



Salt River Youth Bring First Championship Title to Mesa Stars Football Club



# O'odham Communities Partner for Annual Ha:sañ Bahidag Harvest

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In the early hours of June 30, more than a dozen Akimel O'odham and Onk Akimel O'odham tribal members gathered to harvest the ripe bahidag (fruit) from the Ha:sañ (saguaro cactus) at Aji Mountain in District 4, on the lands of the Gila River Indian Community. The harvest was a joint effort between the Huhugam Ki: Museum of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Cultural Resources Department and the Gila River Indian Community's Huhugam Heritage Center.

During the time of the O'odham New Year (or summer solstice), Community members from both GRIC and SRPMIC venture out into the desert to pick the ripe cactus fruit, or bahidag, that sits atop the towering Sonoran Desert giants.

Under the guidance of Huhugam Ki: Museum Manager Gary Owens, groups of participants scattered across the side of the twin butte Aji Mountain, moving from cactus to cactus in search of the desert's delights. Equipped with buckets and a pole called a Kuipad made from long saguaro cactus ribs (Va:pai), individuals reached up to pull or push the fruit loose.

After the fruit fell to the ground below, participants opened up the bahidag to reveal the bright red pulp, which is then placed into the bucket. Harvesters then leave the fruit's skin facing open side up in a symbolic gesture to welcome rain in the summer months ahead.



SRPMIC members take to the desert to harvest the rich and tasty bahidag (fruit) from the ha:sañ (cactus).

At the conclusion of the harvest, everyone gathered to talk about their experience and what comes next, which is cooking the saguaro fruit into a syrup. SRPMIC participant Aloea Goodwin said, "I think I did pretty good for it being the first time I harvested the fruit, just knowing what it takes and the effort you need to put in, in order to get the fruit."

She was joined by her brothers Alex and Adam, who also were first-timers at the ha:sañ bahidag harvest. Goodwin said that it was a learning experience about the culture of the Community and the O'odham and that it is important for tribal members to join in cultural events like these when they are offered. Cultural Specialist Isaac Lopez of the

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## Salt River Hosts 4th of July Celebration



Fireworks and more were on display at the SRPMIC 4th of July celebration at the ALA football field on July 1.

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It was a star-spangled evening on Saturday, July 1, at the Accelerated Learning Academy football field as more than 700 Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community members gathered for the Community's 4th of July celebration. Newly crowned Miss Salt River Kennise McGertt opened the event with a prayer, expressing her gratitude for the freedoms preserved by the Community's veterans and for

those who came out to the event. The master of ceremonies was Calvin Watuma, commander of American Legion Post #114 "Bushmasters," who asked the attendees to give a round of applause in appreciation of family members who have served in the armed forces. He said that everyone should remember the service members who sacrificed their lives for the preservation of the nation's and Community's freedoms. After his remarks, Watuma asked for everyone to sing the national anthem together while

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## Community Spotlighted on Diamondbacks' Native American Recognition Day



Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community member Martha Ludlow Martinez sings the national anthem at Native American Recognition Day at Chase Field.

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On July 9, the Arizona Diamondbacks hosted the Pittsburgh Pirates as they held their annual Native American Recognition Day (NARD) at Chase Field, which was presented this year by Talking Stick Resort, an enterprise of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community. NARD is a day that the Diamondbacks have set aside to celebrate the cultures and contributions of the Native American community.

As the gates opened, cultural and educational displays and Native American song and dance groups were scattered throughout the ballpark. Talking Stick Resort, Discover Salt River, and O'odham leatherworker Gabriel Martinez from Savage Skins Leatherwork Co. were among those who had information booths on the concourse. SRPMIC traditional gourd and basket dancers performed on the field before the ball game, and tribal royalty were recognized in right field for all to see on the large video screens

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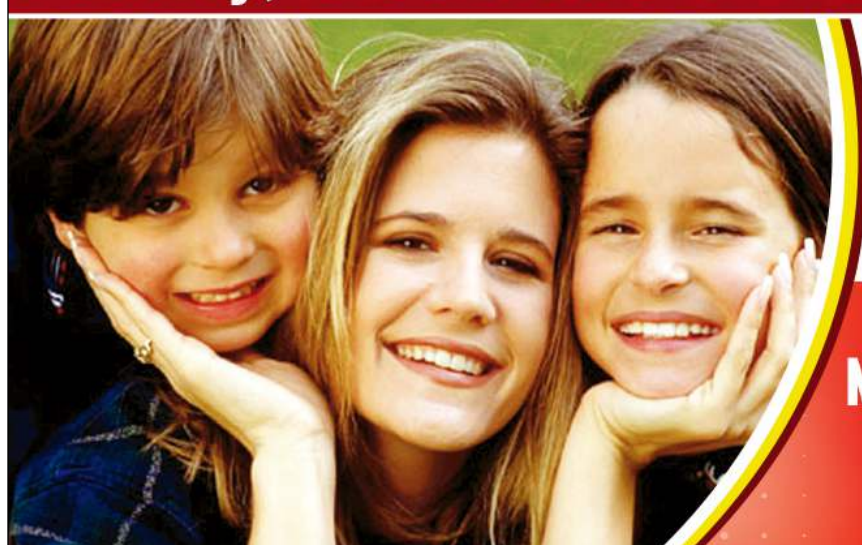


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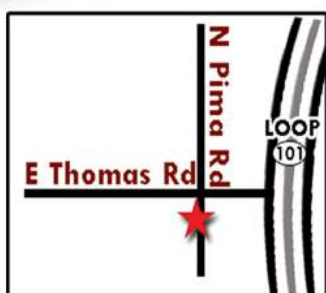
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# O’odham Communities Partner for Annual Ha:šaň Bahidag Harvest



GRIC and SRPMIC members gather for a group photo, after harvesting bahidag. At right: Isaac Lopez reaches up towards a towering ha:šaň for fruit.

SRPMIC Youth Services Department said this year’s harvest was his second time. He said it offered an important lesson for him that he can share with the Community youth.

“My first time [harvesting] was with the late Ron Carlos. He showed us and taught us how to pick ha:šaň bahidag ... so I have been learning from that and showing the youth how to pick bahidag and the traditions associated the harvesting the fruit,” said Lopez.

Shirley Jackson, Director of GRIC Huhugam Heritage Center, said the collaboration between the SRPMIC and GRIC stemmed from a cross-sharing of information and knowledge on ha:šaň

bahidag, from learning about and harvesting the fruit to how to cook it.

“We thought we would put it out to the audience there about possibly having a harvest, because we invited Gary [Owens] to provide a lecture in June,” said Jackson. She said that on the week-end prior, they held their first harvest, which yielded some ha:šaň bahidag; but first impressions from the recent haul showed there was more fruit to be collected.

She said collaboration between the two tribal museums is not uncommon. “We have meetings for the directors of the Four Southern Tribes’ museums, and we meet quarterly or at least a

couple of times a year just to catch up and to talk about what’s going on in the museum field. We discuss our various projects and collections, you know, things that we all of course have in common since we’re all connected.”

Looking back on the harvest, Owens said, “I had a great time. We have fruit and that is what’s important. This is the first time in conjunction with Gila River that I’ve harvested here. I’m happy because in order to have a good cook (cooking of the ha:šaň bahidag), everything has to go right; I was taught that you need a minimum of three and a half gallons of fruit pulp to get a good batch of syrup.”

He said part of the reason behind the collaboration with GRIC is because many of the areas to harvest ha:šaň bahidag near the SRPMIC are not easily accessible due to issues of land jurisdiction with neighboring municipalities. Owens added that it was a good opportunity for him and the volunteers from SRPMIC to harvest at a new location and to strengthen relations between the two tribes.

The following-day, Owens provided a cooking demonstration of how to make Sitol (syrup) with GRIC and SRPMIC youth and adults in attendance at GRIC Huhugam Heritage Center. The cooking process is a time-consuming process that requires both patience and skill from the preparing the fruit and tending to the fire, the wood and amount used, and the attention to separating the seeds and thorns from the fruit and then cook-



ing the extracted juice until it reaches the desired thickness.

The cooled syrup is then poured and stored in glass jars and lids. In historical times, the syrup was poured into small clay jars and covered with a pottery sherd, then sealed with wet clay. For a successful picking and cooking you would come back with maybe 2 or 3 quarts. For this year’s event, the HHC received 3 small jars of syrup and the instructor received the seeds and pulp fibers to make saguaro fruit jam in the winter months. It was a nice harvest experience and teaching project for all.



GRIC Huhugam Heritage Center Director Shirley Jackson shows the inner fruit that was harvested to make Sitol (syrup). At top right, SRPMIC Huhugam Ki: Museum Manager Gary Owens shows the youth how to make make syrup over a wood fire. Bottom left: The bahidag starts to boil to a thickness, that’s consistant with syrup. Bottom photo, Owens separates the seeds and thorns from the fruit. Bottom right, after a considerable time cooking, the syrup is ready to jar.





