.



During the Acceptance Walk at the ALA track and field, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community vendor booths passed out healthy snacks, pens, free t-shirts and made time to visit the face painting station.





# Salt River Animal Control and Lost Dogs

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Residents and visitors in the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community come across a variety of animals, both domestic and wild.

The Animal Control Unit, one of the Salt River Police Department's specialty units, protects and serves the four-legged creatures that call the Community home.

"We enforce the [SRPMIC Code of Ordinances] regarding dogs and other animals. If it involves an animal, we are going to be there," said Animal Control technician Shawnston Bekis.

Most of the calls the Animal Control Unit receives are regarding dogs. But they also work with cats, farm animals, desert wildlife and even the occasional otter.

Bekis says the most common ordinance that Animal Control enforces is Section 12-09, which restricts roaming dogs.

The Ordinance states, "Any person who violates this section shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$150.00 per violation, with costs."

"Dogs here in the Community have to stay on the [owner's] property. If they leave the property, they need to be on a leash. If [we find your dog wandering around], you can receive a citation, but we'll always leave a warning first," said Bekis.

In one of the Community neighborhoods, Bekis responded to a call for a friendly but trespassing dog. After the dog was picked up, the caller asked him what was going to happen to the dog.

Bekis explained that when Animal Control picks up dogs, they transport them from the Community to Maricopa County Animal Care and Control in Phoenix, where they are first checked for a microchip. Microchips make returning lost pets a whole lot easier. Bekis pointed out that owners should register their pets with Maricopa County Animal Care and Control.

Maricopa County can find a lost pet's owner through their database. However, if the dog is not chipped and registered, the dog is considered a stray and given 72 hours in the shelter. After the 72 hours, the shelter assesses the dog's potential for adoption.

Bekis says Community members are welcome to



Responding to a call for a friendly, but trespassing dog, Bekis goes to the site to examine the dog, and ask the caller for followup questions regarding the dog's arrival.



The dog becomes enticed once Bekis cracks open a can of dog food.



Still using the can, Bekis places the can inside one of the slots in the Animal Control vehicle.



Bekis transports the dog to Maricopa County Animal Care and Control. As he prepares to unload the dog for further inspection, he receives a call for a dog in crisis.

give the SRPD a call regarding a lost dog. He says it is better to receive a citation from the SRPD, then to pick their dog up from MCACC.

The NAGI Foundation provides animal health services to enrolled Community members. Services include an animal health clinic, spaying and neutering, a K9 youth program and behavior consultations.

"I encourage people to take advantage of NAGI's free services. They provide vaccination, neutering/spaying and microchip services," said Bekis.

Bekis and the staff in the Animal Control unit want

people in the Community to be responsible pet owners. The basic necessities are food, shelter and water, which can make a world of a difference to pets living in the desert. Vaccinations, spaying/neutering and microchip services will also improve the animal's safety and lifestyle.

Community members can learn how to access the pet resources from the NAGI Foundation at <https://nagifoundation.org>. People also may call the SRPD's non-emergency line for the Animal Control Special Unit at (480) 850-8200.

## Savvy Senior Keeping Older Drivers Safe on the Road

### Dear Savvy Senior,

What safety tips can you recommend for older drivers? My 86-year-old mother, who still drives herself, had a fender bender last month and I worry about her safety.

Back Seat Daughter

### Dear Back Seat,

With more and more older Americans driving well into their 70s, 80s and beyond, there are a variety of things your mom can do to help maintain and even improve her driving skills. Here are some recommendations by driving rehabilitation specialists that work with older drivers.

**Get an eye exam:** Because about 90 percent of the information necessary to drive is received through our eyes, this is a good first step in ensuring your mom's driving safety. So, get your mom's eyes checked every year to be sure her vision and eyewear is up to par.

**Get a physical or wellness exam:** As people age, it's also very important to monitor changes in overall health as it relates to driving. Medical conditions like arthritis, dementia, diabetes, Parkinson's disease, sleep apnea and stroke can all affect driving.

In addition, many seniors also take multiple medications or combinations of medications that can make them drowsy or lightheaded, which can impair judgment or affect reflexes or alertness necessary for safe

driving. So, an annual physical or wellness examination and medication review is also a smart way to verify your mom's driving safety.

**Take a refresher course:** AARP and the American Automobile Association (AAA) both have older driver improvement courses that can help your mom brush up her driving skills and understand how to adjust for slower reflexes, weaker vision and other age-related physical changes that can affect driving. Taking a class may also earn her a discount on her auto insurance. To locate a class, contact your local AAA (AAA.com) or AARP (AARPdriversafety.org, 888-227-7669). Most courses cost around \$20 to \$30 and can be taken online.

**Make some adjustments:** Adjusting when and where your mom drives are another way to help keep her safe and behind the wheel longer. Some simple adjustments include not driving after dark or during rush hour traffic, avoiding major highways or other busy roads, and not driving in poor weather conditions.

**Evaluate her driving:** To stay on top of your mom's driving abilities you should take a ride with her from time-to-time watching for problem areas. For example: Does she drive at inappropriate speeds, tailgate or drift between lanes? Does she have difficulty seeing, backing up or changing lanes? Does she

react slowly, get confused easily or make poor driving decisions?

For more evaluation tips, AAA offers a senior driver self-rating assessment exercise (Drivers 65 Plus) that you or she can access at [Exchange.AAA.com/safety/senior-driver-safety-mobility](http://Exchange.AAA.com/safety/senior-driver-safety-mobility).

If your mom needs a more thorough evaluation, you can turn to a driver rehabilitation specialist who's trained to evaluate older drivers and offer suggestions and adaptations to help keep her safe. But be aware that this type of assessment can run anywhere between \$100 and \$500 or more. To locate a professional in your area, visit [ADED.net](http://ADED.net) or [AOTA.org](http://AOTA.org) – search "driving practitioner directory."

