

# Beaded Plume Brings a Glimmer of Salt River to Santa Fe

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Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community member Maricela Hinojosa (Onk Akimel O'dham/Yaqui) was taught beadwork by her late uncle Paul Andrews.

Hinojosa hadn't beaded in a while when a close friend rekindled the spark in her at a "beading party," and she picked up the needle again.

Now, for the past decade, Hinojosa has been honing her craft on her own, inspired by traditional beadwork, which includes a softer palette of colors. She travels the rez, across the Valley and to Native American art markets throughout the Southwest with her jewelry business, Beaded Plume.

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## SRPMIC Honors Community Purple Heart Recipients with 3rd Annual Walk



Countless Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community membership, staff, and more honored and commemorated the SRPMIC Purple Heart recipients by participating in the 3rd Annual SRPMIC Purple Heart Walk in Lehi on August 3.

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"It is right as Americans to come together to remember and honor the courageous women and men who have bravely represented our country," said Troy Truax, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Veteran's Representative, on August 3 during SRPMIC's annual Purple Heart Walk in Lehi.

The Purple Heart is a United States military medal given to those who were wounded or killed in combat on or after April 5, 1917. On March 21, 2022, the

SRPMIC officially declared itself a Purple Heart Community.

"By doing so, the SRPMIC officially became the first Purple Heart Community in the Southwest region of the United States," said Truax. "It is our duty to ensure these heroes are never forgotten. Let us take this opportunity not only to remember their sacrifices, but also to encourage one another to live with the same amount of courage and dedication."

Community members, staff, their families and loved ones joined in to help honor and commemorate those from the

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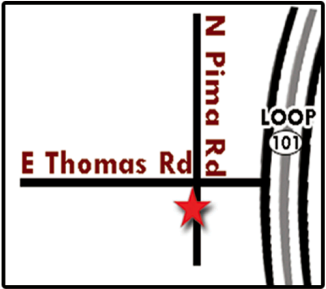
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# Harris-Walz Rally in Valley Spotlights Native American Support



Supporters of the 2024 Democratic nominee for president Kamala Harris cheer in the background as Democratic leaders join hands on stage. Left to right: Senator Mark Kelly, former U.S. Rep. Gabrielle "Gabby" Giffords, Vice President Kamala Harris, Democratic nominee for Vice President Tim Walz, U.S. Rep Ruben Gallego.

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On August 9, U.S. Vice-President Kamala Harris, the 2024 Democratic nominee for president, and Minnesota Governor Tim Walz, Democratic nominee for vice-president, made a presidential campaign stop at Desert Diamond Arena in Glendale on traditional O’odham Jewed (“land” in O’odham).

According to the Harris campaign, more than 15,000 supporters waited in line on the exceptionally hot summer day and filed into the venue located across the street from Desert Diamond Casino, which is operated by the Tohono O’odham Nation.

In the hours leading up to the rally, “influencers” invited by the campaign trickled in on the main floor in front of the stage. Excited supporters held up signs and performed “the wave” a few times.

The rally kicked off with an appearance by Gila River Indian Community Governor Stephen Roe Lewis, who addressed the crowd about the wisdom of elders, veterans and women in our communities. His speech was left off the official campaign livestream but was partially broadcast by some local news outlets.

“As we begin tonight’s rally, I want to take a mo-



Gila River Indian Community Governor Stephen Roe Lewis at the podium.

ment to offer an acknowledgement that this rally is being held on O’odham Jewed, the lands of the O’odham and Piipaash who have occupied these lands since time immemorial,” said Lewis, as a rousing ovation with cheers and hollers burst throughout the venue.

“I want to acknowledge the creator for the many gifts he has given us at this time: our homelands, our culture, our language, our mountains and our water.”

Lewis said later, “Tonight, we honor the past. But we look toward the future, because we aren’t going back to a time when our women were not protected. We aren’t going back to a time of divisiveness. We

aren’t going back to a time when each and every one of us could not participate in a fair and equal democracy. Let us all come together tonight on our O’odham lands to commit to our future, and let’s bring Arizona home for Kamala Harris and Tim Walz, the next president and vice president of these United States.”

Phoenix Mayor Kate Gallego, Tempe Mayor Corey Woods and outgoing Mesa Mayor John Giles (a Republican) took to the stage to give their support to Harris and Walz.

“I am the very proud mayor of Mesa, Arizona. But I have to say I feel a little out of place today,” Giles said to a mixture of laughter and cheers.

“Partly because we’re in beautiful Glendale. But as you know, I am a lifelong Republican. Thank you for your warm response. I do not recognize my party. The Republican Party has been taken over by extremists that are committed to forcing people in the center of the political spectrum out of the party. I have something to say to those of us who are in the political middle. You don’t owe a damn thing to that party.”

When it was Harris’ turn on stage, she recognized the Native leaders in the building.

“As president, I will always honor tribal sovereignty, respect tribal self-determination and fight for a future where every Native person can realize their aspirations and every Native community is a place of opportunity,” said Harris.

At one point, Harris was interrupted by protesters chanting support for a free Palestine from the upper seating at stage right.

Harris responded to the protesters, “We’re here to fight for our democracy, which includes respecting the voices that I think we are hearing from. Let me just speak to that for a moment and then I’ll get back to the business at hand. I have been clear: Now is the time to get a ceasefire deal and get the hostage deal done. Now is the time. And the president and I are working around the clock every day to get that ceasefire deal done and bring the hostages home.”

*O’odham Action News* reached out to the campaign of former President Donald Trump, 2024 Republican nominee for president, to be present to cover his August 23 Glendale campaign stop with Republican nominee for vice-president JD Vance but did not hear back.

## National Native American Boarding School Releases Second Report of Findings



### The National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition

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In the March 7, 2024 issue, *O’odham Action News* reported on the National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition (NABS) legislative briefing held on February 13 regarding Senate Bill 1723/H.R. 7227, otherwise known as a bill to establish a Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School Policies Act.

If the bill is approved by the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives, the president will sign the act into law. The law will create a six-year federal commission to investigate the traumatic

impacts of Indian boarding schools in the United States.

On July 30, the U.S. Department of the Interior published a second volume of their Federal Indian Boarding School Investigative Report. The first volume was published on May 11, 2022.

In the second volume of the report, the U.S. government disclosed that it has discovered additional participating U.S. boarding schools, in addition to countless more children’s lives lost.

“The federal government, facilitated by the department I lead, took deliberate and strategic actions through federal Indian boarding school policies to isolate children from their families, deny

them their identities, and steal from them the languages, cultures and connections that are foundational to Native people. These policies caused enduring trauma for Indigenous communities,” said Interior Secretary Deb Haaland.

Healing has become one of the cornerstone components of NABS. Presently, NABS has been hosting Oral History Project Healing Circle tours throughout Indian Country. Funded by a grant from the Interior Department, the Oral History Project trained staff conduct video interviews with survivors of boarding schools and their descendants. Thus far, NABS has had stops in New York and Minneapolis, with additional stops planned.

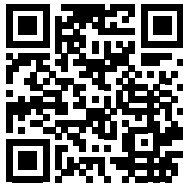
In each of the Oral History Project Healing Circle tours, Indigenous survivors and descendants of U.S. boarding schools are provided a safe space in which to discuss and reveal their personal histories. Trained staff are on hand to help if or when an individual experiences triggers while detailing their story. A blessing and a meal are also provided to participants and their families.

The NABS website (<https://boardingschoolhealing.org>) has helpful and supportive toolkits available to download for free, as well as breathing exercise videos which detail correct breathing methods that can help de-escalate a ruminating mind. The breathing exercise videos are created by Dr. Michael Yellow Bird, MSW, PhD, from the Faculty of Social Work at the

University of Manitoba in Canada. He is also an enrolled member of the MHA Nation (Mandan/Hidatsa/Arikara) in North Dakota.

The traumatic history of Indigenous peoples being ripped away from their families and forced to live in U.S. boarding schools has been established as one of the darkest eras in American history. Thankfully, organizations like NABS have put their main focus on ensuring all of Indian Country receives the proper treatment and healing necessary to overcome the negative impacts of this policy.

*For those interested in participating in an Oral History Project Healing Circle with NABS, contact NABS at and submit your contact information. The connection is secure.*





# Staying Safe and Prepared During the Summer and Monsoon Seasons



Left: During the July 3 Senior Breakfast in Lehi, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Fire Department Fire Captain Robert Scabby informed the Seniors about this year's monsoon season and provided ways to stay prepared. Photo by Andreea Miguel.

Right: The July 2022 monsoon storm that caused destruction and road closures in the Community. July 2022 OAN Archives.



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So far, this summer has been scorching in the Valley of the Sun, with no end in sight. In June, Phoenix broke a record high when Sky Harbor Airport registered a temperature of 118 degrees, breaking the previous record of 115, which was set in 1983. With many weeks still left to go this summer, the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community continues to assist and inform membership on how to stay safe.

