

Community Honors, Hands Letters to Veterans



Salt River Royalty hands out letters to Community veterans at the Community Veterans Day event on November 11.

BY CHRIS PICCIUOLO
O'odham Action News
chris.picciuolo@srpmic-nsn.gov

The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community celebrated Veterans Day on November 11 at the Salt River Community Building by honoring Community members who have served in all branches of the military.

Veteran's representative Amanda White said that she's happy that there were more Community members attending than on previous

Community Veterans Days.

"Overall, we had a great turnout, with more Community members attending than before, which makes me very happy," said White.

The day before the event, on November 10, was the 249th birthday of the United States Marine Corps. Some Community-member Marines stood up to be recognized throughout the event, and members of other armed forces thanked the Marines for their service as well.

Council Member Wi-Bwa Grey began the event with the invoca-

Continued on page 12



O'ODHAM PIIPAASH DAY



Continued on pages 10 & 11

SRPMIC Keeps It Safe with Safety Day



Salt River youth had the opportunity to take a tour of the many vehicles and equipment and get a first-hand look at the resources the fire and police departments utilize to help keep the Community safe.

BY JUAN YSAGUIRRE
O'odham Action News
Juan.ysaguirre@srpmic-nsn.gov

The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community's annual Safety Day is a celebration of the many ways in which the Salt River fire and police departments keep us all safe. This year's celebration was held outdoors at the Accelerated Learning Academy football field on November 6 and featured department and enterprise vendor booths, bounce houses and exhibits featuring staff from the police

Continued on page 9

O'ODHAM ACTION NEWS
10005 E. Osborn Road
Scottsdale, AZ 85256
CHANGE SERVICE REQUEST
Phoenix, AZ
Permit No. 319

PRESORTED
STANDARD
U.S. Postage
PAID
Phoenix, AZ
Permit No. 319

**Ty Romo Round 3
Results at Indian
National Finals Rodeo**
Page 3

**Helping Hands
Announces all-new
Tote Bag Sale**
Page 3

**Tempe Town Lake
Turns 25**
Page 4

**SRPMIC Hosts
Important Webinar on
Self-Care**
Page 6

**Arizona's 2024
General Election
Results**
Page 6

**SCC's Native
American Heritage
Celebration Features
Salt River Dancers**
Page 7

**McKellips Road
Project Phase Two
Begins in December
2024**
Page 8

**Gilbert Road Bridge
Project Update**
Page 8

**Protect the
Community's Eagles:
Clear Your Gear and
Rubbish**
Page 14

Legal Notices
Page 16

**Diabetes Prevention
Services Presents
Bench Press
Competition**
Page 17

**Native College Wide
Receiver Holds Camp
For Salt River Youth**
Page 19

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Best Wishes for a Safe & Joyful Holiday Season

Saddleback Offices Are Closed
12/25/24 & 1/1/25 In Observance of the Holidays.



Get FiberSpeed Internet from Saddleback

Pick the Internet Speed You Need At a Great New Rate

Basic

50
Mbps

\$39.99
PER MONTH

Standard

100
Mbps

\$59.99
PER MONTH

Advanced

300
Mbps

\$69.99
PER MONTH

BEST VALUE!

Elite

500
Mbps

\$79.99
PER MONTH



Get Connected with Saddleback today!
Residential customers only. Call for details.

480.362.7150
800.611.9753

www.saddlebackcomm.com

Family, Cosmetic & Restorative Dentistry



OPEN SATURDAYS

No out of pocket cost to you!

FREE ORTHODONTIC CONSULTATION

Call to make appointment.

FREE TEETH WHITENING FOR NEW PATIENTS

- GIFT CARD FOR NEW PATIENT WITH SR TRIBAL ID
- FREE IMPLANT CONSULT

SRPMIC Employees pay \$0 dollars w/ Humana Insurance on following services

- | | |
|---|-------------------------|
| -Exam/all X-rays | -Whitening |
| -Cleanings | -Bonding |
| -Fillings | -Tooth Colored Fillings |
| -Extractions | -Root Canals |
| -Periodontal Treatment (NON-SURGICAL Gum Treatment) | |

A101 DENTAL CARE

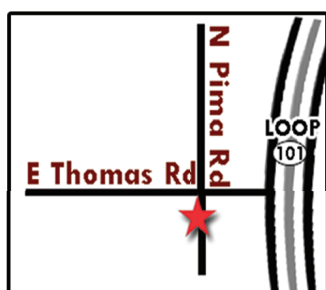
101 & THOMAS

480-423-1000

2899 N. 87 St.

Scottsdale (Thomas Rd. Exit)

www.scottsdaledentaloffices.com



Emergencies and Walk-Ins seen on the same day!

Helping Hands Announces All-New Tote Bag Sale

BY JUAN YSAGUIRRE
O'odham Action News
Juan.ysaguirre@srpmic-nsn.gov

Throughout this year, *O'odham Action News* has covered the many improvements and inventory upgrades happening inside the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community thrift store, Helping Hands.

In April, Helping Hands debuted a brand-new shoe rack featuring name-brand shoes such as Nike, Adidas, Vans and more. They celebrated the springtime store upgrades with a 50% off sale on all items. Later, in July, the store debuted a new shade over the entrance to protect shoppers from the scorching summer heat.

To close out the year in exciting fashion, Helping Hands is gearing up for the Helping Hands Tote Bag sale, beginning in December. “Shoppers can come out and purchase one of our very own Helping Hands Tote Bags,” said store manager Francies Edwards. The tote bag features the Helping Hands logo and is a key component to the December sale.

“Anyone can purchase a Helping Hands Tote Bag and fill it up to the top for just \$5,” said Edwards.

A quick survey of some of the items for sale at Helping Hands includes an Arizona Coyotes Kachina logo throwback jersey, the Marge Simpson Vans shoes, cowboy hats, Tommy Hilfiger jeans, H&M hoodies and more. Additionally, Edwards and her staff ensure that the inventory includes clothing sizes outside of the traditional S-XL range. “We have it all,” said Edwards.

Helping Hands maintains a “free” table located in the front of the store and regularly adds new items to it. The table features many children’s items in addition

to collared shirts and more. Recently, a size small Comme des Garçons shirt was up for grabs out on the table. Comme des Garçons is a high-fashion Japanese clothing line based in Paris, France.

Beginning in December, shoppers can purchase the tote bags and fill them up as many times as they would like for \$5 each time. Edwards added, “Come on out and shop, fill up the bag, empty it in your car and come on back. We’ll be here!”

Helping Hands is located at 10213 E. Osborn Road, Scottsdale, near Two Waters. Sales are cash only. For questions, call the store at (480) 362-5625. More improvements and upgrades are anticipated in the new year.



Helping Hands store manager Francies Edwards with the all-new Helping Hands Tote Bag.



TOP: Helping Hands is still currently seeking new and gently used items.

LEFT: Inside of the Helping Hands store now shows the O'odham and Piipaash translations of department signs.

BOTTOM: A store standard, all items are properly inspected before going out on the sales floor.



AROUND THE COMMUNITY: TY ROMO ROUND 3 RESULTS AT INDIAN NATIONAL FINALS RODEO



Ty Romo roping during an undated rodeo event. Photo courtesy Selena Espinoza.

BY CHRIS PICCIUOLO
O'odham Action News
chris.picciuolo@srpmic-nsn.gov

Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community member and Whiteriver resident Ty Romo competed at the 48th Annual Indian National Finals Rodeo (INFR) held October 22 to 26 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Romo’s cousin Trevor Waters, also an SRPMIC member, competed as well. “He’s the real deal,” Waters said about Romo, a former INFR champion.

In this year’s INFR, Romo entered the team roping competition as a heeler, alongside Winslow resident James Arviso.

In Round 3 of team roping, Romo and Arviso logged the best time of all the teams: 4.39 seconds. They took home \$2,338 each for their Round 3 win.

SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY

Community CHRISTMAS

**TWO WATERS
DECEMBER 7TH!**

**SATURDAY
12-5PM**

**HUHUGAM KI: MUSEUM
GINGERBREAD HOUSE CONTEST!**

**SENIOR BINGO (55+)
IN THE ROUNDHOUSE AT 1PM!**

♦ MARIACHI ♦ KIDS ZONE ♦ VENDORS
♦ HOLIDAY TREATS ♦ ENTERTAINMENT

• **BRING YOUR CAMERAS!** •

VISIT WITH SANTA AT 4PM!

COMMUNITY RELATIONS - EVENTS • 480.362.7740 • SRPMIC • SALTRIVERINDIANCOMMUNITY

Tempe Town Lake Turns 25



BY CHRIS PICCIUOLO
O'odham Action News
chris.picciuolo@srpmic-nsn.gov

Twenty-five years ago, on November 6, 1999, more than 35,000 people attended the Tempe Town Lake Festival, an event marking the dedication of the new Tempe Town Lake, near the southwest edge of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community. The new recreational attraction sits at the heart of a dry riverbed that once flowed wildly as the Salt River. The next day, the lake was opened to the public.