When it gets to the point that your mom's driving isn't safe anymore and she needs to quit, you may need to help her create a list of names and phone numbers of family, friends and local transportation services that she can call on for a ride.

To find out what transportation services are available in your mom's area contact the Eldercare Locator (800-677-1116), which will direct you to her area agency on aging for assistance.

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit [SavvySenior.org](http://SavvySenior.org). Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.

## FEBRUARY DISTRICT MEETINGS

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**CM BUTLER**  
District A, District I (Salt River)  
6:00 pm | SRPMIC Council Chambers  
10091 E. Osborn Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85256

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**CM ANTONE**  
District B, District I (Salt River)  
9:00 am | SRPMIC Council Chambers  
10091 E. Osborn Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85256

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**CM DOKA**  
District C, District I (Salt River)  
9:00 am | SRPMIC Council Chambers  
10091 E. Osborn Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85256

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**CM GREY**  
District D, District I (Salt River)  
6:00 pm | Education Board Room  
4836 N. Center St., Scottsdale, AZ 85256

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TUES

**Department Information Fair**  
**CM CARLOS**  
District E, District I (Salt River)  
6:00 pm | Victory Acres II Basketball Court / Park  
11737 E. Glenrose Drive, Scottsdale, AZ 85256

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TUES

**CM SCABBY/CM DALLAS**  
District F & G, District II (Lehi)  
6:00 pm | Lehi Community Center  
1231 E. Oak Rd., Mesa, AZ 85203

### EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

Wednesdays @ 3 p.m.

### REGULAR SESSIONS

Wednesdays @ 5 p.m.

### WORK SESSIONS

Thursdays @ 10 a.m.

### SRPMIC Council District Meeting website:

<https://tinyurl.com/SRPMICDMs>

Council Secretaries Office : (480) 362-7469

District meeting dates, times, locations and agenda are subject to change or cancellations.

# Vaila Night Brings Families to the Dance Floor



Smooth moves and joyful laughter filled the ALA Cafeteria as families and students filled the dancefloor for Vaila Night on January 19.

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Inside the Accelerated Learning Academy on the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, sounds of cumbia music filled the halls as students and families gathered for Salt River Schools' Education Native Language and Culture Program's Vaila

Night on January 17.

In the ALA cafeteria, the great tunes could be traced to the band of the evening, Ramoncito and Company.

"It's been a while since I've played in the Community," said Ramon Lopez, Community member and manager of the band. "It feels good to see all the people out

there dancing."

Lopez's band brought out Community members of all ages to the dance floor. Everyone began to demonstrate their best dance moves for the contests ahead. Contest categories included Best Dressed, Best Cumbia and Life of the Party. Students and faculty donned their best *i:puḍ* (dress) and ribbon shirts for the evening.

Alongside the dancing, attendees were treated to a warm tradi-

tional meal of *stota bavi* (white beans), *muñ* (beans) and *ce:mait* (bread/tortilla).

In the midst of the dance floor, Jessie and Phoebe Rosales, a couple who have been dancing together for over 15 years, danced nearly every song.

"My favorite part about dancing is getting to look at her," said husband Jessie Rosales.

As the evening came to a close, the ENLC Program's staff began to judge the moves on the jam-packed dance floor.

In addition to Nola Whitman, Jessie and Phoebe Rosales stepped their way to the Life of the Party award. For the cumbia contest, Lily Belvado, Harmony Brown and Lyla-Anne Waters wowed the judges with their rhythm and style and won the Best Cumbia award. Nazario Zaragoza won the Best Dressed award with his sleek white ribbon shirt.



Community member and manager of Ramoncito and Company, Ramon Lopez plays the accordion for the night of dance.



An excited student cheers as the next cumbia song starts.



The cumbia contest champs Lyla-Anne Waters, Lily Belvado, Harmony Brown.



"My favorite part about dancing is getting to look at her" said Jessie Rosales about his wife Phoebe Rosales




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- (Form Provided)

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*Completed applications are due Friday, February 9, 2024*

For More Information, contact Laurice Carlos at 480-362-7968

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## SRPMIC Endorses Ruben Gallego for U.S. Senate

American Child Protection Act.

This month Gallego released a new report detailing his fight to make life more affordable for families at home by tackling prescription drug prices, making food more affordable, permanently expanding the Child Tax Credit and addressing affordable housing and rent prices, among others.

As a ranking member of the House Armed Services Subcommittee on Intelligence and Special Operations, Gallego recently called for the United States to re-designate the Houthis as a foreign terrorist organization and has supported Israel in the ongoing conflict in Gaza.

Gallego also helped pass the "Carrier Fix" bill, which advanced tribal sovereignty and championed investing in infrastructure on tribal land, and he held the first-ever U.S. House hearing on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women when he was the chairman of the Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples.

Other Arizona leaders who have endorsed Gallego include U.S. Rep. Raúl Grijalva, Corporation Commissioner Anna Tovar, Phoenix Mayor Kate Gallego, Tucson Mayor Regina Romero, Democratic Senate Leader Mitzi Epstein, State Sen. Eva Diaz, State Sen. Catherine Miranda, State Sen. Theresa Hatathlie, State Sen. Flavio Bravo, State Rep. Stephanie Stahl-Hamilton, State Rep. Athena Salman, State Rep. Analise Ortiz, State Rep. Stacey Travers, State Rep. Patty Contreras, State Rep. Marcelino Quiñonez, State Rep. Oscar De



In February 2023, Gallego held a press conference with SRPMIC leadership and other Arizona Native leaders at the SRPMIC Family Advocacy Center to discuss the importance of the Native American Child Protection Act. OAN Archives

Los Santos, Pima County Attorney Laura Conover, Tempe Mayor Corey Woods, Tolleson Mayor Juan F. Rodriguez, Glendale Vice Mayor Jamie Aldama, Mesa Vice Mayor Francisco Heredia, Phoenix Vice Mayor Yassamin Ansari, former U.S. Sen. Dennis DeConcini, former U.S. Rep. Ann Kirkpatrick and former U.S. Rep. Ron Barber.