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# Salt River Youth Bring First Championship Title to Mesa Stars Football Club

BY MARICELLA QUINTERO  
*Special Submission*

Tribal members Roan Enos #20 (son of Maricella Quintero and Shea D. Enos) and Santos Cervantes #47 (grandson of David Antone and Patricia Rodarte) participated in National Youth Sports tackle football this spring, playing for the Mesa Stars Youth Football Club and coached by Curtis Reed and Shea D. Enos. Mesa Stars is an 8- to 14-year-old football club based at Mesa

High School. The 11u Mesa Stars battled it out against other teams from all across the valley, eventually making it to the playoffs in their division.  
After showing resilience in the face of extreme adversity they accomplished their goal of bringing the first ever championship title to the Mesa Stars football club. All the 11u kids did an amazing job, and Santos Cervantes #47 earned the MVP award for outstanding performance as a player and also as a team leader.



Above: Roan Enos and Santos Cervantes on the field.

Left: Enos, Cervantes, and their coaches are photographed with medals on and trophy in hand.



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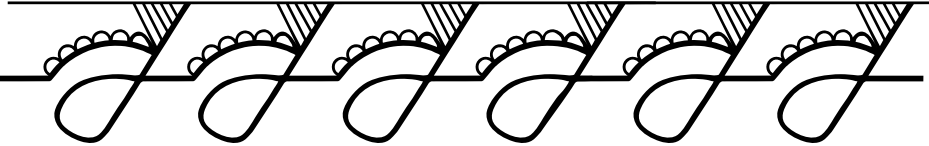
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A major decision upholding the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) was handed down by the United States Supreme Court on June 15. In a deciding vote of 7-2, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in favor of upholding IWCA, after a long court battle had threatened the act's existence.

In the Haaland v. Brackeen court case, the act was brought forth by the plaintiffs (Brackeen), who argued that ICWA was unconstitutional. The plaintiffs, Chad and Jennifer Brackeen, an Anglo couple from Texas, wanted to adopt a Native child from the Navajo Nation but were refused adoption rights by the Navajos based on the stipulations of the ICWA.

The decision to uphold ICWA was based on a combination of historical agreements between tribal nations and their sovereignty to manage the foster care of a child under ICWA, which was deemed to be not unconstitutional. In response to the ruling, the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Office of General Counsel provided the following statement:

"The Supreme Court's decision in up-

holding ICWA is a monumental victory for Indian children, parents, families and tribes. We are pleased that the Supreme Court's decision will enable the protective mechanisms of ICWA to persevere."

The Native American Rights Fund (NARF) issued a lengthy press release explaining the court case and how it moved through the lower courts, through appeals courts and finally to the U.S. Supreme Court. Those who would like to read more can do so online at <https://narf.org/cases/brackeen-v-bernhardt/>.

In support of ICWA were four tribal nations—the Cherokee Nation, the Morongo Band of Mission Indians, the Oneida Nation and the Quinault Indian Nation—who petitioned to uphold the act, along with Interior Secretary Deb Haaland, whose office represented the case. This effort was backed by 486 tribal nations, 59 Native organizations, 31 child welfare organizations, 26 states and 77 members of Congress, who provided some form of support of ICWA, according to the NARF press release.

The Brackeens argued that ICWA was discriminatory against the couple during the adoption process, which they claimed was unconstitutional. The policy of the ICWA is to make all efforts to house Native children with relatives or fit foster parents within their tribal com-

munity in order to safeguard the children's cultural development.

The case had its start in 2018, when a federal district court in Texas agreed with the Brackeens and held that ICWA violates the U.S. Constitution. From there, the decision underwent a series of appeals and jurisdiction changes. The Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals held a three-judge panel review of the case, and in November 2019 agreed to an en banc review of the case, in which the entire circuit court participated. Many tribes and Native organizations submitted a "friend of the court" brief explaining why ICWA was, in fact, constitutional and should be upheld. In April 2021, the Fifth Circuit's en banc decision generally upheld the authority of the U.S. Congress to enact ICWA while finding some provisions of ICWA to be unconstitutional.

According to the case's official documentation syllabus (Haaland, Secretary of the Interior, et al. v. Brackeen et al.), "The Fifth Circuit was evenly divided as to whether ICWA's other preferences—those prioritizing 'other Indian families' and 'Indian foster home[s]' over non-Indian families—unconstitutionally discriminate on the basis of race."

In September 2021, the U.S. Supreme Court was asked to take the case,

which it did. After considering the case throughout 2022, the Supreme Court finally rendered its decision on June 15, 2023, upholding the constitutionality of the ICWA.

The NARF press release added, "[Those who seek to dismantle ICWA] say they want the best for Native children, but not a single tribal nation, not a single independent Native organization, and not a single independent child welfare organization supports their cause. They are motivated by self-interests and want to grow their control of Native land, Native industry, and Native futures."

"By this ruling, ICWA remains the law of the land and honors the long-standing protections that ICWA provides Indian children," said the SRPMIC statement. "Certainly, this triumphant victory is reassuring in light of the barrage of constitutional challenges that ICWA has faced within recent years. However, we are fully cognizant that our work in defending ICWA and tribal sovereignty must continue. With diligence, we will continue to fight the good fight to be effective advocates for Community children and families."



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Your first step to getting a hearing aid is to get your hearing tested. Be aware that OTC hearing aids are designed only for people with mild to moderate hearing loss (signs include trouble hearing speech in noisy places, in groups, and during phone calls).

The best place to get your hearing tested is through a hearing care provider like an audiologist. These in-person tests are usually covered by private medical insurance, and as of this year, Medicare will pay for general hearing

evaluations without a doctor's referral.

You can also assess your hearing at home with a good app-based hearing test like Mimi ([mimi.health](http://mimi.health)) or SonicCloud ([soniccloud.com](http://soniccloud.com)).

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Choosing an OTC Aid

If you decide that an OTC hearing aid may work for you, here are a couple pointers to help you choose.

First, you need to know that OTC hearing aids come in two types: self-fitting and preset. Self-fitting aids typically use a smartphone app to setup and adjust the device to suit your specific hearing needs, which makes them better suited for seniors who are technologically inclined. While preset hearing aids are much simpler devices that come with a number of set programs for different levels of hearing loss, and the controls are directly on the hearing aid.

Also, because OTC hearing aids have a learning curve, it's very important to know the level of customer support you'll have access to. So, before you buy, find out how long the company provides support after your purchase, and what sorts of experts will be providing the support.

You also need to find out about the company's

return policy. It can take weeks to get accustomed to wearing hearing aids and figure out whether they're really working for you or not. So, make sure to choose a brand that offers a minimum 30-day free trial period, or money back return policy.


Best OTC Hearing Aids

To help you cut through all the different options the National Council on Aging (NCOA), which is a national nonprofit organization that advocates for older Americans, recently assembled a review team who collectively spent more than 5,000 hours researching, testing and interviewing customers about OTC hearing aids.


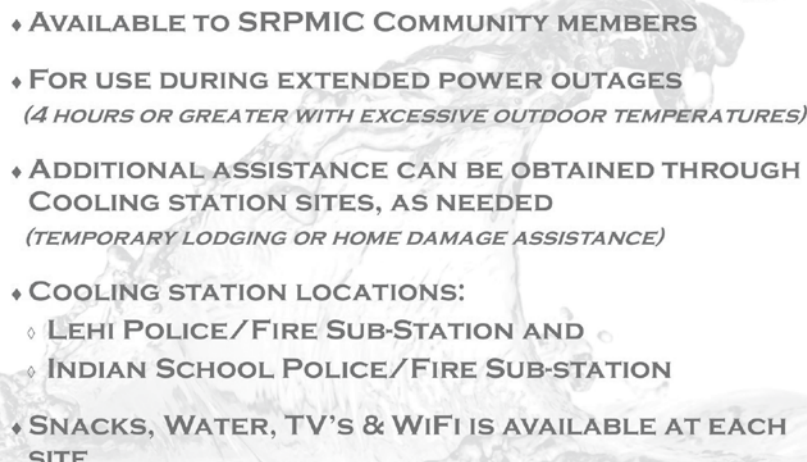
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# Community Spotlighted on Diamondbacks' Native American Recognition Day



Above: SRPMIC Vice-President Ricardo Leonard stands in front of the Salt River Color Guard on the field at Chase Field.



Right: Miss Indian Arizona 2022-2023 Sistine Lewis prepares to throw out the first pitch.



O'odham leatherworker Gabriel Martinez from Savage Skins Leatherwork Co. shows his craft during the NARD game.



Left to right: SRPMIC Social Media Specialist Deedra Dallas, Community Relations Manager Laressa Thomas, Salt River Tourism Specialist Jessica Sepulveda at the tourism booth at NARD.



L-R Amaya Anton, Benjamin Anton, Naomi Anton, SRPMIC members who were on the field with Desert Vibe and Wisdom Indian Dancers

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at the stadium.

Community members Benjamin Anton, Amaya Anton and Naomni Anton danced with the larger Native American dance groups in the outfield, representing Desert Vibe and Wisdom Indian Dancers.

Miss Salt River 2023-2024 Kennise McGertt and her court, Jr. Miss Salt River 2023-2024 Jizelle Juan and First Attendant Patricia Woody, represented the SRPMIC and waved for all to see on the large video screens at the stadium.

