



## Hekiu Indigenous Artist Continuum Wins MLK Diversity Award

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The local Indigenous artist continuum Hekiu won the award for Best Community Group/Organization at the 26th annual Tempe Human Relations Commission MLK Diversity Awards Ceremony on January 8 at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel in Tempe.

The annual awards are hosted by the City of Tempe and the Human Relations Commission. They honor people and organizations that demonstrate a commitment to diversity and inclusion and exemplify the spirit of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Hekiu—meaning “past” in the O'odham language—aims to create accessibility and visibility for O'odham, Piipaash, Yoeme and other local Indigenous voices.

The group is a collective of artists with particular specialties who work with organizations and municipalities to achieve mutual benefits between Indigenous peoples and supporting stakeholders.

“It’s important for the group to receive this award as part of our intention to not only create



Members from the Indigenous artist continuum Hekiu pose for a photo after winning the award for Best Community Group/Organization at the 26th annual Tempe Human Relations Commission MLK Diversity Awards Ceremony on January 8 at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel in Tempe. Pictured left to right: Yolanda Hart-Stevens, Missy Mahan, Amy Davila, Thomas “Breeze” Marcus, Selina Martinez, Joshua Yazzie, Tiffany Enos, Jacob Butler, Chandra Narcia, Helema Andrews.

diversity and add to the diversity, but to reintroduce ... the cultural identity of O'odham, Piipaash and others into the City of Tempe,” said Hekiu member and

artist Thomas “Breeze” Marcus. “It’s motivating because it feels like we’re on the right path.”

Keynote speaker Kenja Has-san, Ph.D., whose writings on

American Indian religious land claims have been presented before Congress and published in a

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## Westwood JV Girls Lose Heartbreaker Game Against Cibola



During the third quarter, Alyssa Thomas boxes out her opponent and prepares to get the rebound.

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This year’s Westwood High School girls’ junior varsity basketball team has been spending the last two months continuing to develop their skills and learning how to win as a team. They began their season with back-to-back losses against Boulder Creek and Cesar Chavez high schools on December 6 and 11, respectively. However, the girls were victorious on January 9, when they easily handled the Basha Bears 34-26.

Westwood sophomores and Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community members Alyssa Thomas and Taylor Moore got ample

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## 29th Annual Indian Nations & Tribes Legislative Day



Pictured left to right: YRPC Correspondent Secretary Rito Lopez Jr., YRPC Clerical Secretary Asari Taylor-Lewis, SRPMIC Council member Mikah Carlos, SRPMIC President Martin Harvier, YRPC Vice-President Roman Judge, Miss Salt River Kennise McGertt.

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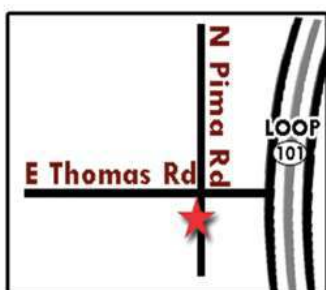
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compilation of oral histories, recalled how Martin Luther King, Jr. talked about the mistreatment of Native Americans in his 1963 book *Why We Can't Wait*.

In the book, King said, “Our nation was born in genocide when it embraced the doctrine that the original American, the Indian, was an inferior race. Even before there were large numbers of Negroes on our shores, the scar of racial hatred had already disfigured colonial society. From the sixteenth century forward, blood flowed in battles of racial supremacy. We are perhaps the only nation which tried as a matter of national policy to wipe out its indigenous population. Moreover, we elevated that tragic experience into a noble crusade. Indeed, even today we have not permitted ourselves to reject or to feel remorse for this shameful episode. Our literature, our films, our drama, our folklore all exalt it.”

The awards ceremony included a performance of the Black National Anthem, “Lift Every Voice and Sing,” by Sandra Bassett, as well as a hoop dance performance by members of Indigenous Enterprise.

Other award winners were Tempe High School math teacher Laurie Dadd and Tempe Black Employee Alliance founder Lisa Groom in the Individual Adult category, peer leader Robert Trujillo in the Individual Youth category, and Tanja B. Halloway, owner of Cut To A T barbershop, in the Business Organization category.

Up next for Hekiu is a large mural project in collaboration with the City of Tempe based on a timeline of the history of the city, as well as working with Tempe’s Transportation Department to redesign 30 to 40 bus shelters.



Top: Members from the Indigenous artist continuum Hekiu pose for a photo on stage with members of the City of Tempe Council at the 26th annual Tempe Human Relations Commission MLK Diversity Awards Ceremony on January 8 at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel in Tempe. Hekiu won the award for Best Community Group/Organization.

Right: Members of the dance group Indigenous Enterprise perform for the audience at the 26th annual Tempe Human Relations Commission MLK Diversity Awards Ceremony.



# Salt River Dance Group Finishes 2023 with Two Performances



The Bird Singing and Dancing by the River performed during the closing ceremonies of the 2023 Ak-Chin Indian Community's Masik Tas Celebration. Photo courtesy of Ki-Ana Reina.

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The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community dance group Bird Singing and Dancing by the River has completed their winter 2023 season of performances throughout the Valley.

Ki-Ana Reina assisted the dance group as they traveled to Ak-Chin Indian Community in December to participate in the annual Masik Tas Celebration, taking part in the final closing ceremony.

“The songs and dances come from the Maricopa style of bird singing and dancing, which are a part of the tribes along the Colorado River,” said Reina.

Following their performance in Ak-Chin, the group traveled back home to perform at the Community’s 2023 New Year’s Eve celebration.

The group was founded in 2003 by Annette and Lynwood Vest, and many of the traditions established in those early years are still followed today. “They (Annette and Lynwood Vest) formed the group to help the children in the Community understand and know more about Maricopa and O’odham songs and dances,” said Reina. She proudly added, “As of today, the dance group Bird Singing and Dancing by the River is in its third generation of singers and dancers.”

Now that the new year is here, the group is preparing for another calendar year of performances across



Members of the Bird Singing and Dancing by the River enjoyed performing for Ak-Chin and were excited to perform again back home for the annual New Years Celebration. Photo courtesy of Juan C. Nieto.

the Valley and Indian Country. Performers and dancers of all ages are welcome. “The group is always open to those who are wanting to learn,” said Reina. The youngest member is 2 years old, and the oldest members are young adults finishing school.

Practices take place Wednesday evenings at Friendship Park.



# Community Recreational Services Winter Break Camp Keeps Kids Active

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The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community's Community Recreational Services (CRS) rolled out their Winter Break Camp December 27-29 and January 2-5, providing opportunities for kids in the Community to stay active while they're on school vacation.

Many of the camp activities took place at the Way of Life Facility (WOLF), while others were off-site. Activities that the kids looked forward to included hiking, a movie, a trip to a skate park, a maker's fest, a Pokémon Go Hunt field trip, a WOLF Wonderland, and gym games with the CRS Athletics Division.

O'odham Action News followed CRS Athletics staff as they interacted with campgoers in a variety of 30-minute group games on the basketball court in the WOLF gym.

Two groups, kids ages 8 to 12 and 13 to 15, took turns playing out on the court with games that included basketball, capture the flag, kickball and a special gym version of Hungry, Hungry Hippos.

For Hungry, Hungry Hippos, the kids met at half-court with carts that had wheels on them to act as the hungry hippo collectors, emulating the classic board game as participants grabbed pretend food items placed out on the court as quickly as they could.

CRS Athletic Manager David Willis said that it's good for the kids to get out this time of year.

"I know [that] a lot of times after Christmas, they want to be at their house playing video games. But we try to keep them active," said Willis. "Getting them out here to hang out with their friends, talk about what they got for Christmas and enjoy doing some physical activity is always good for them."



Kids at the SRPMIC Community Recreational Services (CRS) Winter Break Camp dive into a game of Hungry, Hungry Hippos at half court.



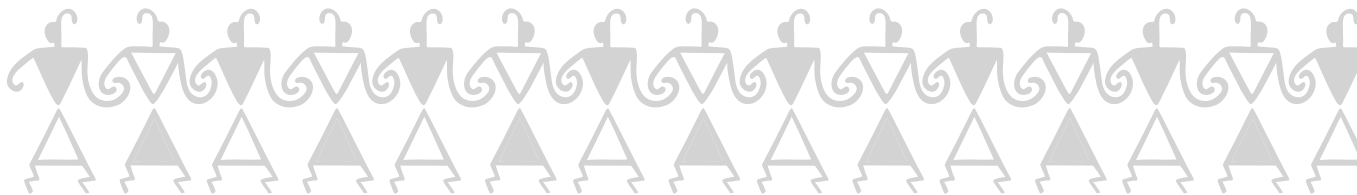
CRS staff hoop it up with kids to create positive memories and help them maintain a healthy and active lifestyle.



"Bullseye!" One of the kids from the CRS Winter Break Camp nails a perfect throw to knock a ball loose from its base.



CRS Athletic Manager Davis Willis places pieces from the Hungry, Hungry Hippos game at half court as kids gear up to play the game.



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## Seniors Enjoy Pajamas and Donuts Breakfast Party



Seniors arrive in comfortable pajamas and enjoy delicious donuts at the first Senior Breakfast of the year at the Lehi Community Center on January 3.



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Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community seniors celebrated the beginning of 2024 with their first Senior Breakfast of the new year at the Lehi Community Center on January 3.

The seniors rolled out of bed with hungry stomachs for this month's theme, a special pajamas and donut party. There was plenty of both to go around.

