



## Senior Home Repair and Replacement Program Continues to Provide Services During COVID Quarantine

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Although the COVID-19 pandemic has slowed down many Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community governmental services over the last four months, the Senior Home Repair and Replacement Program (SHRRP) has continued to provide limited services to Community elders and residents with disabilities. The program also recently received approval to move forward on some roof-replacement projects.

The SHRRP was set up by the SRPMIC Council as a way to help Community elders and residents with disabilities maintain their homes up to health and safety standards. The program has helped Community residents with home repairs, training on home maintenance, home replacement, home renovations and day-to-day services, including repairs for plumbing, electrical, carpentry, painting, concrete and HVAC (heating, ventilation and air conditioning).

“Right now, the two main services we provide are our day-to-day services, which include household repairs such as plumbing fixtures, HVAC issues and carpentry, for instance installing grab bars in bathrooms. These projects will be completed [either] the same day or [in] up to three days,” said SHRRP Supervisor Rito Lopez. “We also have preventative maintenance services, which is where we do air filter replacement. We also do weed abatement services; we worked with the Salt River Fire Department



Senior Home Repair and Replacement Program (SHRRP) Plumber Lance Foster assembles a new toilet for one of the SHRRP customers during their emergency non-essential services which staff complete every Thursday.

to [clear away weeds and vegetation] from around homes.” They cleared an area of about 100 feet around the houses as a buffer zone against wildfires.

Lopez explained that the SHRRP completes an average of 8,000 day-to-day jobs each year. That includes 3,000 air filter replacement jobs, which is considered an essential service.

“We have been doing air filter replacements for 350 homes each month. When

the COVID-19 pandemic hit, we slowed down on those replacements and we started getting calls about HVAC units. We noticed that the air filters weren't being replaced, so before the units started to [sustain] damage, SHRRP started going out and replacing the air filters,” said Lopez about why changing air filters has been added back to the list of essential services for the SHRRP. “When we started the preventive maintenance of

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## Update from SRPMIC President Martin Harvier



SRPMIC President Martin Harvier reminds people that although reports of the COVID-19 numbers going down, remember not to let your guard down and continue to shield up.

As of Friday, August 14, the Salt River Clinic reports that since the beginning of COVID-19 testing, a total of 4,231 tests have been conducted here in the Community. Of those tests, 239 Community members who reside within the boundaries of the Community have tested positive. The good news is that 211 of those who tested positive have recovered. Also, 44 non-Community members residing within the boundaries of the Community tested positive; of those, 34 have recovered. As of Friday, August 14, there remain 26 active positive COVID-19

cases within the boundaries of the Community. Like the reports in areas outside of the Community, those numbers are going down; but again, we need to continue to keep our guard up, keep our Shield Up and follow the protocols. Five individuals are hospitalized, and we need to keep those people and their families in our thoughts and pray for them. As of Friday, August 14, we have recorded 16 deaths in the Community due to COVID-19. Again, prayers and blessings to all those families going through this difficult time.

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## U.S. Census Bureau Gives Update on Tribal Land Operations



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On July 21, the U.S. Census Bureau's Denver Region held a 2020 Census American Indian and Alaska Native (AIAN) media briefing to give an updated 2020 Census overview and field questions pertaining to census operations on tribal land.

Speakers present on the teleconference were Cathy Lacy, regional director, Denver Region, U.S. Census Bureau; Chairman Jamie Azure, Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians; Chief

Gary Batton, Choctaw Nation; and Christian “Supaman” Takes Gun Parrish, Apsáalooke performer.

The timeline of 2020 Census operations on tribal lands began in January 2020, when the first census enumeration began in Toksook Bay, Alaska. By March, census forms had been mailed to households with confirmed addresses. However, field operations were suspended when the coronavirus pandemic became more devastating.

In May, census takers began dropping off census forms at

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District I (SR) Nominees  
Archie Kashoya  
David Antone  
Wi-Bwa Grey  
Jonathan Upshaw

District II (Lehi) Nominees  
Deanna Scabby  
Whitney Che Grey, Jr.

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# Former Riverside Lady Brave Continues Her Athletic Career at MACU in Oklahoma City



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Mieve Kochampanasken, a recent graduate of Riverside Indian High School in Anadarko, Oklahoma, is preparing to attend Mid-American Christian University (MACU) in Oklahoma City at the end of August. Kochampanasken will be playing as a guard for the MACU women's reserve basketball team.

Kochampanasken is a member of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community. She attended Riverside Indian High School and played on the Braves' junior varsity and varsity basketball teams starting as a freshman.

"It was really interesting because there is a lot of talent from all over the United States," said Kochampanasken about playing basketball at Riverside Indian High School. "I got to know different tribes ... and to learn how athletic their people were. It was very interesting to see how we can play all together as a team. It was really cool and exciting because it's not every day you get to see a whole school including a basketball team full of Native kids from all over the country."

Kochampanasken explained that her experience attending a boarding school has helped prepare her for her journey to college. She recalled that when she first arrived at Riverside it was a little challenging, but thankfully she wasn't all alone; her younger sister also went to Riverside with her.

"When I realized that I was going to be away from home for a while, it was a chance for us to get to know other people and learn about their tribes. It wasn't really hard, it was just adapting to our surroundings," said Kochampanasken. "The only challenging part was being away from home and homesick. We couldn't really go anywhere; we had to stay in that area (on campus). College is not going to be any different from attending Riverside—it's



staying at a dorm, eating in a cafeteria, meeting new people. I can't wait to see what kind of environment it is and the competitiveness that the season will bring to me and the MACU team."

Kochampanasken, who has been playing basketball since she was 5 years old, is excited to play at the college level. She explained that at MACU she will be playing with a former Riverside teammate, Kaygan Tofpi, which will help her feel more confident and at ease as she adjusts to her new team.

"I am excited for the experience to meet new people and learn new things," said Kochampanasken about attending college. "I am trying to get into interior design, sociology or just anything right now. I don't have a specific major. I am going to just study my general studies."

She hopes her family will come out and watch her play as they did when she was attending Riverside. She also plans to attend a major university in the future, maybe somewhere in Texas.

She encourages Native youth to continue to work to reach their goals. "We [Native American people] came up from a sad, tragic story, but today as people we should focus on the positive things and be strong. Be who you are and be better," said Kochampanasken.

To follow the 5' 3" freshman guard, visit <https://macuathletics.com/sports/jvwbb/roster>.

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Mieve Kochampanasken played basketball with the Riverside Indian High School Lady Braves in Anadarko, Oklahoma her entire high school career, Kochampanasken continues to play basketball as she moves forward in her education; she was accepted to attend Mid-American Christian University (MACU) in Oklahoma City to play on the MACU women's reserve basketball team as a guard this fall.  
Photos submitted by Mieve Kochampanasken



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changing air filters, it actually cut down on a lot of the HVAC repairs. Before, a lot of people weren't changing their air filters, and they would have a lot of coil damage due to the dust out here in the Community."

The SHRRP also works on bigger projects such as full bathroom renovations, kitchen renovations, flooring renovations, full roof replacements and exterior door covers. The program completes anywhere from 120 to 180 such projects a year, using governmental staff and outside vendors on big projects such as roof replacements and bathroom renovations.

"We haven't had many roof replacements for the last year and a half," said Lopez. "There was a big storm that came through a couple of years ago, and we had about 40 homes that had roof damage. We completed all those roofs in about nine to 12 months."

Initially, the SRPMIC earmarked 26 Community homes for full replacement under the SHRRP. The program completed 24 of those 26 home replacements; unfortunately, two Community members passed away before the program could start working on their homes. Overall, the SHRRP has replaced a total of 31 homes since about two years ago. The program was set to start on two more home replacements, but due to COVID-19 those projects had to be placed on hold. Up to seven homes have undergone full renovations.

When the SHRRP began, one of its goals was to provide outreach to help educate customers on how to keep their homes properly maintained.