At the Senior Breakfast at the Lehi Community Center on July 3, SRPMIC Fire Department Fire Captain Robert Scabby gave a presentation about staying safe during the hot summer and stormy monsoon seasons. “We’re in monsoon season now; you can tell with the clouds. And in my opinion, I think the storms are getting stronger,” he said.

In July 2022, a particularly strong microburst unleashed heavy rainfall and high winds in the East Valley, severely impacting the Salt River and Lehi areas with downed power lines, flooding and road clo-

sures. Since then, the Community has made it a point to improve communication and continue educating members and staff on how to remain prepared during the summer heat and monsoon season.

Remaining hydrated is an essential aspect of prevention and is a key component of a healthy lifestyle. Becoming dehydrated in the Arizona summer heat can result in low blood pressure combined with a high heart rate, dizziness, dark urine, poor coordination, loss of concentration and more. The SRPMIC Emergency Management Department suggests sipping cool water, wearing loose clothing, and staying indoors or in the shade. Heat exhaustion can lead to a stroke and cause permanent damage to the body.

To make it through a prolonged power outage (more than 12 hours), Captain Scabby detailed the importance of setting aside a supply of non-perishable food and plenty of water. It’s also important to have a fully stocked first-aid kit on hand.

In some emergencies people may be required to leave their homes for a short time, perhaps up to three days (72 hours). This is when you should have a “go bag,” a backpack or other carrier stocked with

vital items that you can grab at a moment’s notice. In addition to a first-aid kit, your emergency items should include some non-perishable snacks, a supply of water for each person, flashlights, batteries, a radio and blankets. The SRPMIC Emergency Management department suggests making sure all prescription medications are accounted for, as well as baby food, a change of clothing, diapers and toys for the little ones, plus food, toys, a leash, water and food dishes, and other items for pets. Have your driver’s license, other ID and important papers, and a small supply of cash for unexpected purchases you may need to make.

In case of flooding, SRPMIC members can call the Salt River Fire Department at (480) 208-2154 to make arrangements for sandbags. Sandbags are available for pickup at Station 291 (Osborn), Station 292 (Lehi) and Station 294 (Indian School).

For additional questions regarding emergency preparedness, email SRPMIC Emergency Management at [emergency.management@srpmic-nsn.gov](mailto:emergency.management@srpmic-nsn.gov). For emergencies, always call 911. For non-emergency assistance in the Community, call the SRPMIC Police/Fire dispatch center at (480) 362-7290.

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# CARP Removes Abandoned and Unsafe Structures From Homesites

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The Community Action and Revitalization Program (CARP) is a tribally funded program available free of charge to Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community members who are looking to remove abandoned and unsafe structures from their homesites.

As a part of the cleanup operations, CARP can remove large objects like houses and mobile homes and can also remove septic tanks and other items in the yard like debris, loose trash and household hazardous waste.

According to Senior Environmental Engineer Carol Hibbard of the Community Development Department's (CDD) Environmental Protection and Natural Resources Division (CDD/EPNR), there are many benefits to removing unsafe structures and cleaning up debris and trash from a site:

- Preventing squatters from moving into abandoned structures
- Reducing gang-related activities
- Limiting areas for graffiti or tagging
- Eliminating unsafe areas children may find inviting for play
- Allowing the lessee to replace an uninhabitable home with a new mobile home or house

As for inoperable vehicles, if the homesite lessee owns the vehicle and has the title, CARP can have it towed. CARP can provide guidance on having the vehicle(s) removed.

The only time that CARP will remove trees is when the contractor is unable to demolish a portion of the home. Otherwise, all trees remain intact on the property.

"The contractor cleans up the site based upon the scope of work, but does not clear brush or level or compact the site in compliance with building code requirements," said Hibbard.

You will also need to sign a right-of-entry form to allow SRPMIC staff and the contractor to access the site and provide documentation such as a house deed or mobile home title showing there is no lien on the home.

If the homesite is not recorded, an Indian Land Consolidation Act (ILCA) form is required along with the right-of-entry form, which will need to be signed by the landowners.

Once all completed forms have been submitted to CDD/EPNR, the 10-week permitting process begins, which consists of environmental, archaeological and cultural reviews required to receive a CDD/EPNR memorandum stating the project is approved.

Once the permit is received, ECS staff will conduct asbestos sampling. If asbestos is found, a contractor will abate, or remove it. Many times, most of the unit contains asbestos, so the whole unit will be demolished.

The total time for a demolition after the forms are submitted to CDD/EPNR is about four months.




Above: Former Carrillo site in Lehi. Site had no homesite lease but one of the landowners was leasing it to non-Community members who were raising cockfighting roosters, race horses, and conducting other activities.

Below: Site in Oct 2023. Photos courtesy of CDD/EPNR.



Since CARP was implemented in 2009, CDD/EPNR has demolished more than 180 CARP sites.

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## SRPMIC Hosts Informative Webinar on Helicopter Parenting



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"None of us were given a manual when we became parents," began Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Health and Human Services Community Health Educator Vurlene Notsinneh-Bowekaty on August 6, as she hosted a webinar about helicopter parenting. About 100 people attended.

"Helicopter parenting" is a term that describes when parents or guardians are highly involved with their children's activities and tend to overprotect, control and overshadow them. As a result, the child is unable to explore and understand their own life experiences and learn how to navigate them as they enter their teenage years and adulthood.

When children are unable to develop their independence and autonomy, this negatively impacts their overall mental, behavioral and physical health. In some cases, helicopter parents may not realize how much they are holding their children back. Therefore, it is important that communication between parents/guardians and their children be clear and supportive. When a child communicates how they feel, it is imperative for those in their supportive circle to listen and try to understand what the child is sharing with them.

Examples of helicopter parenting are making decisions for the children, cleaning their room for them, obsessing over

school assignments, and linking their own self-worth to the child's successes.

Notsinneh-Bowekaty stated, "As a mom, I always wanted to be there when things went wrong. My husband would tell me, 'Vurlene, we need to allow our children to make mistakes.' We all learn something that way. We all learn a lesson from it; I have."

It may seem challenging to allow children to make mistakes, but it is vital for both the parents/guardians and the children. There is a difference between offering help and taking over; once this is understood, the child is free to grow, develop and learn from experience while feeling supported and loved.

As she neared the end of the presentation, Notsinneh-Bowekaty provided attendees with some positive words of encouragement. "I know it's way different from when they were babies, to toddlers, to teens and adults. [But] our kids are exploring the world; they want to know what's going on. Help your children make their own choices. Remember, you've got this. We've all got this."

Beginning next month, SRPMIC Health and Human Services will be hosting community outreach events around Suicide Awareness Month in September. After that, the department will host the annual Glow Walk on October 8. Additional details on upcoming events/programs for September and October will be released in the coming weeks.



**AROUND THE COMMUNITY:  
SRPMIC IT DEPARTMENT INVITES  
MICROSOFT TO TALK AI**



Representatives from Microsoft address 365 Suite users in the SRPMIC government at Council Chambers on August 20.

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After listening to feedback and suggestions from the IT Summit 2024, the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community's IT (information technology) Department invited Bill Barkovic, director of modern workplace for Microsoft, to speak to Microsoft users in the SRPMIC government about current and future uses of artificial intelligence (AI). The presentation took place at the SRPMIC Council Chambers on August 20.

Microsoft's new AI productivity tool called Copilot, which aims to boost productivity across the 365 Suite, was discussed in-depth at the meeting.

Copilot, which will be made available to government and tribal customers starting in October, "leverages large language models to automate a variety of common business tasks," according to Rob Jacobs, an account executive at Microsoft. However, the Community has not committed to implementing Copilot at the time of publishing.

Potential users noted major topics of concern with Copilot, and with AI in general, such as how it will operate and interact with the Community's languages and culturally sensitive imagery, and preserve the integrity of artists.

Power Apps specialist Anthony Ramirez gave a rundown of Power Apps, a Microsoft tool that helps users describe and design custom apps without coding by using Copilot.

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# SRPMIC Honors Community Purple Heart Recipients with 3rd Annual Walk

Community who were injured or killed while serving this country in the military. Historically speaking, Indigenous peoples have served in every U.S. military conflict from the Revolutionary War to the present day.

Before the walk began, SRP-MIC Council member Cheryl Doka provided a blessing to all in attendance, as well as to the Purple Heart recipients and their families.

Afterwards, Commander Keith Gray from the Military Order of the Purple Heart—Arizona Department read a prepared speech regarding the importance of honoring Purple Heart veterans. Formed in 1932, the MOPH is a nationwide veterans' organization with five chapters in Arizona alone. The organization assists Purple Heart recipients with various tasks, such as registering for government benefits and helping with additional tasks for veterans and their families.

"I want to start off by thanking the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community leaders and

planning team that made this event possible," said Commander Gray. "The Purple Heart medal is the one medal no one wants but wears with honor once received. Today we gather to honor all Purple Heart recipients and their sacrifices. Thank you."

