



VETERANS MEMORIAL BREAKS GROUND IN LEHI

Members of SRPMIC Tribal Council and community Veterans were provided an opportunity to turn the dirt during the groundbreaking ceremony.

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In its continuing effort to always honor and commemorate Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community veterans and their dedication to serving and securing our country, the SRPMIC hosted a Veterans Memorial groundbreaking ceremony in Lehi on September 5.

The early morning sun shined down on all the guests in attendance, who included the SRPMIC Tribal Council, Community veterans, Community members, department staff and many more. SRPMIC Veterans Coordinator Amanda White served as the

emcee and greeted guests as they entered the Lehi Cemetery grounds.

"I'm honored to share some of our bird songs with you," began Lehi resident Lynwood Vest as he and members of the Birds Singing and Dancing by the River group sang a song about warriors/veterans returning home. "In our way, when a warrior had to take a life in performance of his duty, he walked apart from the other warriors," explained Vest. "While [separated] from the other warriors in the desert, he fasted for a few days, prayed about it and sweated it all out."

Following the singing, SRPMIC Vice-President Ricardo Leonard provided the invocation.

"I'm glad that this [memorial] is going to be built. I want our veterans to know [that they] can choose to be buried here and know that [the] grave will be taken care of and honored during every military holiday," said Vice-President Leonard, adding, "I pray that we do not fill this memorial too fast."

After the invocation, SRPMIC President Martin Harvier addressed the guests and provided positive words about the new memorial. "A lot of times, we get up, get dressed, get in our cars and do whatever we're going to do," began Harvier. "Those freedoms we have are because our veterans took time out of their lives to serve our country to allow [us all to enjoy] the freedoms that we have here," he shared.

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Salt River Pipes and Drums Members Perform with Arizona Fire Service Pipe Band



The Salt River Pipes and Drums band poses for a photo at the Franklin Police & Fire High School welcome dinner and orientation event held at The Hall of Flame Museum of Firefighting in Phoenix on August 23. Photo Courtesy of SRFD.

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As the first-known pipe band established on a Native American community, the Salt River Fire Department (SRFD) Pipes and Drums band uniquely honors and blends the traditions of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community with Irish and Scottish cultures.

From the design of the band's trailer and drums to the way that the cultures similarly honor their fallen, only with different instruments (an O'odham gourd, and bagpipes for the Irish and Scottish), the band is leaving its mark on the evolving traditions of pipes and drums.

The Salt River Pipes and Drums band is part of the Arizona Fire



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Rianna Tate Competes in 'the Olympics of Grappling' in Las Vegas



Rianna Tate (left) competes against her opponent during the Abu Dhabi Combat Club (ADCC) Invitational on August 16 at the T-Mobile Arena in Las Vegas, Nevada. Photo courtesy of Angelo Johnson.

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"I've been training every single day," began Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community superstar athlete Rianna Tate. "I train three to four times a day. I wake up at 5 a.m. and train throughout the day, as well as [spending time] being a kids' coach." This past August 16, Tate traveled to the T-Mobile Arena in Las Vegas to compete in the Abu Dhabi Combat Club, unofficially known as "the Olympics of grappling" by contestants.

According to their website, the goals of the Abu Dhabi Combat Club are to promote a healthy lifestyle by educating members in nutrition and training people in all aspects of self-defense, which in turn builds self-confidence.

The ADCC is an invitation-only competition where the world's best athletes compete for the top prize in their respective age divisions. "I was very blessed and humbled to be part of the first kids' worlds event," said Tate. "This was the first time they put on a kids' world event!"

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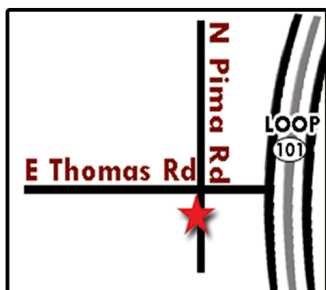
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# Veterans Memorial Breaks Ground in Lehi



Garnet Gates, Community Lehi U.S. Marine Veteran, provided a few words of appreciation during the keynote speeches.

Aaron Allan, principal landscape architect at J2 Engineering and Environmental Design, also visited the podium and thanked SRPMIC for allowing his organization to be involved. “My dad just turned 84, and he served 23 years in the Air Force. With the implementation of this project, we hope families and friends can come here to grieve, heal, and to find joy and celebrate lives well lived. It is an honor; we are humbled to be a part of his project.”

Construction of the memorial is expected to be completed by early summer 2025.

Lehi Community resident and U.S. Navy veteran Robert Aguilar recalled the origins of the project. “This started two years ago. It was about seven of us that got together in the Lehi Community Center. During our talks, we thought it was a good idea to build a memorial,” said Aguilar.

Continuing to honor Lehi veterans, Garnet Gates, a veteran of the U.S. Marines in Vietnam, said a few words about the importance of the memorial.

“A few years ago, Amanda White and I, we had a talk with [SRPMIC Community Manager] Bryan Meyers to see if this was a possibility, and he said yes,” said Gates. “This [memorial] represents every veteran,” he added.

Later, Gates pointed out the resting place of SRPMIC member Verland French, a veteran of the U.S. Navy who served in Vietnam. “He spent 20 years in the Navy. He was the first one to be buried here, not knowing it was going to be a veterans’ plot.” During the ceremony, the SRPMIC Veterans Office staff outlined French’s resting plot with a ceremonial black velvet rope, signifying its importance.

U.S. Army Lt. Col. Dana Allmond (ret.), deputy director for the Arizona Department of Veterans’ Services, was the final keynote speaker before the ceremonial breaking of the ground. It was Allmond’s first time visiting Lehi. “This is a beautiful spot to have a memorial. I am honored to be here as we celebrate Lehi veterans and their families too,” she stated.



Robert Aguilar, Community Lehi Navy Veteran, provided details in regards to the memorial first being talked about by community Veterans in the Lehi Community Center two years ago.



ABOVE: Aaron Allan, Principle Landscape Architect at J2 Engineering and Environmental Design, thanked the SRPMIC for the opportunity to build a memorial for community Veterans.

BELOW: An official rendering of the finalized plans for the upcoming Lehi Veterans Memorial.



The turning of the ground ceremony featured three phases so all distinguished guests would have an opportunity to turn the dirt. SRPMIC Tribal Council members, Community veterans, the keynote speakers, and SRPMIC directors, management and guests all were given the opportunity to partake in the ceremony.

Former SRPMIC Council Member Tom Largo Sr. brought the ground-breaking ceremony to a close by providing the benediction: “We know that one day we will stand before you, Lord. And we want to be unafraid and to say to you, Lord, that we did the best we could. To not only serve our country, but more than that, to serve you. We want to fulfill our purpose.”





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Community Health Educators Melanie Nosie and Vurlene Notsinneh-Bowekaty from the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Health and Human Services Department are gearing up for the upcoming Glow Walk on October 8.

“We are in our 13th year,” said Notsinneh-Bowekaty. The annual Glow

Walk began in 2011 after a tragic suicide affected the HHS Department staff. At the time they wanted to find a way to honor and commemorate individuals in the Community who have passed due to suicide.

“In the beginning, the Glow Walk was really small. Each year we try to make it bigger,” said Notsinneh-Bowekaty.

September is National Suicide Prevention Month as well as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Notsinneh-

Bowekaty and Nosie updated the Glow Walk event to deal with both topics. As a result, attendance has increased with each passing year.

“Unfortunately, sometimes [domestic violence and suicide] go hand in hand. So, we decided to make it a suicide/domestic violence Glow Walk. When we did, we noticed more people and staff were in attendance,” said Notsinneh-Bowekaty.

As the duo continued to brainstorm ideas to increase attendance, they decided to try handing out free t-shirts, glow sticks and more. “[In] some years we also were able to provide [walkers] with a meal,” added Notsinneh-Bowekaty.