Senior Services Community Liaison Jessica Martinez began the breakfast by leading a stretching session with the seniors. After that, SRPMIC Council Member David Antone led the morning prayer.

While the seniors ate their breakfast, staff from the Air Quality Program of the

SRPMIC Environmental Protection and Natural Resources Department/Community Development Department passed around a Climate Pollution Reduction Plan survey, asking the seniors to help them create a plan to reduce greenhouse-gas emissions within the Community.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency awarded the SRPMIC a \$400,000 Climate Pollution Reduction Grant to develop a plan to reduce vehicle emissions and other harmful air pollution in the Community.

Also at the breakfast were members of the CDD Code Compliance Division, who gave an overview of how they conduct outdoor homesite inspections for health and safety compliance and environmental hazards.



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## 'Rethink Your Drink' Classes Suggest Healthier Beverage Options

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According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, sugary drinks are the leading source of added sugars in the American diet.

In order to combat these added sugars, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Diabetes Prevention Services put together a series of classes on November 13, December 11 and January 8 to help people learn about healthier ways to stay hydrated.

During January's class, participants learned just how many teaspoons of sugar are in certain drinks and how many minutes of brisk walking it takes to burn off the drink at a speed of 3.5 mph.

"When we're talking 3.5 mph, we're talking about a really good walk," said Community Health Educator Karina Watson of Health and Human Services Diabetes Prevention Services as she briskly walked around the tables, demonstrating the pace needed to burn off the sugar.

For example, a bottle of sweetened tea has about 213 calories and 14 teaspoons of sugar per container size. It would take about 46 minutes to burn off the sugar walking at that pace.

Most beverages that are high in sugars, except 100% fruit juice, provide empty calories and increase your risk of obesity and tooth decay, according to Watson. While fruit juices do contain some vitamins and minerals, it's better to eat the whole fruit, which is a good source of fiber, rather than drink the juice.

Beverages that Watson said are good options for zero teaspoons of added sugar include water, black coffee, seltzer, sugar-free drink mix, sugar-free lemonade and unsweetened tea.

Because many people don't like to drink plain water, at the end of the event, Watson handed out infused water bottles and cutting boards for participants to chop up fruits and vegetables to place in their water bottles to add the natural flavors. With infused water, you can soak the ingredients in water and enjoy them right away or let them soak in the water for a couple of hours, or overnight for a more intense flavor.



Participants in the January 8 "Rethink Your Drink" class discuss the sugar content of the beverages placed on the table in a classroom at the Way of Life Facility.

## First Foods, First Fridays with Skoden Coffee



(Left) Jordan Manuelito prepares the berry glaze for the blue corn donuts as Natasha John (Right) steeps the Diné tea.

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On the first Friday of the month, January 5, the River People Health Center brought in Skoden Coffee for the First Foods, First Fridays cooking class.

As the name suggests, the classes take place on the first Friday of each month and highlight pre-contact foods, or foods that existed in the Americas and were eaten by Indigenous peoples prior to colonization.

The RPHC Nutrition Services team invited Indigenous- and Queer-led business Skoden Coffee as the first presenter in the class series. Skoden Coffee is a coffee shop that was originally located in Window Rock on the Navajo Nation

and now has reopened in Phoenix, near Central and Camelback roads.

Inspired by their traditional Diné teachings, the coffee collective used two pre-contact foods, blue corn and the plant thelesperma, to prepare blue corn donuts and Diné tea.

The donuts, made from a mixture of juniper ash and blue corn, are an example of the process used by Indigenous peoples called nixtamalization. During preparation, the juniper ash activates the maize (corn) and allows the body to properly absorb vitamin B3 (also called niacin) and obtain the full nutritional benefits of corn.

"Nixtamalization is such a cool thing that Native people have been doing forever that colonizers did not know

about," said RPHC Nutritionist Kat Latour. "Vitamin B3 from the corn is not able to be absorbed without the ash. Without [vitamin B3], you would get pellagra, a nutritional deficiency."

Thelesperma, the plant used in Diné tea, is steeped until it reaches a rich red color. In addition to the Diné people, Skoden Coffee barista Natasha John shared that the tea is traditionally used by tribes like the Hopis and Pueblo peoples for digestion and menstruation relief. John joked, "We would have made you some of our coffee, but we didn't want to keep you up all night."

As Skoden barista Jordan Manuelito finished baking the blue corn donuts, she prepared a glaze made of frozen berries and a diabetic-friendly sweetener made from monkfruit.

Latour added, "When it comes to diabetes management, I would argue it's always better to choose the substitute rather than the regular sugar. Even if it does raise your blood sugar a little, it is not going to raise it as much as a regular sugar would. And that is the priority."



The Skoden Coffee blue corn donuts were made from a mixture of blue corn and juniper ash.



Skoden Barista Jordan Manuelito finishes the blue corn donuts with a berry glaze made with assorted berries and monkfruit sweetener.

After preparation, the students in the class were then treated to the blue corn donuts, a warm cup of fresh Diné tea, and some newfound knowledge of foods that have long sustained nutrition in Native communities.

For more classes like these, stay tuned to the River People Health Center to attend future First Foods, First Fridays demos. Classes will cover more pre-contact foods like cholla buds, tepary beans and Pima 60-day corn.



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Community Outreach Day



Vurlene Notsinneh-Bowekaty (right) and Melanie Nosie met with SRPMIC members and staff at the Round House Cafe on January 8 to promote their department's events for the month.

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Community health educators Vurlene Notsinneh-Bowekaty and Melanie Nosie from the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community's Health and Human Services Suicide Prevention and Intervention program spent the morning of January 8 at the Round House Café promoting Community Outreach Day.

The hour-long event featured free goodies such as pens, lens wipes, notepads and stress balls. The educators were happy to meet and speak with Community members and staff as they promoted their department's webinars and events for the month of January.

During January, the Suicide Prevention and Intervention program invited all staff to attend their free webinars, visit them at the café to talk and get educational brochures about healthy living, and wear their favorite blue shirt on January 11 for Human Trafficking Awareness Day.

Notsinneh-Bowekaty and Nosie will be hosting a webinar on January 24 from 4pm to 5pm. The topic will be "Teens and Human Trafficking" and the presentation will be for teens only.

For more questions, please contact the SRPMIC Health and Human Services Educators at 480-365-2706 (Notsinneh-Bowekaty) or 480-362-6678 (Nosie).

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Miss Salt River Kennise McGertt and SRPMIC Youth tried their best to win the tug-of-war mini-game against members of Youth Services and Salt River PD during the Youth Day Celebration at the Way of Life Facility.

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Earlier this month, the Salt River Police Department and the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Youth Services Department joined forces to celebrate Community youth during the 2024 SRPD Youth Day celebration.

The morning of January 4 proved to be over-cast and a bit chilly, with the high for the day eventually reaching only 60 degrees. Thankfully, by the time the fun-filled celebration began at 10 a.m. at the Way of Life Facility's Little League field, the sun had begun to peek out of the clouds to provide the kids with just enough sunshine for their day.

The SRPD and SRPMIC Youth Services staff established five courses of gameplay for the kids to enjoy. Kids were grouped together by age and played with members of Youth Services and the SRPD for 30 minutes at each station. Kickball, flag football, soccer, tug-of-

war, and a hula-hoop beanbag obstacle course for the little kids were all part of the fun.

Jr. Miss Salt River Jizelle Juan and Miss Salt River Kennise McGertt were in attendance and participated in all of the stations. While playing flag football, Juan showed off her impressive arm strength by throwing a few touchdowns.

Later, the two royalty queens playfully went head-to-head in the obstacle course footrace, which they both competed barefoot. With their crowns held off to the side by the Salt River Pageant Committee for safekeeping, the young ladies laughed for the entire length of the course as they were cheered on by everyone. Afterwards, they separated into teams at the tug-of-war station and continued to visit the rest of the stations during the event.

Lunch was provided to the kids, and there were opportunities to win prizes such as a Phoenix Mercury beanie, basketballs, water bottles and a brand-new bicycle.

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Are you a senior (age 55+) in the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community who is looking to improve your computer skills? Once a month, at both the Salt River Senior Center and at the Red Mountain Computer Lab in Two Waters Building A, the SRPMIC IT Department Customer Care Division will be hosting a series of classes in computer basics for Community seniors.

The IT Customer Care division welcomes seniors of all skill levels and learning styles.

"The ultimate goal is to allow seniors to learn at their own pace. We encourage the seniors to let us know what technology subjects they want to learn," said IT Customer Care Supervisor Alana Osife.

As of now, the classes cover subjects in Microsoft applica-

tions, Internet safety, mobile apps, art applications, mobile phones, email and photo editing.

However, Osife says the class subject material is open to change and can be steered toward other areas. "As long as there is interest from our seniors, we will offer the training for them," said Osife.

In addition to training on the computer, IT Customer Care also wants to make learning technology fun.

"We like to incorporate an activity that pertains to the subject we just learned. For example, if we learned Microsoft Word, we have the seniors type simple paragraphs, use the document templates, or practice keyboard and mouse skills," said Osife.

Interested seniors can attend the upcoming classes at either the Salt River Senior Center or at Two Waters. To arrange transportation, contact the Senior Services Department at (480) 362-6350.



# 29th Annual Indian Nations & Tribes Legislative Day

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It was a brisk morning on the grounds of the Arizona Capitol as hundreds of people, mostly from Arizona's tribal communities, huddled around warming stations, sipped coffee and ate frybread at the 29th Annual Indian Nations & Tribes Legislative Day on January 10.