"Before our program, seniors did not feel comfortable having people come into their homes to make repairs, so they wouldn't call for help on [smaller] home

repair issues until they got really bad and [they] needed full replacements on things such as flooring, leaky sinks and other house hold repairs," said Lopez. "Our first program, back in 2006, [offered] a lot of outreach for preventative maintenance, which helped out a lot because Community members learned about home maintenance and taking care of their homes. It's not very often that we have to do a home replacement, which is good because [it means] people are learning how to better maintain their homes."

The program recently received approval to move forward on eight roof replacements, which it hopes to complete by the end of August. Every Thursday the staff works on emergency non-essential services, such as fixing broken windows, and for example replacing things such as toilets and water heaters.

"Everything else has been put on hold right now. Our customer base that we serve is our most vulnerable, so we want to make sure that we're not only protecting our staff but our customer base too, because [with] them being vulnerable we want to make sure they're safe," said Lopez. "[Before starting a project], our staff calls the homeowner and makes sure that no one is sick in the home. [We also] make sure they limit contact with our staff when at the residence, and we [employees] make sure we are wearing our masks and gloves as well as making sure the homeowners are wearing a mask so that we're all safe on both sides."

The SHRRP is still handling emergency services Monday through Friday; call their hotline at (480) 362-7800. If there is an emergency on the weekend, call dispatch at (480) 850-9230 and they will alert the SHRRP's on-call staff.



SHRRP Plumber Dave Black starts his day off replacing a water heater for a SHRRP customer, he makes sure everything is tightened and ready for use.



Foster begins to place the new toilet for its final installment.



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The terms of Council Members Wi-Bwa Grey, Archie Kashoya, and Deanna Scabby are expiring.

The General Election will be held to fill (2) District I (Salt River) Council Member seats and District II (Lehi) will have 1 Council Member seat to fill.

The Election Board has certified the following candidates to be on the District I (Salt River) ballot:

A. David Antone; Wi-bwa Grey, Archie Kashoya, and Jonathan Upshaw.

The Election Board has certified the following candidates to be on the District II (Lehi) ballot:

Whitney Che Grey, Jr. and Deanna Scabby.

You are able to vote in SRPMIC elections if you are: 1) an enrolled member of the Community, 2) 18 years or older on the day of the election, and 3) a resident of the relevant electoral district for at least one (1) year; or if you are a non-resident, declared a home district. Persons who are in jail or prison on the date of election, or have been declared to be mentally incompetent are not eligible to vote. A SRPMIC tribal ID card is required to vote.

#### POLLING SITES:

District I (Salt River) voters who live West of North Mesa Drive vote at the SALT RIVER COMMUNITY BUILDING.  
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## SRPMIC General Election CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

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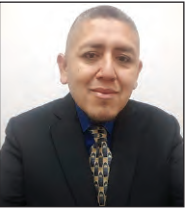
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### Lehi - District II (1) Council Member Seat



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For more information about the upcoming SRPMIC General Election, call SRPMIC Administration at (480) 362-7466 or 362-7465 or 362-7400

# Choosing Hand Sanitizer That Is Safe and Effective

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With the high demand for hand sanitizers around the world, it is important to know which sanitizers are safe and can protect you from the coronavirus. With hand sanitizers making their way back on to store shelves lately, you might notice a number of new brands. Since the COVID-19 pandemic began, a number of new and current companies have entered the hand-sanitizer market.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has found a number of hand sanitizers with low levels of the active ingredient's ethyl alcohol or isopropyl alcohol, making them less likely to work correctly in killing germs and bacteria.

The FDA also urges the public not to use subpotent products that have been contaminated with methanol (check link to view list of products at [www.fda.gov/drugs/drug-safety-and-availability/fda-updates-hand-sanitizers-consumers-should-not-use#products](http://www.fda.gov/drugs/drug-safety-and-availability/fda-updates-hand-sanitizers-consumers-should-not-use#products)).

It is important to read labels when choosing a hand sanitizer to fight off germs and viruses. Here's what to look for:

- Choose a sanitizer that has a 60% to 95% alcohol concentration.



- Do not buy any product with less than 60% alcohol.
- The sanitizer also should have these necessary ingredients: glycerin, hydrogen peroxide and sterile water.
  - Do not use if the sanitizer contains methanol.
  - Do not use if the sanitizer is manufactured by Harmonic Nature S de RL de MI in Mexico and labeled to contain ethanol or isopropyl alcohol due to those products being contaminated with 1-propanol (if ingested 1-propanol can cause central nervous system (CNS) depression, which and result in death).
  - Do not use if the product is

claiming to kill viruses such as COVID-19 within 24 hours.

- Do not use a product marked "FDA approved"; there are no hand sanitizer products that are approved by the FDA.

Remember to continue to wash your hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and warm water, especially after using the restroom, coughing, sneezing, blowing your nose, and before and after you eat.

If you have a serious issue or problem with a hand sanitizer, go online and submit a report to the FDA at [www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/med-watch/index.cfm](http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/med-watch/index.cfm).

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# HARVESTING THE FRUIT OF THE PRICKLY PEAR

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The fruit of the prickly pear cactus, I:ibhai in O'odham, is one of the best traditional foods to collect from the summer through the beginning of October.

While there are different varieties of I:ibhai, the most common are the hard fruits that are ripe during July and August. They are dark red and easy to peel. In the book From I'toi's Garden: Tohono O'odham Food Traditions, Phillip Miguel from Sells recalls the flavors of each prickly pear type:

"The greenish ones to me were sweeter or had a mild sweet taste, whereas the purple ones have a sort of more bitter, more tart taste," Miguel said. "I haven't really eaten i:ibhai for a while, but I do remember that the green flesh [was] sweeter."

Safely picking the fruit requires using tongs to first twist the fruit and then pull it off the cactus. If it twists and comes off the cactus

easily, it is ripe. The fruit will have spines on it; however, rolling it over some gravel or a screen will remove most of the spines. You can also wash and clean the fruit over the sink, using a brush to take off the spines.

Prickly pear fruit is extremely versatile in that you can eat it raw, just as with prickly pear pads (nopales). Many people opt to make prickly pear juice by squeezing and crushing the fruit. If you're considering making the juice, be sure to strain the juice through a fine sieve to get as much juice out of the fruit as possible.

Prickly pear fruit and juice can be included in many recipes. Try using the fruit in place of other common fruit in your recipes for a different twist on an old favorite.

## Prickly Pear Smoothie

Makes 16 ounces

Here is a quick recipe to try at home using prickly pearfruit.

Ingredients:

- 3/4 cup orange juice
- 1 tablespoon prickly pear nectar
- 1 banana
- 1 cup low-fat strawberry or vanilla yogurt
- 1 cup ice

Directions:

Place all ingredients into a blender and blend on high until smooth. Enjoy!



Both the pads and the fruit are edible.



The prickly pears fruit are ripe beginning at the first saguaro harvest until late October.



Prickly pear is easy to pick, can be eaten raw and have multiple ways to be prepared.

## A Message from the ECEC

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Center welcomes families to the 2020-2021 school year. We are a school that provides comprehensive service to families from prenatal through 2 years old in the Early Head Start and students 3-5 years old in the Head Start Program.

Our focus, especially now, is to ensure families and students receive instruction, connection, and support services. Teachers will provide activities and communicate twice a week with families participating in remote learning; teachers can also help families establish home learning schedules and organization so that your child receives the most benefit out of this new academic landscape.

Each ECEC family has an assigned Family Advocate whose role is to support your family. They will contact you twice a month to check in, but families are encouraged to contact them directly. In August, ECEC Family Services staff will contact your family to complete the beginning-of-the-year orientation form. This information is required annually by Head Start.

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The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (SRPMIC) has funding available to provide federal financial relief to qualifying enrolled Community members who meet certain COVID-19 related criteria.

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 15, 2020.**

Payments to eligible applicants submitting a valid application will be made as applications are received. There is no single payout date. Payments will begin to be made as soon as the July 2020 Per Capita processing has been completed and on a **weekly basis** thereafter, with the exception of October a two-week temporary pause will be in effect during processing of Per Capita.