Last year’s Glow Walk saw an attendance of more than 200 Community members and staff, along with their families and loved ones.

“I’m glad we have these walks,” shared Nosie. “It’s definitely important to raise awareness and provide education and support on these topics. With this event, we want to ... show that we

can all be a community of support. It’s not for us per se, it’s for the Community to support to one another,” she said.

This year’s Glow Walk takes place on Tuesday, October 8, with registration beginning at 5 p.m. and will feature a 1-mile lap. Walkers will start from the SRPMIC HHS parking lot and head west toward Longmore Drive, then walk east on Osborn Road and return to the parking lot. Walkers may take their time completing their lap.

“It’s a heartwarming event,” said Nosie. “We recognize the Community’s needs and want to reduce the stigma of talking about these topics.”

SRPMIC members and employees are invited to join in this year’s Glow Walk, which will feature freebies, guest speakers, vendor booths and more. Families and loved ones also are welcome. For more information, contact Nosie or Vurlene Notsinneh-Bowekaty on the SRPMIC HHS main line at (480) 362-7350.



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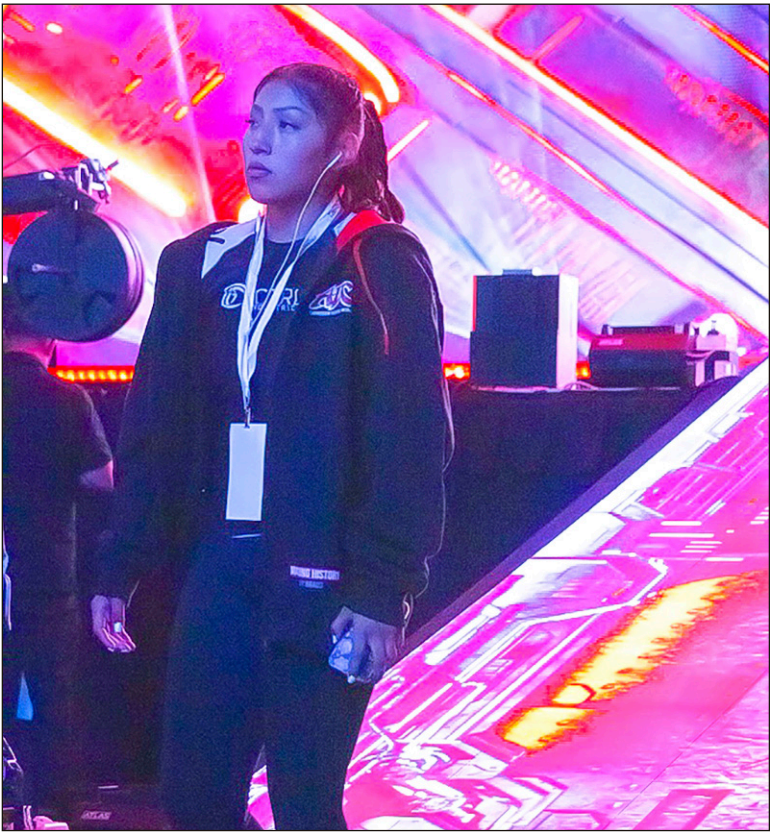
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# Rianna Tate Competes in ‘the Olympics of Grappling’ in Las Vegas



"I do it for my Native people," said Tate. "I do it for the people who believe in me, to never give up, push past my limits and to get to the top," she finished. Photo courtesy of Angelo Johnson.

To prepare for Las Vegas, Tate underwent training in Scottsdale with local coaches known for their expertise.

"The type of training I did to prepare [for Las Vegas] was a lot of strength and conditioning with George Castro. I performed weightlifting, cardio and circuit training. Mainly, [I do] a lot of cardio for these matches because they are six minutes long and can go into overtime with an extra three minutes, [which brings the total of a timed match to] nine minutes," she added. For her diet and maintaining her nutrition, Tate received training from George's wife, Kim Castro.

"For grappling training, I trained with Adrian Nez, who is Navajo. He is one of the high-level grapplers in the world. I train [with him] out of Van Buren Jiu Jitsu under Jonathan Van Buren in Chandler," said Tate. She also trains with 5-0 professional MMA fighter Ray Waters at the Chandler MMA center.

As she develops her skills and continues to collect accolades, Tate brings with her a tight-knit circle of



Though she suffered a loss in the Invitational in August, Tate used the match as inspiration and motivation for her next match the following month, the Jiu-Jitsu Con International. Photo courtesy of Angelo Johnson.

family, loved ones, supporters and sponsors. "I am sponsored by a very well-known grappling company, CTRL Industries. They are Native-owned (Navajo). I am sponsored by many Native-owned businesses that make shirts, jewelry and more," she said.

Her sponsors include CTRL Industries (grappling gear), A Native Touch LE&D (jewelry), NVJO Athletics (clothing), Can't Fail Designs (clothing and Native-owned), and other businesses.

Listing her father Joe as her main inspiration, Tate acknowledges the positive impact he's had on her life. "He helps [me] to always stay motivated and get things done. He helps keep my mindset focused and [teaches me] to always fight until the end—to never give up."

Though the judges in Las Vegas handed her a controversial loss in her August match, Tate remains standing tall with her head held high.

"I felt like I had won the match; my opponent even thought she had lost. Although I didn't get the results I wanted, I was still very happy and honored to be a

part of such a historic event. I will be using this learning experience as my motivation to come back even stronger, train harder, train smarter, and get these next couple titles I've been working hard on. It's life. As a growing athlete, I don't call these losses a loss. I call them a learning experience. We all have things that don't go our way, but I believe our times will come."

True to her word, Tate returned to Las Vegas over the Labor Day Weekend in September for the 2024 Jiu-Jitsu Con International, where she took home the gold medal in the juvenile/female/blue division.

To SRPMIC youth and families, Tate said, "Keep focusing on those dreams. "I do believe that each and every one of us can reach our goals! I would like to be able to help the kids and be a role model for them [to show them] that they can do it too! It will take a lot of visualizing, patience, time and sacrifices. No matter what it takes, whatever the circumstance is, keep your eyes on the prize. You can do it! Thank you to the Community for always supporting me and having my back in my journey!"

## Emergency Management Highlight National Preparedness Month 2024: Start a Conversation

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MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR

National Preparedness Month is upon us, and this year's theme is "Start a Conversation." Individuals and families are encouraged to have that conversation about what you can do to prepare yourself and your loved ones to be ready in case of an emergency.

Conversation starters could include the following topics:

- Asking loved ones if they have plans in place for certain common disasters such as extreme heat, monsoon storms and power outages.
- Initiating small talk about whether or not family members know what to do in disaster situations at home, work, school and when out in the general public.
- Asking how family members get their disaster-related information.

- Asking if family members have a "go bag" with necessary supplies to sustain themselves for up to three days if there is a need for it.

Starting a conversation can help identify where additional planning and training may be needed. Schedule the conversation when everyone is calm and relaxed. Allow enough time so decisions are not rushed and family members are comfortable talking about the topic. Encourage family members to seek support where shortfalls may be present, such as connecting them with appropriate officials who can provide information.

These simple conversations with actions taken to prepare can make a world of difference should an emergency response be needed. It furthers resilience in the Community by empowering individuals to take actions to support themselves and their families in times of disaster.