According to the Arizona Governor's Office on Tribal Relations, which hosted the event, Indian Nations & Tribes Legislative Day celebrates the rich culture and history of Arizona's tribes and addresses issues of mutual interest between tribes, state agencies and community members.

The event began with a resource fair outside the Capitol, where state agencies and local businesses handed out information. One of the booths at the fair was the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community's Foster Care Program. Staff handed out pamphlets detailing the services provided, as well as stickers with their logo on it.

Members of the Young River People's Council (YRPC), the youth council for the SRPMIC, were also present at the event.

"We're here to shadow Council leaders and listen in on other tribal leaders' issues they have in Indian Country," said YRPC Vice-President Roman Judge.

Judge hoped to learn from the youth workshop "Lighting the Fire: Bringing Light to Your Community Through Advocacy," presented by United Indian Tribal Youth (UNI-

TY, Inc.) later in the day in one of the Senate caucus rooms.

People lined up outside the Arizona House of Representatives, which hosted a joint protocol session from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Once inside, they packed the seats above the House floor.

The Chi'Chino Spirit O'odham Singing Group opened the session with a traditional song before American Legion Post #114 Bushmasters, from the SRPMIC, presented the colors on the House floor.

Miss Indian Arizona Laney Lupe (White Mountain Apache) led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Vice-President Paul Russell from the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation gave the invocation.

After opening remarks by Speaker of the House Ben Toma and Senate President Warren Petersen, SRPMIC President Martin Harvier, Hualapai Tribe Chairwoman Sherry Parker and Ak-Chin Indian Community Chairman Robert Miguel gave their tribal nations addresses, sharing their communities' perspectives on important tribal issues.

"Today is a new beginning for tribal nations to engage the State of Arizona's legislature on common issues we share and to seek reasonable solutions to have a mutually beneficial outcome," Harvier said in his address. "The core of this effort is the phrase 'A rising tide lifts all boats'—that is to say all of us benefit from each other's successes."

Harvier also recognized the members of the Young River People's Council during his speech and thanked them for being there.

After the session was over, attendees ate lunch on the House Lawn, sponsored by the Arizona Indian Gaming Association, while the South Image Waila Band from the Tohono O'odham Nation performed.

In the afternoon, breakout sessions with panels of representatives from Arizona state agencies took place in the House of Representatives hearing rooms, giving an opportunity for people to meet leadership from a variety of state agencies and hear about the work they do with tribal communities.



Members of the American Legion Post #114 Bushmasters pose for a photo with Miss Indian Arizona Laney Lupe from the White Mountain Apache Tribe.



SRPMIC President Martin Harvier gives his Tribal Nations Address at the 29th Annual Indian Nations & Tribes Legislative Day.



American Legion Post #114 Bushmasters present the colors on the House floor.

## SRPMIC Hosts Webinar Discussing Sex Trafficking

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"This topic is heavy," began Memory Dawn Long Chase, domestic violence response director for the Southwest Indigenous Women's Coalition (SWIWC). The organization is the domestic and sexual violence coalition serving Indian tribes in Arizona. Since 2006, SWIWC has worked on issues relating to the safety, justice and healing of tribal communities regarding missing and murdered Indigenous women and the LGBTQIA+ and Two-Spirit community.

Sex trafficking in Indian Country is defined as "the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, obtaining, patronizing or soliciting of a person for the purpose of a commercial sex act."

The webinar on sex trafficking drew more than 50 people who attended online via Microsoft Teams. An enrolled member of the Standing Rock Sioux tribe, Long Chase referred to Indigenous victims of sex trafficking as "our relatives" and spoke with professionalism regarding the sensitive topic. "If at any point in this presentation you feel the need to step aside and get some fresh air, that's okay," stated Long Chase before she began.

Long Chase first dove into some factors that make people more vulnerable to sex trafficking in Indian Country. "For our relatives, 'passing as many different ethnicities,' 'adolescents lacking supervision' and 'being a runaway or unhoused youth' are all factors that can lead to being harmed," she said.

Community Health Educator Vurlene Notsinneh-Bowekaty of SRPMIC Health and Human Services Suicide Prevention and Intervention provided a current example when she discussed an article she recently read. "The article that said families were using their own children to be sex trafficked so they could bring finances in ... to pay for bills and food," she said. "It's shocking."

During the webinar, Monica Lewis asked for sex trafficking stats in the Community. Salt River Police Department Lt. Kevin Westberg was attending the webinar and was able to speak to the group. Though he did not provide the official numbers, he did state that the most recent NFL Super Bowl in Arizona,



Memory Dawn Long Chase was the guest speaker for two webinars during the week of January 8.

played last February 12 in Glendale, had "many task forces completing investigations and were [kept] busy" during the event.

Notsinneh-Bowekaty thanked Lt. Westberg for addressing the group and added, "[Sex trafficking] is here. We don't know who might be doing it, but it is happening."

Long Chase offered a few ways to help increase awareness and support our relatives who have been victims of sex trafficking. "Our youth need to be educated," she said. "We know it's happening in all of our communities."

It was at Long Chase's suggestion that all SRPMIC staff and Community members, and really everyone in Indian Country, become more educated about sex trafficking. "Parents, casino staff and security, tribal councils, our education departments, and our divisions of public safety like police and fire all need to be aware of the signs so we can better protect our relatives," she said.

She then finished with culturally responsive ways to support survivors of sex trafficking. "We have to remember they are victims, not criminals. So, we can support them by asking what they need and offering them medical and psychological resources, as well as traditional healing resources if possible. We must take care of our relatives."

For more questions, please contact the SRPMIC Health and Human Services Educators at (480) 365-2706 (Notsinneh-Bowekaty) or (480)362-6678 (Nosie).

COMMUNITY RECREATIONAL SERVICES



# VALENTINE CLASSIC BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

FEB. 2024  
9th & 10th

Co-Ed Divisions

- K - 1st Grade
- 2nd - 3rd Grade
- 4th - 5th Grade

Registration first (8) teams per division  
Jan 8th - 26th, 2024  
Entry Fee \$150 per team

WAY OF LIFE FACILITY & LEHI GYMNASIUMS

FOR TEAM ENTRY OR FOR MORE INFORMATION  
CONTACT ROBIN HENDRICKS (480) 362-5785 OR 6365





# Westwood JV Girls Lose Heartbreaker Game Against Cibola

playing time against Cibola during Westwood’s JV game on January 11. Moore handled the ball like a true point guard, commanding the court like a field general. Thomas controlled the paint like a dominant center, battling for every rebound and boxing out her opponents.

Cibola battled hard and converted many of Westwood’s turnovers into points. By halftime, only a handful of points separated the two teams. Late in the third quarter, Moore turned it up by stealing the ball for an easy layup going into the fourth quarter. The home crowd exploded with applause after Moore’s easy bucket, which gave Westwood the lead.

But Cibola’s defense was tenacious as they double-teamed Moore and Thomas in the fourth quarter, resulting in turnovers and missed jump shots for Westwood. In the final moments of the game, Moore attempted a 3-pointer that would’ve given the Warriors the lead, but the ball bounced off the backboard and into the arms of Cibola.

Westwood had one final attempt to win the game in the final seconds. They called a timeout after a Cibola turnover and drew up a play for Thomas to try to send the game into overtime. Thomas would make the basket; however, the referees did not call a foul on the final possession of the game, and the Westwood JV girls would go on to lose in a very close finish, with a score of 32-34.

The JV girls basketballers will continue to battle on the court throughout January and February. Their next home game will be against the Mesa High School Jackrabbits on January 18. They have an away game against Red Mountain the following day, and then they return back home for a game against Dobson High on January 23.



On a fast break play, Taylor Moore stops on a dime to shoot a jump shot over her Cibola opponent.



In the fourth quarter with only seconds remaining, Taylor Moore dives for a loose ball to call a timeout.



“Hey, mister! Can you take our photo?” said the Westwood JV girls basketball bench during a timeout in the third quarter.



## SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY

Judicial, Attorney, and Advocate Conduct and Discipline Commission  
(JAACDC)  
c/o The Office of the General Counsel  
10005 East Osborn Road / Two Waters Building A, Suite 302 / Scottsdale, Arizona 85256-9722

### JUDICIAL, ATTORNEY AND ADVOCATE CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINE COMMISSION 2023 ANNUAL REPORT

In accordance with Section 4-35(h), of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (“SRPMIC”) Code of Ordinances, the Judicial, Attorney and Advocate Conduct and Discipline Commission (“Commission” or “JAACDC”) files and presents to the Council its annual report for 2023. As required by the Code of Ordinances, this report includes the following information: (1) the number of complaints received by the Commission; (2) the number of complaints filed against each judge; and (3) the final outcome of the Commission’s review regarding all complaints filed including complaints that were determined to not have merit, and other related information the Commissions deemed appropriate.

#### TWO COMPLAINTS IN 2023

**Complaint 1:** Following revisions to the former Judicial Conduct and Discipline Commission (“JCDC”) Ordinance, which expanded jurisdiction to include review of matters relating to attorneys and advocates, on July 24, 2023, the Office of the General Counsel referred a matter (“Complaint 1”) filed by a judge. Complaint 1 alleged the entire Defense Advocates Office (“DAO”) of the Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community violated the Advocate Rules of Professional Conduct (“RPC”). Complaint 1, raised allegations against the DAO and two named individuals. The primary issue raised in Complaint 1 was whether a perceived pattern, practice or protocol of the DAO violated the RPC, whether Defense Advocates had been induced to break the rules and in fact engaged in resulting misconduct.