# SRPD Receives Full Accreditation From ALEAP

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On Wednesday, July 15, the Salt River Police Department (SRPD) became the fifth police department out of 140 in the state of Arizona to receive full accreditation from the Arizona Law Enforcement Accreditation Program (ALEAP).

Accreditation is a time-proven method of assisting law enforcement agencies in measuring and improving their overall performance. This foundation implements standards which contain a clear statement of professional objectives.

According to the SRPD, the benefits and value of accreditation include:

- Ensuring that the SRPD is meeting industry standards and best practices through validated standards measurements for top quality and safety results.
- Improving officer safety and public safety.
- Ensuring accountability, transparency and building trust with the Community.
- Ensuring the SRPD, through audits, evaluations, inspections and validation processes, that their operations, policies and procedures match practice.



SRPD awarded full accreditation from the ALEAP. Photo courtesy of SRPD

- Ensuring the operational readiness factor of the SRPD to best serve and protect the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community.
- Reducing exposure, risk and liability, and also assisting with grants and funding.
- Providing the SRPMIC and every SRPD team member with the knowledge and pride that the SRPD has met the highest of professional policing standards.

Indian Country had not been included in the previously existing model from the Commission of Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA), which was created in 1979, and the commission had not been open to customizing the model.

So, in May 2016, the Arizona Association of Chiefs of Police (AACOP) created a committee to research and design their own State of Arizona accreditation program.

Indian Country is now fully represented in ALEAP, with the entire Chapter No. 30 being dedicated to Indian Country relationships and jurisdiction.

Another milestone is that the ALEAP is the first accreditation program in the nation that includes tribal, local, municipal, college/university, county and

state peace officer standards and training (POST) in their criteria. The SRPD will be the first tribal police department to be ALEAP accredited and certified in Arizona and the United States.

The SRPD had been preparing for the Community to be represented, with SRPD Chief Karl Auerbach serving on the ALEAP board from May 2016 to February 2018. SRPD Lt. Anthony Sandoval was the initial SRPD ALEAP accreditation project manager, from 2017 to 2019, and Lt. Alejandro McDaniel filled the role with other SRPD team members in 2019.

Receiving this accreditation is one of the highest levels of recognition and professional excellence that a police department, law enforcement professionals and their Community can achieve.

SRPD said in a statement, "A very special thank-you to Cmdr. Jonathan Gann, Lt. Alejandro McDaniel, Sgt. G. Bury, SRPD Command staff, and all SRPD team members who have worked tirelessly on our ALEAP accreditation goal. Your actions, efforts, and teamwork have brought our SRPD team to this point. Much appreciation and (we're) very proud of you all!"

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## SCOTUS Affirms Reservation – Upholds Jurisdiction to Protect Native Women

BY STRONGHEARTS NATIVE HELPLINE STAFF

### Supreme Court of the Land

Legal experts are calling *McGirt v. Oklahoma* (McGirt) the most significant Federal Indian Law case of the century. On July 9, the Supreme Court's McGirt decision upheld the treaty affirmed reservation borders of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. The ruling upended previously held legal opinions that jurisdiction over major crimes transferred from federal courts to state courts. Further, that jurisdiction in fact belongs to a federal or tribal court.

"This ruling is critical in the prosecution of domestic violence crimes against Native women," said StrongHearts Native Helpline Director, Lori Jump (Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians). "Jurisdiction or lack of jurisdiction is at the heart of why rates of violence are so high for Native Americans living on trust or reservation lands."

The reservation boundaries of the Muscogee Creek Nation were at stake, but the ruling has a significant impact on who has jurisdiction over major crimes as they relate to both Native and non-Native perpetrators on tribal land. And, if the Supreme Court had decided to judicially disestablish the Creek Nation's reservation, the majority of those lands within the Nation's historical boundaries would no longer be considered "Indian country."

### Violence Against Women Act

Further, that disestablishment of an existing reservation would not only serve to diminish tribal land but also would eliminate the same tribal jurisdiction that Congress recently, and intentionally, reaffirmed with regard to crimes of domestic violence committed by non-Natives in the 2013 reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act. Fortunately, this was not the court ruling.

### Major Crimes Act

Previous actions by the federal government, such as the Major Crimes

Act of 1855, created a legal framework that resulted in jurisdictional confusion when responding to and prosecuting crimes in Indian country. Through the Major Crimes Act of 1855, the U.S. government assumed concurrent jurisdiction over "serious crimes" committed by a Native American in Indian country. Even basic assistance such as officers responding to 911 calls, was impacted as it could be possible that the law enforcement responding to a call might not be the officer who had jurisdiction over that crime.

In the McGirt case, the State of Oklahoma wrongly assumed jurisdiction when it convicted Jimcy McGirt for violent sex crimes on the reservation of the Creek Nation's reservation. McGirt appealed his case asserting that the State of Oklahoma didn't have authority over a tribal member on tribal land.

### Deadlock Tie Breaker

There were two criminal cases brought before the SCOTUS, but in one instance there was a conflict of interest. Prior to his role on the SCOTUS, Associate Justice Neil Gorsuch had presided over *Sharp v. Murphy* in a federal appellate court. The case involved a tribal member who had committed murder on the Creek reservation. He also contended that a state court didn't have jurisdiction. In *Murphy's* 2018 appeal to the SCOTUS, Gorsuch ultimately had to recuse himself; and without Gorsuch, the potential for deadlock on the SCOTUS prevented its natural conclusion. Thus, the *Murphy* case was hinged upon the outcome of McGirt.

In the landmark ruling, Gorsuch wrote the majority opinion, "Today we are asked whether the land these treaties promised remains an Indian reservation for purposes of federal criminal law. Because Congress has not said otherwise, we hold the government to its word."

### SCOTUS Upends Previously Held Legal Opinions

Although many experts agree that the SCOTUS opinion was accurate and

reflected the original intent of the treaties in question, non-Native legislators argued that Native people left Indian territory of their own accord and as such forfeited title to the reservation. Further, that due to the lack of Native inhabitants, the reservation ceased to exist. In reality, Native people were continuously forced out of Indian Territory by white settlers and the U.S. government. Regardless, the crux of it all as pointed out by SCOTUS was that only an act of Congress could disestablish a tribal reservation, see *Solem v. Bartlett* (1984).

### StrongHearts Stands with Survivors

StrongHearts Native Helpline recognizes the importance of the McGirt decision for victims and survivors of violence. Tribal nations are one step closer to holding all perpetrators accountable for committing crimes against Native people on tribal lands. StrongHearts' mission is to restore power to Native Americans impacted by domestic, dating and sexual violence by providing a system of safety, sovereignty and support with a vision to return to our traditional lifeways where our relatives are safe, violence is eradicated and sacredness is restored.

To explore your options for safety and healing, visit [strongheartshelpline.org](http://strongheartshelpline.org) for one-on-one chat advocacy or call 1-844-7NATIVE (1-844-762-8483) daily 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. CT. As a collaborative effort of the National Domestic Violence Hotline (The Hotline) and the National Indigenous Women's Resource Center, after hours callers can connect with The Hotline by choosing option one.



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2020

This event is virtual due to COVID-19 restrictions

- We encourage you to complete 110 floors on stairs or stair master, 9.11K Run/Walk or alternative workout on September 11

- You can also complete the event anytime before December 31 at your convenience

- The NFFF will provide an opening ceremony video, printable honor badges and a digital bell that will be available in September

- The NFFF will print shirts to commemorate this years event and will distribute them to donors of \$30 or more.

### Open to everyone!

The Salt River Firefighters Virtual 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb is a way to honor and remember the FDNY firefighters, police, and EMS who selflessly gave their lives so that others might live on 9-11-2001. Each participant pays tribute to an FDNY firefighter, police officer, or EMS by climbing the equivalent of the 110 stories of the World Trade Center. Your individual tribute not only remembers the sacrifice of an FDNY brother, but symbolically completes their heroic journey to save others. Through firefighter and community participation we can ensure that each of the 343 firefighters, 60 police officers, and 10 EMS are honored and that the world knows that we will never forget.

The Stair Climbs fund the programs provided by the NFFF to support the families of your local fallen firefighters and the FDNY Counseling Services Unit.