## National Preparedness Month



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**AROUND THE COMMUNITY:  
NALANI LOPEZ PERFORMS DANCES AT  
PATHWAYS INDIGENOUS ART FESTIVAL**

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On August 17, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community member Nalani Lopez (Onk Akimel O'odham/San Carlos Apache) shared two San Carlos Apache dances at the Pathways Indigenous Arts Festival, presented by Poeh Cultural Center, at the Buffalo Thunder Resort & Casino in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

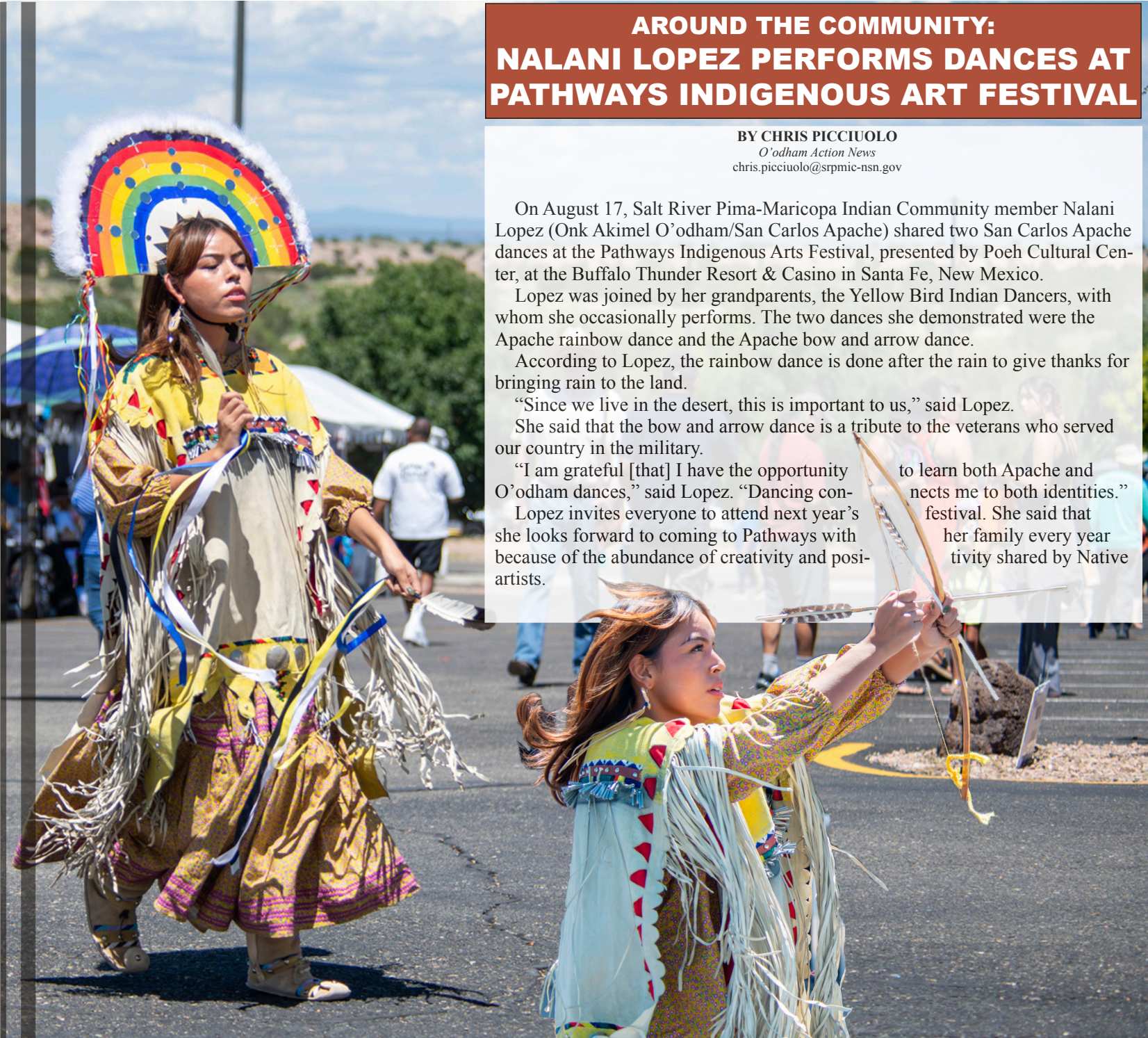
Lopez was joined by her grandparents, the Yellow Bird Indian Dancers, with whom she occasionally performs. The two dances she demonstrated were the Apache rainbow dance and the Apache bow and arrow dance.

According to Lopez, the rainbow dance is done after the rain to give thanks for bringing rain to the land.

"Since we live in the desert, this is important to us," said Lopez.

She said that the bow and arrow dance is a tribute to the veterans who served our country in the military.

"I am grateful [that] I have the opportunity to learn both Apache and O'odham dances," said Lopez. "Dancing connects me to both identities." Lopez invites everyone to attend next year's festival. She said that she looks forward to coming to Pathways with her family every year because of the abundance of creativity and positivity shared by Native artists.



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# Red Cross Displays Co-Branded Mission Response Disaster Relief Van at Council Meeting



Red Cross community volunteer leader Craig Rhodes shows off the Red Cross van that pulled up to the Two Waters Council Chambers roundabout.

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Before the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Council meeting on August 28, American Red Cross community volunteer leader Craig Rhodes pulled up to the roundabout outside the Council Chambers in a co-branded Red Cross/SRPMIC mission response disaster relief van.

The message “Proud supporter of the American Red Cross — Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community” is stamped on the back of the van. Rhodes was assigned the role of Red Cross Goodwill Ambassador to the SRPMIC.

The American Red Cross is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit humanitarian organization that has responded to emergency situations and crises across the country for more than 150 years.

Red Cross representatives were on hand to talk about the van, which was purchased with a 12% gaming grant from the SRPMIC, and to talk about some of the work that the Red Cross has done recently responding to incidents in Native American communities in the Southwest.

Gaming in Arizona is governed by the Arizona Tribal-State Gaming Compact

between the state and all 22 federally recognized Arizona tribes. Under Arizona’s compact, tribes with casinos are required to share revenue with the State of Arizona each year for a variety of programs such as Trauma Care, Education, Tourism, Conservation, and regulatory costs of the Arizona Department of Gaming. In addition, tribes can control a portion of revenue that would otherwise go to the State and distribute proceeds to Cities, towns, and non-profit organizations. This program, the 12% gaming grant program is administered through the SRPMIC Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs working with a Council appointed Committee.

SRPMIC Special Assistant for Legislative Affairs Gary Bohnee is the Chair of the Committee, along with SRPMIC President Martin Harvier, Vice-President Ricardo Leonard, Council members Cheryl Doka and Mikah Carlos, Salt River Tourism supervisor Jessica Sepulveda and Mr. Winter Wood.

According to Bohnee, the SRPMIC has had a relationship with the Red Cross since 2008.

“During the [COVID-19] pandemic, the SRPMIC was supportive of organizations like the Red Cross that provided critical services in the Community at large, such as blood drives and financial assistance to individuals dealing with crisis situations,” said Bohnee.

“More recently, they have focused on heat mitigation and the impact that high temperatures are having in the Community at large.”

The grants have also supported the installation of fire alarms in homes. All of these activities have also been provided in the Community, Bohnee said.

At the Council meeting, Edgar Olivo, American Red Cross CEO for the Arizona/New Mexico region, spoke to Council about the organization’s response to some current events in the region.