# Seniors Corn Hole Challenge at WOLF

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It's a backyard pastime that never gets old. Cornhole, a popular game in which players toss beanbags into a hole on a raised wooden board, made it to the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community's Way of Life Facility on January 19 in a miniature tournament for seniors sponsored by Community Recreational Services (CRS).

Already at the WOLF for their chair volleyball practice, some seniors walked across the hall to toss the beanbags. A few teams got together for the event, which was quite competitive.

The teams K N Air and Kim's Team competed against each other a couple of times in the tournament, ending up with a score of 21-18 in both matchups. K N Air won both games and came out on top in the championship match.

Kent Andrews was a last-minute recruit to play with Erica Harvier on K N Air.

"My husband got sick, so I thank Kent for stepping up. It was a fun experience," said Harvier.

Andrews was just happy to be there for the first cornhole tournament of the year.

"I'm glad to be a part of [the tournament]," said Andrews. "I'm looking forward to another tournament. It was a good time."

CRS Athletic Coordinator II Vanessa Lechuga said that CRS tries to do something fun every month for seniors.

"This event was also for people who didn't know much about cornhole," said Lechuga. "If you don't know [about the sport], come out and learn. That's what a lot of our athletic events are about."

When asked what she plans to do now that her team won the cornhole championship, Harvier replied, "I'm going to Disneyland!"



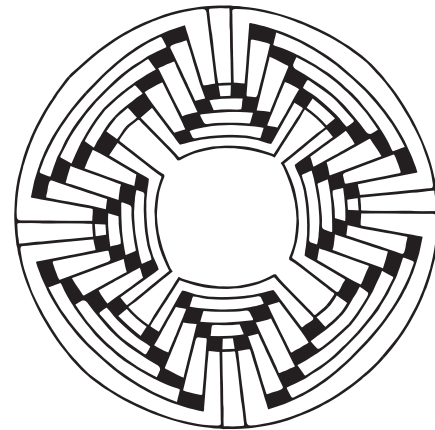
Seniors prepare for a friendly competition of corn hole at the Seniors Corn Hole Challenge at WOLF.



Kent Andrews and Erica Harvier show off their bean bags after their team won the Corn Hole Challenge.



Seniors in action at the Corn Hole Challenge. What a toss!



## Salt River Transit Public Notice

The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community's Transit Department, Salt River Transit, is announcing its intent to apply for Federal Transit Administration funding through the Arizona Department of Transportation's 5311 Grant process. This funding is used to support the operations of transit services within the SRPMIC Community and surrounding communities. The funding supports operational and administrative costs, as well as the cost of capital items, such as vehicles.

**Salt River Transit will be taking questions, comments and suggestions through Friday, February 16.**

Questions, comment and suggestions may be submitted via email or telephone to the following:

Sal La Puma, Director of Transportation  
Email: Salvatore.lapumaiiii@srpmic-nsn.gov

**Telephone: (480) 362-5995**

Accommodations will be made for those requiring TDD or translation services.

# What to Plant in Your Garden During the Early Spring

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While gardening in the Valley can be quite a challenge due to extreme heat, one of the unique things about growing plants here is that you can do it year round.

As the soil steadily warms up from the occasional frost during the winter, another planting season arrives: the early spring. Usually this planting season starts in mid-January and runs through late February and into early March.

According to nonprofit seed conservation organization Native Seeds/SEARCH, some of the seeds you can start planting now include arugula, chickpea, cilantro, fava bean, kale, lentil, lettuce, onion, pea, radish, swiss chard and wheat. Once planted, these veggies should be ready for harvest from late April through early August.

Most of these seeds are available through Native Seeds/SEARCH at [www.nativeseeds.org](http://www.nativeseeds.org), and some of them are available upon request from the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community's Community Garden seed bank. Community members can contact the SRPMIC Cultural Resources Department front desk at (480) 362-7346 and leave a message. Community Garden Coordinator Stetson Mendoza said that he recommends using steer manure as fertilizer and adding mulch in your garden to protect the soil, conserve water and help regulate soil temperature. "The ground is alive," said Mendoza.

Steer manure contains mostly digested grass and other food that cows eat. It is rich in nutrients like nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium, which improve plant and soil health. Fava beans are an excellent nitrogen fixer, according to Native Seeds/SEARCH.

Mendoza also recommends transplanting as many early spring plants as you can, with the



A bee pollinates the flower of Raramuri Habas, a type of fava bean from the Continental Divide in the Sierra Madre in Mexico. From Chris Picciuolo's garden in 2023.

exception of garbanzo beans, due to the ground still being cold.

"If you plant the seeds in the ground [at this time of year], they are going to be slow to sprout," said Mendoza.

The University of Arizona Cooperative Extension's Maricopa County gardening planting calendar for fruits and vegetables, which can be found online at <https://extension.arizona.edu/sites/extension.arizona.edu/files/pubs/az1005-2018.pdf>, gives even more options for planting this time of year.

Using transplants, you can begin to plant vegetables such as artichokes, kohlrabi and even peppers. From seed, the guide recommends plants like potatoes, spinach, sunflowers and watermelon (toward the end of February).