To sign up yourself or your team, visit [Events.Firehero.org/SaltRiver](http://Events.Firehero.org/SaltRiver)



# Update from SRPMIC President Martin Harvier

## 2020 Census

I would like to remind people to complete the 2020 Census at [www.2020census.gov](http://www.2020census.gov). Starting soon, census workers will be going door to door in the Community to speak with people who haven't completed the census online. If someone comes knocking at your door and you're hesitant to answer it, remember that census workers will show you a form of ID indicating that they are working

for the 2020 Census. I encourage you to take a few minutes to fill out the 2020 Census and be counted.

## Community Curfew

A curfew is in effect for everyone who resides within the Community, until further notice. The curfew begins at 8 p.m. every evening and lasts until 5 a.m. the following morning. Some of our Community members have expressed concern that individuals are not

taking the curfew seriously; again, this is just part of what the Community Council has put in place to help stop large gatherings and prevent the spread of the coronavirus.

## Verde River Closed

The Verde River recreation areas will remain closed until further notice.

In closing, with our extremely high temperatures right now, we all need to check on our family members, especially our

elders. Our thoughts and prayers go out to those who have lost loved ones. Know that many people are thinking about you, even if they can't be with you in person, and you are in their thoughts and prayers. Again, despite reports of the declining number of COVID cases, we can't let our guard down. In fact, let's Shield Up. God bless you.



# Raising A Reader

FREE VIRTUAL LITERACY WORKSHOPS  
Tuesdays, Aug. 4—Sept. 22 | 5:30-6:30PM | via Zoom

Families with children ages birth to 5 are invited to join us for a special literacy program! Every week families will enjoy a virtual, interactive workshop that consists of story time, arts and crafts, singing and dancing.

Registration is required and acceptance into the program is first come, first served. Participating families will receive a free tablet and a literacy kit. The kit includes books and educational materials.

**Limited to 15 families. You must have internet access to participate. Registration closes on Thursday, July 16, at 4 p.m.**

**REGISTRATION**

Call or text Wendy Jefferson at 480-878-8604  
or email [Wendy.Jefferson@saltriverschools.org](mailto:Wendy.Jefferson@saltriverschools.org)

Funded by the US Department of Education NYCP Literacy for All Grant

# COVID-19

## Coronavirus Disease 2019

# WHAT TO DO IF YOU ARE SICK

If you are sick with COVID-19 or think you might have it, follow the steps below to care for yourself and to protect others in your home and community.

**STAY HOME**  
except to get medical care

**Stay home:** People who are mildly ill with COVID-19 are able to recover at home. Do not leave, except to get medical care. Do not visit public areas.

**Avoid public transportation:** Avoid using public transportation, ride-sharing, or taxis.

**SEPARATE YOURSELF**  
from other people in your home - this is known as **home isolation**

**Stay away from others:** As much as possible, you should stay in a specific "sick room" and away from other people in your home. Use a separate bathroom, if available.

**CALL AHEAD**  
before visiting your doctor

**Call ahead:** If you have a medical appointment that cannot be postponed, call ahead and tell them you have or may have COVID-19. This will help the office protect themselves and other patients.

**MONITOR YOUR SYMPTOMS**

**Seek medical care right away if:** Your illness is worsening (for example, if you have difficulty breathing).

**Call your doctor before going in:** Before going to the doctor's office or emergency room, call ahead and tell them your symptoms. They will tell you what to do.

**Call 911 if you have a medical emergency.**

**AVOID SHARING**  
personal household items

**Do not share:** Dishes, drinking glasses, cups, eating utensils, towels, or bedding with other people in your home.

**WEAR A FACEMASK**  
if you are sick

**If you are sick:** You should wear a facemask when you are around other people and before you enter a healthcare provider's office.

During a public health emergency, facemasks may be reserved for healthcare workers. If you do not have a facemask, you can use a bandana or scarf to cover your mouth and nose as an alternative.

## PRACTICE GOOD HYGIENE

Wash your hands, especially after touching any frequently used item or surface.

Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.

Sneeze or cough into a tissue, or the inside of your elbow.

Disinfect frequently used items and surfaces as much as possible.

**WHEN TO SEEK MEDICAL ATTENTION**

If you develop emergency warning signs for COVID-19 get medical attention immediately. Emergency warning signs include\*:

Salt River  
PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY  
10005 E. OSBORN ROAD / SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA 85256-9722

The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (SRPMIC) would like to report the following COVID-19 testing information from the SRPMIC Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)

## SRPMIC COVID-19 TESTING UPDATE

Testing results as of 8/17/20

SRPMIC COVID-19 Information	SRPMIC enrolled CM living within the Community boundary	SRPMIC enrolled CM who do not reside within the Community boundary	Non-Member living within the Community boundary	Non-Member associated with SRPMIC who does not reside within the Community boundary	Totals
Completed Tests	2278	701	357	967	4303
Positive	242	79	44	83	448
Negative	2036	622	313	884	3855
Currently Hospitalized	2	0	1	0	3
Recovered	212	71	35	80	398
Active Cases	19	4	8	3	34
Deaths	11	4	1	0	16

\*Numbers may change based on verification of address and enrollment.

We encourage SRPMIC members experiencing symptoms or those who do not have any symptoms but want to be tested, to utilize the Community's **COVID-19 Hotline at (480) 362-2603**.

Please call the hotline for information and to schedule an appointment. Testing is done at the S.R. Clinic.

Press 1: Information about COVID-19 and Clinic hours of operation  
Press 2: Schedule an appointment for testing  
Press 3: Request a copy of your COVID-19 test results

# U.S. Census Bureau Gives Update on Tribal Land Operations

the front doors of households with non-traditional mailing addresses, with the timing for specific local operations being determined in collaboration with tribal leaders.

“SRPMIC residents can still respond to the 2020 Census online, by phone and by mailing in their paper questionnaires. Beginning August 11, census workers will visit households that have not responded to collect the information in person,” said Fred Stevens, tribal partnership specialist, U.S. Census Bureau.

These census workers in the Nonresponse Follow-up Operation (NRFU) will follow social-distancing protocols, including all applicable state and local requirements regarding health and safety, and they will all wear masks.

If a Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community member or family has yet to respond, they can respond now at [www.2020census.gov](http://www.2020census.gov) instead of waiting for a census taker to knock on their door.

On July 31, Coralys M. Ruiz Jiménez, U.S. Census tribal media specialist for the Denver Region, told O’odham Action News, “Our objective is to hire tribal residents to do 2020 Census work on their reservations. They are familiar with the layout of their Community and there’s usually a greater comfort level if households know the workers are also from the same tribe and live there.” Ruiz Jiménez continued, “The importance of these jobs cannot be overstated, because an accurate count of the SRPMIC population will affect funding for tribal services and programs for the next decade.”

Remember that it is important to list tribal name as Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community on your census form to assure that funds will be properly allocated to SRPMIC.

Seven Community members have been hired as Census enumerators to help people complete the 2020 Census in the Community.

SRPMIC members received the series of five mailings in March and April of 2020. As of August 7, the total self-response rate in the Community was 44.8%, with an internet self-response rate of 25.2%.

Tribal response rates across Arizona and the U.S. range from 0% (if, for example, Census workers have not been given permission to enter the tribal community due to COVID-19 concerns) and upward. The Census Bureau looks at household data by the race of the householder—the person who owns or rents the home.

“If you would like your household to be counted as American Indian/Alaska Native (AIAN), be sure to list an adult who identifies as AIAN and who owns or rents the home as the first person,” says Ruiz Jiménez. “The form also allows you to tell the Census Bureau the name or names of the tribes in which you and others in the household are members. The time is now to help our community count in the 2020 Census.”

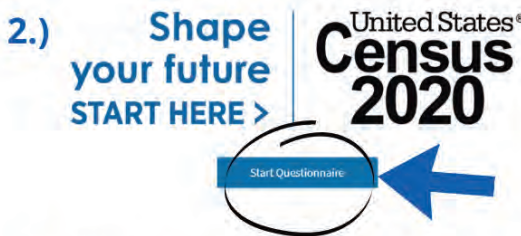
Ruiz Jiménez also wanted Community members to know that the census process is easy and completely confidential. “The responses are not shared with law enforcement and, by law, cannot be used against you,” she said.