Moments before the walk began, Community member and Navy veteran Derek Dalton facilitated a group warm-up exercise to prevent injuries. The route for the walk headed west on Oak Street and returned to the Lehi Community Center.

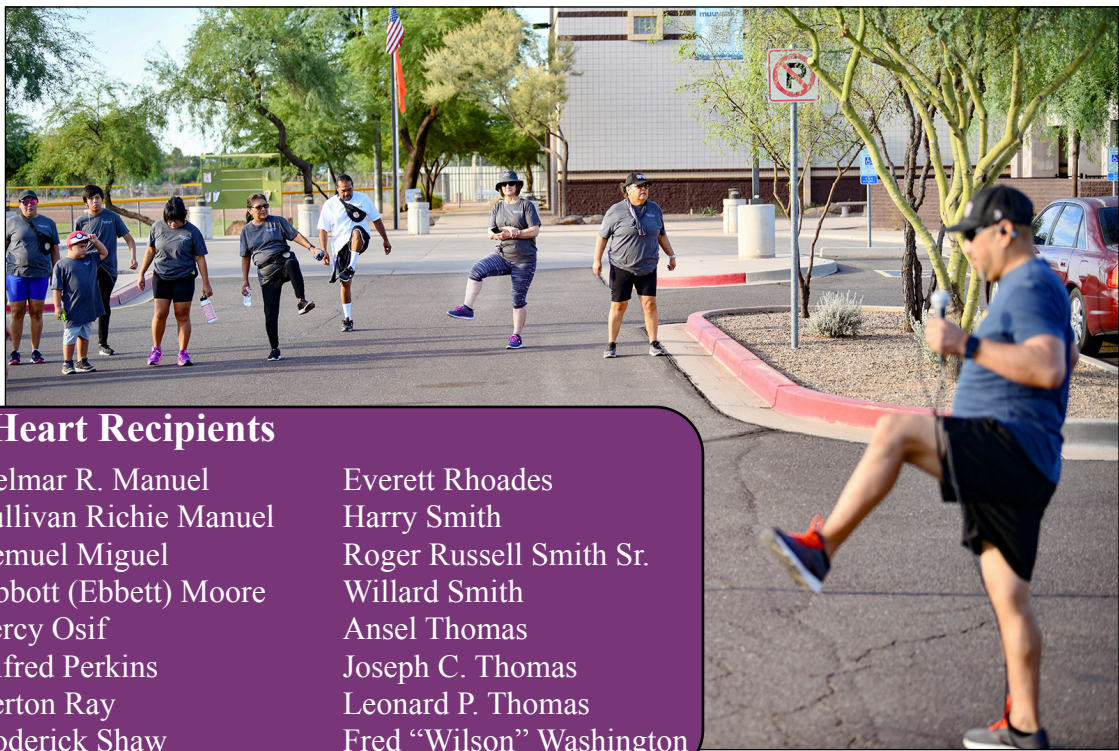
As the warm August sun blazed down in the early morning, all walkers were given fresh fruit and ample bottles of water to help combat the heat.

A few days later, on Purple Heart Day (August 7), participants of the walk in Lehi were invited to wear their 2024 Purple Heart Walk commemorative T-shirts around the Community as a way to show their unwavering support of those who have made great sacrifices while serving our country.



Above: The 2024-2025 Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Royalty made an appearance during the 3rd Annual Purple Heart Walk in Lehi.

Below: SRPMIC member and Navy veteran, Derek Dalton, led the group in warmups in the moments leading up to the walk.



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## BEADED PLUME BRINGS A GLIMMER OF SALT RIVER TO SANTA FE



“Primary colors are not my friends,” said Hinojosa with a smile, “even though I would love them to be. But that’s kind of what makes me unique and different.”

Hinojosa enjoys creating beaded jewelry pieces in pastel colors, which she says offers different options for wardrobes worn in settings such as professional conferences, workspaces or an evening out.

“It’s funny, everybody asks how I get my color schemes. To be honest, I literally have a bucket with vials of [colored beads] thrown in there,” said Hinojosa. “Sometimes I’ll just throw my hand in there because I know they’re all colors I work with.”

*O’odham Action News* caught up with Hinojosa at the Pathways Indigenous Arts Festival presented by the Poeh Cultural Center, which took place August 19-21 at the Buffalo Thunder Resort & Casino in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

At Pathways, Hinojosa sold her unique jewelry, which is inspired by both her Pima and Yaqui cultures.

One set of jewelry called Merritt, made in memory of Hinojosa’s grandfather, features caribou antler, 24-karat gold-plated beads and Swarovski pearls.

Being one of the only O’odham vendors at Pathways was particularly important to Hinojosa.

“For me, I think that’s really cool that I’m able to share [my] home with the rest of Indian Country,” she said. “Whether it would be the squash blossom baskets or coyote tracks, I’m able to explain to [customers] where we come from and give a piece of myself away to people who respect it and appreciate it.”

Ultimately, Hinojosa wants her customers to pass down the jewelry she creates to future generations and create family heirlooms.

“[My beadwork] is something I take pride in. They say if you love something, you’re not really working, and I actually do love it,” she said.

Hinojosa also took her Beaded Plume business to the Meow Wolf interactive exhibit the day before Pathways, where she sold her jewelry while people enjoyed live music and an immersive art experience.

Beaded Plume has a table at the Native Art Market in Old Town Scottsdale, and Hinojosa also can be contacted through her website, [www.beadedplume.com](http://www.beadedplume.com), and on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/beadedplume/](http://www.facebook.com/beadedplume/).



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# CANDIDATES FORUMS

**MEALS SERVED AT 5:30PM | ALL FORUMS FROM 6PM-8PM**



PRIMARY ELECTION FORUMS	GENERAL ELECTION FORUMS
<b><u>Monday, September 9, 2024</u></b> Salt River Community Building <i>(Candidates from District I only)</i>	<b><u>Monday, October 28, 2024</u></b> Salt River Community Building
<b><u>Thursday, September 12, 2024</u></b> Lehi Community Center <i>(Candidates from District II only)</i>	<b><u>Tuesday, October 29, 2024</u></b> Lehi Community Center <i>(Candidates from District I &amp; II are invited to present at both general forums)</i>

## FORUM GUIDELINES

- All candidates will make their presentation in a panel setting with a Moderator present.
- Individuals addressing the candidates will follow a sign-up process.
- Each candidate will have two (2) minutes for an opening statement.
- Questions should relate to issues and not be of a malicious (attacking) nature.
- Community members asking more than one question shall be considerate of others wishing to address candidates.
- Candidate response to questions will be limited to two (2) minutes.
- Each candidate will have two (2) minutes for a closing statement.
- A prompter will be seated up front with time cards at 1 minute and 30 seconds to assure responses are met within the set time.
- Candidates that will be absent during the Community forums may have a statement read by the forum Moderator or a person of their choosing, so long as adequate notification is provided to Community Relations (at least 24-hour notice). Should a candidate request this process they must provide Community Relations with the individual's name, contact number and copy of the statement. The statement shall be no longer than five (5) minutes.
- A table will be available for candidate collateral materials. (i.e.: flyers, brochures, promotional items, etc.). First come, first serve basis..

**Due to time limitations at the primary election forums, candidates may only be on the presentation panel in the district they are running for.**

**For general election forums, all candidates are invited to attend both forums.**

**FORUM INFORMATION**  
Community Relations Office  
CALL (480) 362-7740



DAVID ANTONE

I am a lifelong resident, son of Alfretta and Myles Antone, grandson of Louisa and Jose Juan, original allottees. I practice a vakial lifestyle owning horses and cattle.

My background includes completion of a council term from 2014-2018 and 2020 to present, and over 20 years of prior tribal employment. During those years I earned leadership roles in law enforcement, court advocacy, and enterprise board chairmanships. I have a formal education in business management and administration of justice studies. Currently, I am completing my 2020-2024 council term. During my term, I practiced transparency in government. I've advocated for individual rights in employment and the right for tribal members to voice their opinions in private and open forums. I've aided community members with their personal issues and complaints regarding government services.

In my opinion, first and foremost are the concerns and issues of tribal members, this government's function is to serve your needs. Next, the creation of revenue streams to fund our government and create jobs for us. These two points are critical and I have the desire and experience to address those matters.

I can't stress enough the following: in our history, the ultimate goal was to have members lead this community and serve as directors and managers in every department. Realistically that hasn't happened, we need capable leaders to accomplish that goal. We lack the true nature of self-governance wherein we



allow the implementation of foreign or individual personal standards and practices in government. In the end, these standards and practices benefit those who created them. From an employee answering a phone call for services to providing that service expediently and respectfully. There needs to be true accountability from our government through tribal council to you, the true leaders of the community. I ask you for that responsibility!

We as the O'odham and Piipaash have the ability to govern ourselves to make the best decisions, relying on our wisdom, experience, education, and history.