On November 3, Tempe held a community gathering to recognize the anniversary of the 2-mile-long, 800- to 1,200-foot-wide artificial lake. The celebra-

tion featured live music, food trucks, boating and more at Tempe Beach Park.

The city of Tempe invited SRPMIC Vice-President Ricardo Leonard to give a land acknowledgment address for the Onk Akimel O'odham and the Xalychidom Piipaash, but he couldn't make it to the event.

"Tempe Town Lake started as an idea in 1966," said Tempe Mayor Corey Woods. "Mayors like Harry Mitchell, Neil Giuliano, Hugh Hallman and Mark Mitchell all played roles in bringing the lake to fruition and helping it become the success it is."

In the fall of 1966, students at the College of Architecture at Arizona State University took on a challenge issued by Dean James Elmore to create design concepts that utilized the dry riverbed.

The result of the challenge was the Rio Salado Project, a series of locks and channels creating an inland seaport, with further plans for parks, recreational areas and economic development along the Salt River.

Tempe now considers the attraction "an oasis of opportunity in the desert" and an economic driver and recreational hub of the area.

Each year, more than 2,000 rowers use the lake, which is also stocked with more than a dozen varieties of fish for people who obtain a standard Arizona fishing license.

Stocked with fish and full of water, Tempe Town Lake gives the Salt River a new life after decades of changes to the landscape and ecosystem.

O'odham Perspective on Lower Salt River History

Historically, the Lower Salt River flowed naturally and uncontrolled westward through the SRPMIC and other early communities formed by settlers as they began to move to the Valley in the mid-to-late 1800s.

The river would often flood, and it became a nuisance as more settlers arrived. Bridges were built to cross the river; some were torn apart by floodwaters and some still exist today.

In 1871, entrepreneurial pioneer and Tempe founder Charles Trumbull Hayden used water from the river for his Hayden Flour Mill business at a narrow part of the river that lent itself to easier crossing. This was known as Hayden's Ferry, a crossing operated by a wire cable across the river.

SRPMIC Council Member Jacob Butler said that at this location, the bedrock came relatively close to the surface of the water.

"There's historic pictures of our people actually crossing there on foot," said Butler. "[The O'odham] always used that area to traverse from one side of the river to the other because at one time the Salt River was considered unfordable. You couldn't cross it [anywhere] except for at that site."

In the late 1800s and early 1900s, the Theodore Roosevelt Dam and smaller dams like the Granite Reef Diversion Dam were built to control the flow of Salt River water in the Valley and divert it into canals for irrigation and drinking water to serve the growing population. These actions made it so that the Lower Salt River—the section that runs along the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community and neighboring communities—would cease to flow.

"A lot of people see [Tempe Town Lake] as something that is manufactured and not really indicative of what [the Salt River] really was, but the reality of that riverbed in that area is there's never going to be a time when those waters are going to run the way they ran again," Butler said.

Butler says while there are Community members who ideally want things to return to how they used to be, he accepts the situation for what it is.

Occasionally, the Salt River Project will release water from nearby reservoirs over the Granite Reef Dam, which creates a healthy flow of water down the Salt River. Community members share their photos and videos on social media, either reminiscing or imagining what the Salt River looked like barreling through the Valley in the past.

Butler has a vivid memory from his childhood of a day when his dad brought the family out to the McClintock Bridge to see the Salt River flowing freely.

"It's awesome to see the riverbed flood over," said Butler, who said he doesn't bear any ill will toward Tempe and its lake construction.

"Being able to go to a place that once had water in it, even if it's something that's manufactured and is a very, very small semblance of what it once was—I

don't know, it still makes me feel good to see water in the middle of the desert where there was once a river."

As for accepting change that affects traditional lands and ways of life, Butler finds balance in respecting the knowledge gained from other people and cultures while supporting the cultural retention and revitalization of his community's traditions.

"What a balance looks like to me could be totally different [from what it looks like] to everybody else," Butler shared.

Remaining outspoken while having good relationships with the communities surrounding the SRPMIC is important to Butler, he said, so that the Community's perspectives, viewpoints and interests are acknowledged and taken care of.



"Photo of Indian with horse-drawn wagon delivering grain in front of Hayden Mill" circa 1890. Photo courtesy Tempe History Museum.

NEW YEAR, NEW BENEFITS...TAKE ADVANTAGE TODAY!

PIMADENTAL.COM



DR. BRET STANDAGE

**DR. STANDAGE
DR. STANDAGE
DR. SANTORO
DR. WILLMAN**



DR. CRAIG STANDAGE

For Humana/AmeriBen holders

**IN NETWORK! LOWEST COST
FOR OUR SALT RIVER PATIENTS!**

Increase Your **Smile Power**

- EMERGENCIES seen the same day
(Root Canals & Extractions)
- ROOT CANALS
- Wisdom Teeth Extractions
- IMPLANTS to replace Missing Teeth
- INVISALIGN Orthodontic teeth straightening
for Teens & Adults.
- Family, Cosmetic & Implant Dentistry
- Mercury free fillings & ceramic restorations
- Digital X-Rays (Less Radiation)
- FREE DENTURE CONSULTS
(Humana covers a new set every 5 years)

**WE NOW OFFER
3rd Molar Extractions
With Sedation**

**3 Hygienists
available to
clean your teeth**

**COME VISIT OUR NEW
STATE OF THE
ART OFFICE!**

**INVISALIGN
\$1000 off**
for Salt River Patients
FREE CONSULTATION

FREE CONSULTATION
*WISDOM TEETH
REMOVAL
*IMPLANT TOOTH
REPLACEMENT

Hours Open:

**Monday - Thursday
7:00 am-6:00 pm**

**Friday
7:00 am-4:00 pm**

GO TO
www.PIMADENTAL.COM
to see for yourself.

480.657.6357

PIMA Dental Center for Family,
Cosmetic & Implant Dentistry

10850 N 90th ST | Scottsdale AZ 85260



Arizona’s 2024 General Election Results



U.S. Rep. Ruben Gallego, a Democrat, was elected to a six-year Senate term in November. Here, Gallego visits the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Council in August. Photos by Chris Picciuolo.

BY DALTON WALKER
O’odham Action News
dalton.walker@srpmic-nsn.gov

Voter turnout in Arizona was a little more than 78% for the 2024 general election on November 5. A total of 3,418,821 ballots were cast statewide, with more than half coming from Maricopa County (2,078,460).

Arizona voters elected a new U.S. senator and a familiar face to the U.S. House of Representatives in close races.

Ruben Gallego, a Democrat, was elected to a six-year Senate term with 50.1% of the vote. Gallego has served in the U.S. House as one of Arizona’s representatives since 2015. He’ll replace Senator Kyrsten Sinema, an independent who decided not to seek another term.

Republican Rep. David Schweikert was reelected to the U.S. House with

51.9% of the vote. His Congressional district includes the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community. Arizona has nine districts with representatives serving two-year terms. Schweikert and Gallego will be sworn in on January 3 when the 119th Congress begins.

Former President Donald Trump took back Arizona for the Republicans with 52.2% of the vote, four years after Democrat Joe Biden won the state. Trump captured the presidency by winning all the swing states, including Arizona. He finished with 312 electoral votes, needing 270 to win, and about 50% of the total popular vote. Trump will be sworn in on January 20.

For a full list of results, visit results.arizona.vote.

U.S. Congress

U.S House of Representatives for Arizona:

- District 1 winner: Republican David Schweikert (incumbent)
- District 2 winner: Republican Eli Crane (incumbent)
- District 3 winner: Democrat Yassamin Ansari
- District 4 winner: Democrat Greg Stanton (incumbent)
- District 5 winner: Republican Andy Biggs (incumbent)
- District 6 winner: Republican Juan Ciscomani (incumbent)
- District 7 winner: Democrat Raúl M. Grijalva (incumbent)
- District 8 winner: Republican Abraham “Abe” Hamadeh
- District 9 winner: Republican Paul Gosar (incumbent)

U.S. Senate for Arizona

- Winner: Democrat Ruben Gallego

Arizona Legislative District 8

The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community is in Arizona Legislative District 8, which includes one state Senate seat and two state House seats. Democrat Kubly Lauren was elected to a two-year Senate term with around 60% of the vote. Democrats Lorena Austin and Seth Blattman were reelected to the Arizona House of Representatives, both for two-year terms, with 26.5% and 25% of the votes, respectively. All will be sworn in on the first day of the session in January.



Republican David Schweikert was reelected to the U.S. House of Representatives in November. His Congressional district includes the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community. Here, Schweikert visits with members of Salt River royalty earlier this year.



SRPMIC Hosts Important Webinar on Self-Care



BY JUAN YSAGUIRRE
O’odham Action News
juan.ysaguirre@srpmic-nsn.gov

“How do you take care of yourselves?”

On November 6, Melanie Nosie, LMSW, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community health educator, began her webinar presentation on self-care by asking the group of nearly 100 guests that simple question.

The answers slowly started coming in: being outdoors, taking a nap, crafting, working out, painting nails, shopping, bible study, hiking, playing video-games and listening to music.