Language guides, language glossaries and language identification cards are available from the U.S. Census Bureau in 59 non-English languages. Large-print guides to the questionnaire are available upon request, as well as telephone devices for the hearing impaired. The [www.2020census.gov](http://www.2020census.gov) website offers video tutorials and how-to resources to help households complete their census forms.

## HOW TO COMPLETE YOUR CENSUS

**IMPORTANT- DEADLINE NOW 09/30**

1.) Questionnaires have been mailed out. If misplaced- Please log onto [my2020census.gov](http://my2020census.gov) or call 1-844-330-2020



3.) Complete Questionnaire and if you do not have 12-Digit-Census ID Click Here

Use the materials we mailed to you or left at your door. All the information that you provide will remain confidential:

[Where can I find my 12-digit Census ID?](#)

Please enter the 12-digit Census ID found in the materials we mailed to you or

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Login

2.) 4.) Include **EVERYONE** living in the home. Know your families full names and their birthday's ready.

5.) Question 9- select American Indian and enter the name of your tribal affiliation.

American Indian or Alaska Native  
Enter name of enrolled or principal tribe(s),  
**Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community**

### US CENSUS ASKS THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

1. How many people were living in your house, apt., home on April 1, 2020?
  2. Were there any additional people staying here on April 1, 2020? CHECK ALL THAT APPLY.
  3. Is this house, apt., mobile home- Status of home- rented, bought,
  4. What is your telephone number?
  5. Please provide each person living here. Full Name
  6. Persons sex
  7. Persons Birthday
  8. Is person Hispanic, Latino or Spanish Origin
  9. What is the person's Race - this is where you select American Indian and in the box put Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community.
- Census NEVER Asks for Social Security Number- these 9 questions are all the questions asked.



*Please don't disclose anymore information.*

## U.S. Census workers begin door-to-door visits to Community homes that have not completed the Census questionnaire.

**Begins August 11 through September 30, 2020**

On August 11, U.S. Census staff, called Enumerators will begin visiting homes between the hours of 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

U.S. Census staff will visit ALL residents who have not responded to the Census.

Census staff, also called Enumerators, will be in the SRPMIC till all non-response residents are visited.

What you can expect from the enumerators when they go door-to-door; they will collect the household’s information using a handheld electronic device.

To eliminate a visit, complete the questionnaire online at [2020census.gov](http://2020census.gov) or by phone at (844) 330-2020.

For more information on the 2020 Census visit:  
[2020census.gov](http://2020census.gov)

## Officer Brown Reads Virtually to Elementary Students



SRO Daniel Brown reads, " When Grandma Gives You a Lemon Tree" virtually to elementary students, showing an example by wearing his mask. Photo courtesy of SRPD

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On Tuesday, August 4, School Resource Officer (SRO) Daniel Brown was a guest reader at Salt River Elementary School. Off. Brown read the book “When

Grandma Gives You a Lemon Tree,” which celebrates the pleasures of family, patience, hard work and nature, and the importance of community.

“When the opportunity came up to do a virtual reading, I said, ‘Let’s do it.’ It’s an awesome opportunity to reach all these goals by reading a book. All of this would not have been possible without the support from Salt River Schools and the amazing teachers who allow me to come into their classrooms and to be a part of the school family,” said Off. Brown.

The Salt River Police Department believes that during these difficult and unpredictable times, it is important to demonstrate and practice safe behaviors that we wish to see in our youth. Because of this, Off. Brown decided he would read with his mask on.

“As School Resource Officers, our goal is to be an informal teacher, to bridge the gap between the public and law enforcement, and to serve as a positive role model for our youth,” he said.

# SRPMIC STUDENTS BEGIN NEW SCHOOL YEAR



Mason, Sophia and Isabella Garza dressed and ready for the first day of school.

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One of the biggest hurdles in adapting to the COVID-19 pandemic is safely opening schools for children to begin the new school year. Here in Salt River, there is a solid plan in place for kids to start school from home.

The new school semester started on August 3 for students in the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community. Back in July, Salt River Schools educators began reaching out to parents regarding Phase I of remote learning for their students.

Phase I consists of:

- Students will attend school remotely five days a week and stay connected with their classroom via online and physical learning materials.
- Students will receive instruction from their assigned teachers and will follow school grade-level requirements.
- Family considerations: Childcare for five days.
- Internet connectivity will be included when technology is deployed to students.

Laptops were given out to all Salt River Schools students, while younger children received tablets. These devices were handed out at the Accelerated Learning Academy campus and at Salt River Elementary School for drive-through pickup. SRS is working hard to ensure internet access is provided to all households for the student's education.

The Food Services team will be providing prepackaged breakfast and lunch meals to Early Childhood Education Center, Salt River Elementary and Accelerated Learning Academy students; these meals can be picked up from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the ECEC dropoff area

while remote learning is in progress.

The Mesa Public Schools Native American Education Program held a "Welcome Salt River" virtual tour and registration Q&A. The meeting was hosted by the Mesa Strength Youth Council, a group of Native American students, to give insight on how remote learning will work for SRPMIC students attending Westwood High School, Mountain View High School, Carson Junior High and Stapley Junior High. Parents were able to ask questions directly to the principals of each school regarding bell schedules, class credits, Webex learning and Canvas submissions. The panel closed with each Native American Club president welcoming parents and students into the new semester.

During the first few days of class, parents still kept the tradition of posting their students' back-to-school photos. SRPMIC parent Matthew Garza spoke about the "new normal" of remote learning.

"The first day of school went well. We had a few technology hiccups with the mute button and Webex login, but we were able to recover quickly," said Garza. "Remote learning is definitely a learning curve to make sure the children can take self-direction and responsibility for their class schedule. As a parent it's important for me to make sure my children are comfortable working on their school laptops and knowing how to navigate their school Canvas website."

As the school year begins, new challenges will present themselves. However, Salt River Schools is making sure that school staff, administrators, teachers and families stay safe while kids get their education and will do everything they can to help provide a full education experience at home.



Andrew Mcanlis-Vasquez, third grade, Ishikawa Elementary School



Mason Garza, fifth grade, Summit Academy



Sophia Garza, second grade, Summit Academy



Chyler Mcanlis-Vasquez, fifth grade, Ishikawa Elementary School



Layla Thomas, eighth grade, Stapley Junior High.



## Transit Development Plan

### SRPMIC Transit Development Plan

#### What?

The Transit Development Plan is SRPMIC's first ever public transportation master plan. The plan is led by Salt River Transit and will build upon the SRPMIC's three existing transportation services (Salt River Transit, Department of Health and Human Services Transit, and Department of Senior Services Transit) to establish a long-term vision for transportation services in SRPMIC.

#### Why?

SRPMIC's existing services serve anyone, with additional services for those with mobility or physical disabilities, or aging adults. SRPMIC has a growing population of those who need transportation services to access necessities (groceries, medical trips), get to employment and school, or to access Community services and activities.

#### How?

The plan aims to evaluate the current state of transportation services provided by SRPMIC and leverage public input and technical data to formalize short-term and long-term recommendations to meet the needs of SRPMIC residents.

#### Your Input!

Your input matters! Your feedback is essential to represent and understand the spectrum of needs across our community. Your input will help inform and shape recommendations to improve our existing transportation services and envision what services might be needed in the future. **Surveys for both current riders and non-riders** will be available from **August 17<sup>th</sup> through September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020.**

If you currently ride transit offered by SRPMIC, take the online survey at:  
[SRPMICRider.metroquest.com](http://SRPMICRider.metroquest.com)



If you do not ride transit offered by SRPMIC, take the online survey at:  
[SRPMICNonRider.metroquest.com](http://SRPMICNonRider.metroquest.com)



# Cultural Resources Department Teaches O’odham and Piipaash Languages on Social Media

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“We originally had a ‘Word of the Day’ project, I believe that was back in 2014,” Andrews said. “It was for the government employees only, and the enterprises. It was on the internet, only accessible by employees. So, we took that list and turned it into social media–type videos for Instagram, YouTube and Facebook. When we originally did our ‘Word of the Day’ project for employees, we had a lot of positive feedback. The only thing is it could only reach employees, and we couldn’t reach Community members. So, we felt that a lot of them were losing out, and of course one of our main goals is to reach and to teach Community members. So, we wanted for a long time to have social media, and once everything happened with the quarantine, we thought it was the perfect time for us to utilize that technology to reach the masses.”