# O'odham Action News Uses Creative Ki: Studio for Upcoming Video Program Series



OAN staff pictured (L-R): Nalani Lopez, news reporter, Kari Haahr, newspaper assistant, Juan Ysaguirre and Chris Picciuolo, news reporters.

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This year, O'odham Action News will be publishing more video content via their OAN website, social media channels, and their YouTube page while utilizing the SRPMIC Creative Ki: studio.

Managing Editor Dodie Manuel, OAN News reporters Chris Picciuolo and Juan Ysaguirre, OAN Newspaper Assistant Kari Haahr, and OAN News Reporter Nalani Lopez spent the afternoon of January 23 performing a mock studio dress rehearsal. The goal was to get a first-hand look at

the studio space and to continue to refine the upcoming OAN in-studio video program series which will be released online throughout the year.

Utilizing the SRPMIC studio space allows for the OAN team to release more in-depth news video assignments while using industry-standard studio technology and equipment.

In the coming months, OAN will be releasing a video program series featuring sit-down interviews with Community members and SRPMIC staff to get an exclusive in-depth look at all of the exciting stories and happenings going on in the Community.



# Salt River Recycling Center Open for Business

SRPMIC Council member and Salt River Landfill board member Wi-bwa Grey spoke at the ribbon-cutting event for the opening of the facility on January 23.

“In our Community, we follow a ‘seven generations’ way of thinking. This means that the decisions that we make today are not just for our immediate future, but rather [they must consider] the impact that they will have seven generations from now,” said Grey.

“Partnering with Republic Services on the new Salt River Recycling Center exemplifies our dedication to providing a better and more sustainable world for future generations. We are excited about being able to provide recycling services to the greater Phoenix area as we collectively strive for a more environmentally conscious and sustainable future.”

The Salt River Recycling Center processes cardboard, paper, plastics, aluminum, tin and glass. There are five different optical sorters in the facility, which gives Republic Services the ability to sort through all that material and spot any trash or residual material coming across the conveyor belt. Also new to the facility is the use of artificial intelligence (AI) technology, which makes it possible to separate different colored plastics, like laundry detergent bottles and milk jugs. The technology also allows the facility to remove certain trash items from the waste stream so there is a cleaner product on the back end of operations.

“What we’re able to do is service about 1.4 million residents and about 2,000 surrounding businesses to recycle that material,” said Young.

Plastics processed at the facility are sent to a polymer center located in Las Vegas.

“At the polymer center, we take the plastic, we grind it down, we sort it, and we wash it. Think about your water bottle becoming a water bottle again—true bottle-to-bottle circularity there,” said Young.

The Salt River Recycling Facility serves residences and businesses in the Community as well as the surrounding communities of Scottsdale, Fountain Hills, Gilbert, Mesa and Chandler.



Salt River Recycling Center stakeholders convene after the ribbon-cutting ceremony. Bales of sorted recyclables line the walls of the facility.



SRPMIC Council member Wi-bwa Grey provided a prayer and talked to all in attendance about the importance of sustainability.



Salt River Landfill board members (left to right) SRPMIC Council member Wi-bwa Grey, Gabriel Castaneda, Meldon Andrews, Keith Johnson.



A tour of the facility where stakeholders were able to see the recycling process up close.

**FOR ENROLLED SRPMIC MEMBERS AND/OR LANDOWNERS ONLY**



## SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY

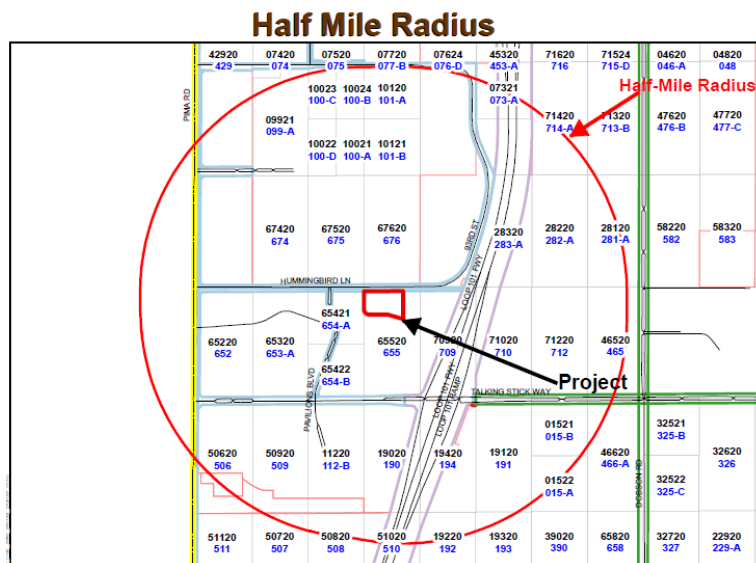
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Two Waters Building B, Third Floor, 10,005 E. Osborn Road, Scottsdale, AZ 85256  
Phone (480) 362-7600 Email: [Planning@SRPMIC-nsn.gov](mailto:Planning@SRPMIC-nsn.gov)

### NOTICE OF COMMUNITY HEARING

The Community Council has scheduled a Community Hearing for a project located on allotted land. We are extending this invitation to all Community Members and Landowners with ownership interest within a ½ mile radius to attend this Community Hearing regarding the following:

**Staybridge Suites – Architectural Up-lighting Request for Dimensional Variances (23-DV-01)**



Mark Horvath, on behalf of Peerless Hospitality, LLC, is requesting dimensional variances to permit architectural up-lighting on the existing Staybridge Suites hotel within The Pavilions at Talking Stick. The architectural up-lighting will be in three separate locations along the northern elevation of the hotel facing Salt River Fields. The Staybridge Suites hotel is within the C3-PC zoning district, and is located at the southeast corner of Hummingbird Lane and Pavilions Boulevard within The Pavilions at Talking Stick. The dimensional variances to deviate from the SRPMIC Zoning Ordinance (SRO-467-2015) are requested in order to allow the hotel building to be illuminated with lighting.