Also representing the Community was Miss Indian Arizona Sistine Lewis, who threw out the ceremonial first pitch; the Salt River Color Guard; and Martha Ludlow Martinez, who was back to sing the national anthem in O'odham.

SRPMIC Council members Cheryl Doka, Mikah Carlos and Jacob Butler joined Vice-President Ricardo Leonard on the field for a special recognition of the Community.

Throughout the stadium, the Community was especially recognized with digital signage of Talking Stick Resort and Casino Arizona, before and during the game.

As for the game, the Pittsburgh Pirates defeated the Diamondbacks 4-2.



Above: SRPMIC Councilmember Cheryl Doka, Councilmember Mikah Carlos, Community member Martha Ludlow Martinez, Councilmember Jacob Butler pose on the field for a photograph.



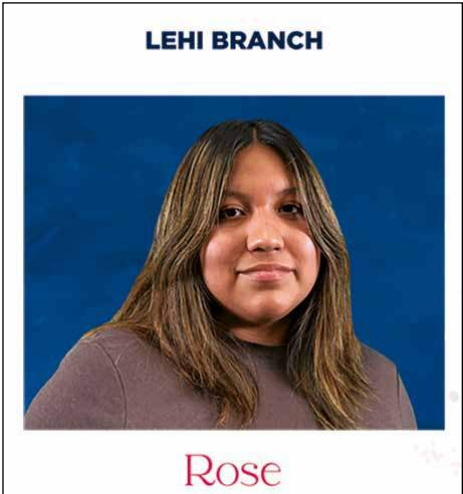
Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Basket Dancers perform a dance in front of over 30,000 fans in attendance at the Native American Recognition Day at Chase Field.



# Red Mountain and Lehi Boys & Girls Clubs Members Branch Youths of the Year Meet Vice President Harris



Photos provided by the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Scottsdale



# Day Worker Crew Brings Mesquite Firewood to Senior Center



SRPMIC Day Workers and EPNR staff unload a cord of firewood from a pickup truck at the Senior Center.

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Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Scottsdale (BGCS) members Marie Washington (Red Mountain Branch) and Rose Casias (Lehi Branch) were named branch Youths of the Year for 2023.

The Youth of the Year program, which honors the nation’s most inspiring teens and their incredible journeys at Boys & Girls Clubs, has been around for 75 years.

Casias has been a club member for 10 years, and as a senior at Westwood High School, she is interested in exploring a career as a chef after graduating.

Washington has been a club member for nine years and is a home-schooled

sophomore. She hopes to pursue a career in art and animation after graduation.

Jaylin Wilson, a Virginia G. Piper Branch club member, won the overall 2023 BGCS Youth of the Year title and was awarded \$25,000 in postsecondary education scholarship funds.

As Youths of the Year, Washington and Casias represented the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community on July 6, when Vice President Kamala Harris made a stop at the Gila River Indian Community to highlight the Biden/Harris administration’s focus on Indian Country.

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On June 23, crew members from the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community’s Day Worker Program, along with SRPMIC Environmental Protection and Natural Resources (EPNR) staff, unloaded a cord of firewood from a pickup truck at the Senior Center. The seniors will end up using the wood for cooking and planned events at the center.

A cord is a measurement by which firewood is sold or bundled. How much wood in a cord depends on the size of the wood. According to <http://almanac.com>, it takes about 50 trees that are 4 inches in diameter, 10 trees that are 8

inches in diameter, or three trees that are 14 inches in diameter to make a cord of wood.

The firewood was mesquite, and it came from the SRPMIC Public Works landscape crews. On a regular basis, they will remove trees that have either fallen over or have become a problem in the landscaped areas around Community buildings.

Salt River Police Department Rangers will cut up firewood that isn’t already in fireplace-sized pieces.

“We had a lot of positive responses from the elders at the Senior Center while unloading [the firewood],” said SRPMIC Senior Environmental Specialist (Range Management) Brian Gewecke.

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## SRPMIC 12 Percent Committee Presents Funds to Phoenix Human Services Campus to Combat Homelessness



The Human Services Campus Administration Building and the surrounding neighborhood.

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The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community’s 12 Percent Gaming Grant Committee provided a 12% grant for the 2023 calendar year to the Human Services Campus (HSC) in Phoenix to assist the homeless population that is living on the streets around the campus.

The grant funds from the Community are limited to this purpose.

The HSC is a nonprofit organization made up of 16 partner organizations that share the goal of ending homelessness in the city.

Gaming in Arizona is governed by the Arizona Tribal-State Gaming Compact between the state and all 22 federally recognized Arizona tribes. Under Arizona’s compact, tribes with casinos contribute 12% of their gaming revenue each year to the state, and to cities, towns and counties. Contributions are determined on a sliding scale based on the amount of gaming revenue realized each year.

The remaining 88% of the tribe’s total annual contribution goes toward a variety of causes, including the Arizona Benefits Fund on a quarterly basis to provide funding for the Arizona Department of Gaming and

its Division of Problem Gambling. Other funds are directed toward instructional improvement for schools, trauma and emergency care, tourism, and wildlife conservation, as detailed in the Tribal Contributions Distribution Flow Chart.

The HSC told O’odham Action News that the campus is currently using the grant for staffing, sustainability and support of its multidisciplinary Street Outreach program and the 24/7 operation of the Brian Garcia Welcome Center, two of the HSC’s client programs.

“HSC cannot continue to operate these programs without the support of organizations like the SRPMIC. HSC is incredibly grateful to the SRPMIC for this generous grant to support our mission of ending homelessness,” said HSC Director of Development Steve Davis. “The Campus serves over 12,000 people a year through the Welcome Center, and that demand is not projected to decrease in the near future.”

HSC said that it was in the process of responding to an RFP from Phoenix before July 17 for services such as staffing, security and janitorial to operate a “safe outdoor space” campground initiative from Phoenix after the city’s planned homeless shelter at 22nd Avenue and Lower Buckeye Road fell through due to environmental concerns at the site.

The Phoenix City Council voted on June 28 to purchase 4 acres of state-owned property for the new site, which is located about two blocks from the HSC.

By court order, Phoenix had until July to clear an encampment called The Zone, near the campus, where homeless people have been living.

Business owners and residents near The Zone sued the City of Phoenix, saying that The Zone is a nuisance to the public.

“There are currently over 800 unsheltered individuals around HSC. The ‘safe outdoor space’ may assist 200 to 300 people, leaving hundreds more unsheltered who will still need the Outreach Team,” said Davis.

The city said that the campground will operate temporarily as a solution to immediately comply with the court order.



# Cemait- and Modiily-Making Traditions Passed Down to Kids at Tortilla Camp



Kids Tortilla Camp graduates and staff pose for a photo at the vato behind the Huhugam Ki: Museum on June 30.

the dough (va:ga in O’odham and mvar uuxar in Piipaash), but also how the dough is supposed to taste, according to the tradition.

“[The tortillas] are never going to be perfectly round. Once [the students] know how to [flip a tortilla themselves], they graduate from the class,” said Manuel.

After the tortillas were finished cooking, they were placed in a bowl and brought to a breakfast burrito station, where staff taught the young students how to wrap a burrito properly.

While the kids enjoyed their meal, a graduation ceremony was held for them. The graduates are Lanice Emerson, Vivian Lopez, Arianna Lopez, Laciella Whitewolf, Lilah Benally, Nevaeh Ray and Elicya Ray.

As the grads came up and accepted their certificates, they were given back the cookie sheet, bowl and cheesecloth that they brought with them on their first day of the camp as a symbolic gesture and a head start on making future tortillas.

James said that this class did a great job. The only thing they had trouble with was putting the tortillas on the stove, a difficult task for a beginner who is not used to cooking with intense heat.

“I told [the kids] that any time you are over a fire, you are going to get burned in some places,” said James. “I told them it’s not a heavy burn. I joked with them, ‘You can burn your fingerprints off and go rob a bank, and they wouldn’t know it was you!’ I was just kidding, of course.”

Ten-year-old graduate Vivian Lopez said that, at first, she was afraid to touch the tortillas when they were cooking on the heat.

“I know we were supposed to get it right, but we’re still just kids. But by the

end of the week, I didn’t worry about grabbing the [hot] tortillas,” said Lopez.

If there was no class available, Lopez said that her grandma probably would have taught her how to make tortillas. “I have watched her ever since I was 6,” she said.

One of the goals of the class is to pass down very specific ways of making the tortillas, a tradition that is especially dear to James.

“[The kids] get frustrated at me. I’m kind of harsh,” James said with a grin.

James’ aunt is Sharilyn Belone (baḍ), and her aunt is a big reason why the classes exist. Belone (baḍ) started the camp, and James said that her aunt helped her get back into making tortillas. Manuel said that she learned from Belone (baḍ) as well.

As the graduates prepared to be picked up from camp, James and Lopez gave parting wisdom to them. Both of them encouraged the kids to go home and practice making the tortillas, and to remember the O’odham and Piipaash names for all of the elements that go into making a tortilla.

“At least try making [tortillas] once a week or every couple weeks,” James said to the group.

James’ granddaughter took the class when she was 10, and now she is 18. She still makes all the dough for her family.