My past employment experience, education, and personal knowledge of our council function prepares me for this candidacy. I ask for your vote in the primary and general elections for 2024.

DARREN MANUEL

My name is Darren Manuel, and I am the son of Rudy and Lorraine Manuel. My wife Tammy Manuel and I have raised our two kids in our Community over the last 21 years. It has been a privilege to see our "little" Community grow materially and economically.

Our growth has resulted in many blessings for our people. Our growth has also resulted in a greater separation from families and neighbors. I believe that returning to our traditional family and cultural values will unify and strengthen us for the struggles to come.

Unity comes from trust. Council, as a whole, must earn the trust of Community members by making decisions that benefit the majority of Community members.

In turn, Community members must trust Council to make well-researched, wise decisions. This cannot be accomplished by individuals; this only can be accomplished by working together. Working together, giving of ourselves, can inspire us to work harder. Working together means all successes are shared.

As your Council Member, the only promise I can make is that all discussions will be well rounded.



Positive and negative aspects will be defined and examined carefully. Resolutions will be focused on our family values and rooted in our cultural traditions.

I will end my statement with a quote that has stuck in my brain through the years from H. Jackson Brown Jr. "Remember that the happiest people are not those getting more, but those giving more."

JENELLE HOWARD

Greetings Community members,

My name is Jenelle Howard and I have gratefully accepted the nomination to be a candidate for Salt River, District I.

I am a current employee with the Public Works Department in the Community Services Division-Memorial Services & Cemeteries as a Family Relations Associate. In previous years I also worked at:

- Human Resources Dept.- WIOA Program
- Social Services Dept. - LEARN Program

Throughout my employment, I have always strived to help others help themselves. In doing so, the people have the power to create a better community.

I am also a former Council member; as such I do understand the process, commitment and dedication needed to run for a council seat. If elected I want you to know that I have the confidence and perseverance to be a representative for District I utilizing my knowledge, experience, and empathy for the Community & Membership.

Thank you for your consideration for election.

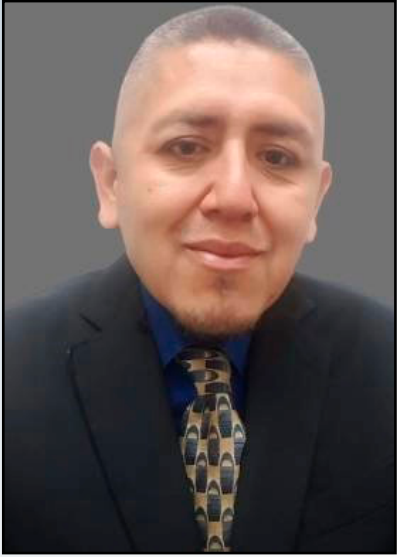


JONATHAN UPSHAW

My name is Jonathan Upshaw Sr., I also go by Jon. I am honored to be running for Tribal Council and have an opportunity to be elected to the council seat. I currently work as a Crisis Worker for the SRPMIC, and this role has given me the desire to work with my community in this capacity of a Council member.

I came back to my community 5 years ago with a vision to inspire and give back to our Community. Our community is a place I have grown to love and cherish, I only want what is best for our community. Our current Tribal Council have done so much, and I have seen our community come a long way. I give each former leader so much credit for what they have done and accomplished here in SRPMIC. I strongly believe that I am able to continue what our past leaders have paved before me and bring new vision for our community. I want to be that leader that will do right for the people of our community. My faith in God plays a vital role in my growth as a person as well, I believe that my faith in Him has given me such a desire to want to do more for our community and see our community reach for greater heights. There is a scripture in the Bible in Philippians 4:13 that states, "I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength!" I strongly believe that in my life.

I have held leadership positions in several of my past work experiences, and I feel that I can bring those experiences to this council



seat. I stood by a saying I have heard in my leadership roles, "Leadership is not about advancing yourself, but leadership is about advancing the people!" If our great people of the SRPMIC advance, only then will we as leaders see ourselves advance. We earn the trust of the community and in return the community allow us to advance. With that, my only desire and passion is to see SRPMIC advance and grow stronger. Then, I can advance alongside the community.

So I ask for your vote as I take on this opportunity for the Tribal Council seat in District I. Thank you, and may God bless each and every one of you!



LEONARD RIVERS

My name is Leonard Rivers. I'm the son of Aaron Julian Rivers and Hazel Rivers, both from Salt River. My paternal grandparents are Jenny Roberts and William Cleavon Rivers Enos, both from Salt River. My maternal grandparents are Joseph Osif (Gila River) and Jessie Miguel Waters (Salt River).

I spent my childhood growing up in Lehi, where everyone knew each other and shared a common bond of friendship. I have fond memories of Lehi and became friends with many people. It was through my close friend Oren Fulwilder, that I met his sister Cheryl and eventually formed a relationship and bond with her. Together we have four children: Julian, Zack, David and Hayden.

I'm proud of my family heritage! I'm blessed to be raised and supported by so many loving and caring people.

My educational years began at the Salt River Day School, where I attended kindergarten before transferring to the Lehi Elementary School. I spent some of my early adolescent school years in California when I was on the LDS Placement Program. Altogether, I spent six years in the homes of LDS families, going to school and learning the non-Native culture. I returned home and graduated from Westwood High School, before attending Ricks Junior College in Rexburg, Idaho, and eventually transferring to Scottsdale Community College.

My work experience began in the 1970s in the Summer Youth Work Program. In the early 1980s, I got a job working with the McCormick Ranch Association, working on the sprinkler systems. In 1984, I started my job as maintenance worker with the Bureau of Indian Affairs at the Salt River



Agency. I performed various duties such as painting, roof repair, landscaping, plumbing, heating and cooling systems, and other duties at the day school and other BIA buildings.

In 1998 I was elected to my first term on the Salt River Council, and in 2002 I was elected Vice-President of the Community. In 2010, I was again elected to the Salt River Council, where I completed my third term. Our children are the most important resource our Community has. We need to keep our children with their families. We need to support our families and address the issues that are affecting them. We need to show them caring and compassion and stop punishing our families with laws that only tear them apart. I believe our people are capable of governing themselves.

SU:K CHU:VAK  
FULWILDER

Ani ap chugi Su:k Chu:vak Fulwilder. I am a Salt River community member who grew up on the "Lehi" side of the SRPMIC boundaries. But there is no difference to me, as we are one community interlinking two tribes. I do not care for division; I seek Unity. I am Onk Akimel O'odham Xalchidom Piipaash, Tlingit, Aleut and Little Lake Pomo. In 1998, I graduated from Desert Eagle High School. I worked there from 1999 to 2003 as a teacher aide. In 2007, I earned my associate's degree from SCC.

I am a mother and a grandmother. I am a product of this community born and raised. I am concerned for the well-being of our Salt River Community Members. Many struggle with mental health, and we are losing so many of our young people to suicide; my son, Joaquin Suniga, passed away on October 30, 2022, from suicide. Since I ran for council a couple of years ago, much has happened between my family and many others from the loss. Unfortunately, people are still dying, not just from suicide but other reasons that stem from mental despair; so many are still grieving one's loss, and then abruptly, there's another death. It is a cycle, and I don't see it slowing down. If you vote for me, I will work to find the solutions and resolutions by joining not just our tribes, but all tribes to combat suicide and bring the quantity down with an array of healing tactics.

Our average life expectancy in Salt River has been declining, and people are dying



younger and younger. The elders say it wasn't always that way, and depression didn't exist long ago. Something has to give, we need change. I am not here looking for a title, recognition, or monetary gain. I am looking to be part of the solution.

Although some runners are more qualified than I am, with an extensive education or stripes, so to speak, the individuals I would support and vote for other than myself cannot run for various reasons. I am not here to make false promises. I want to introduce myself and speak from the heart, as I always do. If you are unhappy with the state of this community and how it is serving you, I am that person if you are looking for: someone honest and who will never lead you astray from the truth.

SELENA ESPINOZA

The decisions we make should reflect the voice and reason of all. Balancing culture, economic development and the needs of the community all need attention and equal weight.

Education is not one of the costliest investments made by the community, however, it is the most powerful investment of the community for the present and future well-being of our members. To ensure success and fulfillment of our future, we need cultural education, summer school(K-12), skilled tutoring (K-Adult), college and scholastic summer camps and scholarship programs that defray the cost of school materials and distribute them appropriately, ensuring that education facilities and initiatives are operating effectively and meeting the needs of its people.

Sustainability economically and environmentally is the work for today and for our future. Finding economic opportunities that have minimal impact to our land and its resources. Exploring opportunities in "true renewable energy," that are healthy for our land and people and doesn't negatively impact elsewhere. Our economic development should present opportunities and create funding that directly affect our people for housing, education, physical and mental health services, and other programs and services that drastically need improvement.