If you are interested in some language learning online, the Cultural Resources Department’s social media accounts are on Facebook, YouTube and Instagram; search for “Salt River Cultural Resources Department.”

www.facebook.com/saltrivercrd  
www.instagram.com/saltrivercrd  
www.youtube.com/channel/UC6IYSpKd-S5r3ln96go1uTWA/featured

One of the key aspects of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community is evident in the name itself: recognizing the importance of both tribes that live in the Salt River Community. The two tribes are different, and it is important to understand that they have completely different languages.

The SRPMIC Cultural Resources Department has had to make adjustments to how its information is presented. Like many Community departments, it has had to start posting on social media accounts. Senior Multimedia Specialist Helema Andrews explained a little about the CRD language content and the feedback they have received from their posts.

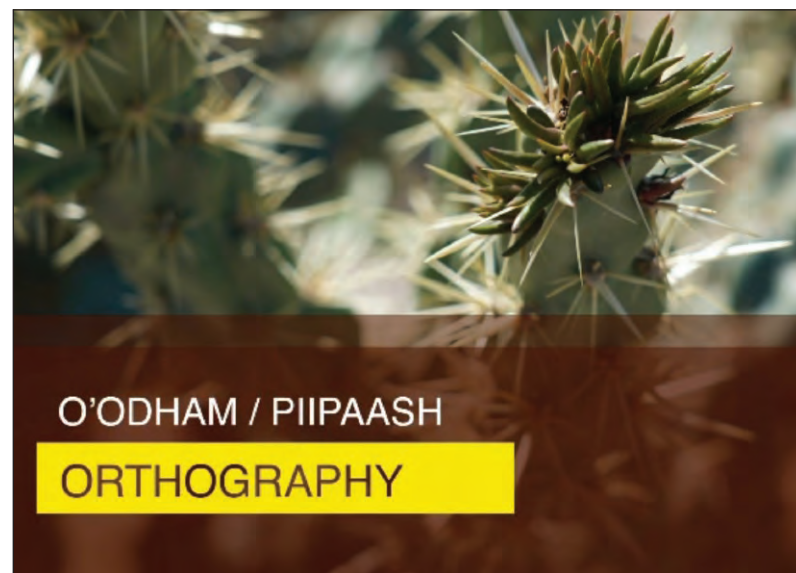
“We actually have three different language campaigns going,” Andrews said. “On Mondays we do our orthography [the letters or printed symbols that represent sounds], where we highlight a letter from both the O’odham and Piipaash languages. Wednesdays are ‘Word Wednesday.’ And then Friday is for our phrases. So far the feedback has been really positive, and we’re finding it an excellent way to reach Community members here and out of state.”

The “Word of the Day” concept is not new. The idea was first implemented in 2014 by the Cultural Resources Department, as Andrews explained.



SALTRIVERCRD.ORG

On Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, CRD posts up a word and phrase for both the O’odham and Piipaash languages to their social media accounts.



The Cultural Resources Department breaks down how the alphabet is written as well as how it sounds with examples in both languages.



## ALERT!

### UNKNOWN SEEDS FROM CHINA REACH SALT RIVER

China originated seed packs have made their way into the Salt River Indian Community.

The USDA has been investigating packages of unsolicited seeds from China.

#### WHAT TO DO IF YOU RECEIVE A SEED PACKAGE(S) FROM CHINA IN THE MAIL:

- SRPMIC Members may receive an odd packet of seeds in the mail from China.
- **DO NOT** open the seed packet or plant the seeds!
- Save all packaging and the seeds and call the **SRPMIC CDD/EPNR Hotline at 480-362-7500** to schedule a pick-up.
- Community Tribal staff will ensure the seeds and packaging are sent to the authorities for further review and investigation.



## 3RD QUARTER 2020 ELIGIBILITY DEADLINE SEPTEMBER 30, 2020

Must be eighteen (18) years old, enrolled, and living to be eligible for the October 2020 Per Capita Payment.

#### Deadlines for CHANGES

**Direct Deposit Start-Ups and Changes: Wednesday, October 14, at 5 p.m..** This deadline is for new start-ups for direct deposit or changes to existing information. **All forms MUST be submitted with a “VOIDED” check or statement from the bank with the Routing and Account #.** Forms received by this date will be effective for the **October 2020** payout. Forms received after this date will not be effective until the **January 2021** payout.

**Per Capita Eligibility: Tuesday, October 20, at 5 p.m..** This deadline is for submitting the Adult SRP-MIC Member’s Per Capita Information Certificate. Forms received by this date will be effective for the **October 2020** payout. Forms received after this date will not be processed until the first week of **November 2020**.

**Discontinue Direct Deposits: Wednesday, October 14, 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.**

**Tax Withholding Changes: Wednesday, October 21, at 5 p.m.** This deadline is for making changes to “Additional” tax withholding percentage or amount.

Tax forms are available at the Membership Services (Enrollment) and Finance Departments. Please submit completed forms to the Finance-Per Capita Department.

If you have any questions regarding:  
**Tribal ID, Per Capita Eligibility & Change Forms** call Membership Services at (480) 362-7600;  
**Tax Withholding & Direct Deposits** call Finance-Per Capita at (480) 362-7710

**RED MOUNTAIN RIVER AREA  
CLOSED  
FRIDAY, AUGUST 7, 2020  
8:00 p.m.**

**Until further notice**

**SRPMIC LOCAL EMERGENCY DECLARATION  
\*\*\*COVID-19\*\*\*  
Fourth Directive – July 29, 2020**

Closing of the Verde River/Salt River (“Red Mountain River Area”) to help mitigate, slow and prevent the continued spread of the COVID-19 virus and to reduce the risk of fires to the preserve area.



# How to Keep a Watchful Eye on an Aging Parent

Dear Savvy Senior,

Can you recommend any services or technology that help me monitor my elderly mother who lives alone? Since the coronavirus pandemic started last March, my sister and I have noticed that my mom's health has slipped a bit, so we would like to find something that helps us keep tabs on her when we're not around.

Concerned Daughter

## Dear Concerned

Depending on how closely you want to monitor your mother, and what she's comfortable with as well, there are check-in call services along with some new monitoring technology devices you can turn to for help. Here are several to consider.

## Check-In Calls

If you just want a simple check to make sure your mom is OK every day, consider signing her up with a daily check-in call service program. These are telephone reassurance programs run by police or sheriff's departments in hundreds of counties across the country and are usually provided free of charge.

Here's how they work. A computer automated phone system would call your mom at a designated time each day to check-in. If she answers, the system would assume everything is OK. But if she didn't pick up or if the call goes to voice mail after repeated tries, you (or her other designee) would get a notification call. If you are not reachable, calls are then made to backup people who've also agreed to check on your mom if necessary.

The fallback is if no one can be reached, the police or other emergency services personnel will be dispatched to her home.

To find out if this service is available in your mom's community, call her local police department's nonemergency number.

If the police or sheriff's department in your mom's community doesn't offer a check-in call program, there are organizations and companies you can turn to that offer similar services offered directly to consumers.

One that I love that's completely free

to use is Mon Ani ([monami.io](http://monami.io), 650-267-2474), which offers a volunteer phone bank that provides phone or video calls daily, weekly or anything in between. The volunteer will connect with your mom, provide companionship and make sure everything is OK. And, they'll let you know if they detect a problem.

## Monitoring Technology

Technology also offers a variety of new ways to help you keep an eye on your mom when you can't be there.