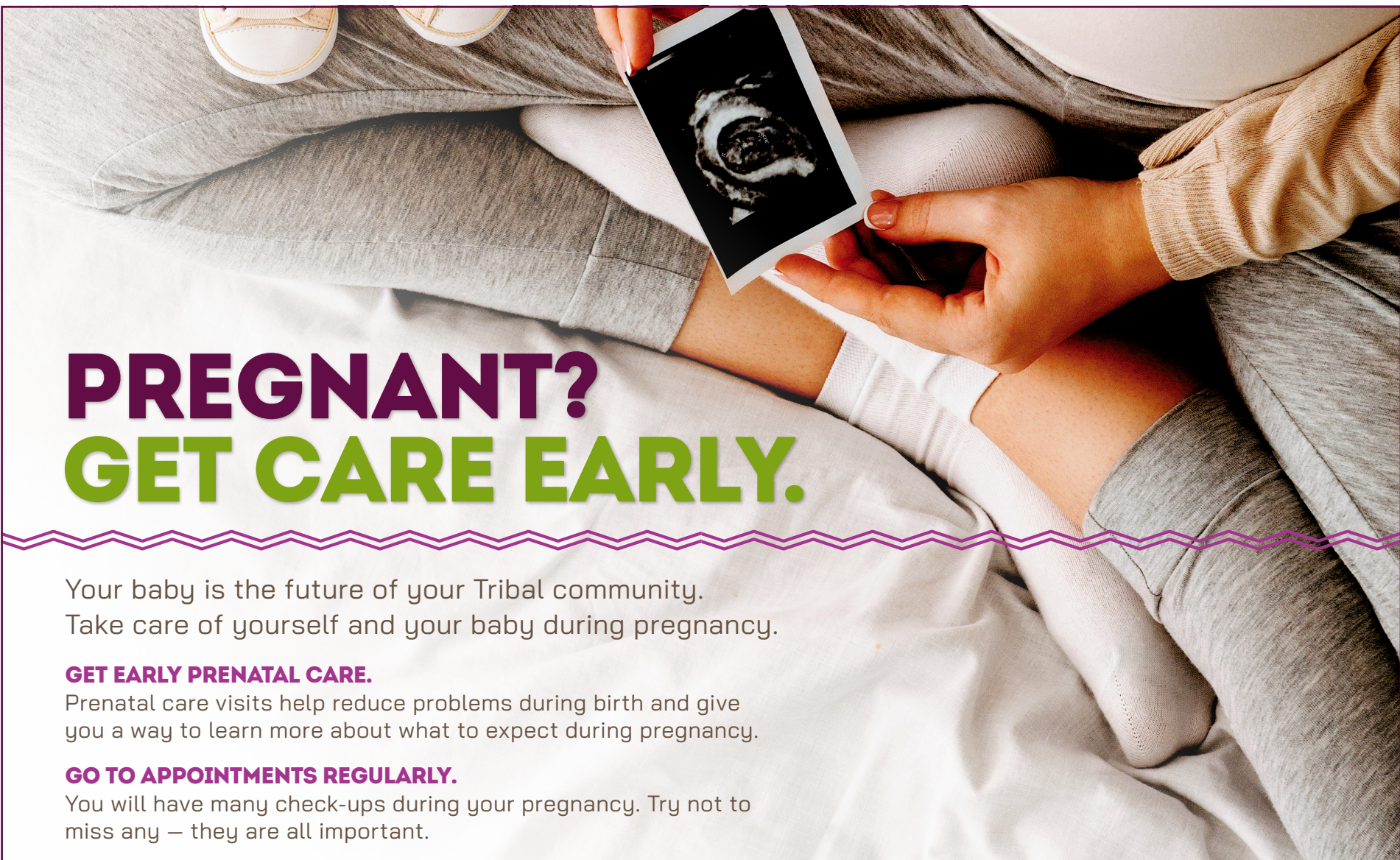
“As a gesture of recognizing the important investment you made in the mission of preventing and alleviating human suffering in the face of emergencies ... this is one of my proudest moments to be here and present you with this new vehicle that now represents your Community and this very generous donation you made,” said Olivo.

“We can only do that thanks to the power of volunteers and the generosity of donors.”

Recently, the Red Cross delivered blankets, cots, comfort kits and other items to the San Carlos Apache Tribe in response to a wildfire. The Red Cross also supported an emergency operations center and provided financial assistance to 16 families who lost their homes as a result of the fire.

“We did that thanks to your donation as well,” Olivo told Council.

The Red Cross also worked the South Fork and Salt wildfires in New Mexico, that impacted the Mescalero Apache Tribe, this summer, delivering 30,475 meals and snacks, providing 2,700 overnight stays and engaging 228 Red Cross disaster workers.



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# From COMMUNITY to Classroom



Participants learning about the land surrounding the Salt River Community.

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A one-day bus tour of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (SRPMIC) took place on Saturday, August 17, marking a significant step in fostering stronger ties between Salt River Schools educators and our tribal Community. Organized by Community member Heaven Sepulveda, this initiative brought together 27 volunteers, including SRPMIC members and the dedicated non-Native staff of Salt River Schools, for a day of cultural immersion and connection.

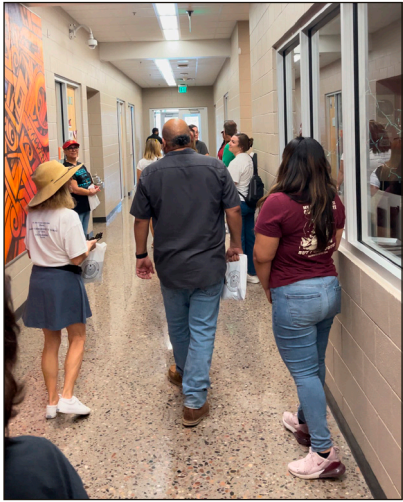
Our young students learn about the O’odham-Piipaash language and culture in the classroom, but it’s just as important that their educators experience the richness of our culture as well. The bus tour, led entirely by SRPMIC members, provided these educators with a unique opportunity to deepen their understanding of the land and families they serve.

The day began at the Round House Café, where the Miss Salt River royalty offered a warm greeting to the participants in the spirit of the hospitality that defines our Community. The air was filled with anticipation as the participants and facilitators ate breakfast burritos together. A prayer by Patsy King, a respected elder and former Salt River Schools educator, set a reflective and respectful tone for the journey ahead.

*This bus tour was more than just a day out; it was a profound journey into the heart of our Community.*

The first stop on the bus tour was the Red Mountain site, which was a powerful experience for many. For several participants, this was their first visit to this sacred area. SRPMIC Cultural

Resources Director Kelly Washington shared the deep history and significance of the land, offering a perspective that connected our past to the present.



Following the visit to Red Mountain, participants were able to tour facilities within the Community that offer resources to the students taught by the educators.

As the tour continued, visitors explored various aspects of SRPMIC life, from housing developments to the Salt River Entertainment District and preserve areas. These stops offered a glimpse into the Community’s complexities as well as opportunities, providing new insights for the Salt River Schools staff. Council members Jacob Butler and Mikah Carlos also shared their knowledge, emphasizing our cultural and Community achievements.

A highlight of the day was a guided tour of the Way of Life Facility (WOLF), where participants learned about the resources available to them as educators and staff of the Community.



Tour participants learning about the different facilities the Salt River Community has for youth.

This included access to the gym and personal training sessions, underscoring the Community’s commitment to holistic well-being not only for Community members, but for employees as well.

An unexpected yet touching moment occurred at the WOLF when the educators encountered a family whose children attend Salt River Schools. For many non-Native staff, this was a rare chance to connect with their students outside of the classroom setting. This encounter highlighted the importance of community involvement in education, leaving a lasting impact on everyone involved.

Lunch at the newly renovated Talking Stick Golf Club provided another moment of connection. Seated family-style, participants engaged in meaningful discussions that strengthened bonds and inspired ideas for future collaboration. Cody Achin from the Cultural Re-

sources Department shared our cultural calendar, encouraging the integration of these resources into the classroom.

The tour concluded at the historic old day school, where participants not only reflected on its rich history but also experienced a glimpse of the promising future of education with the new cultural grounds that will be available to Salt River Schools.

This bus tour was more than just a day out; it was a profound journey into the heart of our Community. The success of the tour was rooted in the spirit of Indigenous relationality—our deep commitment to working together, respecting one another and nurturing the relationships that bind us. It was a collective effort, a testament to the power of community collaboration, and a reminder of the sacred connections we share with each other and the land.



Group photo of the tour participants at the Talking Stick Golf Club



Group photo of the tour participants during their visit to Red Mountain.



Participants gathered at the Way of Life Facility (WOLF) as part of the tour of Salt River.