Council members have the amazing power of producing positive effects and changes for their people whether they realize it or not. It is our time as members to secure our future and the future of our people, we must approach every decision we make with awareness, strategy, objectivity, optimism, and knowledge. The world around us is undergoing rapid change. How can we protect our people's futures without becoming absorbed into some of the nearby cities and jurisdictions? We need to return to strategic planning, reviewing and



updating our policies and programs, and talking about the implications that the surrounding growth will have for our community and its members; establishing strategies and directives that can guarantee our personal safety, well-being, and future.

Council Term 2002/2006:

- Vision, dedication of land and set aside funding for the WOLF Center
- Station #294 Fire/Police Substation-Indian School/Center St.
- Approval and start of SHARP Program for Seniors/Disabled
- Pedestrian Sidewalks
- Housing subdivision fencing
- Neighborhood clean-ups
- Approval of new administration construction- Two Waters
- NY Eve Community Block Party

Working together to create permanent and positive solutions that are sound and just. Getting elected to office isn't the reward or achievement, the reward and achievement is when you see health, growth, safety, opportunities, and a future for your people.

WI-BWA GREY

Skeg Tas!

My name is Wi-bwa Grey, and I would like to share with you a little about myself and the reason I would like to be re-elected to serve you as your Council representative.

I am the mother of two children who keep me running in all directions, and I also have a companion who supports me in all I do. I graduated from Westwood High School and attended Scottsdale Community College. I am presently a student with Grand Canyon University, where I have met some of the most intelligent fellow Community members who have shared with me their vision for this Community. Their example has left an impression on me, and I too am committed to overcome any obstacles and "GET THINGS DONE".

In January 2019, I was elected to represent District I and fill the empty Council seat of now SRPMIC Vice-President Ricardo Leonard. At my first Council meeting, I made a commitment to myself to learn as much as I can, and I have to admit I am still learning. In learning I also saw that some SRPMIC ordinances have surpassed their uses and need to be brought up to date. I have also taken the opportunity to listen to the wisdom and advice given by our former leaders. Through this political education, the most important thing I have learned is that CHANGE can't be DONE ALONE, that CHANGE can ONLY happen if we all do it TOGETHER.

It is evident that we still have a lot to accomplish as a Community. We hear, we see your needs for more



housing and the need for repairing what homes we do have. The need for a rehabilitation center for both children and adults and the need to get control of our drug problem and stop the deaths that occur from overdoses. The need for hiring our own people and the need for improving services for our elders. The need for accountability, and most important, the need to preserve our culture and history. We have and see many needs, but we must remember CHANGE only happens if we ALL do it TOGETHER.

If I'm re-elected, I will ask that we all work together to make the changes that are necessary. I encourage you to voice your opinions and solutions and let your voice be heard through voting both locally and nationally.

Let's keep it rolling! Re-elect WI-BWA GREY District I Council Representative.



# DISTRICT II - LEHI CANDIDATES

## CARLA BANUELOS

Hello,  
I am Carla J. Banuelos and I am a candidate for Council Representative for the Lehi District.  
I have lived almost all of my life in Lehi and I come from a large Piipaash family. My mother is the late Loretta Gates, and I am the proud granddaughter of the late Ike & Sienna Frances Gates.

I've held many positions within the Community as well as outside our boundaries. I have been in my current position for approximately 20 plus years. I have also served as a Tribal Court Associate Judge, as well as a Tribal Court Advocate representing Adult Community Members charged with a crime and Juvenile's when charged with an offense.

I am the mother three children, Crystal, Renee, and Grant, and I have one beautiful and amazing granddaughter, Isabelle.

I am seeking the position of Council Representative to serve our Community. As our Community continues to grow in enrollment, there must be a commitment as a Council to being financially forward-looking, strategically planning, reviewing our objective values and missions, and setting clear and achievable goals in order for our Community to continue to provide necessary services to our members.

If elected, I commit to being an active contributor, without



bias, personal opinion, or gain; to weigh each decision with fairness and what is in the best interest of the Community. I assure you I will represent all of our Community and not just those of select few, as I believe a good leader makes decisions that benefit the common good.

Thank you, and I hope I earn your vote as Lehi District Council Representative.

## COLLEEN KAY MCANLIS

My name is Colleen Kay McAnlis and I'm seeking your support as a District II-Lehi representative.

Hen je'e Phyllis Johnson Banashley (bot). My grandparents are Ambrose Johnson (bot) and Elise Baptisto Johnson (bot). My great-grandparents were John Baptisto (bot) and Luciana Andreas Baptisto (bot).

As a lifetime resident of Salt River/Lehi, I have always admired our Community's spirit and dedication to our people. I'm passionate about making our Community an even better place to live, work, and raise our families and am committed to continuing funding for education and diversified housing options for those wanting to come back to the Community.

With a background in office management, I bring a practical approach to problem-solving and a commitment to transparency and collaboration. My goal is to ensure that all voices, all generations and all members, regardless of their address, are heard and that we address our Community's needs effectively and efficiently, but also with an open heart and an open mind.

We can build on our Community's strengths and address challenges with innovative and inclusive solutions and



I believe that comes from listening to learn and asking for input from others.

I enjoy traveling and attending events where I can enjoy the company of friends, meet new people and continue to learn our language.

I would be honored to earn your support and work alongside you to make SRPMIC a place where everyone can thrive. Thank you and God bless.

## DEANNA SCABBY

My name is Deanna Scabby and I am a candidate for the upcoming Council District II position. My parents are Paul and Beverly Smith and I am the mother of ten children and seventeen grandchildren. I have lived and raised my family in the Lehi District since 1986.

I currently serve as the Council District II representative and have been elected to this position since September 2006 to this current time. It is an honor and privilege to have been entrusted to do the work of the Community and I have done my best to represent the Community and my District with dignity and respect.

I have always supported the education department and programs available for our members. I firmly believe our families in the Community will be blessed by arming themselves with the tools needed to be successful. The resources are available to all members who want to achieve academic or vocational goals and I hope more community members take advantage of the Higher Education resources and Education programs. Most important is supporting our children and encouraging them to be actively involved in school and learn all they can.

I have been blessed to work with the elders in my district. Over the years I've been able to support them as they gathered to make the Xalychidom Piipaash Nyvaash a reality. I supported them to bring the Lehi Gathering Grounds so bird dancing and singing can happen



here. Now, I support the ladies in bringing bird dancing and singers to the grounds to teach and share their knowledge for all to learn. I want to bring to the forefront the need for an Elder Rehabilitation Care Center. Our seniors and elders need a place here at home to have quality care and attention as they deal with their health issues. There is a need to keep our people close to home to rehabilitate so they can eventually return home.

In closing, I would like your vote for the upcoming primary election on Tuesday, October 15 and onto the general election November 19, 2024. I remain committed to protecting our land base and ensuring the Salt River Pima-Maricopa people continue to thrive.

## WILFRED CHARLIE

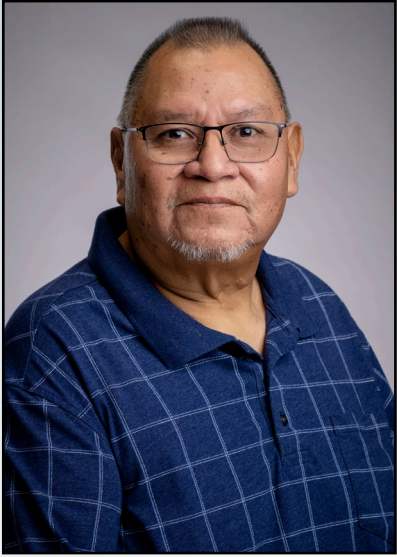
My name is Wilfred Charlie, and I am honored to announce my candidacy for the District II (Lehi) Council Member seat.

Coming from humble beginnings, my parents were the late Richard and Christine Charlie (Shaw), and my grandparents were the late Paul Stepp Shaw and Sadie Shaw (Juan). I have always believed in raising my family with the same values that shaped my life. Faced with hardship and adversity early on, I learned the importance of hard work, taking pride in everything I do, and, most importantly, resilience. These lessons have guided me throughout my life and career.

I was fortunate to establish a small homesite in Lehi, where I raised my five children—Al, Nicole, Meagan, Heather, and Christi—with Sharlene, my wife of 48 years. We have 12 beautiful grandchildren today, with our first great-grandchild expected later this year.

At 17, I began working when our community was managed solely by its members. Back then, the police department was entirely native, the roads were mostly dirt, and people got water from faucets along Indian School Road. Administration was located by the old day school, and the museum was a youth home. I have witnessed countless changes and tremendous growth over the years.

I am proud to have dedicated over 40 years of service to our community, including 29 years with the Salt River Police Department and 11 years with Engineering and



Construction Services. My life experiences, natural leadership abilities, and a strong commitment to public service have prepared me to be an effective council member.

I am honored to have the opportunity to contribute to the continued progress and prosperity of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community. I aim to be our people's voice and refocus on our community members' needs.