“Self-care means different things to a lot of people,” said Nosie. “We are all different. We have a lot of different hats we wear. Some of us are parents, grandpar-

ents, friends and more. Sometimes we find ourselves giving and giving, which then leads to burnout. We want to avoid that.”

The webinar was a presentation of SRPMIC Health and Human Services through Microsoft Teams.

Nosie continued, “We are our own worst critic. Sometimes we get down in the dumps, and that’s okay—we have to practice staying positive when things get challenging. We want to pay attention to how we think and how we are treating ourselves. Creating a healthy inner dialogue is very important.”

Additionally, Nosie shared the three main components of self-care: caring for yourself first, implementing action and staying consistent.

Putting yourself first means ensuring your physical and emotional needs are met. Nosie warned against

putting yourself second to family and friends due to the negative impacts it has on our overall well-being.

“A lot of people, me included, we put ourselves last and place our kids or spouses first. That contributes to our burnout and we’re not able to make the right decisions when it comes to taking care of ourselves.”

Though it may be challenging at first, Nosie strongly suggested ensuring our emotional, spiritual, mental, social and physical needs are met. “We need a break. We want to get comfortable saying ‘no.’ [We find it difficult to say] to someone, ‘I want to help you, but I’m taking some time for myself today.’ That’s hard to do because we’re loyal to our family, friends and jobs. But sometimes we have to take that pause.”

Nosie explained that when people continually put themselves second, eventually they become frustrated and may not truly understand why. “Everything that goes on in our brains is what we feel,” said Nosie. She added, “Take vacations to take care of yourself. We want to get comfortable creating that routine and being okay with being alone with our thoughts.”

Nosie shared with the group that one in every five people suffers from a form of mental illness. “When we stay in a slump and stay stuck there and don’t do anything and feel like everything is too much—that is depression, quite frankly,” she said.

Toward the end of the presentation, Nosie provided the group with helpful methods to improve an individual’s mental health. “Assess your needs, consider your stressors, devise self-care strategies, plan for challenges, take small steps, and schedule time to focus on your needs,” she said. “When we put ourselves first, we put our physical and emotional needs first.”

She added, “So go on your hikes, read books, go shopping, paint your nails. Do it all. When we take care of ourselves and hit the reset button, we perform better in all areas.”

For information on upcoming HHS webinars, contact Community Health Educator Melanie Nosie, LMSW, at (480) 362-6678. Dates and times are subject to change.

SCC’s Native American Heritage Celebration Features Salt River Dancers

BY JUAN YSAGUIRRE
O’odham Action News
Juan.ysaguirre@srpmic-nsn.gov

They danced, and he sang.
Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Vice-President Ricardo Leonard sang two traditional songs recently on the campus of Scottsdale Community College while SRPMIC members Sistine Lewis, Isabella Dockerty, Helema Andrews and Martha Martinez danced.
The five are members of the SRPMIC Traditional Dance Group and were invited to perform on November 19 as part of the college’s celebration of National Native American Heritage Month.

Leonard sang “What Kind of Flower?” and “The Basket Dance.”
“Our group was brought to life in 1994, I believe,” Leonard said. “At the time we had 40-plus dancers. The youth are starting to come in, and we now have the great-grandkids of some of our original performers.”
As the group performed, muralist Adrian “Awer” Garcia spray-painted a hummingbird on a homemade canvas wall that was created entirely out of cardboard boxes.
Throughout November, the American Indian Program at SCC hosted various celebrations and events commemorating Native American Heritage Month. The activities included classes, workshops, special guest performances and more.
The celebration began on November 6, when the program hosted a screening of the film “Rez Ball,” starring Kauchani Bratt, who is from the Quechua people of Peru on his mother’s side and the Coahuiltecan people of Mexico on his father’s side. Actor Benjamin Bratt is his uncle. The film is about a Navajo high school basketball team from Chuska, New Mexico, coming together to try to win a state championship after experiencing a tragedy.

On November 12, SCC students were given the opportunity to learn about financial literacy with Trena Bizardi (Navajo) from Northern Arizona University’s Center for American Indian Economic Development. During the program, held inside the Indigenous Cultural Center (ICC) on the SCC campus, Bizardi detailed financial basics and educated students on how to correctly submit their financial aid application, prepare and stick to a budget, and learn additional ways to manage their money.
On November 15, Indigenous students attending 10 of the Maricopa Community Colleges were eligible to attend the American Indian Student Conference. Cordero Holmes (Tohono O’odham Nation) served as the emcee of the event, hosted by Gateway Community College in the Copper Room. In May, Holmes graduated from Arizona State University with a bachelor’s degree in public service and public policy; however, in his mid-30s, he is not a typical college student. When he was 18, he became involved with gangs and served 10 years in prison, being incarcerated both as a youth and as an adult. After that he had a family, but he had to work hard to regain both his freedom and custody of his two children. Thankfully, he realized that he could change the course of his life through higher education, and that’s exactly what he did. He plans to remain at ASU and com-

plete a master’s degree in public administration.
Lunch was catered by chef Denella Belin (Diné), owner of Nella’s Innovative Creations, a full-service culinary business focusing on Indigenous foods.
Rounding out SCC’s Native American Heritage Month celebration was a bead-ing class in the ICC hosted by Navajo artists Kathleen Tsosie and LaRee Emerson.
With SCC’s fantastic month-long celebration of the Indigenous cultures that help make up America, it was more than enough evidence to show that SCC remains at the forefront when it comes to celebrating and honoring Indigenous peoples—not only during Native American Heritage Month, but every day of the year.



Martha Martinez was joined by Sistine Lewis, Isabella Dockerty, and Helema Andrews as the 4 danced while Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Vice-President Ricardo Leonard provided the singing and a brief history of the group.

SIGN-UPS START NOVEMBER 26

One new, unwrapped toy valued at \$10 or more* + \$50 buy-in provides \$8,000 in tournament chips. \$10 of the buy-in will be donated as a charity check.

*Donated to the Christmas Angels Program at Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community.

TALKING STICK RESORT

101 & TALKING STICK WAY | SCOTTSDALE, AZ | TALKINGSTICKRESORT.COM

Locally owned and caringly operated by the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community.

Must be 21 years of age or older to participate. Management reserves all rights. Problem gambling? Call 1-800-NEXT-STEP, text NEXTSTEP to 53342 or visit problemgambling.az.gov.

GET INFO

SCAN ME

December 5, 2024

O’odham Action News

7

McKellips Road Project Phase Two Begins in December

SUBMITTED BY MARICOPA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

McKellips Road between Loop 101 and Loop 202 provides an important connection to the city of Mesa and is a vital link for regional commuters in the area. The Maricopa County Department of Transportation (MCDOT) recently completed the first phase of a two-phase project to improve this roadway between Alma School Road and Loop 101. Phase 2 is scheduled to begin in December, continuing with improvements to address the increase in travel, reduce traffic conflicts, and accommodate pedestrians and bicyclists on the roadway.

Phase 1, completed back in April, established new water, sewer and drainage infrastructure, laying the groundwork for phase 2. The initial phase required careful coordination with the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, the Arizona Department of Transportation and the City of Mesa, along with other project stakeholders, to effectively manage traffic restrictions and temporary roadway closures and detours. A foundation of successful partnership and collaboration will help to ensure continued success of the project overall.

Phase 2 construction will begin this month and continue through late 2025. Construction will take place primarily Monday through Friday during daylight hours. Occasional night and week-end work may be necessary, though no construction is planned to take place on holidays.

Travel will be permitted through the project area when possible; however, lane restrictions and detours should be anticipated. Restrictions will be coordinated with the SRPMIC, and advance notifications will be provided to the Community and the general traveling public regarding changes in travel through the project area during construction.

MCDOT is committed to public safety and providing connections to serve the traveling public and appreciates the public’s patience during construction while the McKellips Road improvement project is underway.

For more information on the project and updates on travel restrictions, visit the project website at www.maricopa.gov/5938/McKellips-Road.

For additional project information, contact MCDOT at MCDOTProjects@maricopa.gov or (602) 506-3342.



McKellips Road, Eastbound view at 92nd street towards Loop 101. Photo Courtesy of Maricopa County Department of Transportation.

Gilbert Road Bridge Project Update



Gilbert Road Bridge looking north towards State Route 87. Photo courtesy of Maricopa County Department of Transportation.

SUBMITTED BY MARICOPA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

With two lanes open, the Gilbert Road Bridge is nearing full completion for travel over the Salt River. The Maricopa County Department of Transportation is preparing for final paving of the remaining two southbound lanes, which are scheduled for completion in late 2024.

The full roadway will open to the public once finishing work, including roadway striping, is complete. This project is a testament to a successful partnership between the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, the City of Mesa, MCDOT and many other partners.

The project overcame unplanned challenges resulting from historic weather events during construction, and MCDOT is grateful for the cooperation and patience of the traveling public during construction.

Please visit the Gilbert Road Bridge project page on the Maricopa County website to find the latest information and project updates.