The Commission examined issues related to:

- Scope of Representation (RPC, IV)
- Diligence (RPC, V)
- Communication (RPC, VI)
- Confidentiality of Information (RPC, VII)

Ultimately, however, the Commission determined that little to no guidance existed currently to determine what is and is not a violation under SRPMIC Rules. Therefore, the Complainant could not meet the burden of proving that the rules *had been violated*. Nor was guidance adequate to inform the

Defense Advocates or any advocate or attorney what conduct was and was not acceptable under the RPC. Despite the expanded jurisdiction granted to the JAACDC, unlike the SRPMIC Courts, the Commission found itself limited in the ability to apply standards from other jurisdictions when the RPC expressly says the duties and obligations of Advocates shall be “[t]hose prescribed to the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Rules of Community Court and Advocate Rules of Professional Conduct.” The very nature of who practices in the SRPMIC Courts is different than state of federal systems and includes both attorneys and lay advocates, regulated by the same rules.

During Complaint 1’s review, it came to Commission attention that no training on the RPC is provided to any Advocate practicing at SRPMIC. The Commission indicated that disciplining advocates who could readily raise due process defenses and who honestly could say they did not “knowingly” violate the rules despite whatever conduct was at issue, created significant regulatory problems and would be an inefficient use of resources, time, and quasi-judicial process. The Commission noted that it could hire an investigator, access an Advisory Opinion about the rules, apply it in this matter, bring formal charges, then reach an opinion, but that given the due process concerns, none of its actions was likely to improve the system into the future – especially because Complaint 1 was primarily focused on how the DA interacts with its clients to assess the client’s interest, whether an office policy exists to “shop judges” in the Defense Advocate’s interest rather than the client’s, and potential disruption to court dockets. The Commission agreed that if the DAO employs such a practice, it has significant potential to impair the judicial system and yet the Commission recognized the unique duty the DAO has to provide a defense to those who have a right to one, even when the client is recalcitrant or otherwise unavailable.

#### Complaint 1 Resolution/Recommendation:

The Commission dismissed Complaint 1 without prejudice, and consistent with 4-35 (f)(9), made “recommendations” to the Council, Community Manager, Judiciary, Solicitors, Prosecutor’s Office, Defense Advocates’ Office, and the Office of the General Counsel that a process be developed to provide greater clarity regarding the requirements of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Court Rules of Professional Conduct.

The Commission also determined that should certain information come again to its attention, the Commission may by its own volition take Complaint 1 up again under 4-35 (g)(2)(a)(2).

**Complaint 2:** A complaint was filed against Judge Deer on December 15, 2023.

Complaint 2 alleged that Judge Deer should not have required a Motion to correct alleged failure by the Court to timely forward a child support Order to Finance for payout and should instead have amended the original Order.

**Complaint 2 Resolution:** The Commission dismissed the complaint which showed no misconduct based on the SRPMIC Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 5-24.1(a).

Respectfully submitted this 29<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023.

Katosha Nakai, on behalf of the JAACDC



# Youth Services Quail Group Learns O’odham Ħiokĭ in the Wild



(Left to Right) Noah Lopez, Jaylynn Romo, and Paisley Johnson visit the elephants during their trip to the Phoenix Zoo on January 5.

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Leaving their usual classroom at the Way of Life Facility in the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, students in the Youth Services Program’s Quail group took a field trip to the Phoenix Zoo on January 5 for an opportunity to learn about zoo



Paisley Johnson takes a look at the zoo map to see which animal exhibit her group should head to next.

animals through the O’odham language.

“We like to take the kids outside of the Community to learn new things, so we also brought our culture specialist, Isaac Lopez, to the zoo to teach them how to say the names of the animals, colors and numbers in O’odham,” said Youth Development Specialist Sommer Lopez.

Although historically the O’odham did not have contact with zoo animals like giraffes and elephants, Lopez said groups of elder fluent O’odham speakers developed vocabulary words for some of the non-native species.

“They would give the animals a name based on the way they looked,” said Isaac Lopez. “For example, *ce:v kusvakam* is the name for giraffe, and it loosely translates to long or tall neck.”

While he explained the names of the animals, the first-grade students identified the numbers and colors



During their field trip, students in the Youth Services Program’s Quail Class learned the O’odham language through animals, colors, and numbers.

of the animals in O’odham.

“The giraffes are *soam* (yellow/brown). How many do you see?” Isaac Lopez asked. “*Hemako, go:k, vaik. Vaik* giraffes!” the students replied.

Following the giraffes, the students also saw a *komkejed* (turtle), *gogs o’odham* (monkey), *’o:şad* (jaguar), *scekşans kaviyo* (zebra) and *s’vijiñ ’atkam*



Royalty Rose Iron Leggings and Cyle Ray sit eye to eye with a tiger in the “Isle of the Tiger” exhibit.

(elephant).

The Quail group had fun walking around the Phoenix Zoo and learning new words along the way. They got excited when they saw a *kakaicu* (quail) quickly run past them on the trail.

After making their rounds to the different animal exhibits, the students waved while saying *Dom ñei*, or “see you again,” to the Phoenix Zoo.

## Zoo Animals in O’odham Ħiokĭ



Gogs O’odham  
Monkey



Scuk’sas kaviyo  
Zebra



Komkejed  
Turtle/Tortoise



S’vijiñ Atkam  
Elephant



Ce:v Kusvakam  
Giraffe



Oşad  
Jaguar/Cougar

# FIRST FRIDAY CHATS

Friday, Feb. 2  
10-11AM  
via Microsoft Teams

Ask questions, get advice, learn from the experts & feel confident about your higher education goals.  
Email [HigherEd@saltriverschools.org](mailto:HigherEd@saltriverschools.org) to register!

# Beading Circle

at Salt River Tribal Library

Time: 530pm - 8pm  
Dates: 1/3, 1/17, 1/31  
2/7, 2/21  
3/6, 3/20,  
4/3, 4/17

Every other Wednesday

Contact us:  
Phone (480)362-6600  
Email: [Triballibrary@SRPMIC-nsn.gov](mailto:Triballibrary@SRPMIC-nsn.gov)

This project is supported by the Arizona State Library, Archives & Public Records, a division of the Secretary of State, with federal funds from the Institute of Museum and Library Services.



2024 BULK TRASH SCHEDULE

Each home is serviced once during the scheduled zone week. Please have bulk items at the roadside no later than the Sunday of your scheduled zone week.

If unable to place items by the roadside due to a ditch, please call (480) 362-5600 or email [PWCustomerService@srpmic-nsn.gov](mailto:PWCustomerService@srpmic-nsn.gov)

COLLECTION DAYS

Collection services for each zone begins on Monday & ends on Friday with collection beginning on the west side of the community & moving east throughout the week. \*Holidays may affect the schedule.