One nifty new option is the Electronic Caregiver's ([electroniccaregiver.com](http://electroniccaregiver.com)) "Premier" product, which is a wearable wrist device that provides activity monitoring, a 24/7 emergency help button, medication reminders and a GPS locator so you can determine your mom's whereabouts when she's away from home.

It's also linked to a family caregiver app to keep you and other loved ones in the loop. The device is free with a monthly subscription that costs \$40 to \$60 a month, depending on the level of monitoring.

If your mom is primarily homebound, another option to consider is a sensor-monitoring system like Caregiver Smart Solutions ([caregiversmartsolutions.com](http://caregiversmartsolutions.com)). This uses small sensors (not cameras) placed in key areas of your mom's home to track her activities – everything from whether she used the coffee pot to how much she's watching TV – and will let you know if something out of the ordinary is happening. For instance, if she went to the bathroom and didn't leave, it could indicate a fall or other emergency.

You can also check up on her patterns anytime you want through the system's website or app. And for additional protection, it offers emergency call buttons that can be placed around the house. Caregiver Smart Solutions starts at \$99 for their activity sensors, plus a \$29 monthly service fee.

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.

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- BE A UNITED STATES CITIZEN
- BE A RESIDENT OF ARIZONA AND THE COUNTY LISTED ON YOUR REGISTRATION
- BE 18 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER ON OR BEFORE THE DAY OF THE NEXT REGULAR GENERAL ELECTION

**DEADLINE TO REGISTER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GENERAL ELECTION IS MONDAY-OCTOBER 5, 2020**

REGISTER TODAY!  
[HTTPS://SERVICEARIZONA.COM/VOTERREGISTRATION/SELECTLANGUAGE](https://servicearizona.com/voterregistration/selectlanguage)  
IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS CALL ANGELA WILLEFORD 480-845-2370

I AM ONK AKIMEL O'ODHAM AND I VOTE

I AM XALYCHIDOM PIPASH AND I VOTE

2020


## SANDBAGS AVAILABLE

Due to the monsoon season, all Community Members can pick up sandbags at the following locations:

- SRFD Station 291 (Osborn)
- SRFD Station 292 (Lehi)
- SRFD Station 294 (Indian School)

Reminder: The Public Works Department does not deliver, set up or remove sand bags on private property. Also, please only take only what you need.

Questions? Contact the Public Works Department at (480) 362-5600 or email [PWCustomerService@srpmic-nsn.gov](mailto:PWCustomerService@srpmic-nsn.gov)



**SALT RIVER  
PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY  
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

10,005 EAST OSBORN ROAD • SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85256 • PHONE: 480-362-5600



With the Community returning to essential services, the following services will be temporarily suspended until further notice effective Monday, July 6, 2020.

- Residential bulk items pick-up
- Residential roll off bins requests

Residential Trash/Recycle services will remain the same.

- Tuesdays/Fridays for domestic trash pick-up
- Thursdays for recycle pick-up.

The Public Works Department takes the safety and wellness of our Community and staff seriously. We thank you for your understanding at this time.

If you have any questions, please contact the Public Works Department at (480) 362-5600 or email [PWCustomerService@srpmic-nsn.gov](mailto:PWCustomerService@srpmic-nsn.gov).

# O'ODHAM ACTION NEWS

Dear O'odham Action News Readers:

Please let us know if you have questions that you would like answered pertaining to COVID-19 coverage. Do you have a story suggestion for OAN?

What's happening in your part of the world? What would you like to see more of?

Please contact:

[tasha.silverhorn2@srpmic-nsn.gov](mailto:tasha.silverhorn2@srpmic-nsn.gov) or [dodie.manuel@srpmic-nsn.gov](mailto:dodie.manuel@srpmic-nsn.gov)

**Be a Hero. Stay Zero.**

Help eliminate household-to-household visitations. Stop the spread of the virus in Salt River.

#ShieldUpSaltRiver




**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 HEARINGS AT THIS TIME ARE BEING HEARD TELEPHONIC, PLEASE CALL THE COURT MAIN NUMBER 5 MIN PRIOR TO YOUR SCHEDULED HEARING TIME, IF YOU DO NOT HAVE ACCESS TO A PHONE YOU MAY STILL APPEAR AT THE COURT. MASK ARE MANDATORY, IF YOU ARE EXPERIENCING COVID-19 SYMPTOMS YOU ARE NOT ALLOWED INTO THE COURT BUILDING.**

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

FAILURE TO APPEAR EITHER IN PERSON OR TELEPHONICALLY CAN AFFECT

**YOUR RIGHTS**

**ALVAREZ, JOANNA MARIE** - Review Hearing Case: J-18-0116/ 0117 Court Date: September 1, 2020 at 10 a.m.

**BECERRA, OSCAR GARCIA** - Review Hearing Case: J-15-0043 Court Date: August 31, 2020 at 11 a.m.

**BETANCOURT, EVA** - Review Hearing Case: J-18-0092 Court Date: September 17, 2020 at 10 a.m.

**BIAKEDDY, ARLEN CASEY** - Review Hearing Case: J-19-0045/ 0046 Court Date: October 15, 2020 at 10 a.m.

**CHIAGO SR., VINCENT VERNON LEE** - Permanency Review Hearing Case: J-16-0173/ 0175 Court Date: September 22, 2020 at 11 a.m.

**GOODWIN, LEVI JON** - Review Hearing Case: J-12-0003 Court Date: September 17, 2020 at 11 a.m.

**JACKSON, ADAM BRIAN** - Review/ Permanency Hearing Case: J-12-0214/ J-14-0143 Court Date: September 2, 2020 at 10

a.m.

**JAUREGUI, MARIA BEATRIZ** - Review & Permanency Hearing Case: J-12-0214/ J-14-0143 Court Date: September 2, 2020 at 10 a.m.

**LORING, ANGELIQUE** - Review Hearing Case: J-13-0165 Court Date: September 16, 2020 at 9 a.m.

**MAEZ, SCOTTY JOE** - Evidentiary Termination of Parental-Child Relationship Case: J-18-0156 Court Date: September 16, 2020 at 11 a.m.

**MANUEL, MORNINGSTAR** - Permanency/ Review Hearing Case: J-19-0006 Court Date: August 31, 2020 at 9 a.m.

**MORATAYA SR., CESILIO** - Review/ Permanency Hearing Case: J-18-0180 Court Date: September 3, 2020 at 9 a.m.

**RAMIREZ SR., GABRIEL MARK** - Evidentiary Termination of Parental-Child Relationship Case: J-20-0013 Court Date: August 24, 2020 at 9 a.m.

**RAMIREZ SR., GABRIEL MARK** - Permanency/ Review Hearing

Case: J-19-0006 Court Date: August 31, 2020 at 9 a.m.

**RAMIREZ SR., GABRIEL MARK** - Review/ Permanency Hearing Case: J-17-0102 Court Date: September 15, 2020 at 9 a.m.

**VALENCIA, ALICIA MARIE** - Permanency Review Hearing Case: J-16-0173/ 0175/ 0176 Court Date: September 22, 2020 at 11 a.m.

**WHITWOLF, EVERON HESTON** - Review Hearing Case: J-13-0165 Court Date: September 16, 2020 at 9 a.m.

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

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

**BEJARANO, SIMONE RAE** - Initial Child Support Hearing Case: CFCS-20-0015 Court Date: August 26, 2020 at 9 a.m.

**BURNS, LANSFORD ELMO** - Domestic Violence Review Case: CR-17-0315 Court Date: August 26, 2020 at 10 a.m.

**CHIAGO, JOANNA** - Restraining Order Hearing Case: R-20-0044 Court Date: August 27, 2020 at 9 a.m.

**COOPS, ELIAS C.** - Initial Child

Support Hearing Case: CFCS-20-0015 Court Date: August 26, 2020 at 9 a.m.

**HILL, ANGELICA MONIQUE** - Order to Show Cause/ Annual Guardianship Hearing Case: CF-20-0001 Court Date: August 26, 2020 at 10 a.m.