Another goal of the camp is to bring in new students each time, so as to give more kids a chance to learn the tradition.

The next camp offered by the museum was a Youth Tortilla Camp for youth ages 12-14, which was held July 10-14.

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As early-morning birdsong filled the smoky air behind the Huhugam Ki: Museum on June 30, Museum Specialist Debbie James and Museum Assistant Candice Manuel turned, stretched and cooked tortillas with their floured hands.

“You’re forgetting one main ingredient,” James said as she quizzed the group of 10- to 12-year-olds who were at the museum for the last day of Kids Tortilla Camp and the graduation ceremony. “Lard, that’s right. And if your tortilla starts smoking, it’s burning.”

For an entire week, the kids arrived at the museum at 6 a.m. and spent a couple of hours learning the Community’s traditional way of making tortillas (cemait in O’odham and modiily in Piipaash), which included learning the necessary ingredients, tortilla-making methods,



Museum Specialist Debbie James turns a tortilla as she teaches the Kids Tortilla Camp graduates on June 30.

and how to tell when a tortilla is done.

The kids gathered in a semicircle in the shade at the back patio, also known as the Iron Vato, and watched their culinary skills come to life in front of them as James and Manuel gave one last lesson at the large cooking disc, known as komal in O’odham and madiily in Piipaash.

Manuel said that not only does she teach the kids how to prepare and cook

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# Salt River Hosts Freedom Run at ALA Track

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On July 1, the Community Relations Recreation Athletic Division of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community hosted a Freedom 5K run to celebrate the 4th of July. About 70 participants laced up their shoes for the 3.1 miles around the Accelerated Learning Academy track. Everyone who attended was treated to good music, refreshments and a T-shirt for completing the event.

This is not the only event that CRS is hosting. The 59th Annual

Men's Southwest Baseball Tournament will bring in 20 teams to play competitive baseball July 27-29 at the ALA baseball fields. Then, to kick off August, CRS will host the Back to the School Yard basketball tournament on August 4 & 5 at the Way of Life Facility and Salt River gymnasiums. For more information about these tournaments, contact CRS through the WOLF Facebook page or call (480) 362-6365.

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# Summer Recreation Program Showcases Youth Talents



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Students from the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Recreation Department's summer camp program took part in a talent show on June 22 in the Community Building main hall. The talent show highlighted some hidden skills and talents in an effort to get more youth involved in summer activities.

Recreation Social Programs Division Social Programs Manager Seraphania Gould said, "Our first session of Summer Day Camp totaled 65 campers. The

talent show was included into the camp to showcase what the campers learned while attending one of the special interest classes."

The camp runs for three weeks, Monday to Friday. "We have limited slots offered for two sessions. Typically, we like to add in those on the waiting list if there is availability," said Gould.

The talent show's activities ranged from a cooking demonstration courtesy of the University of Arizona Cooperative Extension-Maricopa County, a disco-night presentation by the Recreation staff performed to the Bee Gees' hit "Night Fever," and a rap sing-along by one of the youth participants.



The whole stage was transformed into an island-themed getaway with inflatable rafts, beach balls and tiki torches to make the décor festive. Ephraim Sloan, Recreation Coordinator, thanked the parents for showing up to the event as each camp staff member talked about the fun that is in store for the youth this summer.

Gould said, "After the summer, Community Recreational Services will get ready for the fall programs, which include the After-School Program, Girl Scouts, Young Warriors, Outdoor Recreation and much more."

## Stage 1 Fire Restrictions Adopted by SRPMIC

Effective July 10, 2023, the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community has adopted the United States Forest Service Stage 1 Fire Restrictions due to extreme fire danger within all types of vegetation systems. The extreme fire danger is caused by insufficient monsoonal moisture, high temperatures, and continued dry fuel conditions. The purpose of Stage 1 fire restrictions is to reduce the risk of human-caused fires during periods of high fire danger and elevated fire weather conditions.

### Stage 1 Fire Restrictions are as follows:

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited on all National Forest System lands described in this Order (the "Restricted Area") and as depicted on the attached map, hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A, within the Tonto National Forest in Maricopa, Gila, Yavapai, and Pinal Counties, Arizona.

Igniting, building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire, campfire, or stove, including charcoal and briquettes, outside a fire structure that is provided by the Forest Service within a designated area. 36 C.F.R. § 261.52(a).

Smoking, except within an enclosed

vehicle or building, a developed recreation site, or while stopped in an area at least three (3) feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of any flammable material. 36 C.F.R. § 261.52(d).

Discharging a firearm, air rifle, or gas gun. 36 C.F.R. § 261.58(m).

Under Stage 1 Fire Restrictions, cooking devices that are fueled by liquid petroleum or LPG fuel, that can

be turned off immediately with no remaining burning material may be used in safe areas devoid of vegetation. Campfires and charcoal BBQs must be completely extinguished after use.

For additional information, or questions, please contact Salt River Fire Department, Fire Marshal, Dustin Zamboni, Dustin.Zamboni@srpmic-nsn.gov or (480) 362-6312.

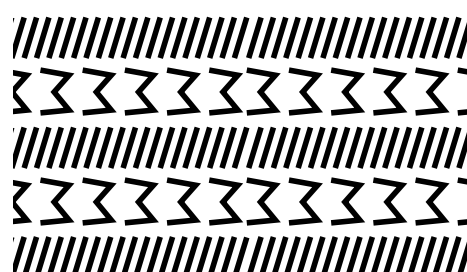


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# Salt River Hosts 4th of July Celebration

members of the Bushmasters posted the colors.

Elsewhere, hot dogs and hamburgers were grilling while free snow cones were being passed out so people could cool off. Those who wanted a more earthly delight could enjoy fresh-cut watermelon slices.

Community Relations Office (CRO) staff and

volunteers handed out promotional items consisting of red, white and blue sunglasses, hair pins, and a festive light to get everyone in a jovial mood.

Setting the stage for a night of entertainment was Apache Spirit, who brought their brand of country music and old-school rock 'n' roll to the celebration. After a round of songs, the band took a rest to make

way for the kids' watermelon and hot dog eating contest. After the contest wrapped up, Apache Spirit took to the stage once more.

After a few more songs, it was time for the night's big finale. The football field lights were turned off and everyone gazed skyward for the fireworks spectacular.







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## O'odham-Piipaash Greetings Initiative in the Workplace

The Cultural Resources Department (CRD) is excited to share a new language initiative to encourage the use of O'odham and Piipaash languages in SRPMIC government offices. Not so long ago, it was common to hear O'odham and Piipaash being spoken in SRPMIC offices regularly. As time has passed, many of our fluent first-language O'odham and Piipaash speakers have retired, and outside the CRD, SR schools and few other pockets, our Native languages are now seldom heard in tribal work spaces.

In an effort to change this trend, CRD is going to teach all SRPMIC employees one O'odham and one Piipaash greeting. This effort is supported by tribal Council and SRPMIC Administration.

Many factors went into deciding which greetings to start with. In any language, there are many ways to greet someone. We wanted to start out with greetings that are generic enough to be used in most situations during the workday. We decided to start with:

**O'odham Greeting:**  
**Ske:g taş. (Good day.)**

**Piipaash Greeting:**  
**Kamduum? (How are you?)**

We are teaching additional greetings for those who want to learn and use more language, but focusing on the two greetings is an initial and realistic objective for all. The goal is that our Native greetings eventually become the norm again in tribal offices. This initiative

is a small step, but a highly symbolic one. Aside from the literal meanings of these greetings, using them in the workplace also symbolically states, "This is an O'odham-Piipaash community and our languages are still important to us."

The expectation is that all employees begin to use these greetings, not just tribal member employees. We realize there are certain challenges that go along with this initiative. There may be some employees who are timid about using these greetings in the office because they are unfamiliar with them. Some may use these greetings at home or in social situations, but have never used them at work where English now dominates. For many employees, it will take some time until it feels normal.

It may also be shocking for some Community members to be greeted in O'odham and Piipaash when walking into an office, especially if the greeting is coming from a non-tribal member. There may be mixed emotions on both sides initially, but we're hoping the end goal is worth the effort.

We ask Community members to be positive and encouraging. The number one reason we've heard from those who are afraid to learn our Native languages is that someone has previously scolded or ridiculed them. If we're going to revitalize our languages, it's going to take effort on everyone's part, not just effort to speak it, but also effort to be patient and supportive of new language learners.

## SECOND SATURDAY at the Huhugam Ki: Museum



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# Summary of Proposed Ordinances for Special Tribal Criminal Jurisdiction

Public Comment Period June 29, 2023 – August 29, 2023

On June 28, 2023, the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Council authorized a sixty (60) day public comment period for the proposed amendments relating to Special Tribal Criminal Jurisdiction (“STCJ”). The reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act (“VAWA”) 2022 created an opportunity for Tribal communities to expand criminal jurisdiction over non-Native American individuals. Previously the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (“Community”) only exercised criminal jurisdiction over non-Native American individuals for violations of domestic violence and violations of orders of protection. STCJ replaces Special Domestic Violence Criminal Jurisdiction that was authorized by VAWA 2013.