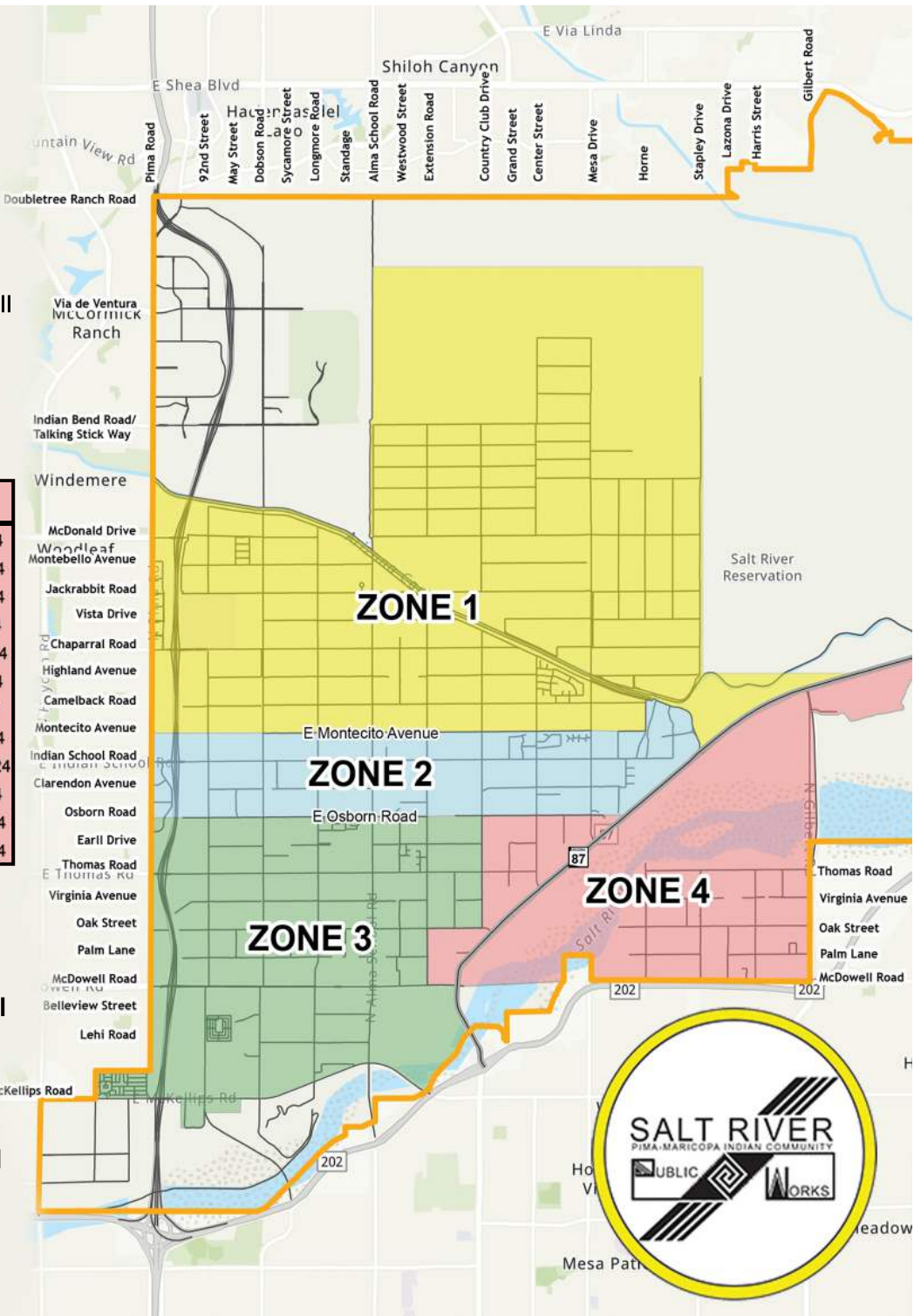
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Monday, Jan 1, 2024	Monday, Jan 8, 2024	Monday, Jan 15, 2024	Monday, Jan 22, 2024
Monday, Feb 5, 2024	Monday, Feb 12, 2024	Monday, Feb 19, 2024	Monday, Feb 26, 2024
Monday, Mar 4, 2024	Monday, Mar 11, 2024	Monday, Mar 18, 2024	Monday, Mar 25, 2024
Monday, Apr 1, 2024	Monday, Apr 8, 2024	Monday, Apr 15, 2024	Monday, Apr 22, 2024
Monday, May 6, 2024	Monday, May 13, 2024	Monday, May 20, 2024	Monday, May 27, 2024
Monday, Jun 3, 2024	Monday, Jun 10, 2024	Monday, Jun 17, 2024	Monday, Jun 24, 2024
Monday, Jul 1, 2024	Monday, Jul 8, 2024	Monday, Jul 15, 2024	Monday, Jul 22, 2024
Monday, Aug 5, 2024	Monday, Aug 12, 2024	Monday, Aug 19, 2024	Monday, Aug 26, 2024
Monday, Sept 2, 2024	Monday, Sept 9, 2024	Monday, Sept 16, 2024	Monday, Sept 23, 2024
Monday, Oct 7, 2024	Monday, Oct 14, 2024	Monday, Oct 21, 2024	Monday, Oct 28, 2024
Monday, Nov 4, 2024	Monday, Nov 11, 2024	Monday, Nov 18, 2024	Monday, Nov 25, 2024
Monday, Dec 2, 2024	Monday, Dec 9, 2024	Monday, Dec 16, 2024	Monday, Dec 23, 2024


REMEMBER TO:

- Remove or secure appliance doors as a safety precaution.
- Cut tree limbs into 3-4 feet sections and stack parallel to roadside.
- Bag and tie all leaves/grass.

DO NOT:


- Place bulk items over cable boxes or near ornamental borders.
- Place items within 5 feet of parked cars, fences, utility boxes, mailboxes, or other fixed objects.





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**NOTICE OF EXCLUSION DECISION**  
**Fernando Jesus Muniz**



PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community ("SRPMIC") Council pursuant to Article VII, §1(g) of the SRPMIC Constitution and Sections 7-72 through 7-75 of the SRPMIC Code of Ordinances voted on November 1, 2023 to permanently excluded Fernando Jesus Muniz from the boundaries of the Community. It was determined that Fernando Jesus Muniz is a nonmember whose presence is detrimental to the peace, health, or morals of the SPRMIC.

The SRPMIC Council's decision is in an order entitled "An Order by the

Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community ("SRPMIC") Council to uphold the decision of the SRPMIC Exclusion Committee and Permanently Exclude Fernando Jesus Muniz from the territory and boundaries of the SRPMIC". See SR-4098-2023. Fernando Jesus Muniz is not allowed to be within the territorial boundary of the Community and therefore, he is not to drive through, work, visit others, reside or come within the Community boundaries at any time for any reason.

To avoid any doubt, but not to limit the broad permanent exclusion order, Fernando Jesus Muniz shall not be permitted to visit 9990 E. Highland Rd, Scottsdale AZ 85256 or at any other location within the Community.

**Update Enrollment Address for Upcoming Tax Season**


If you receive a quarterly Per Capita payment you will receive a 1099-MISC tax form. The information on the 1099-MISC is reportable on your annual income tax form.

The 1099-MISC tax forms are mailed out by January 31st of each year. To ensure accurate mail delivery, please update your address with the Enrollment Office.

If you have questions regarding your address call the Enrollment Office at (480) 362-7729.

For 1099-MISC questions, please call the SRPMIC Finance Department at (480) 362-7799.

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



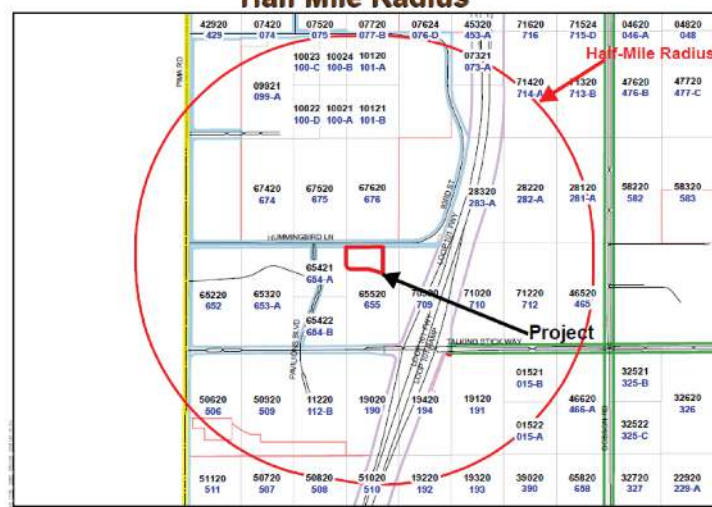
**SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY**  
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Two Waters Building B, Third Floor, 10,005 E. Osborn Road, Scottsdale, AZ 85256  
Phone (480) 362-7600 Email: [Planning@SRPMIC-nsn.gov](mailto:Planning@SRPMIC-nsn.gov)

**NOTICE OF COMMUNITY HEARING**

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

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

**Half Mile Radius**



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

**Date:** Tuesday, January 23, 2024  
**Time:** 6:00 P.M.  
**Location:** SRPMIC Council Chambers (Longmore & Osborn)

*If you have any questions or concerns you may call the Land Management Board Secretary at (480) 362-6865. If you cannot attend, you may submit your written comments to the Land Management Board Secretary, at 10,005 East Osborn, Scottsdale, AZ 85256.*



# COUNCIL ACTIONS CORNER

Welcome to the Council Corner. Here you will find a recap of the weekly Council Meeting actions and other important information. During Phase IV of the Return to Work Plan the SRPMIC Council is continuing business by holding Council meetings in-person (adhering to COVID precautions). Regular Sessions and Work Sessions will be available for a delayed viewing at <https://www.srpmic-nsn.gov/> click on Tribal Government, Virtual Council Meetings.

## November 29, 2023 – Council Meeting Items:

- **Public Hearing: Allotment 5001 Subdivision and Jackrabbit Road Right-of-Way (ROW)** – Two road and utility ROWs easements were requested in order to benefit numerous homes on allotted and tribal lands. After a comment period staff recommended to return on December 13, 2023 for approval of a tribal resolution.

- **Talking Stick Resort-Replacement Freeway Pylon** – Council approved a resolution for dimensional variances to allow for the construction of a new freeway pylon sign to replace the existing freeway pylon sign for Talking Stick Resort (Case 22-DV-01).

- **HHS Sober Living Homes Project** – A public hearing was held on November 8, 2023 regarding this project. Council approved a resolution to provide for the designation of certain tribal land for the Health and Human Services Sober Living Homes.

- **Business Lease B-182, River Recycling LLC** – Council approved a resolution for Business Lease B-182 between the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Lessor, and River Recycling LLC, Lessee, for the lease and development of approximately 3.043 acres of tribal land located within the exterior boundaries of the SRPMIC.

- **Public Health Authority** – A Public Health Authority Ordinance was presented for formal designation that provides the legal ability to further public health by using tools such as community engagement, data collection, scientific methods, enforcement, and the many methods of sharing information and guidance to improve services to the Community. Council requested the ordinance to be presented at the following meeting which will be held at Lehi Community Building.

- **First Things First Regional Needs and Assets Report** – Council approved a resolution by the SRPMIC to approve the compilation of the 2024 SRPMIC Regional Needs and Assets Report by First Things First.

- **Administrative Reports:** Department and operational reports and updates were given by the Community Manager, OCLA Special Assistant, Police Chief, Fire Chief, Vice President, and President. The Assistant Community Manager reported on Council approval of a non-member burial request and use of Memorial Hall for Norman Enos, Jr. and Memorial Hall Use for non-member Tupac Acosta.

- **Community Member Comments:** 1) Community member asked if the alcohol ordinance could be looked at to have businesses operate within the ordinance. 2) Community member requested Council look at the Leave Donation Policy so that more options could be given for employees to donate leave.