**NINO, ABEL** - Order to Show Cause Hearing Case: CF-20-0001 Court Date: August 26, 2020 at 10 a.m.

**PERKINS, BRIDGET PATRICIA** - Civil Complaint Hearing Case: C-20-0112 Court Date: September 15, 2020 at 10 a.m.

**STEVENS, ANNA ROSE** - Restraining Order Hearing Case: R-20-0044 Court Date: August 27, 2020 at 9 a.m.

**STEVENS, ORLANDO GENE** - Restraining Order Hearing Case: R-20-0044 Court Date: August 27, 2020 at 9 a.m.

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 SALT RIVER PIMA MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT  
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 CONTACT: (480) 362-6315

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**DEFAULT NOTICES**

**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE NOTICE**  
**CASE NO. CF-20-0001**  
**IN THE MATTER OF: A.A.B. N.-H., D.O.B. 08/27/2012**  
**TO: ANGELICA MONIQUE HILL,**

YOU ARE HEREBY ORDERED to appear before the above-entitled court on the 26th day of August, 2020 at 10:00 AM, in Court Room #1, and show cause why you should not be held in contempt for Failure to Appear for Annual Guardianship Hearing on 1/13/20 at 9:00 a.m. 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. You are entitled to subpoena witnesses on your behalf and to be represented by counsel. ORDERED this 6th day of July, 2020.

Raymond L. Deer - Judge of the SRPMIC Tribal Court

**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE NOTICE**  
**CASE NO. CF-20-0001**  
**IN THE MATTER OF: A.A.B. N.-H., D.O.B. 08/27/2012**  
**TO: ABEL NINO,**

YOU ARE HEREBY ORDERED to appear before the above-entitled court on the 26th day of August, 2020 at 10:00 AM, in Court Room #1, and show cause why you should not be held in contempt for Failure to Appear for Annual Guardianship Hearing on 1/13/20 at 9:00 a.m. 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. You are entitled to subpoena witnesses on your behalf and to be represented by counsel. ORDERED this 6th day of July, 2020.

Raymond L. Deer - Judge of the SRPMIC Tribal Court

**SUMMONS**  
**J-20-0068**  
**IN THE MATTER OF:**  
**R.R. (D.O.B.: 6/20/2018)**  
**TO: GARRETT CECIL PERCY**

A Petition to Terminate Parental Rights has been filed in the Court against you which alleges grounds for the termination of your parental rights of the above captioned child(ren).

THEREFORE YOU ARE ORDERED to APPEAR for an Evidentiary Hearing for Termination of Parental Rights before the Honorable Judge LeBeau, the Salt River Juvenile Court on August 31, 2020 at 10 a.m. in Court Room #3.

Pursuant to Administrative Order No. 14-0004, effective August 4, 2014, legal counsel, parties and their respective witnesses shall be present in the courthouse at least fifteen (15) minutes prior to any

proceedings.

NOTICE: Violation of this Order is Subject to Proceeding for Contempt of Court Pursuant to Salt River Community Code Section 6-42. If Good Cause is Not Shown, in the Court May Find the Parent, Guardian or Custodian in Contempt for Failure to Appear at a Court Hearing or for Failure to Follow Court Orders. Further, the Parties Should be Advised that the Hearing for Termination of Parental Rights May Proceed Without the Parent or Necessary Respondent Present. Failure to Appear May Result in the Hearing Being Held Without the Parent and the Parental Rights of the Parent be Terminated.

CLERK OF COURT - SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA COMMUNITY COURT

**Public Works Notice**  
**NEACC Offsite Water and Sewer Project**  
 Sewer Line Installation and Pavement Replacement  
 Limited Vehicle Access within Project Area

**Start Date: Monday, April 13, 2020**  
**Completion Date: Friday, February 26, 2021**

**PUBLIC WORKS CONTACT**  
**SALVADOR GARCIA (480) 516-9678**  
 Contractor: MayDall Construction, LLC



**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD NOTICE: AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE, CHAPTER 25 OF THE SRPMIC CODE OF ORDINANCES**

On December 4, 2019 in general Council session, and in accordance with the SRPMIC Ordinance Development Policy (Policy 1-20), the SRPMIC Council approved a public comment period of one-hundred twenty (120) days for amendments to the Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map, Chapter 25 of the SRPMIC Code of Ordinances. On April 1, 2020, the SRPMIC Council approved an extension of the public comment period to September 2, 2020.

The purpose of the 2019 Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance is to improve formatting and clarify language, update certain Articles/Sections of Zoning Ordinance for clarification, simplification, or to reflect development needs, and to update the zoning map for use of tribally owned land for government services.

The Zoning Ordinance establishes laws and regulations that define how property in specific zones can be used, the application processes for reviewing and approving uses and development, and the regulations on building and site improvements, such as size, intensity and setback of buildings, parking, lighting, signage and landscaping. Community Council adopted the current Zoning Ordinance on July 1, 2015.

A copy of the Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance can be picked-up at the Office of General Counsel or Community Development Department offices. An electronic copy can also be found on the SRPMIC Intranet website by clicking the link heading: "Ordinance Public Comments"

**TO PROVIDE COMMENTS:**

<b>MAIL:</b> Attn: Niccole King Office of the General Counsel Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community 10005 East Osborn Rd Scottsdale, AZ 85256	<b>EMAIL:</b> <a href="mailto:Niccole.King@srpmic-insn.gov">Niccole.King@srpmic-insn.gov</a>	<b>INTRANET SRPMIC HOME PAGE:</b> Click on link (under Connections Resources): 'Ordinance Public Comments'	<b>DROP OFF:</b> Attn: Niccole King Office of the General Counsel, SRPMIC 10061 East Osborn Road (Two Waters, Building A, 3rd Floor)
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THE DEADLINE FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS IS: SEPTEMBER 2, 2020 AT MIDNIGHT

For questions, please contact Rick McAllister, Janice See or Suzanne Colver, (480) 362-7600.

**STAY SAFE...Don't Forget Your FACEMASK and HAND SANITIZER when you leave your home to run essential errands**

**MEMORIAL SERVICES DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

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**

The next of kin can contact Memorial Services at 480-278-7050 to notify Memorial Services staff of the passing of a loved one. The next of kin will need to provide the full name and birthdate of the loved one who has passed to begin the verification process. Families can schedule to:

- Meet via Skype with Memorial Services staff
- Meet over the phone with Memorial Services staff

**TRADITIONAL PIIPAASH CREMATION**

Families must seek guidance from a traditional advisor. The family must notify Memorial Services staff if they are planning a Piipaash cremation.

**SERVICES TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

- No wakes, funerals or family meetings held at any tribal facility or at any home within the Community
- No funeral announcements will be posted by Memorial Services staff. This is the responsibility of the family.
- No set ups will be provided at the home

**SERVICES PROVIDED DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

- Graveside service at cemeteries ONLY (20 people maximum and services not to exceed 2 hours)
- Family and guests over the age of 7 years must wear masks
- 30 x 20 tent provided at cemetery
- Hand wash station, hand sanitizer, and port-a-john will be available
- 10 chairs spaced 6ft apart (Please do not move chairs and practice social distancing)
- If family wishes to hand dig grave, tools will be provided
- Casket cart or table for urn

**Time Line of Memorial Services changes due to the following Emergency Declarations**

- 3/17/20 - SRPMIC Council declared Emergency Declaration in Community
  - Memorial Services changed services to graveside ONLY (Limited to 20 people at services & up to 2 hours per services)
  - Encouraged wearing face masks
- 3/21/20 - SRPMIC Memorial Services closed facilities for all wake/funeral services due to Community Declaration
  - Stopped wake set ups at home and no family meetings at facilities
- 4/19/20 - 2nd Directive by SRPMIC Council: All individuals 7 years or age and older within the Community are required to wear a face mask outside their residence
  - Requiring all attending funeral services, must wear face masks
- 4/1/20 - 1st Directive by SRPMIC Council: Stay at home order and no public gatherings

Families needing Memorial Services assistance during this time may call Memorial Services at (480) 278-7050 to schedule an appointment.