The draft statutory changes propose the following changes:

- \* Section 6-0(c), 6-0(d), 10-251(b) and 10-251(c) are amended to assert the Community’s criminal jurisdiction over non-Native American offenders who commit the enumerated criminal acts.
  - \* Rule 3.2 of the Rules of Criminal Procedure is amended to ensure compliance with the Indian Civil Rights Act (“ICRA”) by codifying the requirement that written notice of rights be provided to all defendants.
  - \* Section 4-31 is amended to extend the requirement for a licensed judge to preside over all case types listed under 6-0(d)
  - \* Section 5-35 is amended to extend the expanded jury pool to all cases involving STCJ.
  - \* Rule 6 of the Rules of Criminal Procedure is amended to extend the requirement that a defendant has a right to a licensed attorney in all cases involving STCJ.
  - \* The following existing statutes will now be applicable to non-Native American offenders: 6-3(b) Kidnapping, 6-31 Resisting Arrest, 6-33 Escape, 6-40 Unlawful Flight from Pursuing Law Enforcement Vehicle, 6-55 Stalking, 6-64 Abusive Sexual Contact, 6-65 Sexual Assault and Aggravated Sexual Assault, 6-85 Custodial Interference, 6-87 Sexual Contact with a Child, 6-88 Sexual Abuse of a Child and 6-89 Continuous Sexual Abuse of a Child.
  - \* The following statutes are amended or newly created and will apply to all offenders including non-Native American Offenders: 6-36 Assault on Tribal Justice Personnel, 6-41 Obstruction of Justice, 6-62 Sex Trafficking, 6-82 Child Abuse, 6-90 Child Sex Trafficking, 6-91 Sexual Exploitation of a Minor, 6-56 Human Trafficking, and Rule 804 of Rules of Evidence – Forfeiture by Wrongdoing.
- The full text of the proposed ordinances can be found at:

<https://www.srpmic-nsn.gov/government/ogc/proposed-ordinances/>

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

Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community

The Office of the General Counsel

10,005 East Osborn Road Scottsdale, Arizona 85256

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## Exclusion Notice Vincent Edward Rodriguez



### Exclusion Information

On May 3, 2023, the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Council approved the exclusion of Vincent Edward Rodriguez (DOB: 6/17/1969) because it was determined that his behavior and actions were detrimental to the peace, health and morals of the Community.

Mr. Rodriguez is known to frequent the residence at 10882 East Indian School Road within the boundaries of the Community.

If you see Mr. Rodriguez within the Community, please report it to the SRPD immediately.



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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with the SRPMIC Code of Ordinances, Ordinance Number SRO-492-2017, a public hearing on a Liquor License Application for Taco Roswell, located at 9500 E. Via De Ventura, Suite E-220, Scottsdale, AZ 85258, shall be held at the SRPMIC Community Regulatory Agency (CRA) on August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 10:00 am, located at 8840 E. Chaparral Rd., Suite 165, Scottsdale, AZ 85250 (Conference Room). 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 Licensing Investigator II, B. J. Missie Stillman, at (480) 362-6896.



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# Summary of Proposed Ordinances for Restorative Justice

Public Comment Period June 8, 2023 – August 8, 2023

On June 7, 2023, the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Council authorized a sixty (60) day public comment period for the proposed amendments relating to restorative justice. The draft ordinances seek to better equip the Community's criminal justice system to offer opportunities for alternative resolution of criminal charges where possible, and where not possible, to offer rehabilitative options for those who are incarcerated.

The draft statutory changes propose the following changes:

- Statutory creation of both adult and juvenile wellness courts. Currently, there is no wellness court for adult defendants, and juvenile wellness court operates based off a resolution that is a bit outdated. This new section would create a statutory basis not only for juvenile wellness court, but also for the future development of an adult wellness court.
- An update to Chapter 8 that would allow incarceration time to be served at a residential treatment center, provided certain conditions are met. This would allow a second chance for those cases where incarceration is unavoidable, but the defendant still desires a positive change.
- An update to the Rules of Criminal Procedure that would allow for a Status Hearing or Change of Plea Hearing to be set immediately following Arraignment, rather than requiring that all cases be set for trial. Such a change would permit the parties an opportunity to discuss a case and develop the best outcome for each individual defendant, without a trial being set. This increases the efficiency of the Community Court and also benefits both defendants and crime victims.
- An update to the Rules of Criminal Procedure that would allow for adults to be placed on deferred prosecution prior to the filing of a Criminal Complaint. The juvenile code currently allows minors to be placed on diversion without requiring prosecutors to file charges first, but this same benefit does not apply to adults. If passed, this code section would allow adults to complete terms of deferred prosecution and avoid having any charges filed at all, which means they may not face some negative consequences such as loss of their employment or housing.
- An addition to Chapter 8 that would allow for expungement of certain criminal convictions, provided certain conditions are met. In probably the most consequential proposed change in the packet, this code amendment would create an entirely new code section that would allow qualifying defendants to have their criminal convictions sealed. There are certain requirements that must be met and time limits that apply, but those who have been convicted of crimes such as possession of marijuana, which has now been legalized, could apply immediately for sealing of such criminal convictions.

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## SALT RIVER BUSINESS LISTINGS

<b>ART &amp; MAX'S LANDSCAPING</b> Free estimates mowing, service, sprinkler, repair, trimming tree clean up, maintenance. Max, (480) 667-9403 <a href="mailto:art&amp;maxlandscaping@gmail.com">art&amp;maxlandscaping@gmail.com</a>	7607 E. McDowell Rd. Ste. 103 <a href="mailto:goodlife.nutrition@yahoo.com">goodlife.nutrition@yahoo.com</a> (480)274-3306	<b>PIMARA CONSTRUCTION</b> Civil & structural engineering. Virginia Loring, (480) 251-6849 <a href="mailto:vlpimara@cox.net">vlpimara@cox.net</a>
<b>A'S FAMILY LANDSCAPING</b> Lawn Maintenance, Shrub/Tree Trimming and Debris/Trash Removal. FREE ESTIMATES. L. Azule, (480) 467-8449	<b>HEAVENLY TOUCH CLEANING</b> SRPMIC Member Owned and Operated specializing in residential and commercial cleaning services; get a quote by phone or emailing contact information below. Yesika Saldivar-Zotigh, Owner (602) 301-9832 <a href="mailto:Heavenlytouch08@yahoo.com">Heavenlytouch08@yahoo.com</a>	<b>PIIPASH SHELL</b> 4001. N. Pima Rd., Scottsdale, AZ Michael Smith- Owner Piipash LLC (480) 947-6400 (store) <a href="mailto:piipash@hotmail.com">piipash@hotmail.com</a>
<b>AIR CONDITIONING AND HEATING RMG MECHANICAL</b> Community Member owned business. One job done right the first time! We service all makes and models. License #ROC310871. Bonded & Insured. Rebecca Gonzales, (480) 334-1257/ (480) 823-2802 <a href="mailto:Rmgmechanical@gmail.com">Rmgmechanical@gmail.com</a>	<b>MOQUINO'S BODY &amp; PAINT LLC.</b> Auto Body Work and Paint LLC. Community Member 15% discount. Pete Moquino, (480) 236-3033 <a href="mailto:moquinoscustompaint@yahoo.com">moquinoscustompaint@yahoo.com</a>	<b>RED MOUNTAIN ENGINEERING, LLC</b> Full service civil engineering, surveying and consulting firm. Patrick D. Dallas, (480) 237-2708 <a href="http://www.redmntengineering.com">www.redmntengineering.com</a>
<b>AU-AUTHUM KI, INC.</b> Commercial construction. Margaret Rodriguez, (480) 250-7566	<b>LB's HAIR SALON</b> For all your hair needs. Over 30+ years of experience specializing in trending haircuts, color, highlighting, perms, blow dry's and also manicures, pedicures and facial waxing. Linda Baptisto, (602) 525-9142 <a href="mailto:hairbylindab@yahoo.com">hairbylindab@yahoo.com</a>	<b>RED CACTUS PHOTOGRAPHY</b> Professional Photography for all occasions: business, commercial, extreme adventure, family gatherings, portraits, real estate, social media, sports, and weddings. D. Gonzales, (480) 828-5863
<b>BOXING BEARS PHOTOGRAPHY</b> Boxing Bears Photography is a photography business based in Scottsdale, Arizona. We specialize in portrait photography and photo booths. Cody Wood, (480) 272-4035 <a href="mailto:boxingbearsphotography.com">boxingbearsphotography.com</a> <a href="mailto:cody@boxingbearsphotography.com">cody@boxingbearsphotography.com</a>	<b>NATIVE CREATIVE APPAREL, LLC</b> Native American themed clothing for babies, kids and adults. Design your own custom shirts Isaac Lopez, (480) 410-8685 /(562) 761-9341 <a href="mailto:nativecreativeapparel@gmail.com">nativecreativeapparel@gmail.com</a>	<b>REZHAWK TOWING &amp; RECOVERY, LLC</b> Please call for appointment. Lock out available Eric Schurz, (480) 735-9730 <a href="mailto:rezhawktowingandrecovery@yahoo.com">rezhawktowingandrecovery@yahoo.com</a>
<b>DALIA'S LANDSCAPING</b> Yard maintenance / tree trimming, sprinkler repairs and service. Sherry Harris, (480) 580-0501/ (623)-282-0902 <a href="mailto:daliareSENDIZ0815@icloud.com">daliareSENDIZ0815@icloud.com</a>	<b>NATURES DEFENSE</b> Do it yourself pest control. All organic, non-toxic, chemical free. Safe/effective against roaches, scorpions, fleas/ticks, beetles, bed bugs and more! JB Cortez, (480) 453-9371 <a href="mailto:saltriverjb@gmail.com">saltriverjb@gmail.com</a>	<b>SALT RIVER HOSPITALITY</b> Food service, bar, janitorial equipment and supplies. J.B. Cortez, (480) 453-9371 <a href="mailto:srh@srpmic.com">srh@srpmic.com</a>
<b>DALLAS PROFESSIONAL PAINTING</b> Commercial Painting Company, Licensed, Bonded, Insured, ROC#250102 David Dallas, (623) 337-4070 <a href="mailto:david@dallaspropainting.com">david@dallaspropainting.com</a>	<b>NATIVE GROUND COFFEE</b> A Native American coffee company from Salt River. Winter Wood, (480) 522-8393 <a href="http://www.nativegroundcoffee.com">www.nativegroundcoffee.com</a>	<b>7 STARS OF ARIZONA, LLC</b> Concrete & Masonry construction, General contraction ROC#26357. Angela Willeford, (602) 889-7290 <a href="mailto:angelawilleford@sevenstarscompany.com">angelawilleford@sevenstarscompany.com</a>
<b>ERNIE'S CATERING</b> Food catering for all your needs Ernie Lopez (chef and owner) (480) 907-8945 <a href="mailto:erniescateringbusiness@yahoo.com">erniescateringbusiness@yahoo.com</a>	<b>PIMA AWARDS PROMOTIONAL PRODUCTS, INC</b> Promotional products, silkscreened and embroidered apparel, custom made awards and printing services. 15610 N 35th Ave Ste #7 Phoenix, AZ 85053 <a href="http://www.pimaawards.com">www.pimaawards.com</a> Ron Lee, (623) 271-8311	<b>STAYSHONS CHEVRON</b> Community Member owned business since 1994. Boyd Chiago, (480) 990-2004
<b>GOODLIFE NUTRITION</b> Healthy cafe offering plant-based juices and smoothies, meal-replacement options and event catering. Mon-Fri 9am-3pm, Sat 11am-3pm. Closed Sundays.		<b>THE MAIN INGREDIENT</b> Kitchen supplies, open to the public. J.B. Cortez, (480) 453-9371 <a href="mailto:themaineingredientaz@gmail.com">themaineingredientaz@gmail.com</a>
		<b>VMK ENTERPRISES, INC</b> Janitorial supplies. <a href="mailto:Sheryl@vmkenterprises.com">Sheryl@vmkenterprises.com</a>