- **Executive Session Agenda Items:** River People Health Center, Organization, Community Member Issue, Office of General Counsel Legal Matters

## November 30, 2023 – Council Work Session:

- **Leave Policy** – Council was presented updates to the leave policy for discussion. Action on the updated leave policy will be presented during a future regular session.

- **401(k) Plan Changes** – Plan enhancements to the SRPMIC 401(k) program were presented for discussion.

- **Storm Follow-Up** – Updates and actions taken from Emergency Management and SRFD on the September 12, 2023 Arizona storm and power outage were presented for review and for areas of improvement.

- **Executive Work Session Agenda Items:** Memorial Hall, Subcommittee, Ordinance Process.

## December 6, 2023 – Council Meeting Items:

Meeting was held at Lehi Community Building

- **Public Health Authority** – Council approved an ordinance to establish a Public Health Authority within the Department of Health and Human Services to engage in public awareness campaigns, data collection, guidance and education efforts regarding the prevention of epidemics, spread of disease and other health related matters.

- **Emergency Management Mutual Aid Compact** – Council approved resolution to approve a mutual aid compact between SRPMIC and the State of Arizona through the Emergency Management division of the Arizona Department of Emergency and Military Affairs for the sharing of resources during an emergency.

- **Law enforcement Intergovernmental Agreements between SRPMIC and City of Phoenix, Town of Gilbert, City of Mesa** – Council (3) resolutions to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement between SRPMIC and City of Phoenix, Town of Gilbert, and City of Mesa. City of Phoenix approves an IGA for access and usage of the Phoenix Police Department emergency vehicle operations center. Town of Gilbert IGA approves cooperative law enforcement raining operations. City of Mesa IGA approves for mutual aid covering law enforcement response.

- **Heal the Hero Program** – Council approved a motion to allow Salt River Fire Department to pursue participation in the Command Performance Program sponsored by the Heal the Hero Foundation.

- **Probate Presentation** – On November 17, 2023, SRPMIC was notified that the Probate Code was approved by the Bureau of Indian Affairs on October 16, 2023. Council consensus to enact the tribal law components in April 2024 and to mandate trainings for all legal departments.

- **Policy 2-4, Leave** – An updated policy was presented in regards to updates to the annual leave sellback, mental health/self-care leave, allowance for the use of annual leave while on initial probation, and expansion of bereavement leave. Council approved the updated policy.

- **Administrative Reports:** Department and operational reports and updates were given by the Community Manager, OCLA Special Assistant, Police Chief, Fire Chief, Vice President, and President

- **Community Member Comments:** 1) Community member voiced approval of the proposed NAGI building in SRPMIC. Also, requested an executive session. Council agreed to meet with Community member after the open session.

- **Executive Session:** Gaming Board Update, Report, Recruiting, OGC Legal Matters.

## December 7, 2023 – Council Work Session Items:

No meeting due to meeting conflicts.

## December 13, 2023 – Council Meeting Items:

- **Introduction of New SRPD Officers** – New officers were introduced: 1.) Officer Nicholas Acevedo 2.) Officer Corillo Anderson 3.) Officer Matthew Henson 4.) Officer Edimar Quintana 5.) Officer Dylan Walter 6.) Officer Clifford McGrath

- **Allotment 5001 Subdivision and Jackrabbit Road Right-of-Way (ROW)** – A public hearing was held on November 29, 2023 and presented for follow up action. Council approved a resolution to approve rights-of-way applications and consent to grants of easements for two (2) roadway and utility easements for the SRPMIC to provide public roadway and utility services for the general benefit of the Community and residents on tribal and allotted land for BIA Tract 5001 Subdivision and a portion of Jackrabbit Road.

- **12% Resolutions** – Council approved 12% resolutions for Intergovernmental Agreements between SRPMIC and the City of Tempe and Gila County to implement the Community's 12% contribution requirements of the gaming compact between the SRPMIC and the State of Arizona.

- **Red Cap Vanderbilt University License Agreement** – Council approved a resolution for an agreement for software license that includes a limited waiver of sovereign immunity.

- **Uber Agreement Resolution** – Council approved a resolution for the Gaming Enterprise to enter into an agreement with Uber, that includes a limited waiver of sovereign immunity.

- **Introduction of New Firefighters** – New firefighters introduced themselves: Luis Lopez, Alejandro

Jimenez-Hill, Damian Castro, Nathaniel Saldivar, Daniel Garcia, Michael Diaz, Kalib Zaso, Jayden Waterman, Adrienne Scabby, Elizabeth Laliberte.

- **Administrative Reports:** Department and operational reports and updates were given by the Community Manager, OCLA Special Assistant, Police Chief, Fire Chief, Vice President, and President. Community Manager announced and congratulated Kim Enos as the 2023 Employee of the Year. He announced Dawn Sinoqui as a new Assistant Community Manager.

- **Community Member Comments:** 1) Community member expressed comments on being essential. 2) Community member thanked Council in providing a part of the report he requested. He requested the full report when complete. 3) Community member inquired if there was office space for the Veteran's Administration at the River Peoples Health Center. He will provide more info on his request. Also commented on his plans to file a petition to increase per capita from 30% to 50%.

- **Executive Session Items:** Gaming Enterprise Monthly Report, Waymo, Org Chart Discussion, Office of General Counsel Legal Matters.

## December 14, 2023 – No Work Session due to other Council event.

## No Council Meetings the week of December 18, 2023.

## No Council Meetings the week of December 25, 2023.





## APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING PROGRAM

## WILL OPEN APPLICATIONS FOR CARPENTRY

**3 WEEK APPLICATION PERIOD**

**PROGRAM TOPICS INCLUDE:**

- Basic Safety & Math
- Hand and power tools
- Drywall Installations
- Floor Systems
- Roof Framing

**OJT REQUIRES 7,000 HOURS FOR JOURNEYMAN COMPLETION**

**APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE: MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2024**

**APPLICATIONS DUE DATE: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2024**

**Applications Located At:**  
Two Waters Building B - First Floor -HR

**Office Hours:**  
Monday - Friday 8 am - 5 pm

**APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:**

- Must be 18 years of age or older
- Tribal Enrollment Identification/C.I.B.
- Social Security Card (ORIGINAL & SIGNED)
- Provide copy of HS Diploma/GED
- Doctor's Statement of Physical (Form Provided)

Applicants will complete an interview process.  
Selected applicants will complete a background & drug screen  
*Completed applications are due Friday, February 9, 2024*

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



**JUVENILE COURT**  
**JURISDICTION: SALT RIVER PIMA MARICOPA INDIAN**  
**COMMUNITY COURT**  
**ADDRESS: 10040 EAST OSBORN RD. SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85256**  
**CONTACT: (480) 362-6315**  
**ALL JUVENILE COURT CASES REPORT TO COURTROOM #3 ON**  
**THE 1ST FLOOR.**  
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**Agundez III, Raul**–Child Support/Request for Child Support Back Payments  
Hearing Case: J-15-0155 Court Date: January 24, 2024 at 11 a.m.  
**Banashley, Nadia Renee**–Initial Guardianship Hearing Case: J-22-0030/0031  
Court Date: February 12, 2024 at 9 a.m.  
**Baptisto, Angelo** –Permanency Hearing Case: J-19-0007 Court Date:  
January 31, 2024 at 10 a.m.  
**Burns, Christine**–Initial Guardianship Hearing Case: JV-24-0015 Court Date:  
January 25, 2024 at 11 a.m.  
**Dawes, Jalyn** – Evidentiary Guardianship Hearing Case: JV-23-3025/3026  
Court Date: January 23, 2024 at 10 a.m.  
**Enos, Yvette**–Initial Termination of Parent-Child Relationship Hearing Case:  
J-19-0169/J-21-0060 Court Date: January 22, 2024 at 11 a.m.  
**Hayes Sr., Arthur Reginold** – Review/Evidentiary Paternity Hearings Mother:  
Sonya Jackson (DOB: 04/09/1978) Minors: R.S.H. (DOB: 05/27/2008)  
and A.R.H. (DOB: 12/14/2009) Case: JV-23-3011/JV-23-3012 Court Date:  
February 8, 2024 at 10 a.m.  
**Jackson, Sonya Marie** – Review/Evidentiary Paternity Hearings Case: JV-23-  
3011/JV-23-3012 Court Date: February 8, 2024 at 10 a.m.  
**Ludlow, Justin Irving**–Change of Name Hearing Case: J-21-0004 Court Date:  
February 12, 2024 at 10 a.m.

# 4th Quarter 2023 ELIGIBILITY DEADLINE

## March 31, 2024

Must be eighteen (18) years old, enrolled, and living to be eligible for the April 2024 Per Capita Payment.

### DEADLINES FOR CHANGES

<b>Direct Deposit Start-Ups and Changes: Thursday, March 28th at 5:00 PM.</b> This deadline is for new start-ups for direct deposit or changes to existing information. All forms <b>MUST</b> 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 <b>April 2024</b> payout. Forms received after this date will not be effective until the <b>July 2024</b> payout.	<b>Per Capita Eligibility:</b> Tuesday, April 16th at 5:00PM. This deadline is for submitting the Adult SRP-MIC Member's Per Capita Information Certificate. Forms received by this date will be effective for the April 2024 payout. Forms received after this date will not be processed until the first week of July 2024.
<b>Discontinue Direct Deposits:</b> Thursday, March 28th at 5:00 PM. This deadline is to discontinue an existing direct deposit. ***Failing to notify the Per Capita department when an account is closed may delay your Per Capita payment.	<b>Tax Withholding Changes:</b> Tuesday, April 16th at 5:00 PM. This deadline is for making changes to "Additional" tax withholding percentage or amount.  Tax forms are available on the Finance Per Capita Intranet Site and can also be requested by e-mailing <a href="mailto:FINPERCAP1@srpmic-nsn.gov">FINPERCAP1@srpmic-nsn.gov</a> .