I respectfully request your support by voting Wilfred Charlie for District II (Lehi) Council Member in the SRPMIC Primary Election on Tuesday, October 15, 2024, from 6 AM to 6 PM at the Lehi Community Center.



# 2024 ELECTION - IMPORTANT DATES

Contact the Council Secretary at (480) 362-7466 for forms, ballots, and information.

## ELECTION FORUMS DATES

CANDIDATES FROM DISTRICT I & II ARE INVITED TO PRESENT AT EACH FORUM

MEALS SERVED AT 5:30PM  
ALL FORUMS FROM 6PM-8PM

**SEPTEMBER 9, 2024**

SALT RIVER COMMUNITY BUILDING

**SEPTEMBER 12, 2024**

LEHI COMMUNITY CENTER

**OCTOBER 28, 2024**

SALT RIVER COMMUNITY BUILDING

**OCTOBER 29, 2024**

LEHI COMMUNITY CENTER

## PRIMARY ELECTION DATES

**SEPT  
26**

**Deadline for Eligible Voters to request an absentee ballot**  
Eligible voters may request an absentee ballot if away from the Community, or unable to come to the polls, on election day. Request can be made via phone, email, or fax by contacting the Council Secretary.

**OCT  
10**

**Deadline to make request for Home Voting**  
Eligible home voters (disabled or bedridden and within a 25 mile radius) may request to have (2) Election Board Members deliver a ballot for home voting at your location. Request can be made by contacting the Council Secretary.

**OCT  
15**

(At least one month prior to the General Election.)

**SRPMIC PRIMARY ELECTION DAY  
POLLS OPEN: 6:00am – 6:00pm**  
After polls close the Election Board will prepare results and count absentee ballots for the current Council to certify.

**District I (SR) Council Members:**  
Top 5 vote getters move on to the General Election  
**District II (Lehi) Council Member:**  
Top 2 vote getters move on to the General Election

**OCT  
24**

**Deadline for Primary Candidates who are not advancing to the General Election to take down their campaign signs.**  
(Within 7 business days).  
Per Section 3-5 (b)(4)(e) of the SRPMIC Code of Ordinances.

## SEATS UP FOR ELECTION



**DAVID  
ANTONE**  
DISTRICT B



**WI-BWA  
GREY**  
DISTRICT D



**DEANNA  
SCABBY**  
LEHI DISTRICT

## GENERAL ELECTION DATES

**IMMEDIATELY  
AFTER  
PRIMARY  
ELECTION**

**Notice to all voters of General Election and candidates moving forward.**  
General Election mail out.

**OCT  
31**

**Deadline for Eligible Voters to request an absentee ballot.**  
Eligible voters may request an absentee ballot if away from the Community, or unable to come to the polls, on election day. Request can be made via phone, email, or fax by contacting the Council Secretary.

**NOV  
14**

**Deadline to make request for Home Voting**  
Eligible home voters (disabled or bedridden and within a 25 mile radius) may request to have (2) Election Board Members deliver a ballot for home voting at your location. Request can be made by contacting the Council Secretary.

**NOV  
19**

(3rd Tuesday of November.)

**SRPMIC GENERAL ELECTION DAY  
POLLS OPEN: 6:00am – 6:00pm**  
After polls close the Election Board will prepare results and count absentee ballots for the current Council to certify.  
**The final tally and results will be presented for certification of the election results by Council.**

**NOV  
28**

**Deadline for General Election Candidates to take down their campaign signs.**  
(Within 7 business days)  
Per Section 3-5 (b)(4)(e) of the SRPMIC Code of Ordinances.



LEGAL NOTICES				
<p><b>JUVENILE COURT</b> <b>JURISDICTION: SALT RIVER PIMA</b> <b>MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY</b> <b>COURT</b> <b>ADDRESS: 10040 EAST OSBORN RD.</b> <b>SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85256</b> <b>CONTACT: (480) 362-6315</b> <b>ALL JUVENILE COURT CASES</b> <b>REPORT TO COURTROOM #3 ON THE</b> <b>1ST FLOOR.</b> <b>FAILURE TO APPEAR CAN AFFECT</b> <b>YOUR RIGHTS</b></p> <p><b>Andrews, Ariel Sky</b> – Review Hearing Case: JV-23-0084 Court Date: October 3, 2024 at 11 a.m.</p> <p><b>Andrews, Dracy</b> – Permanency Hearing Case: J-23-0040/J-23-0041/J-23-0042</p>	<p>Date: October 15, 2024 at 10 AM</p> <p><b>Antone, James Sheldon</b> – Initial Guardianship Hearing Mother: Brittany Spex (DOB: 03/08/2000) Minor: A. W. S. (DOB: 10/24/2022) Case: J-23-0033 Court Date: September 10, 2024 at 11 a.m.</p> <p><b>Gutierrez, Nicholas</b> – Permanency Hearing Case: J-23-0040/J-23-0041/J-23-0042 Date: October 15, 2024 at 10 AM</p> <p><b>Spex, Brittany Arless</b> – Initial Guardianship Hearing Case: J-23-0033 Court Date: September 10, 2024 at 11 a.m.</p>	<p><b>CIVIL COURT</b> <b>JURISDICTION: SALT RIVER PIMA</b> <b>MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY</b> <b>COURT</b> <b>ADDRESS: 10040 EAST OSBORN RD.</b> <b>SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85256</b> <b>CONTACT: (480) 362-6315</b> <b>CIVIL COURT CASES REPORT TO</b> <b>COURTROOM #1/ #2 ON THE 1ST</b> <b>FLOOR.</b> <b>FAILURE TO APPEAR CAN AFFECT</b> <b>YOUR RIGHTS</b></p> <p><b>Herrera Jr., Victor Sanchez</b> - Probate Hearing Case: CV-24-3424 Court Date: September 17, 2024 at 9 AM</p> <p><b>Hill, Indaria Modesty</b> - Order to Show Cause Hearing Case: CV-23-3990 Court Date:</p>	<p>September 25, 2024 at 9 AM</p> <p><b>Jauregui, Alicia Sandra</b> - Status Hearing Case: CF-22-0073 Court Date: September 23, 2024 at 9:30 AM</p> <p><b>Jimerson, Felicia Kim</b> - Forcible Detainer Hearing Case: CV-24-5294 Court Date: September 9, 2024 at 11:30 AM</p> <p><b>Manuel, Timothy Reaching Arrow</b> - Initial Guardianship Hearing Case: CV-24-4496 Court Date: September 18, 2024 at 9 AM</p> <p><b>Martinez, Xavier</b> - Annual Review Hearing Case: CF-22-0076 Court Date: September 10, 2024 at 10 AM</p> <p><b>Parchcorn Jr., Ellis Jay</b> - Initial Custody Hearing Case: CV-24-4577 Court Date:</p>	<p>September 30, 2024 at 9:30 AM</p> <p><b>Sanchez, Evelyn</b> – Adjudication Hearing Case: JV-24-0134 Date: September 30, 2024 at 1:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>Sine, Jayme Claudine Alyce</b> - Initial Guardianship Hearing Case: CV-24-4496 Court Date: September 18, 2024 at 9 AM</p> <p><b>Valenzuela, Jennifer Nan</b> - 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</p> <p><b>Whitman, Denay Annalisa</b> - Custody Modification Hearing Case: CF-17-0108/ CF-17-0109 Court Date: September 24, 2024 at 10 AM</p>

DEFAULT NOTICES			
<b>ALLAN BELTRAN AND MOLLY ALLAN BELTRAN AND MOLLY MARTINEZ CV-24-0649</b> Notice of Default Judgment: Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community Court, State of Arizona, Maricopa County original jurisdiction court case number CV-24-0649 Notice of Default Judgment is hereby given ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that default judgment against Respondents, Allan Beltran and Molly Martinez, by Graceland Properties LLC is hereby ENTERED. It is further, ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that Respondents, Allan Beltran and Molly Martinez, shall have ten (10) days to respond from date of publication. For a copy of this Order please contact the Salt River Court at 480-362-6315.	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 3, 2024 CLERK OF SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY TRIBAL COURT	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	AND ADJUDGED that Tonishia Lewis is awarded sole legal custody and legal decision making of minors. Parenting time is at the Mother's discretion until further order of the Court. This order is final and shall be served on Respondent in accordance to Rule 5-20(c).
<b>CARLOS, ANTHONY S.J. CV-24-0847</b> <b>DEFAULT NOTICE</b> 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	<b>DOE, MANUEL J-18-0044 SUMMONS</b> 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,	<b>HILL, INDARIA MODESTY CV-23-3990</b> <b>ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE NOTICE</b> <b>INDARIA MODESTY HILL</b> 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	<b>JACKSON, STEPHANIE J-18-0044 SUMMONS</b> 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			
<b>MASAWISTEWA, MORIAH CV-23-3859</b> Notice of Default Judgment: Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community Court, State of Arizona, Maricopa County original jurisdiction court case number CV-23-3859 Notice of Default Judgment is hereby given ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that default judgment against Respondent, Moriah Masawistewa, hereby ENTERED. It is further, ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that Respondent, Moriah Masawistewa, shall pay court ordered Child Support and has ten (10) days to respond from date of publication. For a copy of this Order please contact the Salt River Court at 480-362-6315.			
<b>WESLEY-HOWARD, ARISTEN JARED</b> Notice of Default Judgment: Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community Court, State of Arizona, Maricopa County original jurisdiction court case number CV-24-0864 Notice of Default Judgment is hereby given ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that default judgment against Respondent, Aristen Jared Wesley-Howard, is hereby ENTERED. It is further, ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that Respondent Aristen Jared Wesley-Howard, shall pay Petitioner, Country Club Cars and has ten (10) days to respond after being served. For a copy of this Order please contact the Salt River Court at 480-362-6315.			