YOUTH SERVICES HUMMINGBIRD MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

5TH & 6TH GRADE GIRLS

ELIGIBILITY

- OPEN TO YOUTH 5TH – 6TH GRADE WHO ARE ENROLLED MEMBERS OF SALT RIVER PIMA – MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY OR RESIDE IN THE COMMUNITY.
- INTERESTED FAMILIES MUST COMPLETE REGISTRATION FORM AND AN ORIENTATION WITH THE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST
- ENROLLEMENT IS BASED ON CLASSROOM SPACE AVAILABILITY, SPACE IS LIMITED.

CORE COMPONENTS

• EDUCATION

• HEALTH & FITNESS

• CULTURE

• SOCIAL & LIFE SKILLS

WE PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION TO GROUP OR OFFSITE ACTIVITIES.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Traci Nahsonhoya
Youth Development Specialist
Email: Traci.Nahsonhoya@srpmic-nsn.gov
Cell: (602) 785-4441 / Desk: (480) 362-3608

HOLIDAY SNOWFEST

AT SALT RIVER FIELDS

Nov. 27 - Jan. 4
Open Daily until 10 PM

Salt River Fields at Talking Stick

Hours of Operation

11AM-10PM 1PM-10PM
3PM-10PM 4PM-10PM CLOSED

November	27	28	29	30		
December						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				
January	1	2	3	4		

Experience a Winter Wonderland Like Never Before!

350 Tons of Real Snow
Snow Play Area ❄️ Toboggan Slides
Activities for All Ages
Santa ❄️ Group Parties Welcome

Don't miss out on the holiday magic!
For more information, visit **HolidaySnowfest.com**

Continued from cover

SRPMIC Keeps It Safe with Safety Day

and fire departments.

Salt River Fire Department Captain Robert Scabby served as the emcee and welcomed Community members and families to the event, which began with the presentation of colors by the SRPMIC Honor Guard. Afterward, a blessing was provided by Miss Salt River First Attendant Zoe Hernandez. Following her blessing, Miss Salt River Diondria Pilger and Jr. Miss Salt River First Attendant Tiaré Begay-Smith also provided warm welcomes and thanked the first responders for all that they do.

“I want to thank you for coming out and enjoying this evening with us,” said SRPMIC Fire Chief Tsosie Wood. During his speech, Chief Wood encouraged families to visit with police and fire department staff. “We’re here to serve you all,” he added. “Mingle with them; talk with them. If you’re interested in being a firefighter, come and talk to us,” he said. Later, Chief Wood stated that the Community will be needing new firefighters to staff the new fire station located by Casino Arizona on the corner of 92nd Street and McKellips, which is scheduled to be completed by 2027.

Salt River Police Chief Walter Holloway added kind remarks during his welcoming speech. “Thank you all for coming out. Please ask questions; we have fire and police staff willing to answer your questions.”

Following the welcoming speeches, the Chi’Chino Spirit O’odham Dance Group performed. The group hails from the Gila River Indian Community and shares Akimel O’odham Himdag through song and dance. First introducing herself in O’odham and then in English, Lehua Lani Dosela thanked the SRPMIC for allowing the group to perform.

“We come from District 6 from the Gila River Community. We originated back in 2006; we started smaller, with [just] my siblings and I,” said Dosela.

The Chi’Chino Spirit O’odham Dance Group has performed at halftime during Phoenix Suns and Mercury games as well as at this year’s NCAA Men’s Final Four basketball championship. Later, the group performed a basket dance out on the ALA field.

Throughout the event, SRPMIC members explored the many technological advancements, vehicles and equipment used by their fire and police departments. At the SWAT station, children were able to climb aboard the SWAT van and experience firsthand what it is like to suit up and potentially one day ride out to answer a call for help.

Safety Day offered SRPMIC members and families an opportunity to meet face-to-face with the heroes who help ensure that the Community is kept safe on a daily basis.



The Chi’Chino Spirit Dance Group thanked the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community for allowing them to perform.



While outside on the ALA football field, SRPMIC Police Ofc. Andrew Flores #391 showcased some of the official drone equipment to families.



Theodus (Odie) Toney (front) and former Deputy Chief Kevin Makil (back) cooked delicious hamburgers and hot dogs for families.



Several inflatable bounce-houses were available for children and young ones to enjoy as families visited the many information booths out on the ALA track.



YOUR WATER. YOUR FUTURE.

Central Arizona Project delivers Colorado River water to **more than 80 percent of the state’s population** in central and southern Arizona. The team at CAP is dedicated to maintaining this critical water infrastructure for reliability now and into the future.

Learn more about the CAP system at [KnowYourWaterNews.com](https://www.knowyourwaternews.com)

O'ODHAM PIIPAASH DAY CELEBRATED IN SALT RIVER

BY ANDREEA MIGUEL
O'odham Action News
andreamiguel@srpmic-nsn.gov

The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community celebrated O'odham and Piipaash heritage with a full day of fun activities on Saturday, November 16. "We Are O'odham, We Are Piipaash, We Are Still Here" was the theme of the 2024 O'odham Piipaash Day.

Classes in making *ce:mait* (tortillas) were open to Community members from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Huhugam Ki Museum. There were five classes total, each lasting about 45 minutes. Classes were taught by Candice Manuel, Debbie James, Tammy Walker, Kasheen Walker and Darren Harris. During the class, participants were taught how to prepare the mixture of *cu'l*, *'on*, *mai'jik* and *sudagi* to cook on a *komal* and then package their *ce:mait* to take home. Teachers also introduced vocabulary words for different ingredients and utensils in both O'odham and Piipaash and provided flashcards for class participants to keep.

Meanwhile, at the Accelerated Learning Academy, Community members taught and played the traditional O'odham women's game *toka*. The game, which is like modern-day hockey, is a beloved sport among O'odham women. Jessica Ruiz from the Onk Akimel Siviliki (Salt River Whirlwind) team and Melissa Rave from the Salt River Tadai (Roadrunner) team invited both seasoned players and first-timers to pick up an *u'usaga* (toka playing stick) and run after the *o'da* (game piece) together. Before each round, Marian Ruiz tossed the *o'da* to the lined-up players, shouting "*Hemako, go:k, vaik, ce'cevi!*" (one, two three, play!). (See the February 15 issue of *O'odham Action News* or the OAN website for some history on the game of *toka*.)

The fun continued in the afternoon with carnival games and snacks. The family activities included a corn maze, high striker and even a train that ran through the ALA campus.

In the cool evening, the day concluded with traditional social dancing and singing on the ALA football field. Performers were dressed in their traditional clothing, and dances switched from bird dancing to round dances. Dances were open to all, and dinner was provided by the Round House Café.

OAN reporter Nalani Lopez contributed to this article.



O'ODHAM & PIIPAASH DAY VOCABULARY

O'odham translations are first, followed by the Piipaash translations.

TOKA

Playing stick: *u'usaga*

Game piece: *o'da*

Run: *me:li*

Play: *ce'cevi*

TORTILLA MAKING CLASS

Tortilla: *ce:mait/modiily*

Cooking disc: *komal/madiily*

Kneading: *mo'i dagvia/ uuxarm*

Dough balls: *'o'olata/ xshp'uur*

DINNER

Beans: *mu:ñ/mariik*

Squash: *ha:l/xmat*

Chili stew: *ko'kol hidod/rav lyuly*

DANCE SOCIALS

Dance: *cu:dk/limak*

Songs: *ñe'nei/shuvar*



Community Honors, Hands Letters to Veterans

tion, leading right into the Parade of Colors by the SRPD Honor Guard.

While the SRPD Honor Guard stood in front of the Community veterans, Jr. Miss Salt River Diondria Pilger recited the Pledge of Allegiance and Miss Salt River Sialik King sang the national anthem.

Afterward, SRPMIC President Martin Harvier shared a welcome message to Community veterans. Vice-President Ricardo Leonard also delivered a Veterans Day message. When Leonard was finished addressing veterans, Council Member David Antone facilitated a closing prayer.

Harvier made it a point to say that people who served in the armed forces but did not see action should still be honored for their service. He likened soldiers who didn't see action to players from a sports team coming off the bench to be ready to contribute, to be called into action. He mentioned a female soldier he knows who once said didn't feel like she deserved appreciation because she did not see action like her peers did.

"I believe all of our soldiers that stepped up and ... joined the military, even during peacetime, ... we should make sure that we should also honor those individuals," said Harvier.

"So, if there are any here that have those feelings, I want you to know that your country appreciates your sacrifice. We want to recognize all veterans. So many men and women from our Community stepped up [when called upon to serve the country]."

As a part of a civic project, the Jr. Quail Mentorship Program (kindergarten through first-grade youth) wrote letters to Community veterans, which were delivered by hand by SRPMIC Royalty and Miss Salt River Committee members to the Community veterans in attendance.

White, who thanked the Community Relations Office for their support before and during the event, said the atmosphere of the event was incredibly welcoming.

"I overheard many Community members expressing how the event brought back cherished memories and how pleased they were to see everyone mingling," said White.