If we CANNOT contact you by phone or email, your business will be removed from the listing, call O'dham Action News at (480) 362-7750 to have your business put back on the listing.

## 2nd Quarter 2023 ELIGIBILITY DEADLINE June 30, 2023

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

### DEADLINES FOR CHANGES

<b>Direct Deposit Start-Ups and Changes:</b> Tuesday, July 11th at 5:00 PM. 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 July 2023 payout. Forms received after this date will not be effective until the October 2023 payout.	cate. Forms received by this date will be effective for the July 2023 payout. Forms received after this date will not be processed until the first week of August 2023.
<b>Discontinue Direct Deposits:</b> Tuesday, July 18th 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.	<b>Tax Withholding Changes:</b> Tuesday, July 18th at 5:00 PM. This deadline is for making changes to "Additional" tax withholding percentage or amount.
<b>Per Capita Eligibility:</b> Tuesday, July 18th at 5:00PM. This deadline is for submitting the Adult SRP-MIC Member's Per Capita Information Certifi-	Tax forms are available on the Finance Per Capita Intranet Site and can also be requested by e-mailing <a href="mailto:finpercap1@srpmic-nsn.gov">finpercap1@srpmic-nsn.gov</a> .  If you have any questions regarding: Tribal ID, Per Capita Eligibility & Change Forms call Membership Services @ (480) 362-7600  Tax Withholding & Direct Deposits call Finance-Per Capita @ (480) 362-7710



## BOARD VACANCIES

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### THE FOLLOWING BOARDS HAVE VACANCIES:

SALT RIVER DEVCO  
EDUCATION BOARD  
SALT RIVER LANDFILL  
ELECTION BOARD  
GAMING REGULATORY BOARD  
JUDICIAL CONDUCT & DISCIPLINE COMMISSION

**DEADLINE: JULY 31, 2023**

DEATAILED INFORMATION:  
<https://tinyurl.com/BVJuly>



Any questions, contact the Council Secretary:  
480-362-7466 | 480-362-7465 | 480-362-7400

**SALT RIVER PIMA MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY**  
**JULY 27, 28, & 29**  
**MENS 59TH ANNUAL SOUTHWEST ALL INDIAN BASEBALL TOURNAMENT**

**SALT RIVER - LEHI - ALA BASEBALL FIELDS**  
**SALT RIVER COMMUNITY RECREATIONAL SERVICES**  
**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, CONTACT CRS ATHLETICS:**  
**KIMBERLY WHITELOCK (480) 742-9472**  
**CRS OFFICE (480) 362-6365**



# Emergency Management Highlight: Flood Preparedness From Monsoon Storms

BY TERRY NELSON,  
SRPMIC Emergency Management Coordinator  
terry.nelson@srpmic-nsn.gov

Flood preparedness through individual preparedness is essential when the Community experiences excessive amounts of rainfall from monsoon storms. Various hazards can become present around the home and out on the road. Avoiding hazards and taking additional measures can improve individual safety and can minimize recovery time from flooding.

Here are some areas to consider when preparing and responding to flood events:

\* Obtain information on storms from sources such as the National Weather Service (NWS) at NWS Phoenix (weather.gov) or your local news on rain chances within the area.

\* If you know areas around your building or home that are prone to flooding there are free

sandbags that are available within the Community to mitigate flooding incidents.

\* If caught in the monsoon storm be Flood Wise and do not drive through areas that are prone to flooding or where flowing waters are present. It only takes two feet of rushing water to carry away most vehicles.

\* Flood insurance typically is a separate policy and may need to be considered to support claims for losses from a flood incident.

Following these tips could greatly increase personal safety and reduce the risk of impacts to homes and personal property from flooding. For more information on Flood disaster type of information feel free to contact SRPMIC Emergency Management at (480)362-7929 or at Emergency.Management@srpmic-nsn.gov.

## Flood Preparedness: Be Flood Wise on Roads

- Be aware of low level areas that are prone to flooding after major storms.
- Avoid driving through moving bodies of water.
- Do not walk through moving water.
- Do not camp or park along streams, rivers or creeks during threatening conditions.



## FIRST FOODS FIRST FRIDAYS COOKING CLASS WITH ADAPTIVE YOUTH SERVICES

A cooking class for families with children 12 and under

**August 4th 5:30-7:00**

River People Health Center Teaching Kitchen

We are planning to feature mesquite flour and chiles in this class

**Space is limited!**

**Call 480-362-3355 to save your family's seats!**



## HARMONY'S RIDE THANK YOU DANCE!!

July 22 2023



Music  
BY



Food  
BY



Doors open at: 6:30pm Free Event for Everyone

**A night of live music, dance, food, fun and more**

Salt River Community Building  
1880 N Longmore Rd, Scottsdale, AZ 85256

## First Day of SCHOOL MONDAY, JULY 31, 2023

[www.SaltRiverSchools.org](http://www.SaltRiverSchools.org)



## SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY



## 2ND ANNUAL PURPLE HEART FUN RUN/WALK



**SATURDAY, AUGUST 5, 2023**

**Registration Begins 6:30AM**

**Run/Walk Starts 7:00AM**

**TWO WATERS COMPLEX**

JOIN VETERANS SERVICES IN THE 2ND PURPLE HEART 1.5 MILE RUN/WALK to recognize & honor the sacrifices that our Purple Heart Recipients have made while serving to protect and defend the freedoms enjoyed by the community and this nation.



VETERAN SERVICES | 480.362.7884 | VETERANSERVICES@SRPMIC-NSN.GOV



LEGAL NOTICES

JUVENILE COURT JURISDICTION

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

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

Hayes Jr., Kelly William – Evidentiary  
Guardianship Hearing Case: J-22-0091 Court  
Date: August 2, 2023 at 9 a.m.

Hayes, Shauna Michelle – Child Support  
Modification Hearing Case: J-03-  
0710/0711/0712 Court Date: July 24, 2023  
at 11 a.m.

Hernandez, Dion Jvon – Mother: Maria Arteaga  
DOB: 03/22/1997, C.M.H – 01/30/2015, J.H  
– 08/22/2017, Z.S.C – 04/15/2021- Review/  
Initial Paternity/Name Change Hearings Case:  
J-23-0018/0019/0020 Court Date: August 16,  
2023 at 1:30 p.m.