**Date: Wednesday, March 6, 2024**  
**Time: 5:00 P.M.**  
**Location: SRPMIC Council Chambers (Longmore & Osborn)**

If you have any questions or concerns you may call Rick McAllister, Principal Planner at (480) 362-7655. If you cannot attend, you may submit your written comments to the Community Development Department, at 10,005 East Osborn, Scottsdale, AZ 85256.

## SRPMIC Zoning Map and General Plan Land Use Map Update

The SRPMIC Planning Services Division of the Community Development Department is updating the final draft of the Zoning Map as a part of Chapter 25 of the SRPMIC Code of Ordinances. The zoning map indicates the zoning for each tribal land and allotted parcel in the Community. The final draft of the General Plan Land Use Map has been updated to support the revised zoning classifications. The Land Use Map for the General Plan depicts the proposed general uses of land within the SRPMIC.

Community outreach is being held from January through March during the Council District meetings. Staff will provide an overview of the proposed maps, purpose of the update, explanation of changes, and request for the comments from Community members as well as the projected next steps in the process for adoption. The majority of the proposed rezoning changes involve allowing government services and aligning with existing government service uses. Additional changes include two mapping corrections and a rezone to protect land with an Open Space zoning classification.

Community members are encouraged to attend the upcoming Council District meetings in the next three months to better understand the proposed changes and for an opportunity to answer questions.

To view the District Meeting Presentation, Future Zoning Exhibit, Existing Zoning Exhibit, Tribal Land Exhibit, Existing & Future Zoning Comparison Exhibit, Existing General Plan Exhibit and the Future General Plan Exhibit, please visit this website link:

<https://www.srpmic-nsn.gov/government/1879-phc/>

For more information, please contact Suzanne Colver, Planning Services Manager at Suzanne.Colver@SRPMIC-nsn.gov (480) 362-7654.

## LEGAL NOTICES

**JUVENILE COURT  
JURISDICTION: SALT RIVER PIMA MARICOPA INDIAN  
COMMUNITY COURT**  
**ADDRESS: 10040 EAST OSBORN RD. SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85256**  
**CONTACT: (480) 362-6315**  
**ALL JUVENILE COURT CASES REPORT TO COURTROOM #3 ON  
THE 1ST FLOOR.**  
**FAILURE TO APPEAR CAN AFFECT YOUR RIGHTS**

**Banashley, Nadia Renee**—Initial Guardianship Hearing Case: J-22-0030/0031 Court Date: February 12, 2024 at 9 a.m.

**Chiago, Vincent**—Review Hearing Case: J-16-0173 Court Date: February 20, 2024 at 9 a.m.

**Hayes Sr., Arthur Reginold** – Review/Evidentiary Paternity Hearings Mother: Sonya Jackson (DOB: 04/09/1978) Minors: R.S.H. (DOB: 05/27/2008) and A.R.H. (DOB: 12/14/2009) Case: JV-23-3011/JV-23-3012 Court Date: February 8, 2024 at 10 a.m.

**Hayes Jr., Kelly**—Review Hearing Case: J-22-0091 Court Date: February 28, 2024 at 11 a.m.

**Jackson, Sonya Marie** – Review/Evidentiary Paternity Hearings Case: JV-23-3011/JV-23-3012 Court Date: February 8, 2024 at 10 a.m.

**Ludlow, Justin Irving**—Change of Name Hearing Case: J-21-0004 Court Date: February 12, 2024 at 10 a.m.

**Manuel, Ashlee Noreen**—Review Hearing Case: J-22-0118/J-22-0119/J-22-0120 Court Date: February 28, 2024 at 10 a.m.

**Percy, Garrett Cecil**—Mother: Nadia Renee Banashley (DOB: 01/12/1991)

Child: A.G.P. (DOB: 02/24/2018); L.I.P. (DOB: 04/18/2019) Initial Guardianship Hearing Case: J-22-0030/0031 Court Date: February 12, 2024 at 9 a.m.

**Wahpeta, April Francine**—Permanency Hearing Case: J-23-0027/0028/0029 Court Date: February 26, 2024 at 11 a.m.

**White, Sayla Elise**—Change of Name Hearing Case: J-21-0004 Court Date: February 12, 2024 at 10 a.m.

**CIVIL COURT  
JURISDICTION: SALT RIVER PIMA MARICOPA INDIAN  
COMMUNITY COURT**  
**ADDRESS: 10040 EAST OSBORN RD. SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85256**  
**CONTACT: (480) 362-6315**  
**CIVIL COURT CASES REPORT TO COURTROOM #1/ #2 ON THE  
1ST FLOOR.**  
**FAILURE TO APPEAR CAN AFFECT YOUR RIGHTS**

**Andrews, Teresa**-Evidentiary Guardianship Hearing- Case: CV-23-4636- March 4, 2024 at 10 a.m.

**Antone, Kenneth Carlos Jr** - Entry of Default Judgement/Order to Show Cause Hearings Case: CV-23-4023 Court Date: February 21, 2024 at 9:30 AM

**Bejarano, Richard** - Evidentiary Child Support Hearing Case: CFCS-23-0018 Court Date: February 28, 2024 at 9 AM

**Butler, Adam Dustin** - Notice of Entry of Default Judgment: Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community Court, State of Arizona, Maricopa County original jurisdiction court case number CV-23-3089. Notice of Entry of Default Judgment is hereby given ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that entry

of default judgment against Respondent, Adam Dustin Butler is hereby ENTERED. It is further, ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that Respondent, Adam Dustin Butler, shall abide by Child Support Order. This order is final and shall be served on Respondent in accordance to Rule 5-20(c). \*Respondent has (10) ten days to respond from date received. For a copy of this Order please contact the court at 480-362-6315.