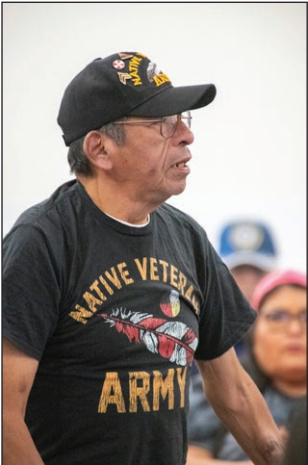
"I eagerly look forward to what we can do next year to honor our Community's veterans and their families, and to encourage even more members to join in the celebration."



Salt River Royalty hands out letters to Community veterans at the Community Veterans Day event on November 11.



ABOVE: Letters written by kids in the Jr. Quail Mentorship program are handed out to Community veterans by Salt River Royalty. BELOW: (left) Army veteran Gregory Vincent gets up to speak about honoring veterans and (right) SRPMIC Veterans Representative Amanda White speaks at the podium.



RIGHT: Community Relations Office Events team takes care of the needs of Community members sitting at their table.

BELOW: Salt River Royalty hands out letters to Community veterans.





SRPMIC Employee Veterans Recognized

BY CHRIS PICCIUOLO

O'odham Action News

chris.picciuolo@srpmic-nsn.gov

On November 8, the 108th Army Band kicked off this year's Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Employee Veterans event at the Two Waters Courtyard with an array of music, also featuring a saxophone quartet section.

SRPMIC Veterans Representative Troy Truax Jr. was the master of ceremonies for the event.

"It's an honor to be here with you all to recognize and thank our veteran coworkers who dedicated themselves to serving our country and making the sacrifices that come with that commitment," said Truax at the podium.

Truax made it a point to recognize the following SRPMIC Council member, staff member and department director veterans: Vice-President Ricardo Leonard (Army), Community Manager Bryan Meyers (Army), Internal Audit Director Terry Dooley (Army), Human Resources Director Steve Haydukovich (Army), Health and Human Services Director Joseph Remitera (Navy), Senior Services Director Melvin Deer (Army), Transportation Director Salvatore LaPuma III (Army), Fire Chief Tsosie Wood (Marines) and Administration Director Glen Law (Army).

The Veterans Representative's Office handed out a program agenda containing lyrics to the Armed Forces Medley and a list of discounts available on Veterans Day. Community veterans also received a commemorative T-shirt and an ice chest.

Council Member Jacob Butler delivered the invocation as attendees rose and removed their hats. Following the invocation, a combined Salt River police

and fire department honor guard paraded the colors as Miss Salt River Sialik King sang the national anthem. Truax then led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Honoring a tradition of the event, the Veterans Representatives paid special tribute to a particular branch of the military. This year, they honored employee Army veterans.

"As we celebrate Veterans Day today, it is essential to take a moment to reflect on the selfless dedication and immense sacrifices our veterans have made to safeguard the freedom we enjoy every day," said Truax. "This year's theme reminds us that the gratitude we owe should be expressed not just today, but every day."

Truax urged everyone in attendance to take a moment to recognize, with a round of applause, all the Community veterans who have served and continue to serve.

Guest speakers included SRPMIC President Mar-

tin Harvier, Vice-President Ricardo Leonard, Council Member Mikah Carlos, Legal Services Tribal Court Advocate Calvin Watuema, and Special Needs Coordinator/HR Community Employment Zandria Ransom (Air Force).

Ransom talked about her father, Private First Class Edgar Bailey Jr. (Korean War, Army).

"Just like many of his contemporaries, he never talked about his service," said Ransom. "He instilled in us a solid work ethic [by encouraging savings and volunteering]. Today, and every day, we honor your memory, Private Bailey, and the men and women for their courage and dedication to duty in the service of our wonderful nation."

After a prayer by Council Member Carlos, employee veterans were invited to the stage to shake hands with Council, stand at the podium and provide a brief introduction of themselves and their military service.

To conclude the event, the 108th Army Band played the Armed Forces Medley. Employee veterans stood when they heard their service branch's song being played.



SRPMIC Councilmember Jacob Butler delivers the invocation at the podium next to SRPMIC Veteran's Representative Troy Truax, Jr., at the 2024 SRPMIC Employee Veterans Recognition ceremony.



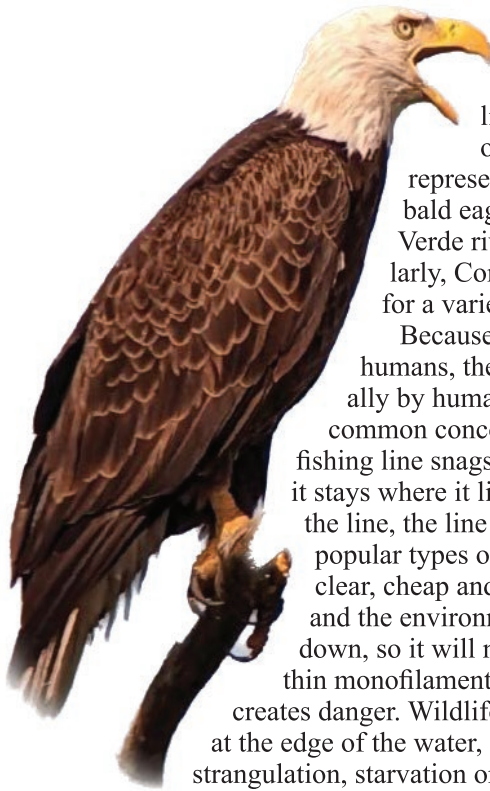
A combined SRPD and SRFD Honor Guard paraded the colors at the Employee Veterans Recognition ceremony.



SRPMIC employee veterans stand in a line to be greeted by SRPMIC leadership and thanked for their service, followed by a turn on the microphone to mention their military background and service.

Protect the Community’s Eagles: Clear Your Gear and Rubbish

SUBMITTED BY VICKI OLMSTEAD
Senior Environmental Specialist
SRPMIC Environmental Protection and Natural Resources



As we move into the cooler months in the Valley, bald eagles are coming back to the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community to improve their nests and set about beginning their families. While bald eagles will hunt and eat a variety of animals, they rely primarily on fish; in fact, fish represent approximately 70% of a bald eagle’s diet. The bald eagles within the Community rely on the Salt and Verde rivers to feed themselves and their young. Similarly, Community members enjoy the Community’s rivers for a variety of reasons, including fishing and recreating.

Because the eagles use the rivers at the same time as humans, they run into some issues created unintentionally by humans. Fishing line and trash are some of the most common concerns for wildlife in the river area. Often, when fishing line snags on rocks or trees or snaps against a sharp object, it stays where it lies in the environment. When a large fish snaps the line, the line remains attached to the fish. One of the most popular types of fishing line is monofilament fishing line; it is clear, cheap and easy to use, but it can be harmful to wildlife and the environment. Monofilament fishing line does not break down, so it will not go away until it’s physically removed. Clear, thin monofilament fishing line is difficult for wildlife to see, which creates danger. Wildlife can become entangled in this line on branches, at the edge of the water, or even on the fish it eats, resulting in injury, strangulation, starvation or drowning.

In the same way monofilament fishing line is a concern for wildlife, trash left out in the environment or in open containers is also dangerous for the environment and wildlife living there. Wildlife can often find themselves trapped or entangled in containers or plastic bags, or they eat the trash because they cannot always tell the difference between trash and food.

Trash and fishing line are especially concerning for the Community’s eagles. Not only can they directly harm the adult eagles, but they are also extremely threatening to the eagles’ young. In the past, nestling bald eagles (birds too young to leave the nest) have been found in the nest tangled up in monofilament fishing line that was twisted and knotted around the twigs and branches that made up the nest. Some nestlings have also been found attempting to eat trash delivered to the nest by their unsuspecting parents. Alarmingly, within the Community last year, both monofilament fishing line and trash were found in bald eagle nests. Fishing line, which had to be cut out to protect the eagles using the nest, was found tied into the middle of one nest. A flip-flop, a plastic case and a necklace were found inside the same nest.

What can you do to help protect the bald eagles and their young? For those who fish, reel in and clear your gear. Make sure your line does not stay after you’ve stopped fishing for the day. For anyone who enjoys the outdoors in any way, if you pack it in, make sure you pack it out, and leave the area as you found it or better. And, if you happen to see trash or fishing line while you’re out in nature or at the river, pick it up and pull it in, and make sure it goes securely into a trash can. The bald eagles and their young will thank you for it!

For more information about bald eagles and protecting their habitat, contact Vicki Olmstead via e-mail at Victoria.Olmstead@srpmic-nsn.gov.



A bald eagle photographed within the Community.



Trash that gets left behind becomes dangerous to the bald eagles and their young.



Monofilament fishing line is especially dangerous to eagles.