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

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

**Manuel, Morningstar** –Permanency Hearing Case: J-19-0042/0043 Court Date: January 30, 2024 at 9 a.m.

**Martinez, Marie Louise** – Initial Guardianship Hearing Case: J-23-0057/0058/0059 Court Date: January 22, 2024 at 1:30 p.m.

**Percy, Garrett Cecil**–Mother: Nadia Renee Banashley (DOB: 01/12/1991) Child: A.G.P. (DOB: 02/24/2018); L.I.P. (DOB: 04/18/2019) Initial Guardianship Hearing Case: J-22-0030/0031 Court Date: February 12, 2024 at 9 a.m.

**Stacey, Jeffrey Arthur**–Mother: Patricia Smith (DOB: 11/23/1981) Child: A.L.S. (DOB: 05/26/2007), L.S (DOB: 07/12/2008) Review Hearing Case: J-20-0091/0092 Court Date: January 30, 2024 at 10 a.m.

**Swan, Dajuan Anthony**–Mother: Anaya Ticer (DOB: 02/22/1996) Child: N.L.T. (DOB: 10/28/2019) Review Hearing Case: J-22-0127 Court Date: January 25, 2024 at 10 a.m.

**Unknown Father/John Doe, – Review/Initial Guardianship Hearings** Mother: Yolanda Thomas (DOB: 02/27/1989) Minor: J.O.T. (DOB: 10/10/2020) Case: J-23-0021/JV-23-3030 Court Date: January 23, 2024 at 10 a.m.

**Vest, Jacob** –Permanency Hearing Case: J-19-0042/0043 Court Date: January 30, 2024 at 9 a.m.

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

**Wellington Sr., Spencer**–Initial Guardianship Hearing Case: JV-24-0015 Court Date: January 25, 2024 at 11 a.m.

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

**CIVIL COURT REPORT**

**JURISDICTION: SALT RIVER PIMA MARICOPA INDIAN  
COMMUNITY COURT**

**ADDRESS: 10040 EAST OSBORN RD. SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85256**

**CONTACT: (480) 362-6315**

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**Butler, Wayne Elliot** –Child Support Hearing Case: CV-23-4239 -Court Date:  
January 18, 2024 at 11 a.m.

**Chicago, Chris Tony** - Child Support Modification Hearing Case: CF-12-0121/  
CFCS-12-0034/CF-23-0076 Court Date: February 5, 2024 at 9 AM

**Hill, Indaria Modesty** - Civil Complaint Hearing Case: CV-23-3990 Court Date:  
February 5, 2024 at 10 AM

**Manuel, Roy** - Order to Show Cause Hearing Case: C-22-0144 Court Date:  
January 25, 2024 at 11 AM

**Masawistewa, Moriah** - Evidentiary Child Support Hearing Case: CV-23-3859  
Court Date: January 31, 2024 at 9:30 AM

**Ochoa Sr., Lano** - Entry of Default Judgment Hearing Case: CV-23-3755  
-Court Date: January 30, 2024 at 10 a.m.


**Ronquillo, Mark** - Restraining Order Hearing Case: CV-24-1323 Court Date:  
February 8, 2024 at 9:30 AM

**Schurz, Rachel Irene** - Restraining Order Hearing Case: CV-24-1809 Court  
Date: February 1, 2024 at 10:30 AM

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

**Wakolee, Melanie Grace** - Child Support Modification Hearing Case: CFCS-  
40-0040 Court Date: March 6, 2024 at 10 AM

DEFAULT NOTICES	
<p><b>OCHOA SR., LANO</b> <b>DEFAULT NOTICE</b> <b>CV-23-3755</b></p> <p>To: Lano Ochoa Sr., RESPONDENT</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>4. A default judgment may have serious, adverse, and irreversible consequences against you.</p> <p>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</p> <p>6. If you do nothing, the Court may give Judgment for what the Complaint demands. (Section 5-16.1, Judgment by Default)</p> <p>DATED this 14th of December, 2023.</p> <p>CLERK OF SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY TRIBAL COURT</p> <p><b>SCOTT, CODY DEWAYNE</b> <b>ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE</b> <b>C-23-0043</b></p> <p>TO: Cody Dewayne Scott</p> <p>YOU ARE HEREBY ORDERED to appear before the above-entitled court on the 12th day of February, 2024 at 10:00 AM, in Court Room #2, and show cause why you should not be held in contempt for failing to comply with the October 9, 2023 order to pay Country Club Cars Final Judgment.</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>You are entitled to subpoena witnesses on your behalf and to be represented by counsel.</p> <p>ORDERED this 28th day of December, 2023.</p> <p>Judge Anthony Little</p> <p><b>SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY TRIBAL COURT</b></p> <p><b>UNKNOWN FATHER/JOHN DOE</b> <b>SUMMONS FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN</b> <b>S.R.P.M.I.C. §§ 10-114 THRU 10-126</b> <b>JV-23-3030</b> <b>I.T.M.O.: J.O.T (D.O.B.: 10/10/2020</b></p> <p>TO: Unknown Father/John Doe</p> <p>On August 11, 2023, a Petition for Permanent Guardianship of Minor Child was filed in this court in which it is represented that you are a parent or legal guardian of the child named above. In the Petition, it requests the Court to appoint a guardian for the child named above.</p> <p>Within 30 calendar days after receiving this Summons and the Petition for Permanent Guardianship of Minor Child, you must file a written response. If you refuse to attend the hearing or to defend by filing a written response, the Court may enter a default guardianship order appointing the Petitioner(s) as legal guardians and take any other action that is authorized by law. If you are receiving this Notice by publication, you may obtain written copies of the guardianship petition, Notice of Hearing, other filed documents by contacting the Salt River Juvenile Court at (480) 362-6315.</p> <p>THEREFORE YOU ARE ORDERED to APPEAR for an Initial Guardianship Hearing before the Salt River Juvenile Court located at 10040 E. Osborn Road, Scottsdale, Arizona 85256 on January 23, 2024 at 10:00 A.M., in Court Room #3 before the Honorable Judge Achin.</p> <p>NOTICE, Violation of this Order is Subject to Proceedings for Contempt of Court Pursuant to Salt River Community Code Section 6-42. 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.</p> <p><b>COURT CLERK – SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT</b></p>

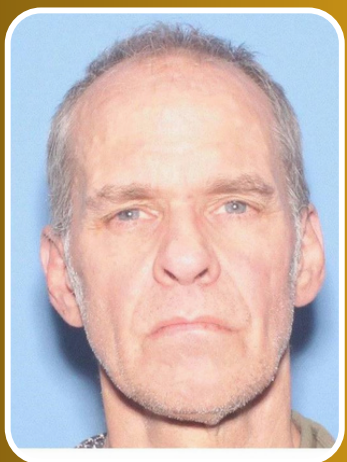



# TEMPORARY EXCLUSION NOTICE

## JEFFERY SCOTT KING

On January 3, 2024, the SRPMIC Council approved the temporary exclusion of Jeffery Scott King from the Community pursuant to 7-75(e)(4) of the Community Code of Ordinances after determining that he represents a present and substantial danger to the Community. The temporary exclusion is in effect until the SRPMIC Council makes a final determination regarding permanent exclusion.

Mr. King is known to reside at 2000 N. Longmore Rd. and frequent the area around that residence as well as Casino Arizona, which are all within the boundaries of the Community.



**If you see Mr. King within the boundaries of the Community, please report his presence to the SRPD immediately**



CHURCH LISTING

**LEHI CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE**  
1452 E. Oak St.  
Mesa, AZ 85203  
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  
saltriveragchurch.com  
Rev. WinterElk 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, AZ85256  
(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.

**SOARING EAGLE MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL (SEMI)**  
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Apostle Edward Chance  
apostleeac@gmail.com  
(480) 516-6509  
SERVICES  
10 AM on Sundays  
Visit us on Facebook Live,  
Wednesdays at 7 PM for Voice of Truth

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.

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cody@boxingbearsphotography.com

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daliareseendiz0815@icloud.com

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goodlife.nutrition@yahoo.com  
(480)274-3306

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SRPMIC Member Owned and Operated specializing in residential and commercial cleaning services; get a quote by phone or emailing contact information below.  
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Heavenlytouch08@yahoo.com

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Civil & structural engineering.  
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angelawilleford@sevenstarscompany.com

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Sheryl@vmkenterprises.com

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

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Salt River Public Works Department  
**Memorial Services & Cemeteries**  
*“Providing a hospitable place to honor loved ones at the end of life’s journey.”*

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Scottsdale, AZ 85256

For Any Questions Call:  
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Bunker Family Funerals & Cremation (480) 964-8686  
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Whitney & Murphy Funeral Home (602) 840-5600

Join Us!

**January 24, 2024 | 5:00 p.m.**  
**SRPMIC Council Chambers**  
10091 E. Osborn Road, Scottsdale, AZ 85256

**COMMUNITY MEMBERS ONLY SENIORS MEETING**  
**01.24.24**

Questions? Contact the Council Secretaries Office at (480) 362-7466 OR (480) 362-7469.