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APPLICATION DEADLINE **SEPTEMBER 30, 2024**



- JUDICIAL SELECTION COMMITTEE
- GAMING REGULATORY BOARD
- SR FIELD AT TALKING STICK
- SR SCHOOLS EDUCATION BOARD
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## 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 “VOIDED” 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.

**Discontinue Direct Deposits:** Thursday, September 26th 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.

**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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-Wed. Devotion Night at church,  
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BY LAURA TOUSSAINT  
SENIOR SERVICES

Salt River-Pima Maricopa Indian Community’s Senior Services is now registering people for the fall session of its Chronic Disease Self-Management Program, which starts on September 10.

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, nearly 60 percent of Americans currently have or have had some form of chronic disease. The CDC defines chronic disease as a condition that lasts more than a year, requires ongoing medical care or limits normal activities. Chronic conditions such as cancer, diabetes and heart disease are the leading causes of death and disability in the United States.

But the news is not all bad. Making healthy lifestyle changes can improve and, in some cases, reverse chronic disease. In addition to improving how those with chronic diseases feel, healthy lifestyle changes can positively impact quality of life.

Senior Services has been helping seniors to improve their health and quality of life through its Chronic Disease Self-Management Program for more than five years.

“Each class has a specific educational focus that can help those with conditions such as diabetes, high blood pressure, weight management, even depression and anxiety. The activities are fun and motivational, with a new goal each week specific to the participant,” said Germaine Mayberry, who oversees the program. “For instance, if we talk about high blood sugar, the [students] will learn how it affects them mentally and physically and how they can manage their condition, and then each participant creates their own goal or action plan for the week. Each week, there is a new goal.”

The classes also include guest speakers who are subject-matter experts, engaging activities that facilitate learning and retention, and goal-setting.

“We get hands-on and help participants in the areas they need it most. For instance, we might role-play how they would discuss their symptoms, [medications], and ways they feel limited by their condition with their healthcare providers so that they are active in their care and their concerns are being addressed,” said Mayberry. “One client told me that before [the program], he just took his medication, and now he knows how to talk with his doctor and discuss the best options for him. Our classes build accountability and empowerment in our clients so that they can better manage their conditions.”

Mayberry feels some of the most valuable benefits that participants get from the program are the sharing and support they receive from the group. “They truly learn from each other that they are not alone, and they support one another by sharing the different ways they have managed and lived with their conditions.”

Victor “John” Wiki agrees. He took the spring session of the program. “I liked the guest speakers. They explained things in a way I could understand,” said Wiki. “What made a real difference for me was learning about the importance of keeping your appointments and being mindful of your medications. Before, I would take them when I thought about it, but now I keep them organized and take them as I should. I also learned how to talk to my doctor about any concerns I had.”

Wiki highly recommends the program to those who have chronic conditions. “I think [others] would like to go and learn how to better care for [themselves] and to socialize,” said Wiki. “You realize that you are not the only one with a



Victor “John” Wiki took Chronic Disease Self-Management in the spring and found it helpful, especially in managing his medications and learning how talk with doctor. He highly recommends the program for others with chronic disease.

medical condition and share what works with each other.”

The Senior Services Chronic Disease Self-Management fall session will be held on Tuesday evenings, 4:30-7 p.m., for six weeks from September 10 to October 15. There is a different area of focus each week and prizes for participation. In addition, there is a graduation dinner and awards ceremony.

Community seniors 55+, adults with physical and adaptive needs, caregivers and those with chronic conditions are eligible to participate.

Classes are held in the Senior Services North Annex at 10510 E. Osborn Road, and class size is limited to 25. Those interested in registering or learning more about the program can call (480) 362-7990.

ROARING TWENTIES REVISITED

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On Wednesday, August 7, seniors of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community gathered at the Talking Stick Golf Club for the monthly senior breakfast, hosted by SRPMIC Senior Services staff. The club overlooks the Talking Stick Golf Course, affording guests a breathtaking view as they were welcomed and seated.

The theme this month was “The Great Gatsby,” after the book written by F. Scott Fitzgerald and rendered into a movie in 1974, which was then rebooted in 2013. The

seniors were taken back to the Roaring Twenties, an exciting time when “stocks reached record peaks and Wall Street boomed in a steady golden roar” (from a reference to The Great Gatsby movie, 2013).

Amidst the soft jazz, good food, conversation and a dance floor booming with performers dressed as flappers, seniors also had the opportunity to have their portraits drawn by a caricature artist.

The menu offered eggs, breakfast potatoes, bacon, sausage and fruit, along with an assortment of pastries.

As the morning progressed, so did the number of seniors and invited guests who headed onto the dance floor to learn dance moves that were popular during the 1920s.

After announcements of upcoming Senior Services events and some final performances on the dance floor, the seniors left the golf club to start their day.







**SRPMIC is home to an array of entertainment attractions, hospitality properties and so much more! Meet individuals that work within Salt River’s business corridor.**

*Scott Snofsky*      General Manager,  
Great Wolf Lodge  
Arizona

**How long have you worked for Great Wolf Lodge Arizona?**  
I began my Great Wolf Lodge career as the General Manager for our resort here in Talking Stick in February 2023

**How did you get into this role?**  
I have been in hotel management for my entire career, beginning with a bell attendant role while in college and moving around the country in various hotel management roles. When the opportunity came along to join Great Wolf, I jumped at it. Our mission is to Bring Joy to Families. I cannot think of a better role to play in the hospitality industry or a better company to work for.

**What does a typical work day look like for you?**  
There is no typical day when you work at a 350-room resort that features a 95,000 square foot waterpark and 22 retail, attraction and food and beverage outlets. That’s a lot of activity happening at our resort on a daily basis, and we are periodically introducing new experiences for our guests to enjoy. Families come to us for a fun getaway or to celebrate a special occasion or milestone, and helping them have the adventure they dreamed of is always fun and exciting.

**How often do you have an opportunity to interact with your guests?**  
Every day! That’s the most enjoyable part of my role and what I look forward to the most. Sure, there are administrative tasks and meetings to attend, but the highlight of my day is getting into the lodge and meeting our guests and helping find ways to add joy to their stay.



Great Wolf Lodge Arizona General Manager Scott Snofsky and Great Wolf Lodge mascots The Great Wolf Kids.

**Why do you like working for Great Wolf Lodge Arizona?**  
The mission (Bring Joy to Families) and the people. Our mission gives us license to do whatever we need to so that families leave with great memories. Our Pack Members make that possible. I get to work with the best people in the industry and we all work together to bring smiles to faces and to help make memories which will last a lifetime.

**As an employee working for Great Wolf Lodge located within the SRPMIC, do you have anything to share about working here or within the Talking Stick Entertainment District?**  
This is the first time that I have worked with SRPMIC and the reception from the SRPMIC has been extremely welcoming. I have felt the support and genuine friendliness of the people I have interacted with in the SRPMIC government and the Talking Stick Entertainment District. The partnership between the SRPMIC and Great Wolf Lodge has exceeded my expectations. As time goes by and I make new connections within the SRPMIC, I have also found that the connections are getting stronger. The support for our business (and for our Pack Members) from SRPMIC has enabled us to achieve great results here.

SRPMIC Conducts a Mock Active Shooter Training at Great Wolf Lodge



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According to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), 229 active-shooter incidents occurred in the United States between 2019 and 2023. From those recorded incidents, nearly 500 individuals were killed and nearly 700 were wounded.

To ensure the safety of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, the Salt River police, fire and Emergency Management departments held a mock active-shooter training session on August 21 at the Great Wolf Lodge in Scottsdale. Selected Great Wolf Lodge staff members attended the demonstration to learn how to respond if an active-shooter situation were to occur.

Emergency Management coordinator Joseph Urrea helped facilitate the realistic demonstration, which featured live blank AK-47 ammunition, appropriate makeup for injuries/wounds, and a “hotwash”

post-training meeting. A hotwash is a discussion and evaluation held after a training exercise to record the strengths and weaknesses of the group’s response.