CONSTRUCTION NOTICE

Pima Road Improvements

This project aims to improve the Pima Road corridor to increase safety, mitigate flooding impacts, add traffic capacity, improve multimodal and pedestrian features, and add consistency to the overall corridor aesthetics. One of the goals of the project is to foster the economic benefit the Pima Road corridor provides to SRP-MIC. By improving Pima Road, this project will encourage economic development along the corridor and continue to meet the commercial growth expectations of SRP-MIC.

Projected Construction Schedule:
October 2024 – November 2026

Project Area:
Pima Road from McDowell Road to the Loop 101;
McKellips Road and 84th Street.

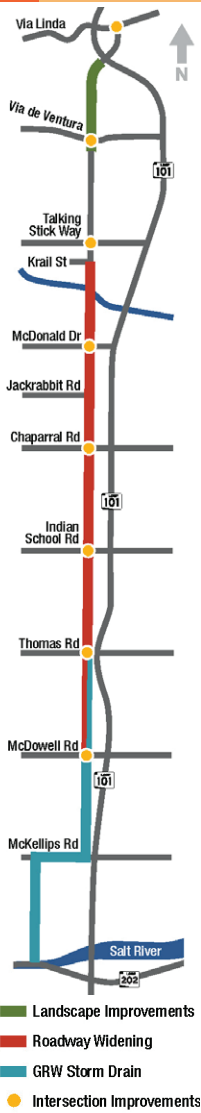
Project Scope:
Pima Road widening, storm drain pipe install, enhancements to traffic signals, new street lighting, roadway median landscaping

Contractor:
Haydon Companies

Project Website:
www.pimaroadimprovements.com

Project Hotline: (480) 442-1087

SRP-MIC Contact:
Pamela Tracy, Senior Project Manager
Public Works Department – Roads Section
(480) 362-7934



2024 TAX SEASON 1099-MISC/NEC

Update your Address with the Enrollment Office

If you receive a quarterly **Per Capita payment**, you will be issued a 1099-MISC tax form. **Day Laborers** will receive 1099-NEC tax form. The information on either form must be reported on your annual income tax return.

The 1099-MISC/NEC tax forms are mailed out by January 31st of each year. To ensure accurate mail delivery, please update your address with the Enrollment Office by December 20, 2024.

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

For tax form questions, please call the SRPMIC Finance Department at 480-362-7799.

How to update your address?

Call the Enrollment Office at 480-362-7729

Fax your Information Verification form to 480-362-7714

Email: EnrollmentHotline@srpmic-nsn.gov

In-Person: Fill out an Information Verification form at the Enrollment Office

SRPMIC ENROLLMENT OFFICE

Two Waters B -2nd fl
10005 E. Osborn Road,
Scottsdale, AZ 85256
480-362-7729

M-F 8:00am – 5:00pm

SALT RIVER BUSINESS LISTINGS

7 STARS OF ARIZONA, LLC
Concrete & Masonry construction,
General contraction ROC#26357.
Angela Willeford, (602) 889-7290
angelawilleford@sevenstarscompany.com

AIR CONDITIONING AND HEATING RMG MECHANICAL
Community Member owned business. One job done right the first time! We service all makes and models.
#ROC310871. Bonded & Insured.
Rebecca Gonzales, (480) 334-1257/ (480) 823-2802
Rmgmechanical@gmail.com

ART & MAX'S LANDSCAPING
Free estimates mowing, service, sprinkler, repair, trimming tree clean up, maintenance.
Max, (480) 667-9403
art&maxlandscaping@gmail.com

A'S FAMILY LANDSCAPING
Lawn Maintenance, Shrub/Tree Trimming and Debris/Trash Removal.
FREE ESTIMATES. L. Azule, (480) 467-8449

AU-AUTHUM KI, INC.
Commercial construction.
Margaret Rodriguez, (480) 250-7566

BOXING BEARS PHOTOGRAPHY
Boxing Bears Photography is a photography business based in Scottsdale, Arizona. We specialize in portrait photography and photo booths.
Cody Wood, (480) 272-4035
boxingbearsphotography.com
cody@boxingbearsphotography.com

DALIA'S LANDSCAPING
Yard maintenance / tree trimming, sprinkler repairs and service.
Sherry Harris, (480) 580-0501/ (623)-282-0902
daliareSENDIZ0815@icloud.com

DALLAS PROFESSIONAL PAINTING
Commercial Painting Company, Licensed, Bonded, Insured, ROC#250102
David Dallas, (623) 337-4070
david@dallaspropainting.com

DESERT'S EDGE, LLC
Professional Landscaping Services and Maintenance
Weekly, Bi-Weekly, Monthly
-Clean Ups -Trimming - Sprinkler Repair & Grass Seeding
For a free estimate, call or text 480-646-2587

ERNIE'S CATERING
Food catering for all your needs
Ernie Lopez (chef and owner)
(480) 907-8945 erniescateringbusiness@yahoo.com

GOODLIFE NUTRITION
Healthy cafe offering plant-based juices and smoothies, meal-replacement options and event catering. Order online by visiting instagram! @goodlifeaz
goodlife.nutrition@yahoo.com
(480)274-3306

HEAVENLY TOUCH CLEANING
SRPMIC Member Owned and Operated specializing in residential and commercial cleaning services; get a quote by phone or emailing contact information below.
Yesika Saldivar-Zotigh, Owner
(602) 301-9832
Heavenlytouch08@yahoo.com

KI: PROPERTY SERVICES
Fully Licensed. Grading, Lot Clearing, Gravel Spread, Trash Haul, Landscaping, General Home Repair. Call for Per Cap Specials! 480-369-2018
ki.property.services81@gmail.com

LB's HAIR SALON
For all your hair needs. Over 30+ years of experience specializing in trending haircuts, color, highlighting, perms, blow dry's and also manicures, pedicures and facial waxing.
Linda Baptisto, (602) 525-9142
hairbylindab@yahoo.com

MOQUINO'S BODY & PAINT LLC.
Auto Body Work and Paint LLC.
Community Member 15% discount.
Pete Moquino, (480) 236-3033
moquinoscustompaint@yahoo.com

NATIVE CREATIVE APPAREL, LLC
Native American themed clothing for babies, kids and adults. Design your own custom shirts
Isaac Lopez, (480) 410-8685 /(562) 761-9341
nativecreativeapparel@gmail.com

NATIVE GROUND COFFEE
A Native American coffee company from Salt River.
Winter Wood, (480) 522-8393
www.nativegroundcoffee.com

NATURES DEFENSE
Do it yourself pest control. All organic, non-toxic, chemical free. Safe/effective against roaches, scorpions, fleas/ticks, beetles, bed bugs and more!
JB Cortez, (480) 453-9371
saltriverjb@gmail.com

PIMA AWARDS PROMOTIONAL PRODUCTS, INC
Promo items, silkscreen/embroider apparel, custom awards and printing services.
15610 N 35th Ave Ste #7
Phoenix, AZ 85053
www.pimaawards.com
Ron Lee, (623) 271-8311

PIMARA CONSTRUCTION
Civil & structural engineering.
Virginia Loring, (480) 251-6849
vipimara@cox.net

PIIPASH SHELL
4001. N. Pima Rd., Scottsdale, AZ
Michael Smith- Owner Piipash LLC
(480) 947-6400 (store)
piipash@hotmail.com

RED CACTUS PHOTOGRAPHY
Professional Photography for all occasions: business, commercial, extreme adventure, family gatherings, portraits, real estate, social media, sports, and weddings.
D. Gonzales, (480) 828-5863
redcactusphotography480@gmail.com

REZHAWK TOWING & RECOVERY, LLC
Please call for appointment.
Lock out available
Eric Schurz, (480) 735-9730
rezhawk towingand recovery@yahoo.com

SALT RIVER HOSPITALITY
Food service, bar, janitorial equipment and supplies.
J.B. Cortez, (480) 945-0062
saltriverjb@gmail.com
Location 1: Phoenix Park-N-Swap
Location 2: The Spot on Camelback

STAYSHONS CHEVRON
Community Member owned business since 1994.
Boyd Chiago, (480) 990-2004

THE MAIN INGREDIENT
Home and commercial quality kitchen supplies, open to the public.
J.B. Cortez, (480) 945-0062
themainingredientaz@gmail.com

THE SPOT ON CAMELBACK
An Open Air Market And Multicultural Gathering! Handmade arts, crafts, and jewelry, clothing, tools, kitchen supplies, and more.
JB Cortez (480) 945-0062
11514 E. Camelback Rd. Scottsdale, 85256
thespotoncamelback@gmail.com
thespotoncamelback.com

VMK ENTERPRISES, INC
Janitorial supplies.
Sheryl@vmkenterprises.com

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



DALTON WALKER
MANAGING EDITOR
(480) 362-3281
dalton.walker@srpmic-nsn.gov

CHRIS PICCIUOLO
NEWS REPORTER
(480) 362-6626
chris.picciuolo@srpmic-nsn.gov

JUAN YSAGUIRRE
NEWS REPORTER
(480) 362-7323
juan.ysaguirre@srpmic-nsn.gov

ANDREEA MIGUEL
NEWS REPORTER - TEMP
andreea.miguel@srpmic-nsn.gov

NALANI LOPEZ
NEWS REPORTER - TEMP
nalani.lopez@srpmic-nsn.gov

KARI HAAHR
NEWSPAPER ASSISTANT
(480) 362-2698
kari.haahr@srpmic-nsn.gov

O'ODHAM ACTION NEWS
MAIN LINE (480) 362-7750
(Leave a message with your name and number and we will return your call)

ADVERTISING
Call O'odham Action News for advertising info.
(480) 362-2698 / www.oodhamnews.org

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

SALT RIVER CHURCH LISTINGS

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

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

LEHI PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
1342 E. Oak
Mesa, AZ 85203
Pastor Annette Lewis
annette.f.lewis@gmail.com
(480) 404-3284
SerVICES
-Sunday Services 10 a.m.
-Communion First Sunday of every month 10 a.m.
Birthday Sunday Potluck- Last Sunday of the Month, after services.
-Youth Devotion/Music (bring your instruments!) last 2 Saturdays of the month at 4 p.m.