Kill, Cedella Summer – Evidentiary  
Guardianship Hearing Case: J-22-0091 Court  
Date: August 2, 2023 at 9 a.m.

Paul, Derek Lloyd – Review Hearing Case:  
J-18-0117 Court Date: August 16, 2023 at  
11 a.m.

Unknown Father, – Evidentiary Guardianship  
Hearing Case: J-22-0091 Minor: A.A.H.:  
08/24/2012, Mother: Cedella Summer Kill

Court Date: August 2, 2023 at 9 a.m.

Unknown Father, – Evidentiary Guardianship  
Hearing Case: J-22-0091 Minor: A.A.H.:  
08/24/2012, Mother: Cedella Summer Kill  
Court Date: August 2, 2023 at 9 a.m.

Unknown Father, – Evidentiary Guardianship  
Hearing Case: J-22-0091 Minor: A.A.H.:  
08/24/2012, Mother: Cedella Summer Kill  
Court Date: August 2, 2023 at 9 a.m.

Unknown Father, – Evidentiary Guardianship  
Hearing minor: A.G (4/27/2017) Mother:  
Hannah Gonzales (12/4/1986) Case: J-22-  
0086 Court Date: July 20, 2023 at 10 a.m.

Unknown Father, – J.H. DOB: 12/13/2007  
Mother: Vanessa Gutierrez Adjudication  
Hearing Case: JV-23-3010 Court Date: July  
31, 2023 at 9 a.m.

Valenzuela, Frank – Review Hearing Case:  
J-19-0055 Court Date: August 1, 2023 at 11  
a.m.

Vest, Jacob Sean – Review Hearing Case:  
J-19-0042/0043 Court Date: August 22, 2023  
at 11 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

Acevedo Jr., Alexis Audel – Motion Hearing  
Case: SM-22-0001 Court Date: July 27, 2023

at 11 a.m.

Cachora, Colette Marie – Custody/  
Initial Paternity Hearings Case: CF-23-  
0079CF-23-0080 Date: July 25, 2023 at 11  
a.m.

Cachora, Colette Marie – Evidentiary Hearing  
Case: CF-23-0071 Court Date: August 7,  
2023 at 10 a.m.

Coelho, Ana Rose – Entry of Default  
Judgement Case: CFCS-19-0048 Court Date:  
July 24th, 2023 at 10:30 a.m.

French, Tracy Serina – Civil Complaint Hearing  
Case: C-23-0101/C-23-0102 Court Date:  
August 9, 2023 at 9 AM

Hayes, Shauna Michelle – Child Support  
Modification Hearing Case: J-03-  
0710/0711/0712 Court Date: July 24, 2023  
at 11 a.m.

Hernandez, Matthew Gabriel – Evidentiary  
Hearing Case: CF-23-0071 Court Date:  
August 7, 2023 at 10 a.m.

Jackson, Lana Michelle – Probate Hearing  
Case: P-23-0034 Court Date: August 28,  
2023 at 10 a.m.

Thomas, Vanessa B. – Probate Hearing Case:  
P-21-0012 Court Date: August 14, 2023 at  
9 a.m.

Tracy Serina French, – Civil Complaint  
Hearing Case: C-23-0101/C-23-0102 Court  
Date: August 9, 2023 at 9 AM

Vest, Jacob Sean – Review Hearing Case:  
J-19-0042/0043 Court Date: August 22, 2023  
at 11 a.m.

Wood-Ortiz, Rossi Elaine – Modification  
Hearing Case: CFCS-18-0007 Court Date:  
July 31, 2023 at 10:30 a.m.

DEFAULT NOTICES

COELHO, ANA ROSE  
DEFAULT NOTICE  
CFCS-19-0048  
ELJIN X. LORING,  
V.  
ANA ROSE COELHO

To: Ana Rose Coelho, 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 27th of March, 2023

CLERK OF SALT RIVER PIMA-  
MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY  
TRIBAL COURT


LEWIS, KAYLENE L.

Notice of Judgment and Order of Child  
Support:

Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian  
Community Court, State of Arizona,  
Maricopa County original jurisdiction  
court case number CFCS-22-0046

Notice of Judgment and Order of Child  
Support is hereby ORDERED AND  
ADJUDGED and is hereby ENTERED  
on the 13th day of June, 2023. It is  
further, ORDERED AND ADJUDGED  
that Respondent Kaylene L. Lewis  
shall pay child support in the amount of  
\$2,884.86 to Petitioner, Lori A. Lewis.  
Payment shall be made to Petitioner  
by Order of Assignment of Per Capita.  
Petitioner is granted a judgment of back  
support in the amount of \$21,345.33  
against the Respondent. The Order  
of support presumptively terminates  
October 2037.

THIS ORDER IS FINAL FOR  
PURPOSES OF APPEAL.




Public safety is a priority for the Maricopa County Department of Transportation (MCDOT). For this reason, MCDOT prohibits bicyclists and pedestrians from accessing the restricted Gilbert Road Bridge work zone, on Gilbert Road between Thomas Road and State Route 87. Hidden hazards and conflicts with heavy equipment are present and can pose dangers for people trespassing in the construction area.

**Trespassing is dangerous and may be subject to citations.**

MCDOT appreciates your cooperation during the construction of the Gilbert Road Bridge project and is committed to safety while building this new bridge over the Salt River.

Questions: 602.506.3342 MCDOTprojects@maricopa.gov

**mcdot.me/gilbertrd**



**Title VI**  
For information regarding MCDOT's Title VI Program, visit [mcdot.me/TitleVI](https://mcdot.me/TitleVI).

MCDOT.Maricopa.gov : @maricoparoads

\*\*\*\*\*Public Works Notice\*\*\*\*\*



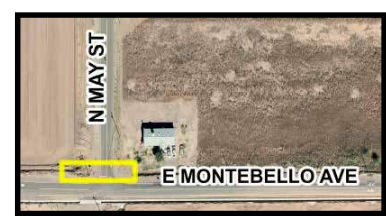

**Drainage and Irrigation Improvements  
Culvert Installation and Maintenance**

**Limited Vehicle Access within  
Project Area**

**Public Works Contact:**  
Ashley Hanno (480) 208-2404

**Start Date: July 17, 2023**  
**Completion Date: August 4, 2023**



**Contractor: Pimara Construction, LLC**



**VACCINATIONS  
ARE ONGOING**

**SRP-MIC  
HHS - Public Health  
Environmental Health  
continues to offer  
dog/cat vaccines for  
SRP-MIC community  
members**

**For dog/cat vaccination  
appointments please call  
(480) 362-7822 or  
(480) 362-5706**



**HHS - PUBLIC HEALTH  
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH**

**THRIVING WITH DIABETES**  
**JULY 27, 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.**

Join us for a day of learning at the River People Health Center!  
Thriving with Diabetes will be held in the RPHC Teaching Kitchen.  
Come hungry! There will be a light breakfast and a catered lunch!  
Approved for WellPath or Strong Life points

Sessions incl: Diabetes A to Z, Healthy Eating, Know Your Medications, Know Your Numbers, Finding Solutions, Reducing Risks and Healthy Coping

Please call (480) 362-3355 to reserve your seat.



## CHURCH LISTING

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

**FERGUSON MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH**  
1512 E. McDowell Rd. (Lehi)  
Mesa, AZ 85203  
Pastor Neil Price  
(480) 278-0750  
**SERVICES**  
-Sunday Worship Service, 10 a.m.  
Now available through the Zoom app. Call church for Zoom ID.

**LEHI PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
1342 E. Oak  
Mesa, AZ 85203  
Pastor Annette Lewis  
annette.f.lewis@gmail.com  
(480) 404-3284  
**SERVICES**  
-Sunday Services 10 a.m.

-Communion First Sunday of every month 10 a.m.  
Birthday Sunday Potluck- Last Sunday of the Month, after services.  
-Youth Devotion/Music (bring your instruments!) last 2 Saturdays of the month at 4 p.m.

**THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST PAPAGO WARD**  
2056 N. Extension Rd. Scottsdale AZ, 85256  
(480) 947-1084  
**SERVICES**  
-Sunday service begins at 10 a.m.

**PIMA CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**  
12207 E. Indian School Rd.  
Scottsdale, AZ 85256  
Pastor Marty Thomas  
(480) 874-3016/  
Home: (480) 990-7450  
**SERVICES**  
-Sunday service 11 a.m.  
-Lord's Supper very first Sunday of the month (potluck after)

**SALT RIVER ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
10657 E. Virginia Ave.  
Scottsdale, AZ 85256  
(480) 947-5278  
Rev. Winter Elk Valencia  
**SERVICES**  
-Sunday Morning Prayer 10 a.m.  
-Worship 11 a.m.  
-No Evening Service till further notice.  
-Thursday Bible Study 6pm

**SALT RIVER CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
430 N. Dobson Rd.  
Mesa, AZ 85201  
(720) 626-2171  
SaltRiverChurchofChrist.com  
**SERVICES**  
-Bible Class 9:30 a.m. -10:30 a.m.  
-Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.  
-Sunday Bible Class 6 p.m.  
-Bible Study Wednesdays 7 p.m.  
-Provides transportation services for Community members call phone number

**SALT RIVER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
P.O. Box 10125  
Scottsdale, AZ 85271  
E: SaltRiverPresbyterian@gmail.com  
Visit us on Facebook  
Pastor Charlotte Fafard  
**SERVICES**  
-Sunday Service, 1 p.m.  
-Communion first Sunday of the month

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

Please call the Church ahead of time to confirm information.  
Information was correct at the time of print, however, services may have changed since then.