**Chiago, Clemencia Sophia** - Entry of Default Judgement/Order to Show Cause Hearings Case: CV-23-4018 Court Date: February 21, 2024 at 9 AM

**Loring, Xia Rae** - Entry of Default Judgement/Order to Show Cause Hearings Case: CV-23-4290 Court Date: March 11, 2024 at 9 AM

**Martinez, Daniel**-Evidentiary Guardianship Hearing- Case: CV-23-4636- March 4, 2024 at 10 a.m.

**Nahsonhoya, Damien** - Restraining Order Hearing Case: CV-24-2148 Court Date: March 8, 2024 at 9 AM

**Nahsonhoya, Merwin** - Restraining Order Hearing Case: CV-24-2146 Court Date: March 8, 2024 at 9 AM

**Ortiz, Benecio** - Restraining Order Hearing Case: CV-24-0892 Court Date: March 4, 2024 at 11:30 AM

**Ray, Gary Frederick Sr.**-Default Judgment Hearing- Case: CV-23-4289- February 26, 2024 at 10 a.m.

**Scott, Cody Dewayne** —Order to Show Cause Hearing Case: C-23-0043 -Court Date: February 12, 2024 at 10 a.m.

**Wakolee, Melanie Grace** - Child Support Modification Hearing Case: CFCS-19-0018 Court Date: March 6, 2024 at 10 AM

## DEFAULT NOTICES

**ANTONE JR., KENNETH  
DEFAULT NOTICE  
CV-23-4023**

To: Kenneth Antone Jr., RESPONDENT

1. A Complaint / Petition has been filed against you in this Court and your immediate attention to this fact is urgent if you do not want judgment entered against you.

2. The Court record reflects that you have failed to respond to defend by filing an answer, motion to dismiss, request for extension of time or other responsive pleading and you have failed to attend hearings at the Court called for this matter.

3. If you do not defend against this suit within Thirty (30) days from the date the Process Server hands you this or you are served with it otherwise as permitted under the Community Code, the Court may enter default judgment against you.

4. A default judgment may have serious, adverse, and irreversible consequences against you.

5. If you want to defend against the claim and avoid default judgment entered against you, you must file a written answer, motion to dismiss or other responsive pleading within thirty (30) days from when you are served with this Notice. The Court will not extend time for your response and you must make your response in writing, no oral responses will be accepted

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

DATED this 28th December 2023.

CLERK OF SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY TRIBAL COURT

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**ANTONE JR., KENNETH  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
CV-23-4290**

TO: Kenneth Antone Jr.

YOU ARE HEREBY ORDERED to appear before the above-entitled court on the 21st day of February, 2024 at 9:30 AM, in Court Room #1, and show cause why you should not be held in contempt for failing to obey Court Orders

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

ORDERED this 28th day of December, 2023.

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5. If you want to defend against the claim and avoid default judgment entered against you, you must file a written answer, motion to dismiss or other responsive pleading within thirty (30) days from when you are served with this Notice. The Court will not extend time for your response and you must make your response in writing, no oral responses will be accepted

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

DATED this 8th of January, 2024.

CLERK OF SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY TRIBAL COURT

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**LORING AKA HERRERA, XIA RAE  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
CV-23-4290**

TO: Xia Rae Loring aka Xia Herrera

YOU ARE HEREBY ORDERED to appear before the above-entitled court on the 11th day of March, 2024 at 9:00AM, in Court Room #1, and show cause why you should not be held in contempt for failing to appear for a Civil Complaint hearing on January 8, 2024 at 9 am after being duly noticed.

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

ORDERED this 8th day of January, 2024.

Judge Raymond L. Deer

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**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**on Proposed Amendments to the  
Unclaimed Personal Property  
Ordinance**  
**Comment Period: January 18, 2024  
– March 18, 2024**

On Wednesday, January 17, 2024, the SRPMIC Council authorized a 60 day public comment period for the proposed amendments to the Community’s Unclaimed Personal Property Ordinance. The draft ordinance does the following:

The Unclaimed Personal Property ordinance was updated in 2018 with respect to money however the portions related to nonmonetary property were not updated. The original ordinance was adopted around 1977 and is in need of updates with respect to the nonmonetary property. The waiting period before nonmonetary property becomes abandoned is 3 years and this period is too long. Additionally, all property goes through a Court process once it is determined abandoned which takes additional time and leaves the Court with few too many disposition options. The SRPD Property and Evidence Bureau facility is filling up fast as property does not leave the facility quick enough and it is anticipated that the facility will reach maximum capacity within five (5) years.

The proposed ordinance shortens the time to 6 months before non-monetary property is considered abandoned. The proposed ordinance also removes the Court process for all nonmonetary property except for firearms. Abandoned firearms will still go through a Court process to ensure proper legal documentation prior to disposition. There will be also be new notification requirements for the SRPD which will include a public website with a list of unclaimed nonmonetary property in their possession. The proposed ordinance will shorten the overall process from approximately 3 ½ years to 8 months which will improve the operations of the government departments with respect to unclaimed nonmonetary property and create efficient processes for Community members to retrieve items that may belong to them.

You can find the full text of the proposed ordinance amendment at: <https://www.srpmic-nsn.gov/government/ogc/proposed-ordinances/>

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

Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community  
The Office of the General Counsel  
10,005 East Osborn Road  
Scottsdale, Arizona 85256  
OrdPublicComment@srpmic-nsn.gov  
or  
Jeff.Harmon@srpmic-nsn.gov

**CHIAGO, CLEMENCIA  
DEFAULT NOTICE  
CV-23-4018**

To: CLEMENCIA CHIAGO, RESPONDENT

1. A Complaint / Petition has been filed against you in this Court and your immediate attention to this fact is urgent if you do not want judgment entered against you.