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

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

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

SALT RIVER CHURCH OF CHRIST
430 N. Dobson Rd. 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 MISSION
3090 N. Longmore, Scottsdale, AZ85256
(602) 292-4466 (cell)
Administrator: Deacon Jim Trant
Parish President: Cindy Thomas
Father Peter McConnell and Father Antony Tinker
SERVICES
-Sunday Mass 12 p.m.
-Holy Hours 1 p.m.

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

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
Follow us @vomesachurch on instagram

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.

Salt River Public Works Department

Memorial Services & Cemeteries

“Providing a hospitable place to honor loved ones at the end of life’s journey.”

Office Hours:
Monday through Friday
8:00AM – 5:00PM

Main Office Located at:
Memorial Hall
9849 East Earll Drive
Scottsdale, AZ 85256

For Any Questions Call:
(480) 278-7050

CONTRACTED MORTUARIES

Bunker Family Funerals & Cremation (480) 964-8686
Meldrum Mortuary & Cremation (480) 359-2112
Whitney & Murphy Funeral Home (602) 840-5600



SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

PRESIDENT
Martin Harvier

VICE-PRESIDENT
Ricardo Leonard

DISTRICT A COUNCIL MEMBER
Jacob Butler

DISTRICT E COUNCIL MEMBER
Mikah Carlos

DISTRICT B COUNCIL MEMBER
David Antone

LEHI DISTRICT COUNCIL MEMBER
Deanna Scabby

DISTRICT C COUNCIL MEMBER
Cheryl Doka

LEHI DISTRICT COUNCIL MEMBER
Michael Dallas, Sr.

DISTRICT D COUNCIL MEMBER
Wi-Bwa Grey

LEGAL NOTICES

<p>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</p> <p>Antone, James Sheldon – Evidentiary Guardianship Hearing Mother: Brittany Spex (DOB: 03/08/2000) Minor: A. W. S. (DOB: 10/24/2022) Case: J-23-0033 Court Date: December 17, 2024 at 9 a.m.</p> <p>Antone, James Sheldon – Permanency Hearing Mother: Brittany Spex (DOB: 03/08/2000) Minor: A. W. S. (DOB: 10/24/2022) Case: J-23-0033 Court Date: January 6, 2025 at 11 a.m.</p> <p>Antone Sr., Nicholas – Adjudication Hearing Case: JV-24-0218 Date: January 7, 2025 at 1:30 p.m.</p> <p>Baptisto, Nathaniel – Review Hearing Case: J-13-0087, Court Date: January 7, 2025 at 11 a.m.</p> <p>Doe, Manuel – Review Hearing Mother: Stephanie Alana Jackson (DOB: 05/17/1990) Minor: E.C.J. (DOB: 11/04/2007) Case: J-18-0044 Court Date: December 10, 2024 at 1:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Jackson, Stephanie Alana – Review Hearing Case: J-18-0044 Court Date: December 10, 2024 at 1:30 p.m.</p> <p>Johnson, Manuel – Permanency Review Hearing Case: J-11-0042, Court Date: January 8, 2025 at 10 a.m.</p> <p>Schurz, Passion – Review/Permanency Hearing Case: J-21-0126/0127, Court Date: January 7, 2025 at 11 a.m.</p> <p>Spex, Brittany Arless – Evidentiary Guardianship Hearing Case: J-23-0033 Court Date: December 17, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.</p> <p>Spex, Brittany Arless – Permanency Hearing Case: J-23-0033 Court Date: January 6, 2025 at 11 a.m.</p> <p>Swan, Dajuan Anthony - Mother: Anaya Jaynessa Ticer 02/22/1996 Child: N.L.T 06/05/2018</p> <p>Review Hearing Case: J-22-0127 Court Date: January 8, 2025 1:30 p.m.</p> <p>Valencia, Victor – Review Hearing Case: J-13-0086, Court Date: January 7, 2025 at 11 a.m.</p>	<p>#1/ #2 ON THE 1ST FLOOR. FAILURE TO APPEAR CAN AFFECT YOUR RIGHTS</p> <p>Bacon, Brandon Scott-Younger - Entry of Default Judgement Case: CV-24-5552 Court Date: January 21, 2025 at 11 AM</p> <p>Butler, Adam Dustin - Restraining Order Hearing Case: CV-24-6427 Court Date: January 8, 2025 at 2:30 PM</p> <p>Chiago Marrufo, Judy Buck - Entry of Default Judgement Case: CV-24-4198 Court Date: January 6, 2025 at 9 AM</p> <p>Clapp, Monica - Probate Evidentiary Hearing Case: P-23-0009 Court Date: January 9, 2025 at 9AM</p> <p>Conger, Jarron - Annual Guardianship Review Case: CF-23-0072/CFCS-23-0016/CF-16-0094 Court Date: January 29, 2025 at 9 AM</p> <p>French, Tracy - Initial Visitation Hearing Case: CV-24-6345 Court Date: January 6, 2025 at 9:30 AM</p> <p>Fulwilder, Gilland Leland Olan – Status/Order to Show Cause Case: CV-24-4575 Court Date: January 6, 2025 at 9 AM</p> <p>Goodwin, Joe Conan - Order to Show Cause Hearing Case: CV-24-0852 Court Date: January 7, 2025 at 10:30 AM</p> <p>Gutierrez, Silas Alfredo – Order of Protection Hearing</p>	<p>Case: CV-25-0396 Court Date: January 9, 2025 at 11:30 AM</p> <p>Hayes, Maria Felicia - Annual Guardianship Review Case: CF-23-0075 Court Date: January 6, 2025 at 10:30 AM</p> <p>Juan, Joseph Raymond – CUSTODY/CHILD SUPPORT HEARINGS Case: CV-24-6415 Court Date: January 8, 2025 at 9 AM</p> <p>Loring, Jezlyn Norma - Annual Guardianship Review Case: CF-23-0072/CFCS-23-0016/CF-16-0094 Court Date: January 29, 2025 at 9 AM</p> <p>Martinez, Ambria - Probate Evidentiary Hearing Case: P-23-0009 Court Date: January 9, 2025 at 9 AM</p> <p>Melchor, Joannie Arlinda - Evidentiary Hearing Case: D-19-0002 Court Date: January 6, 2025 at 11 AM</p> <p>Manuel, Timothy Reaching Arrow - Evidentiary Guardianship Hearing Case: CV-24-4496 Court Date: January 16, 2025 at 10 AM</p> <p>Parchcorn Sr., Ellis J - Civil Complaint Hearing Case: CV-24-5858 Court Date: December 30, 2024 at 9 AM</p> <p>Sine, Jayme Claudine Alyce - Evidentiary Guardianship Hearing Case: CV-24-4496 Court Date: January 16, 2025 at 10 AM</p>
DEFAULT NOTICES			