## MEMORIAL SERVICES

### Wake and Funeral Services

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

#### CONTACTING MEMORIAL SERVICES

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

#### FULL WAKE AND FUNERAL ARE PROVIDED AT FACILITIES

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

#### CEMETERY SERVICES PROVIDED DURING

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

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

## PUBLIC WORKS NOTICE

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

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

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### Salt River PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY

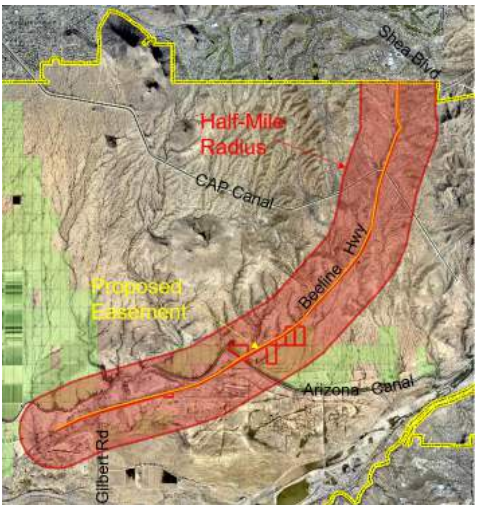
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#### NOTICE OF COMMUNITY HEARING

A Community Hearing is being held by the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community's Council to consider a request for a proposed Right-of Way (ROW) Easement. You may or may not be a landowner in this area; however, we are extending this special invitation to all Community members and landowners with an ownership interest within a ½-mile radius of the project described, as follows:

#### Dark Fiber – Phase 2 Telecommunication Easements

Saddleback Communications, a tribal enterprise, is requesting a telecommunication easement across tribal and allotted lands along the south side of the Beeline Highway (SR-87) as part of bigger effort to "ring" the Community with high-speed fiber-optic to help provide better tele/data services to tribal residents, businesses, and government. Additionally, the project will benefit Public Safety voice and data wireless systems coverage. The current microwave systems that Public Safety, Saddleback and the outside wireless carriers use on the east side of the Community, have reached their maximum capacity and are becoming antiquated. There is no change to the anticipated land use, nor any new ground disturbance per-se.



The hearing will be held at 5:00PM during the regularly scheduled Council meeting on Wednesday, July 26, 2023 in the SRPMIC Council Chambers, which is located at 10091 E Osborn Rd, Scottsdale, AZ 85256. Please note, there is one other hearing before this one.

To view the video, slides, and/or comments, please visit: <https://www.srpmic-nsn.gov/government/1879-phc/>  
Public comments can be made by email at [public\\_hearing\\_comments@srpmic-nsn.gov](mailto:public_hearing_comments@srpmic-nsn.gov), by phone at (623) 282-5757, by text at (623) 282-5757, by survey (follow web link above), or by mail to CDD, Attn: Public Comments, 10005 E. Osborn Rd, Scottsdale AZ 85256.

For more information about the project, contact Harold Jones, Asst. Director E&CS Dept. at (480) 362-7761.

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## Calendar of Events

### JULY

**22 CM ANTONE DISTRICT B MEETING**, 9 AM at SR Community Building. Topics to include new senior center, housing projects update, and community member comments. Please note this was rescheduled from July 15. Please contact Council Secretaries Office at (480) 362-7469 with questions and to confirm meeting schedule.

**22 HARMONY'S RIDE THANK YOU DANCE**, 6:30 PM at Salt River Community Building. See ad on page 15 for more information.

**24 K-POP DANCE KLUB**, Way of Life Facility, Room 56. 5:30 PM to 7 PM. Join Community Recreational Services Leisure Education program every other Monday through June and July to learn K-Pop dance moves and choreography. To register, contact Mel at (480) 362-5652 or [melchor.solis@srpmic-nsn.gov](mailto:melchor.solis@srpmic-nsn.gov)

**25 VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION WALK-IN ORIENTATION**, 10 AM to 11 AM at Human Resources in Two Waters Building B. If you have a disability and want to work, please join us for an informational orientation. Contact Salt River Vocational Rehabilitation at (480) 362-2650 for more information.

**26 DIVE-IN MOVIE NIGHT - KLAUS**, Pool opens at 7:15 PM at 3121

N. Stapley Rd. Mesa, AZ 85203. Dive-in movie nights are a great opportunity to get the family out for a fun summer night! Come out for a night of swimming while watching some of your favorite movies. Free popcorn and water is available for all movie nights. Movies begin at 7:30 PM. Questions contact Aquatics at (480) 362-6310

**27 THRIVING WITH DIABETES**, 9 AM - 2:30 PM at River People Health Center's Teaching Kitchen. Every fourth Thursday of the month, providers will go over major topics of diabetes care including food, medication, physical activity, and stress management. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. Call (480) 362-3355 for information and to reserve a spot.

**27 CM BUTLER DISTRICT A MEETING**, 6 PM at SRPMIC Council Chambers 10091 E Osborn Rd. Topics to include SRFISI Overview, Office of David Schweikert - overview of available services, and community member comments. Please contact Council Secretaries Office at (480) 362-7469 with questions and to confirm meeting schedule.

**27 UNDERSTANDING CREDIT AND CREDIT REPORTING**, 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM at Two Waters, Building B-Room 106. This is one of several courses on financial literacy offered

by SRFISI. Email [gracie.briones@srpmic-nsn.gov](mailto:gracie.briones@srpmic-nsn.gov) for questions and to reserve your spot.

**27-29 MEN'S 59TH ANNUAL SOUTHWEST ALL INDIAN BASEBALL TOURNAMENT**, taking place at Salt River, Lehi, and ALA Baseball Fields. Contact CRS Athletics, Kimberly Whitelock at (480) 742-9472

**29 THE DAY THE REZ STOOD STILL**, 11 AM - 6 PM Horror and strangeness market with raffles, art, food, and trivia at the Salt River Community Building. Wear a costume for a chance at a special prize, and the first 50 people in attendance will receive a "gruesome gift". Follow @woodenhead.collective on instagram to learn more.

**31 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL**, ECEC, SRES, and ALA are all back to school! Call Education Administration (480) 362-2500 with questions.

### AUGUST

**1 BACK TO SCHOOL BASH SUPPLY GIVEAWAY**, 5 PM - 7 PM at Salt River Community Building. Please contact the School & Community Relations Team at (480) 362-2534

**2 SENIOR BREAKFAST**, to be held at Salt River Community Building beginning at 8:30 AM. Contact Senior Services with questions at

(480) 362-6350

**4 FIRST FRIDAYS WITH HIGHER ED**, 10 AM - Noon via Microsoft Teams. Join Higher Education staff, as well as featured guest speakers the first Friday of every month to learn important information about all kinds of college-related topics, including applications, funding, scholarships, counseling, and more! Email [HigherEd@saltriverschools.org](mailto:HigherEd@saltriverschools.org) to register.

**4 FIRST FOODS-FIRST FRIDAYS**, 5 PM - 7 PM at River People Health Center Teaching Kitchen. Participants will have opportunities to help make recipes and interact during the demonstration. For questions or to register, call (480) 362-3355

**4 & 5 BACK TO THE SCHOOLYARD BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT**, held at Way of Life Facility / Salt River Gymnasium across three divisions: K-1st, 2nd-3rd, and 4th-5th grades. Registration begins July 10th and ends July 21st. For additional information, contact Robin Hendricks - Youth coordinator at (480) 362-6362.

**5 2ND ANNUAL PURPLE HEART RUN/WALK**, Registration begins at 6:30 AM, walk begins at 7 AM at Two Waters Complex. Contact Veterans Services at (480) 362-7884 or see ad on page 15.

**10 2ND ANNUAL B-BALL WITH A COP**, 6 PM - 8 PM at Way of Life Facility. Join SRPD for this family and community event along with Youth Services. For information, contact (480) 362-6390

**12 SECOND SATURDAY AT HUHUGAM KI: MUSEUM**, 9:30 AM - 3 PM with traditional food lesson from 9:30 - 12 PM. Gift shop will be open, card transactions only. See ad on page 14 for more information.

**17 ASU**, Classes begin, contact administration at (855) 278-5080 with questions.

**19 SCC**, Classes begin, contact administration at (480) 423-6000 with questions.

### SEPTEMBER

**4 LABOR DAY**, Tribal Government Offices Closed, please plan accordingly.

**9 7TH ANNUAL SALT RIVER FIRE-FIGHTERS 9/11 MEMORIAL STAIR CLIMB**, Check-in begins at 4 PM at Salt River Fields at Talking Stick, 7555 N. Pima Rd. Scottsdale, AZ. Opening Ceremonies will begin at 6:30 PM and Stair Climb will begin at 7 PM.