# Effective Communication in the Workplace (as it relates to Stress Management). ☺

Melanie Nosie, LMSW  
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Community Health Educator



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“Whether we are management or support staff, we must make sure we are getting the correct message across,” began Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Health Educator Melanie Nosie, LMSW, in a July 27 webinar on communication in the workplace. More than 100 people participated in the webinar presentation, titled “Effective Communication in the Workplace as It Relates to Stress Management.”

Nosie explained that effective communication in the workplace involves

speaking, listening and providing feedback. This allows for collaborations between teams and departments to flow seamlessly while improving productivity. “When there’s communication going back and forth, we have to make sure we’re listening,” said Nosie. “Effective communication creates accountability.”

As the webinar’s facilitator, Nosie shared various methods for communicating effectively in the workplace. “Be mindful of nonverbal communication, such as body language. We also have to remember to give constructive feedback and use positive language,” she said.

When a person’s arms are crossed, that gives the impression that the individual is not listening or paying attention. Negative body language provides the speaker with the feeling that they are not being respected. This can negatively impact communication in the workplace and cause additional stresses. “We want to make sure the receiver of our message receives it well,” said Nosie.

“We all have different skills and backgrounds, [and] we interact with lots of different people. Whether it’s working with people out of our office, collaborating with internal departments, or communicating with people

from outside of the Community, we need to be able to achieve a goal at work of clear communication,” said Nosie.

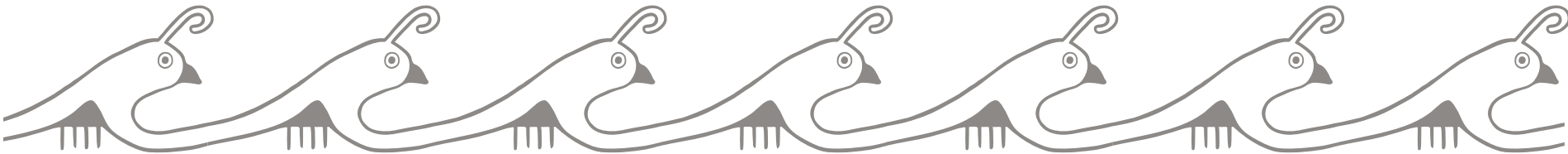
She continued, “A lot of times, conflicts in the workplace happen because of a misunderstanding. It happens when a communication wasn’t effective: One person said *this*, but the other person heard *that*. With that, staff may feel disregarded, and that’s not a good feeling. We want to do our best to pay attention to how we communicate; it goes both ways.”

Additionally, if ineffective communication in the workplace goes unchecked, that could result in demoralized employees, unclear department objectives, and a tense environment between staff and management, all of which contribute to an overall unhealthy workplace.

By outlining the negative effects, Nosie was able to highlight the positives of effective communication. Effective communication improves direction for employees, increases employee engagement, strengthens team building and improves the public impression of department(s) in the Community.

“As human beings, when we’re approached and we get frustrated, it’s normal to get defensive, and sometimes we can react with a negative tone of voice,” Nosie said. “We want to make sure we are professional. And if you’re in a field where you must state the facts, then state the facts.”

Nosie concluded the webinar presentation by fielding questions from attendees.



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STATE AND FEDERAL ELECTION CANDIDATES INVITED TO MEET COMMUNITY AT COUNCIL MEETINGS

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DAVID SCHWEIKERT

Arizona Congressman David Schweikert (District 1 – AZ) visited the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community on September 4 to re-introduce himself to Community members at the SRPMIC Council meeting.

Schweikert is running for reelection during the general election on November 5. The SRPMIC Office of Congressional Affairs invited Schweikert in an effort to facilitate invitations to all the candidates who will running for office.

The SRPMIC falls within the boundaries of District 1, so Schweikert is the Community's representative, and has been since 2011. He also represents the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation and approximately 789,000 people who live within the district, according to Gary Bohnee, Special Assistant for Legislative Affairs at SRPMIC.

"There are many issues and many candidates that will be on your November ballot that you'll need to consider and make decisions on," Bohnee told the Community members.

"Each member of congress is elected by the individuals and residents in their respective districts, and this is why its important for voters in these particular districts to make the choice of who will represent their interests in the best way possible. Tribal communities have unique issues."

"So often we're working on geeky stuff in the tax codes and nobody's advocating for Indian Country," Schweikert said to Council.

"I was one of your negotiators in the early 1990's on the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA)."

Schweikert said that Congress has moved "light years" in becoming more educated on tribal issues, saying many members of Congress have almost no relationship with tribal populations.

"I believe if you look at the issues that you as a Council needed to have addressed by the Federal government, I have been your sponsor I believe on everything," Schweikert told Council.

"It's my job. Even though this Community s 1% of my population, you're important to me. You're my neighbor."

When his time was up, Schweikert took a photo with Council before heading out to the lobby of Council Chambers for photos with Community members.



ABOVE: Arizona Congressman David Schweikert (District 1 – AZ) reintroduces himself to the SRPMIC on September 4 at the Council meeting.



RIGHT: Schweikert talks with potential voters outside of Council Chambers.



ABOVE: U.S. Rep. Ruben Gallego (D-AZ) speaks with SRPMIC Council members and Community members at the Council meeting on August 28.

BELOW: Gallego signs his signature on Manuel Hurtado Jr.'s shirt after the Council meeting.



RUBEN GALLEGO

U.S. Rep. Ruben Gallego (D-AZ) was invited by the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community to speak with Council and address Community members about issues at the Community Council meeting on August 28.

In January, Gallego was officially endorsed by the SRPMIC for his 2024 run in the state of Arizona.

Gallego told the Community at the meeting that he has made it a goal of his to extend his service to Indigenous communities.

"I would love to be your U.S. Senator," said Gallego, as he looked over at Community members in the seats.

For the past decade Gallego has been on the Natural Resources Committee. During that time, Gallego was on the Subcommittee on Indian Affairs the whole time, including chairman at one time.

"In that time, I held the first hearing in the House of Representatives ever on Missing and Murdered Indigenous People (MMIP)," said Gallego.

"Something that unfortunately should have happened a long time ago, but did not happen until I became chair."

As a Marine Corps veteran of the Iraq War, Gallego talked about his experience working with Native American veterans. In the war, Gallego served with Navajo military service members.

"My best friends, I consider them brothers of mine, Navajo brothers from the Navajo Nation," said Gallego.

"Since I returned from the war, it's their guidance and inspiration that has given me the love for working to help better the status of Native Americans on tribal land."

When Gallego's time on the floor was over, Council thanked him for his service and commitment to the Community.

People in the seats erupted with applause as he made his way to the lobby in the entrance of Council Chambers to take photos with Community members.



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# Salt River Pipes and Drums Members Perform with Arizona Fire Service Pipe Band

Service Pipe Band, a statewide group of more than 150 band members who respond to the call to perform anytime there is a significant fire department-related memorial, funeral, retirement or graduation event.

The Arizona Fire Service Pipe Band sends out a notification via an app to all members, and this year the Salt River Pipes and Drums answered the call to perform at the Franklin Police and Fire High School welcome dinner and orientation event held at The Hall of Flame Museum of Firefighting in Phoenix on August 23.

Salt River Pipe Major and SRFD engineer Xavier Martinez led the state band that night, rounded out by SRFD engineer Colin Schaffery on bagpipes, SRFD firefighter/EMT Levi Jones on bass drum, and firefighter/paramedic Eric Parr and SRFD engineer Chris Kenitzer on snare drums.

"We were about half of the entire state band for this event!" said Kenitzer, who noted that the museum was a great setting for fire school graduates.

"It is also reassuring to see entire high schools being dedicated to developing the next generation of much-needed firefighters. Hopefully the performance sounded good to the audience, and specifically the graduates."

Eight years ago, Kenitzer was presented with the opportunity to be part of history when Martinez approached him to help stand up the first pipes and drums band in Native American fire service history.