**OPEN AGENDA MEETING**  
This meeting is ONLY for Enrolled SRPMIC Community Member Seniors (55+ years). The Community Members Only "Seniors Meeting" will be held in lieu of the January 24, 2024 SRPMIC Council Regular Session.





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## SRMG Donates Snow to ECEC



Salt River Materials Group (SRMG) demonstrated its commitment to the Community this Christmas by spreading joy in a unique way. In a heartwarming gesture, SRMG donated snow to the Early Childhood Education Center (ECEC), creating a magical winter wonderland for the children to enjoy during the holiday season.

This donation transformed part of the ECEC playground into a snowy paradise, providing a memorable and enchanting experience for the

young students. The initiative aimed not only to bring happiness but also to foster a sense of wonder and imagination among the children, enhancing their overall educational experience.

SRMG has been donating snow to ECEC for many years, going beyond conventional contributions and creatively addressing the needs of the Community, particularly during festive occasions like Christmas.

### CURRENT CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

VIEW FULL JOB DESCRIPTIONS AND APPLY ONLINE AT [SRMATERIALS.COM](http://SRMATERIALS.COM)

#### Arizona

##### Cement

- **Quality Control Technician I**  
Clarkdale, AZ

##### Aggregates

- **Utility Person I-Sr**  
West Side Plants, AZ

- **Maintenance I-Sr**  
West Side Plants, AZ

##### Pozzolans

- **Facility Operator I-IV**  
Coronado Plant, St. Johns AZ

We want to thank SRMG’s Aggregate Sales & Shipping Supervisor, Beckie McQuade, for organizing this donation and for all the time and effort it took to successfully deliver snow to the desert. Thanks Beckie!

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both divisions of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community

# Calendar of Events

### ONGOING

- YOGA FOR FALL PREVENTION**, Mondays 9 A.M. – 10 A.M. at WOLF Senior Room. All Fitness Levels Welcome! Sign up with Celinda Joe at (480) 876-7180 and request transportation if needed.
- YOGA FOR FALL PREVENTION**, Fridays 1 P.M. – 2 P.M. at WOLF Senior Room. All Fitness Levels Welcome! Sign up with Celinda Joe at (480) 876-7180 and request transportation if needed. \*\*Last Fridays of Each Month are YOGA BINGO with prizes!
- ‘AUPPA HIOSIG MAŞAD XLY’A SHENTHIK JANUARY**
- 19 CM ANTONE DISTRICT B MEETING**, 6 P.M. at SRPMIC Council Chambers. Please contact Council Secretaries office at (480) 362-7469 to confirm time or with questions.
- 20 CM SCABBY/CM DALLAS QUARTERLY LEHI DISTRICT MEETING**, 10 A.M. at Evergreen Neighborhood Center. Please contact Council Secretaries office at (480) 362-7469 to confirm time or with questions.
- 22 APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE FOR CARPENTRY APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM**, Applications can be found at HR in Two Waters Building B. Applications Must be submitted by February 9. Check out some of our past coverage of this amazing program, or call Laurice Carlos at (480) 362-7968 for more information.
- 23 CRS RECREATION EDUCATION DIVISION’S HEALTHY LIFESTYLE SERIES: HEALTHY BOUNDARIES**, with Vurlene

- Notsinneh-Bowekaty, 5:30 – 7:30 P.M. at ALA Auditorium. A meal will be provided for the first 50 people. For questions, contact Tribal Library at (480) 362-6600
- 24 TEENS ONLY WEBINAR: TEENS & HUMAN TRAFFICKING**, 4-5 P.M. Join DHHS Prevention & Intervention Services as Community Health Educators continue their series for National Stalking and Human Trafficking Awareness Month. Please contact Community Health Educators Vurlene Ntsinneh-Bowekaty at (480) 362-2706 or Melanie Nosie at (480) 362-6678
- 24 SENIOR COMMUNITY MEMBER MEETING**, 5:00 p.m. at SRPMIC Council Chambers - 10091 E. Osborn Road, Scottsdale, AZ 85256. The Seniors Meeting will be hosted by the SRPMIC Tribal Council. This meeting is ONLY for Enrolled SRPMIC Community Member Seniors (55+ years). The Community Members Only “Seniors Meeting” will be held in lieu of the January 24, 2024 SRPMIC Council Regular Session. This is an open agenda meeting. Salt River Tribal IDs will be required upon entry. Light refreshments will be served. Questions, contact the Council Secretaries Office at (480) 362-7466 or (480) 362-7469.
- 25 CM BUTLER DISTRICT A MEETING**, 6 P.M. at SRPMIC Council Chambers. Please contact Council Secretaries office at (480) 362-7469 to confirm time or with questions.
- 25 THRIVING WITH DIABETES**, will be held in the River People Health Center Teaching Kitchen from 8:30 a.m. -3 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of every month. Sessions include Diabetes A to Z, Healthy Eating, Being Active, Know Your Medications, Know Your Numbers, Finding Solutions,

- Reducing Risks and Healthy Coping. Please call (480) 362-3355 to register and save your seat.
- 27 BINGO RAFFLE & FOOD SALE HOSTED BY THE PIIPAASH MATASHEEV COMMITTEE**, 2 p.m. at the Lehi Community Building. Family friend fun, prizes for all ages. All proceeds will directly benefit the annual Piipaash Matasheevm. For more info. call Ardell Moore at (480) 362-7465, Emily King at (480) 362-2626 or Elaina Osife at (480) 635-6692.
- 27 MAKING A NINJA (PRESENTED BY SRPMIC PUBLIC HEALTH)**, 9 A.M. at ALA Football Field. There will be all sorts of fun activities for everyone, including a Ninja Warrior Obstacle Course, Martial Arts Demonstrations, booths, and 1 and 2 mile walks. For more information, contact Karina Watson at (480) 362-3278.
- 27 REGIONAL UNITY WALK**, from 4:30 pm until 7:00 pm. In celebration of cultural diversity and community, Mesa will join Chandler, Gilbert, Phoenix, Scottsdale, Guadalupe, and host city Tempe for the walk at Tempe Beach Park. It will include refreshments and entertainment. The one-mile candlelight walk will start at 6:00 pm. Families, community organizations, scout groups, school clubs and church groups are all welcome to participate. Mesa walkers are encouraged to wear turquoise or teal-colored shirts. Free t-shirts will be available on a first-come basis. For more information on the Regional Unity Walk and Festival contact City of Mesa Diversity office at diversity.info@mesaaz.gov.
- 27 A TASTE OF AZ FOOD AND DRINK FESTIVAL**, at Salt River Fields. Join us for Arizona’s newest intimate food and drink festival in Scottsdale, Arizona! Mark

- your calendars for January 27, 2024, from 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm, and make your way to the Salt River Fields East Lawn where food and drink, live music, and more awaits. Indulge in an array of samples including tacos, burgers, beer, wine, and cocktails! Visit [atasteofaz.com](http://atasteofaz.com) for tickets and more information.
- 27-FEBRUARY 4 SCOTTSDALE WESTERN WEEK**, Every year, Western Week Scottsdale invites everyone to experience what can only be described as one “heck of a good time” – parades, the Hashknife Pony Express, Native American festivals, gold mining, live music, and museum exhibits. Visit <https://oldtownscottsdaleaz.com/western-week/> to learn more and plan your visit!
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- 9 CLOSING DATE FOR CARPENTRY APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM**, Applications can be found at HR in Two Waters Building B. Applications will be available as of January 22. Check out some of our past coverage of this amazing program, or call Laurice Carlos at (480) 362-7968 for more information.
- 13 SCR PARENT NIGHT**, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Accelerated Learning Academy. This informational meeting is open to all parents/guardians of school-aged Community members. Light refreshments will be available while supplies last. We’ll discuss: High School Credit Break-down; Culture/O’odham Bingo; Healthy After-school Snacks; School Engage-

- ment; School Preparation; and Student Advocacy. There will be special prize drawings throughout the event. Join us for your chance to win! Call 480-362-2534 with any questions.
- 15 COMPUTER CLASSES FOR SENIORS**, 9 AM - 11 AM at Salt River Senior Center. No computer experience is required - our goal is to have fun while learning technology. Classes are provided by SRPMIC IT Dept. - Customer Care Division, contact IT-CustomerCare@srpmic-nsn.gov with questions
- 16 & 17 SALT RIVER JR. HIGH BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT**, Boys and Girls Divisions for 6th-8th Grade. Registration is open, entry fee of \$150 applies. For team entry or more information, contact Robin Hendricks at (480) 362-5785
- 22 COMPUTER CLASSES FOR SENIORS**, 9 AM - 11 AM at Two Waters Building A, Room A117 (Red Mountain Computer Lab). No computer experience is required - our goal is to have fun while learning technology. Classes are provided by SRPMIC IT Dept. - Customer Care Division, contact IT-CustomerCare@srpmic-nsn.gov with questions
- 24 NAGI FOUNDATION’S FREE MONTHLY PET CLINIC**, 8 A.M. at Salt River Ball Fields, 1839 N. Longmore Rd., Scottsdale, AZ. First come, first served. SRPMIC members, residents and employees are eligible. Pets must be brought in by legal owner, age 18+. Cats must be in their own carrier and dogs on a leash. Services include exams, vaccines, flea/tick treatment, microchipping and health screening (for diseases like heartworm, lyme, FIV & FeLV). For questions call 602-730-2092.