2. The Court record reflects that you have failed to respond to defend by filing an answer, motion to dismiss, request for extension of time or other responsive pleading and you have failed to attend hearings at the Court called for this matter.

3. If you do not defend against this suit within Thirty (30) days from the date the Process Server hands you this or you are served with it otherwise as permitted under the Community Code, the Court may enter default judgment against you.

4. A default judgment may have serious, adverse, and irreversible consequences against you.

5. If you want to defend against the claim and avoid default judgment entered against you, you must file a written answer, motion to dismiss or other responsive pleading within thirty (30) days from when you are served with this Notice. The Court will not extend time for your response and you must make your response in writing, no oral responses will be accepted

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

DATED this 28th of December, 2023.

CLERK OF SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY TRIBAL COURT

**CHIAGO, CLEMENCIA S.  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
CV-23-4018**

TO: Clemencia S. Chiago

YOU ARE HEREBY ORDERED to appear before the above-entitled court on the 21st day of February, 2024 at 9:00 AM, in Court Room #1, and show cause why you should not be held in contempt for failing to obey Court Orders

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

ORDERED this 28th day of December, 2023.

Judge Raymond L. Deer

SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY TRIBAL COURT

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**LORING AKA HERRERA, XIA RAE  
DEFAULT NOTICE  
CV-23-4290**

To: Xia Rae Loring aka Herrera, RESPONDENT

1. A Complaint / Petition has been filed against you in this Court and your immediate attention to this fact is urgent if you do not want judgment entered against you.

2. The Court record reflects that you have failed to respond to defend by filing an answer, motion to dismiss, request for extension of time or other responsive pleading and you have failed to attend hearings at the Court called for this matter.

3. If you do not defend against this suit within Thirty (30) days from the date the Process Server hands you this or you are served with it otherwise as permitted under the Community Code, the Court may enter default judgment against you.

4. A default judgment may have serious, adverse, and irreversible consequences against you.

**RAY SR., GARY FREDERICK  
DEFAULT NOTICE  
CV-23-3521**

To: Gary Frederick Ray Sr., RESPONDENT

1. A Complaint / Petition has been filed against you in this Court and your immediate attention to this fact is urgent if you do not want judgment entered against you.

2. The Court record reflects that you have failed to respond to defend by filing an answer, motion to dismiss, request for extension of time or other responsive pleading and you have failed to attend hearings at the Court called for this matter.

3. If you do not defend against this suit within Thirty (30) days from the date the Process Server hands you this or you are served with it otherwise as permitted under the Community Code, the Court may enter default judgment against you.

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

DATED this 11th of January 2024

CLERK OF SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY TRIBAL COURT

**SCOTT, CODY DEWAYNE  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
C-23-0043**

TO: Cody Dewayne Scott

YOU ARE HEREBY ORDERED to appear before the above-entitled court on the 12th day of February, 2024 at 10:00 AM, in Court Room #2, and show cause why you should not be held in contempt for failing to comply with the October 9, 2023 order to pay Country Club Cars Final Judgment.

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

You are entitled to subpoena witnesses on your behalf and to be represented by counsel.

ORDERED this 28th day of December, 2023.

Judge Anthony Little

SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY TRIBAL COURT





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# Calendar of Events

## ONGOING

**YOGA FOR FALL PREVENTION**, Mondays 9 A.M. – 10 A.M. at WOLF Senior Room. All Fitness Levels Welcome! Sign up with Celinda Joe at (480) 876-7180 and request transportation if needed.

**YOGA FOR FALL PREVENTION**, Fridays 1 P.M. – 2 P.M. at WOLF Senior Room. All Fitness Levels Welcome! Sign up with Celinda Joe at (480) 876-7180 and request transportation if needed. \*\*Last Fridays of Each Month are YOGA BINGO with prizes!

**ONK AKIMEL TAI CHI**, Tuesdays from 9 A.M. - 10 A.M. at Senior Room in WOLF. Questions? Call (480) 362-6350

**BEADING CIRCLE AT SALT RIVER TRIBAL LIBRARY**, 5:30 P.M. – 8 P.M. alternating Wednesdays. Scheduled to be held 2/7, 2/21, 3/6, 3/20, 4/3, and 4/17.

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**6 NATIVE PLANT SERIES**, 5 P.M. - 7 P.M. at Way of Life Facility. Join our Native Plant series where you can learn to grow and nurture indigenous plants, open to community member adults. Please plan to attend both information sessions provided in February. This session will focus on Traditional Food Ways. Limited to 8 participants, all materials provided. No sign up needed, just drop in. For questions please contact (480)362-6600 or email TribalLibrary@srpmic-nsn.gov

**7 LUNAR NEW YEAR SENIOR BREAK-FAST**, 8:30 A.M. - 10 A.M. at Talking Stick Resort Ballroom. Join Senior Services for a morning of Asian-inspired fun and entertainment! This event is for Community Seniors 55+ and adults with adaptive needs.

Questions? Contact Jessica Martinez at (480)362-7386

**8 ADULT WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT (WIOA) INFORMATION SESSION**, 9 A.M. - 10 A.M. at Two Waters Building B-102. Join the Salt River WIOA Program for an information session on how the program offers support to individuals toward their career goals through education and training. For questions, please contact Illeana Ray, WIOA Specialist at (480)362-3071

**8 SUPER BOWL NACHOS**, WOLF Senior Room 11 A.M. to noon, just in time for the Super Bowl! Learn to make nachos with bison and other healthy ingredients! Contact celinda.joe@srpmic-nsn.gov to sign up or with questions.