Along with Technical Rescue Team captain/snare drummer Riley Murph, the trio of Martinez, Murph and Kenitzer began practicing diligently back in 2017.

"Our six-piece band works very hard year-round, visiting schools, attending workshops, traveling, practicing and performing," said Kenitzer. "We are extremely fortunate to be able to honor our fallen, our graduates and retirees here in the Community and across the country because of the support we

have received from our SRFD Command staff."

Kenitzer plays an Andante brand Scottish Highland snare drum with Gordon Brown G2 drumsticks. On the top of the snare drum is a tightly bound, woven carbon fiber head. The bottom of the snare has the standard "kit" snare head on it.

"This gives the 'rifle shot' sound, which this particular drum was meant to imitate in warfare," said Kenitzer. "Enemies of tribes and armed forces around the globe have felt surrounded by the crack and echo of the Scottish Highland snare, without wasting a single bullet."

Thanks to Martinez, the bass drum head has the SRPMIC's water design encircling it. "Our bass drum represents the essence of this historic band with the unprecedented integration of both Native and fire service cultures," he said.

The Salt River Pipes and Drums band also performed at the annual 9/11 Stair Climb event at Salt River Fields, which was held on September 14. The band has played at Pearl Harbor Day, Veterans Day and Memorial Day events as well.

Later this fall, the band will be performing at its annual awards banquet, and Kenitzer said they will be ready.

"The band is constantly attending trainings and workshops and learning new tunes on top of improving on old ones," said Kenitzer.



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# Senior Services Hosts Gila River Seniors at Painting with Penguins Event



Senior Services hosted Painting with Penguins on August 20 at OdySea Aquarium. Seniors painted canvases with guest seniors from Gila River and met Sedona, a South African penguin.

BY LAURA TOUSSAINT  
SENIOR SERVICES

Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community’s Senior Services hosted eight seniors from Gila River and seven Salt River seniors for a Painting with Penguins event on August 20. The event was held at OdySea Aquarium and included instructor-led painting, lunch and a penguin meet-and-greet. Senior Services Community Liaison Jessica Martinez had long wanted to do such an event.

“Once I saw the [event] room [at OdySea], I knew I wanted to do an event here, and I remembered how much the seniors from Gila River enjoyed visiting for breakfast and crafts this past February, so I wanted to bring the two ideas together,” said Martinez. “I liked that they got to know each other and to discover connections. When they first got here, they didn’t really feel like they knew each other, but when they started introducing themselves and mentioning their family



Patricia Jefferson and the other seniors had the opportunity to do some penguin petting during the event. names, quite a few realized they were related.” Susan Yazzie from Salt River was one of them. “I didn’t know they were coming, but I was happy to see my aunties [from Gila River]. It’s great to see someone else besides ourselves and

to share what we do in our communities.”

The seniors enjoyed getting to know each other as they painted a seascape. For Sam Pratt of Sacaton, it was the first time he had ever painted, and he was surprised that he was good at it. “I am glad I got this chance and grateful for the opportunity to try something I have always wanted to do,” he said.

Once the seniors had completed their paintings, they were introduced to Sedona, a South African penguin. The OdySea staff shared a bit about her habits and natural environment. Those who wanted to could pet her. Afterward, the seniors were treated to lunch.

The event was a collaboration between Senior Services’ Community Liaison and Health & Wellness programs. “This was our first collaboration. The painting aspect appealed to me from a wellness perspective. It’s a therapeutic form of self-expression and

discovery,” said Celinda Joe, Health & Wellness Program manager. “After our holiday service project with Gila River last year, we wanted to continue our connection with their community, and we look forward to doing more intertribal activities in the future.”

Martinez hopes to schedule more intertribal events as well. “I am looking forward to doing more activities with our sister tribes and, eventually, other tribes throughout Arizona,” said Martinez. “I’m part Cocopah from Yuma, and I’ve always thought it would be fun to do something with them. I know many of our seniors have connections in other communities as well.”

To learn more about the programs and services available to Community seniors 55+ and adults with adaptive needs, call Senior Services at (480) 362-6350.



Sam Pratt from Gila River painted for the first time and was grateful for the opportunity to try something he had always wanted to do.

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-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 BAP-  
TIST 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. Suite 105  
Mesa, AZ 85201  
(720) 626-2171, Josh Austin  
SaltRiverChurchofChrist.com  
SERVICES  
-Bible Class 9:30 a.m. -10:30 a.m.  
-Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.  
-Sunday Bible Class 6 p.m.  
-Bible Study Wednesdays 7 p.m.  
-Local transportation available,  
please call phone number above

**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 MIS-  
SION**  
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)**  
Marriott Courtyard, 5201 N. Pima  
Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85250  
Apostle Edward Chance  
apostleaac@gmail.com  
(480) 516-6509  
SERVICES  
10 AM on Sundays  
Visit us on Facebook Live,  
Wednesdays at 7 PM for Voice  
of Truth

**VICTORY CENTER**  
1231 E Oak St.  
Mesa, AZ 85203  
Senior Pastor Danny Cruz  
480-427-4678  
SERVICES  
First and Third Tuesday of Each  
Month at 6:30 p.m.  
Follow us @vomsrvictorycenter on  
instagram

**VICTORY OUTREACH CHURCH  
MESA**  
5610 E. Main St. Mesa, AZ 85205  
Senior Pastor Danny Cruz  
SERVICES  
Sunday 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.  
Wednesday 7 p.m.  
Youth Nights Tuesday at 7 p.m.  
visit vomesa.org for more service  
times, life group locations, and  
events  
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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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PUBLIC WORKS NOTICE

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

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

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

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LEGAL NOTICES

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

Andrews, Ariel Sky – Review Hearing Case:  
JV-23-0084 Court Date: October 3, 2024  
at 11 a.m.  
Andrews, Dracy – Permanency Hearing  
Case: J-23-0040/J-23-0041/J-23-0042

Date: October 15, 2024 at 10 AM  
Gutierrez, Nicholas – Permanency Hearing  
Case: J-23-0040/J-23-0041/J-23-0042  
Date: October 15, 2024 at 10 AM  
King, Phillip George III- Mother: Jasina  
Leslie Nanonka (DOB: 02/08/1986) Child:  
S.A.K. (DOB: 10/01/2015) Truancy Hearing  
Case: JV-24-0136 Court Date: September  
26, 2024 at 3 p.m.  
Nanonka, Jasina Leslie -Truancy Hearing  
Case: JV-24-0136 Court Date: September  
26, 2024 at 3 p.m.

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

Hill, Indaria Modesty - Order to Show Cause  
Hearing Case: CV-23-3990 Court Date:  
September 25, 2024 at 9 AM  
Johnson, Gary - Probate Hearing Case:  
CV-24-2965 Court Date: October 10, 2024

at 11 AM  
Loring, Jezlyn Norma - Petition for Name  
Change Case: CV-24-4581 Court Date:  
October 10, 2024 at 10 AM  
Mora, Joseph - Initial Guardianship Hearing  
Case: CV-24-3758 Court Date: October 10,  
2024 at 9 AM  
Parchcorn Jr., Ellis Jay - Initial Custody  
Hearing Case: CV-24-4577 Court Date:  
September 30, 2024 at 9:30 AM  
Porter, Mariana - Initial Guardianship  
Hearing Case: CV-24-3758 Court Date:  
October 10, 2024 at 9 AM  
Sanchez, Evelyn – Adjudication Hearing  
Case: JV-24-0134 Date: September 30,  
2024 at 1:30 p.m.