“Today’s exercise is a full-scale exercise,” said Urrea. “That means all players are going to be responding to the incident as though it is a real-world event.” The morning demonstration began promptly at 8 a.m. and lasted one hour.

Individuals taking part in the training received wristbands denoting whether they were an observer or a participant in the training. O’odham Action News was at the scene and saw countless members of the Salt River fire and police departments teaming up to protect the Community. All observers wore noise-cancelling earbuds and protective eyeglasses during the exercise.

SRPMIC President Martin Harvier, Council member Cheryl Doka and Council member Deanna Scabby were observers and took the time to discuss continued safety plans with Salt River Police Chief Walter Holloway and Salt River Fire Chief Tsosie Wood.

Additionally, because the demonstration was a full-scale training event, members of the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation fire department also observed the SRPMIC training.

In the moments leading up to the training, police officers removed all ammunition from their weapons and ensured that their team had properly prepared for the full-scale demonstration. Firefighters wore helmets and bulletproof vests labeled “Fire Dept” and carried medical supplies to provide aid.

Selected individuals were chosen to perform specific roles, including severely wounded and deceased individuals and a person playing the role of the shooter. All of the SRPMIC police and fire department members who participated ensured that every “victim” inside the Great Wolf Lodge received the proper treatment, even if they were role-playing an individual who was deceased as a result of the mock shooting.

After the all-clear was given to end the

exercise, attendees gathered in the Great Wolf Lodge ballroom where President Harvier thanked every individual for their dedication to ensuring the safety of the people of the Community.

“I just want to thank everyone who organized this training,” said President Harvier. “These trainings are so important. I appreciate everybody who was a part of this; it has opened my eyes. We hope ... and pray that things like this never happen.”

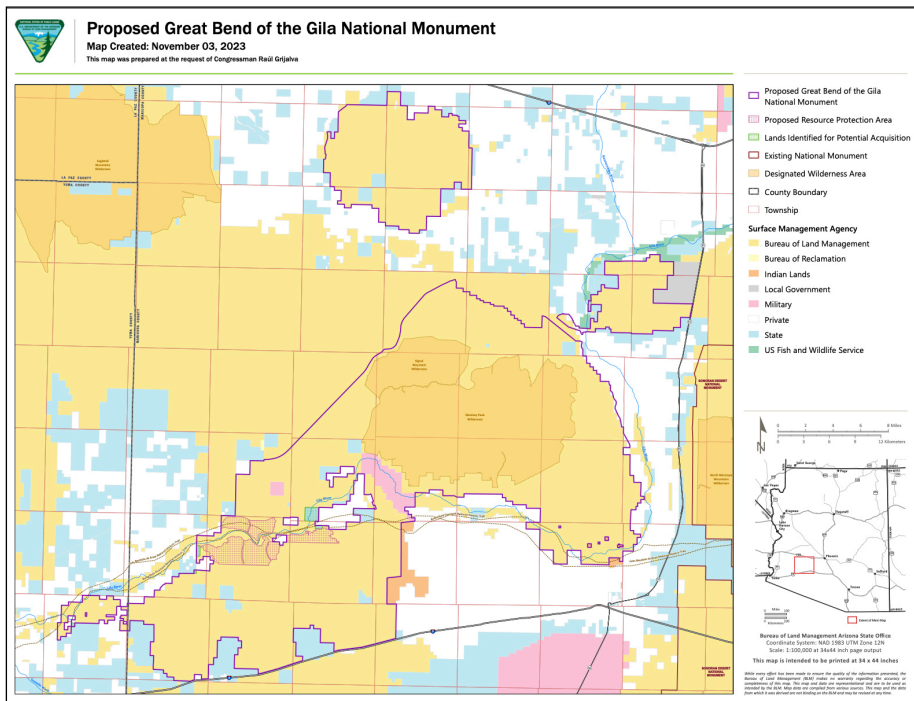
Far Left: Signs detailing the Fire/Police training were established at the entrances of the Great Wolf Lodge.

Below: Members of the SRPMIC Fire Department provide aid to a participating volunteer moments after the SRPMIC Police department apprehended the mock-shooter during the demonstration.





# Great Bend of the Gila National Monument Establishment Act Introduced



A map showing the proposed Great Bend of the Gila National Monument. Photo courtesy Natural Resources Committee.

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On August 2, House Natural Resources Committee Ranking Member Raúl Grijalva (D-AZ) introduced the Great Bend of the Gila National Monument Establishment Act. The goal of the Act is to protect a region to which at least 13 federally recognized tribes, including the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, claim cultural and ancestral connections.

Located in Arizona’s Sonoran Desert within Maricopa and Yuma counties, the natural landscape of the Great Bend is home to fragile desert species, petroglyphs,

cliffs and pronounced lava flows. If established, the Great Bend of the Gila National Monument would protect 376,963 acres of land.

“The Great Bend of the Gila is a sacred place rich with history and deeply significant to all the communities connected to it,” said Grijalva. “I am proud to stand alongside the tribes and honor their years of dedication to preserving the cultural, historical and natural heritage of this magnificent landscape by introducing this legislation.”

According to a press release issued by the Respect Great Bend Coalition, the effort to establish a monument is urgent because of “increased development, pernicious vandalism of petroglyphs, and recreational pressures from rapidly growing Phoenix and West Valley communities.”

If the new bill doesn’t pass, it would be up to the President of the United States to designate the site as a national monument under the Antiquities Act.

“The Tohono O’odham Nation and other tribes have deep cultural and religious connections to the Great Bend of the Gila stretching back to time immemorial,” said Tohono O’odham Nation Chairman Verlon Jose. “We appreciate Congressman Grijalva’s leadership in working to protect this environmental and cultural treasure. This bill also ensures that tribes continue to have a voice in the future of these lands and how they will be protected in the years to come. The Tohono O’odham Nation urges passage of this important bill that will safeguard a vital part of America’s indigenous and environmental heritage.”

In August 2022, Grijalva introduced to the U.S. House of Representatives the Great Bend of the Gila Conservation Act, which had support from the SRPMIC.

“The SRPMIC emphatically supports the Great Bend of the Gila Conservation Act,” said SRPMIC President Martin Harvier at the time. “The proposed legislation not only will establish two new conservation areas and protect cultural heritage lands important to the O’odham, it also ensures that associated tribal governments would be consulted on the co-management of the designated lands.”

The 13 federally recognized tribal nations with cultural, historical, spiritual and ancestral ties to the region are the Ak-Chin Indian Community, Cocopah Indian Tribe, Colorado River Indian Tribes, Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation, Fort Mojave Indian Tribe, Fort Yuma Quechan Indian Tribe, Gila River Indian Community, Hopi Tribe, Pueblo of Zuni, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, Tohono O’odham Nation, Yavapai-Apache Nation and Yavapai-Prescott Indian Tribe

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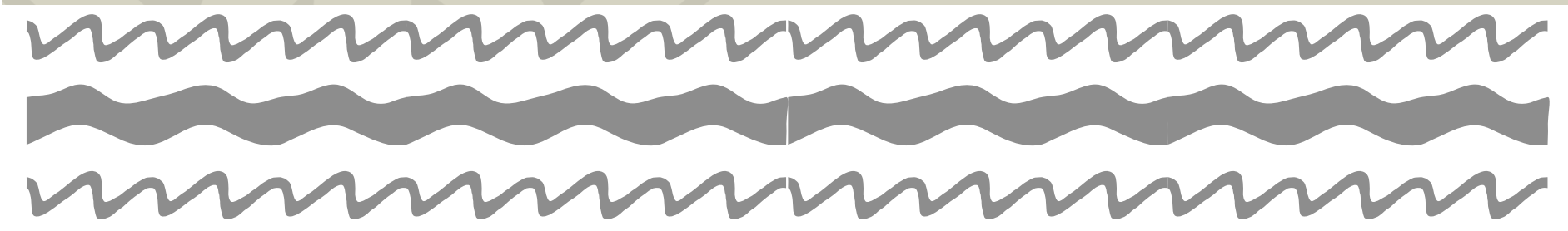
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## Calendar of Events

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

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

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**CM GREY**  
District D, District I (Salt River)  
6:00 pm | ALA Auditorium  
4827 N. Country Club Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85256

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TUES

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

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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 utilizing 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. See ad on page 15 fore more details.

**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.

### VAŞAI GAKIDAG MAŞAD XLY'A NYMXMOK SEPTEMBER

**7 HEALING MEMORIAL FOR THE COMMUNITY**, 10 a.m. at Salt River Ballfield. No vendors, alcohol, or drugs. Presented by Churches of the Salt River Community. Contact Milford Burke with questions at 480 -238-4138

**9 COZY CREATIONS: FALL DIY CRAFTS - FALL PUMPKINS**, 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

**16 COZY CREATIONS: FALL DIY CRAFTS - COFFEE MUGS**, 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

**21 SOCIALBIRD 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**, Save the date! More details to come!