**9 SENIOR SERVICES VALENTINE'S DINNER**, 5:30 P.M. – 9 P.M. at Talking Stick Resort. Contact (480)365-7565 for questions or more information.

**9 SR TRIBAL LIBRARY SEWING CLASSES**, 5:30 P.M. - 7:30 P.M. Join the Salt River Tribal Library for Intermediate sewing classes! Sign up to complete a sewing project while utilizing some of the Tribal Library's machines or bring your own sewing machine! These classes are for adults only. Due to space and equipment availability, this is limited to 8 participants. For questions please contact (480)362-6600 or email TribalLibrary@srpmic-nsn.gov

**9 SAFETALK SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING**, 8:30 A.M. – 12 P.M. at Two Waters Building A, Room 109A&B. Participants must be at least 16 years old. Learn basic steps to recognize persons with thoughts of suicide and connect them with resources. This three hour training can help YOU make a difference! For information and to register, contact Melanie.Nosie@srpmic-nsn.gov or Verlene.Notsirneh-Bowekaty@srpmic-nsn.gov

**9 CLOSING DATE FOR CARPENTRY AP- PRENTICESHIP PROGRAM**. Applications can be found at HR in Two Waters Building B. Applications will be available as of January 22. Check out some of our past coverage of this amazing program, or call Laurice Carlos at (480) 362-7968 for more information.

**9-10 VALENTINE'S CLASSIC BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT**, WOLF and Lehi Gyms. Co-ed divisions for K-1st grade, 2nd-3rd, and 4th-5th grade. For more information, contact Robin Hendricks at (480) 362-5785

**13 SCR PARENT NIGHT**, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Accelerated Learning Academy. This informational meeting is open to all parents/guardians of school-aged Community members. Light refreshments will be available while supplies last. We'll discuss: High School Credit Breakdown; Culture/O'odham Bingo; Healthy After-school Snacks; School Engagement; School Preparation; and Student Advocacy. There will be special prize drawings throughout the event. Join us for your chance to win! Call 480-362-2534 with any questions.

**14 VIRTUAL FOSTER CARE INFORMATION SESSION**, 5:30 - 6:30 P.M. Join SRPMIC Foster Care Licensing to get more information on becoming a Foster Parent. Virtual information sessions held the second Wednesday of the month. Contact Social Services at (480)362-5645 for more information!

**15 COMPUTER CLASSES FOR SENIORS**, 9 A.M. - 11 A.M. at Salt River Senior Center. No computer experience is required - our goal is to have fun while learning technology. Classes are provided by SRPMIC IT Dept. - Customer Care Division, contact IT-CustomerCare@srpmic-nsn.gov with questions

**16 SERENITY FOR SENIORS EXPO**, 11 A.M. - 1 P.M. at WOLF Gym. Join Senior Services and enjoy a healthy lunch of Chinese food, Tai Chi demonstrations, fall prevention assessments, wellness vendors, raffle prizes,

and more! Questions? Contact Celinda Joe for more information at celinda.joe@srpmic-nsn.gov or (480) 876-7180

**16 & 17 SALT RIVER JR. HIGH BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT**, Boys and Girls Divisions for 6th-8th Grade. Registration is open, entry fee of \$150 applies. For team entry or more information, contact Robin Hendricks at (480) 362-5785

**17 TWO-SPIRIT POWWOW**, held at South Mountain Community College South Lawn. The Phoenix Indian Center and South Mountain Community College are proud to co-sponsor this annual contest powwow which will feature dancing, drumming, food vendors, along with arts and crafts vendors. We invite everyone to join us as we celebrate the Two Spirit, LGBTQ+ and Native American community at this family friendly, drug/ alcohol free event. Market opens at 10 A.M. with Grand Entry at noon, closing at 6 P.M. Questions? Contact info@phxindcenter.org or (602)264-6768

**20 NATIVE PLANT SERIES**, 5 P.M. - 7 P.M. at Way of Life Facility. Join our Native Plant series where you can learn to grow and nurture indigenous plants, open to community member adults. Please plan to attend both information sessions provided in February. This session will focus on Agricultural Practices. Limited to 8 participants, all materials provided. No sign up needed, just drop in. For questions please contact (480)362-6600 or email TribalLibrary@srpmic-nsn.gov

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**22 COMPUTER CLASSES FOR SENIORS**, 9 A.M. - 11 A.M. at Two Waters Building A, Room A117 (Red Mountain Computer Lab). No computer experience is required - our goal is to have fun while learning technology. Classes are provided by SRPMIC IT Dept. - Customer Care Division, contact IT-CustomerCare@srpmic-nsn.gov with questions

**24 NAGI FOUNDATION'S FREE MONTHLY PET CLINIC**, 8 A.M. at Salt River Ball Fields, 1839 N. Longmore Rd., Scottsdale, AZ. First come, first served. SRPMIC members, residents and employees are eligible. Pets must be brought in by legal owner, age 18+. Cats must be in their own carrier and dogs on a leash. Services include exams, vaccines, flea/tick treatment, microchipping and health screening (for diseases like heartworm, Lyme, FIV & FeLV). For questions call (602)730-2092.

## KUI 'IVAGIDAG MAŞAD XLY'A XMOK MARCH

**9 MESA COMMUNITY COLLEGE THUNDERBIRD POWWOW**, 1833 W. Southern Ave, Mesa, AZ. Gourd Dance at 11 A.M. and 5 P.M. Grand Entry to take place at 1 P.M. and 7 P.M.

**15-17 MUL-CHU-THA FAIR AND RODEO**, Save the date! More information to come!