Stepp, Lenordine Belle - Evidentiary Hearing  
Case: CV-24-4906 Court Date: October 30,  
2024 at 9 AM  
Valenzuela, Jennifer Nan - Order to Show  
Cause Hearing Case(s): CV-24-1095; CV-  
24-1574; CV-24-2805; CV-24-2813 Court  
Date: November 15, 2024 at 1:30 PM in  
Courtroom #5  
Whitman, Denay Annalisa - Custody  
Modification Hearing Case: CF-17-0108/  
CF-17-0109 Court Date: September 24,  
2024 at 10 AM

DEFAULT NOTICES

CARLOS, ANTHONY S.J.  
CV-24-0847  
DEFAULT NOTICE  
To: Anthony S.J. Carlos, RESPONDENT  
1. A Civil Complaint has been filed against  
you in this Court and your immediate  
attention to this fact is urgent if you do not  
want judgment entered against you.  
2. The Court record reflects that you have  
failed to respond to defend by filing an  
answer, motion to dismiss, request for  
extension of time or other responsive  
pleading and you have failed to attend  
hearings at the Court called for this matter.  
3. If you do not defend against this suit within  
Thirty (30) days from the date the Process  
Server hands you this or you are served  
with it otherwise as permitted under the  
Community Code, the Court may enter  
default judgment against you.  
4. A default judgment may have serious,  
adverse, and irreversible consequences  
against you.  
5. If you want to defend against the claim  
and avoid default judgment entered against  
you, you must file a written answer, motion  
to dismiss or other responsive pleading  
within thirty (30) days from when you are  
served with this Notice. The Court will not  
extend time for your response and you  
must make your response in writing, no  
oral responses will be accepted  
6. If you do nothing, the Court may give  
Judgment for what the Complaint  
demands. (Section 5-16.1, Judgment by  
Default)  
DATED: September 9, 2024  
CLERK OF SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA  
INDIAN COMMUNITY TRIBAL COURT

DOE, MANUEL  
J-18-0044  
SUMMONS  
I.T.M.O.: John Doe (D.O.B.: 11/4/2007)  
A Petition for Permanent Guardianship  
of minor child has been filed on August  
5, 2024 in this Court against you  
which alleges grounds for permanent  
guardianship of minor child of the above  
captioned child(ren). You may obtain a  
copy of the Petition by calling (480)363-  
6315. A hearing has been set to determine  
whether the petitioner has proven that  
allegations(s) support a legal basis for  
permanent guardianship.  
THEREFORE YOU ARE ORDERED to  
APPEAR for an Initial Guardianship  
Hearing before the Honorable Presiding  
Judge Deer, the Salt River Juvenile Court  
on Monday, September 23, 2024, at 11:00  
AM, 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 proceeding.  
NOTICE: Violation of this Order is Subject  
to Proceedings for Contempt of Court  
Pursuant to Salt River Community Code  
Section 6-42. If Good Cause is Not  
Shown, 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 may be Terminated.  
CLERK – SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA  
INDIAN TRIBAL COURT

GOODWIN, JOE  
Notice of Default Judgment:  
Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community  
Court, State of Arizona, Maricopa County  
original jurisdiction court case number  
CV-24-0852  
Notice of Default Judgment is hereby  
given ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that  
default judgment against Respondent,  
Joe Goodwin, is hereby ENTERED. It is  
further, ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that  
Respondent, Joe Goodwin, shall remit  
payment on the judgment to Petitioner,  
Country Club Cars. Payment shall be  
made to Petitioner within thirty (30) days  
of this Order. This order is final and shall  
be served on Respondent in accordance  
to Rule 5-20(c). For a copy of this Order  
please contact the court at 480-362-6315.  
HILL, INDARIA MODESTY  
CV-23-3990  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE NOTICE  
Indaria Modesty Hill  
YOU ARE HEREBY ORDERED to appear  
for Order to Show Cause Hearing on the  
25th day of September, 2024 at 9:00 AM,  
in Court Room 2, and show cause why you  
should not be held in contempt for failure  
to pay Default Judgment ordered on June  
10, 2024 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 30th day of July, 2024.  
JUDGE ANTHONY LITTLE – SALT RIVER  
PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN TRIBAL COURT

JACKSON, STEPHANIE  
J-18-0044  
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Held Without the Parent and the Parental  
Rights of the Parent may be Terminated.  
CLERK – SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA  
INDIAN TRIBAL COURT

LORING, JEZLYN NORMA  
CV-24-4581  
DEFAULT NOTICE (\*AMENDED)  
To: Jezlyn Norma Loring, RESPONDENT  
1. A Civil Complaint 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.  
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must make your response in writing, no  
oral responses will be accepted  
6. If you do nothing, the Court may give  
Judgment for what the Complaint  
demands. (Section 5-16.1, Judgment by  
Default)  
DATED: September 9, 2024  
Clerk of Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian  
Community Tribal Court



SALT RIVER PIMA MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY  
Community Regulatory Agency/Office of Alcohol Beverage Control  
8840 E. Chaparral Road, Suite 165, Scottsdale, Arizona  
(480) 362-5450 FAX (480) 362-5488

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with the SRPMIC Code of Ordinances, Ordinance Number  
SRO-492-2017, a public hearing on a Liquor License Application for  
Ventura Street Tacos, LLC dba Maria’s Mexican Grill, located at 9500 E.  
Via De Ventura, E220, Scottsdale, AZ 85256, shall be held at the SRPMIC  
Community Regulatory Agency (CRA) on October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 10:00 am,  
located at 8840 E. Chaparral Rd., Suite 165, Scottsdale, AZ 85250  
(Conference Room). Petitions and testimony will be heard from persons in  
favor of or opposed to the issuance of a liquor license that reside in the  
Community, or own or lease property located within the Community that is  
in close proximity to the proposed premises. To request for additional  
information regarding this application, contact Licensing Investigator II,  
Missie Stillman, at (480) 362-6896.



Board Vacancies  
Vaşai Gakidag Maşad | Xly’a Xamxmok | September  
APPLICATION DEADLINE SEPTEMBER 30, 2024



- JUDICIAL SELECTION COMMITTEE
- GAMING REGULATORY BOARD
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DETAILED INFORMATION HERE:  
<https://tinyurl.com/SEPTBV2024>

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

## 3rd Quarter 2024 ELIGIBILITY DEADLINE

### September 30, 2024

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

#### DEADLINES FOR CHANGES

**Direct Deposit Start-Ups and Changes:** Thursday, September 26th at 5:00 PM.  
This deadline is for new start-ups for direct deposit or changes to existing information. All forms MUST be submitted with a "VOID-ED" check or statement from the bank with the Routing and Account Numbers. Forms received by this date will be effective for the **October 2024** payout. Forms received after this date will not be effective until the **January 2025** payout.

**Per Capita Eligibility:** Tuesday, October 15th 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 October 2024 payout. Forms received after this date will not be processed until the first week of November 2024.

**Tax Withholding Changes:** Tuesday, October 15th 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 FINPERCAP1@srpmic-nsn.gov.

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

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Clarkdale, AZ

**Electrical Technician I**  
Clarkdale, AZ

**Industrial Repair Utility Person I**  
Clarkdale, AZ

**Utility Person I**  
Clarkdale, AZ

**Wash Plant Operator**  
Camp Verde, AZ

#### Aggregates

**Mobile Equipment Mechanic I – Sr.**  
Glendale, AZ (Glendale Plant)

**Mobile Equipment Operator**  
Scottsdale, AZ (Beeline Plant)

#### Pozzolans

**Facility Operator I-IV**  
Vernal, UT (Bonanza Plant)

**Facility Operator I-IV**  
St. Johns, UT (Coronado Plant)

**Salt River Materials Group** is a leading supplier of cement, pozzolans and aggregates in Arizona and the Southwest U.S for the over 60 years. **SRMG** has a wide variety of career positions, and we invest in our employees through extraordinary benefits, training and development opportunities to allow our employees to grow in their careers.

## BENEFITS

### Life Disability

### Long & Short-Term Disability Insurance

**PTO** (Paid Time Off) & **PSL** (Paid Sick Leave)

**Bereavement Leave** - immediately available upon hire date.

**Holiday Pay** - 7 observed and paid holidays, 2 floating holidays!

**Health** – extensive medical, dental, vision and prescription drug coverage.

**Supplemental Programs** - Everyone Health, Teledoc (24/7 medical/mental heal services), GRAIL - pre cancer screen (based upon eligibility)

**Health Club Membership** – Health club membership for employees.

**401(k)** – A retirement savings plan with multiple investment options and **6% matching dollar for dollar** contributions.

**Tuition Reimbursement** – SRMG will pay up to 100% of tuition and books.

**Employee Local and National Discounts** - Theme Parks, Sporting Events, Plays & Concerts, Vehicle & Home purchases and much more!

**Green Vehicle Program** – Employees may receive up to \$1500 each calendar year for 3 years for the purchase of fuel-efficient vehicles.

**Home Energy Efficiency Incentive** – Employees may receive up to \$100 each calendar year for the purchase of energy efficient compact light bulbs (CFL's) and LEDs or an Energy Audit performed by SRP or APS.

## Does Salt River Materials Group have preference in hiring?

**Yes**, Salt River Materials Group (SRMG) is the commercial trade name for marketing activities of Phoenix Cement Company and Salt River Sand and Rock. Phoenix Cement Company and Salt River Sand and Rock are independent divisions of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (SRP-MIC).

However, all qualified individuals are encouraged to apply. During the hiring process, management will determine a prospective employee's ability, skill, competency and other qualifications needed for the job. When all these are equal between a qualified Community Member, a qualified Native American and other qualified candidate, preference will be given to the qualified Community Member, then a qualified Native American and then other qualified candidate.

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dba Salt River Materials Group,  
both divisions of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community

# Calendar of Events

SEPT  
DISTRICT  
MEETINGS

REGULAR SESSION IN LEHI  
September 11, 2024 | 5:00 pm  
Lehi Community Center

COMMUNITY MEMBERS ONLY MEETING  
September 30, 2024 | 6:00 pm  
Salt River Community Building

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THU

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

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SAT

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

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SAT

Quarterly Lehi Meeting @ Evergreen  
**CM SCABBY/CM DALLAS**  
District F & G, District II (Lehi)  
10:00 am | Evergreen Neighborhood Center  
12275 E. Fairmount Ave. Scottsdale, AZ 85256

SRPMIC Council District Meeting Website:  
<https://tinyurl.com/SRPMICDMs>

Council Secretaries Office:  
(480) 362-7469 | <https://tinyurl.com/SRPMIC-Council>

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

## ONGOING

**AA MEETING TEMPORARY NEW LOCATION**, 5/23-8/22 at Red Mountain Neighborhood Center 11889 E Glenrosa Dr. AA meetings that were held on Thursday evenings at RPHC will be held from 6-8 p.m. at the above dates & locations. Contact: Lois Evanston (480) 362-1399

**DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP**, 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month from 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. in room 3104 (Cloud), 3rd floor of RPHC. This free, confidential, and safe group of individuals support one another by utiliz-

ing their collective experiences and learned wisdom. This gathering is for adults diagnosed with diabetes. For more information, contact (480) 362-3355

**SENIOR BOOK CLUB**, 2nd and 4th Wednesdays from 10:30-11:30 at the Tribal Library at WOLF. See ad on page 18 for more information!

**MOVING WITH MARTIN**, Tuesdays and Thursdays throughout August and the first week of September. Varying locations and activities for all to participate in! See ad on page 17 for more information.

**TAI CHI FOR SENIORS**, Tuesdays 9-10 a.m. at WOLF Senior Room and Thursdays 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. at Senior Services North Annex. Join Senior Services for tai chi, an ancient Chinese martial art used today as an effective moving meditation that improves the health of the mind and body. All abilities and fitness levels are welcome. For community seniors 55+ and adults with adaptive needs. Questions? Call 480.362.6350.

**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!

**WATER AEROBICS AT WAY OF LIFE FACILITY POOL**, 45-minute sessions on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays at 10 a.m., 12 p.m., and 1 p.m. No registration required. Questions? Call (480) 362-6310

**NAMI FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP**, First and Third Wednesdays of each month from 12 p.m. – 1 p.m. at RPHC 3rd Floor, Room 3104. Contact (480) 362-6948 for more information.

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SUPPORT GROUP**, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. at RPHC. Mens meetings Wednesdays, Womens meetings Tuesdays.

### WELLBRIETY 12 STEP AND MEDICINE WHEEL,

Wednesdays and Fridays 9:30 a.m. – 11 a.m. Wellbriety is a Native American recovery fellowship that blends spiritual practice with the 12-Step program. Its approach to recovery focuses on healing and is rooted in the Teachings of the Medicine Wheel, the Cycle of Life, and the Four Laws of Change. Wellbriety emphasizes creating new thought patterns, attitudes, and feelings about sobriety based on traditional concepts and Native American teachings.

### TALKING CIRCLE FOLLOWING WELLBRIETY,

Wednesdays and Fridays 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. Following the Wellbriety session, participants are invited to join the Talking Circle to share insights and experiences related to living in recovery and honoring traditional practices, including fellowship, community, and connection. Talking Circle sessions also take place every Wednesday and Friday, from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

**WARRIOR'S SUPPORT CIRCLE**, 2nd Thursday Warrior's Support Circle is a talking circle aimed at offering our Veterans a safe space to meet and share their life experiences, challenges, and successes. The circle offers a free, confidential space for members to take steps towards recovery by gaining insight from others and learning more about PTSD, adjustment issues after reintegration into the civilian world, and to discuss general challenges that accompany service in the military.

**CRAFT COMMUNITY REINFORCEMENT AND FAMILY TRAINING**, Support group for families of loved ones battling substance abuse/addiction/dependence. Fridays 4 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. at RPHC Room 3106 (3rd Floor) For More Information please contact Shea Hinton at (480) 362-2739

**SALT RIVER VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION ORIENTATION**, Bi-weekly on Tuesdays 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. Human Resources, Two Waters Building B. Walk-ins welcomed! Contact (480) 362 2650 for more information.

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**21 SOCIAL BIRD DANCING AND GOURD SINGING PRACTICE**, 6:30 p.m. - 9 p.m. at Lehi Community Center. Potluck style gathering, all bird singers and dancers welcome! Questions, contact Elaina 480-635-6692 or Michelle 480-244-9651

**23 COZY CREATIONS: FALL DIY CRAFTS - KITCHEN TOWELS**, Beginner friendly classes for adults, to be held at Lehi Community Center, Room 109. All classes from 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. Questions? Contact Tribal Library at 480-362-6600

**24 NARD PROGRAM**, See ad on page 4 for complete details!

**25 COME SEE AND LEARN ABOUT CANDIDATE DR. AMISH SHAH**, Learn about US Congressional candidate Dr. Amish Shah at the Council Meeting at 5 p.m. Check out our coverage of other candidates who have visited the Community on page 11, and stay tuned for future coverage! Visit [www.salttrivervotes.com](https://www.salttrivervotes.com) for more information.

**26 SODA WITH SECURITY: GANG AWARENESS**, from 6-7 p.m. in the Lecture Hall at the Accelerated Learning Academy (4827 N. Country Club Dr.). Meet with the Salt River Police Department's Gang Unit to learn about important issues in the Community, current trends, and how to protect your family and young ones from the pressures of gang life. We'll be serving dinner while supplies last, so get there early! For more information, call Esteban Lopez, Safety & Security Manager, at 480-362-2511.

**27 TRIBAL GOVERNMENT CLOSED**, offices will be closed in observance of Native American Recognition Day. Please plan accordingly.

**30 COMMUNITY MEMBER ONLY MEETING**, 6-8 p.m. at Salt River Council Chambers. Tribal ID is required. See page 13 for complete details.