<p>DELONEY, JAYCE SUMMONS FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN IN THE MATTER OF: JOHN DOE D.O.B: 01/21/2021 TO: JAYCE DELONEY</p> <p>A Petition for Appointment of Guardian of Minor has been filed in this Court on September 6, 2024, in which it is represented that you are a parent or legal guardian of the child(ren) named above. In the Petition, it requests the Court to appoint a guardian for the child(ren) named above.</p> <p>Within 30 calendar days after receiving this Summons and the Petition for Appointment of Guardian of Minor, you must file a written response. If you refuse to attend the hearing or to defend by filing a written response, the Court may enter a default guardianship order appointing the Petitioner(s) as legal guardians and take any other action that is authorized by law.</p> <p>THEREFORE YOU ARE ORDERED to APPEAR for an Evidentiary Guardianship Hearing before the Salt River Juvenile Court on December 17, 2024, at 1:30 pm, in Court Room #3 before Honorable Judge Matha.</p> <p>NOTICE, Violation of this Order is Subject to Proceedings for Contempt of Court Pursuant to Salt River Community Code Section 6-42. The Court May Find the Parent, Guardian or Custodian in Contempt for Failure to Appear at a Court Hearing or For Failure to Follow Court Orders.</p> <p>CLERK OF THE COURT - SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY TRIBAL COURT</p>	<p>YOU ARE HEREBY ORDERED to appear for Order to Show Cause Hearing on the 6th day of January 6, 2024 at 9 AM, in Court Room #1, and show cause why you should not be held in contempt for failing to appear for Entry of Default Judgment Hearing on August 19, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. after being duly noticed.</p> <p>FAILURE TO APPEAR will result in a Bench Warrant issued for your arrest for Contempt of Court from (\$6-41) of the Code or Ordinances.</p> <p>You are entitled to subpoena witnesses on your behalf and to be represented by counsel.</p> <p>ORDERED this 4th day of November, 2024.</p> <p>PRESIDING JUDGE RAYMOND L. DEER - SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY TRIBAL COURT</p>	<p>LORING, JEZLYN CV-24-2238 IN THE MATTER OF: N.N.M. D.O.B.: 1/12/2022 DEFAULT NOTICE</p> <p>To: Jezlyn Loring, RESPONDENT</p> <p>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.</p> <p>2. The Court record reflects that you have failed to respond to defend by filing an answer, motion to dismiss, request for extension of time or other responsive pleading and you have failed to attend hearings at the Court called for this matter.</p> <p>3. If you do not defend against this suit within Thirty (30) days from the date the Process Server hands you this or you are served with it otherwise as permitted under the Community Code, the Court may enter default judgment against you.</p> <p>4. A default judgment may have serious, adverse, and irreversible consequences against you.</p> <p>5. If you want to defend against the claim and avoid default judgment entered against you, you must file a written answer, motion to dismiss or other responsive pleading within thirty (30) days from when you are served with this Notice. The Court will not extend time for your response and you must make your response in writing, no oral responses will be accepted</p> <p>6. If you do nothing, the Court may give Judgment for what the Complaint demands. (Section 5-16.1, Judgment by Default)</p> <p>DATED this 18th of October, 2024</p> <p>CLERK OF THE SRPMIC TRIBAL COURT</p>	<p>MARRUFO, JUDY CV-24-4198 DEFAULT NOTICE COUNTRY CLUB CARS V. JUDY MARRUFO</p> <p>To: Judy Marrufo, RESPONDENT</p> <p>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.</p> <p>2. The Court record reflects that you have failed to respond to defend by filing an answer, motion to dismiss, request for extension of time or other responsive pleading and you have failed to attend hearings at the Court called for this matter.</p> <p>3. If you do not defend against this suit within Thirty (30) days from the date the Process Server hands you this or you are served with it otherwise as permitted under the Community Code, the Court may enter default judgment against you.</p> <p>4. A default judgment may have serious, adverse, and irreversible consequences against you.</p> <p>5. If you want to defend against the claim and avoid default judgment entered against you, you must file a written answer, motion to dismiss or other responsive pleading within thirty (30) days from when you are served with this Notice. The Court will not extend time for your response and you must make your response in writing, no oral responses will be accepted</p> <p>6. If you do nothing, the Court may give Judgment for what the Complaint demands. (Section 5-16.1, Judgment by Default)</p> <p>DATED: November 22, 2024</p> <p>CLERK OF THE SRPMIC TRIBAL COURT</p>
<p>FULWILDER, GILLAND LELAND OLAN CV-24-4575 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE NOTICE</p> <p>TO: Gilland Leland Olan Fulwilder; Respondent,</p>	<p>GOODWIN, JOE CV-24-0852 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE NOTICE</p> <p>TO: Joe Goodwin,</p> <p>YOU ARE HEREBY ORDERED to appear before the above-entitled court on the 7th day of January 2025 at 10:30am, in Court Room #2, and show cause why you should not be held in contempt for failing to remit payment on the judgement to the petitioner, Country Club Cars.</p> <p>FAILURE TO APPEAR will result in a Bench Warrant issued for your arrest for Contempt of Court from (\$6-41) of the Code or Ordinances.</p> <p>ORDERED: November 22, 2024.</p> <p>JUDGE ANTHONY LITTLE - SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY TRIBAL COURT</p>		

Public Comments on Proposed Amendments to the Rules of Professional Conduct, Rules of Judicial Conduct and Rules for Admission to Practice in Community Court
Comment Period: October 2, 2024 – January 2, 2025

On Wednesday, October 2, 2024, the SRPMIC Council authorized a ninety (90) day public comment period for the proposed amendments to the Community's Rules of Professional Conduct for advocates/attorneys, the Rules of Judicial Conduct for Judges and the Rules of Admission to Practice in the Community Court. The draft ordinance does the following:

The Judicial, Attorney and Advocate Conduct Disciplinary Committee previously recommended to the SRPMIC Council to consider a full-scale revision of the Rules of Professional Conduct which includes specific guidance, follow-up rulemaking, or comments that provide practitioners, members/potential clients, and the Commission with guidance about how the rules are to be interpreted and applied. The amendments add a much more robust structure to the Rules of Professional Conduct and the Rules of Judicial Conduct. Additionally, the Rules of Admission to Practice in the Community Court provide a more detailed screening process, increases the requirements to be admitted and increases the amount of continuing learning education that is required per year to maintain competence in the practice of law.

You can find the full text of proposed ordinance amendments and presentation materials at:

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

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

Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
The Office of the General Counsel
10,005 East Osborn Road
Scottsdale, Arizona 85256
OrdPublicComment@srpmic-nsn.gov
Jeff.Harmon@srpmic-nsn.gov

4th Quarter 2024 ELIGIBILITY DEADLINE
December 31, 2024

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

DEADLINES FOR CHANGES

Direct Deposit Start-Ups and Changes: Thursday, December 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 **JANUARY 2025** payout. Forms received after this date will not be effective until the **APRIL 2025** payout.

Discontinue Direct Deposits: Thursday, December 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, January 14th 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 January 2025 payout. Forms received after this date will not be processed until the first week of April 2025.

Tax Withholding Changes: Tuesday, January 14th 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, Eligibility & Change Forms: Membership Services @ (480) 362-7600

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



DO YOU NEED TO UPDATE
YOUR NEWSPAPER
SUBSCRIPTION?

Please contact **Newspaper Assistant Kari Haahr** at **(480) 362-2698** or email **kari.haahr@srpmic-nsn.gov**
Leave your name, number and message and she will get back to you.

Diabetes Prevention Services Presents Bench Press Competition

BY CHRIS PICCIUOLO
O'odham Action News
chris.picciuolo@srpmic-nsn.gov

Throughout the afternoon of Friday, November 22, the top male and female weightlifters who reside or work in the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community competed in a bench press competition at the Way of Life Facility's (WOLF) Fitness Center to see who the top lifter in each weight category would be.

SRPMIC Public Health Diabetes Prevention Services presented the competition, which was supervised by Dion Begay, senior physical fitness specialist. Begay was recently featured by Men's Health magazine in their series of articles highlighting the challenges and triumphs of fitness trainers, athletes and gym owners from Native American communities.

Some participants signed up ahead of time, while others came for the weigh-in and to compete on the day of the event. Each lifter in each weight class had three attempts to lift their heaviest weight.

"A lot of people think it's going to be the heavyweights who win," said Begay. "My buddy Joe Garza [who couldn't be here for this competition], he won last year, and he was the strongest lifter. He only weighs 208 pounds. He pressed 375 pounds."

In total, there were 30 participants in the event. After three hours of competition, the top female lifter was Kristy White, in the 271 lb.-and-up weight class with a bench weight of 165, and the top male lifter was Jamison AhQuin, in the 271 lb.-and-up weight class with a bench weight of 365 lbs.

Begay said that the competition started about a decade ago to encourage people to begin strength training to stay healthy. Years ago, SRPMIC member Thosh Collins, who was also featured in the Men's Health magazine article, approached Begay with an idea for a new challenge, a competition that encompasses more athleticism, including squats and pushing and pulling. The Strength & Endurance Challenge was born from that idea. From November 18 to 22, men and women competed in the challenge to win prizes in each age category. An air bike challenge was also added to the competition. The fastest half-mile sprinter on the Rogue Air Bike won a prize. In the endurance challenge, the best overall female was Leah Kochampenasken, and the best overall male was Melchor Solis. In the air bike challenge, the best female time was Michelle Roan with :63.27, and the best male time was Shaunton Davis with :54.27.

"Some people don't like to bench press," said Begay. "They're more athletic and want to do stuff that involves more cardio and mental fortitude, toughness and endurance. Some people don't like cardio, so they do the bench press."



Deandre Daniels (left) and Dion Begay (right) cheer on Nicklas Weber at the bench press competition at the Way of Life Facility.



Bench press competition participant Amy Davila puts on her game face as she goes for her lift.



Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community

NOTICE

2025 Agricultural Lease Payment

The 2025 Agricultural Lease payment to landowners will be made by mail, direct deposit, or SRPMIC Pay Card only. There will be no in person payout.

On **Friday, January 24, 2025**, Agricultural Lease Payment checks will be mailed to your address on file or, if you have elected to use direct deposit, disbursement will occur to the financial institution on file with the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community ("SRPMIC") Finance Department. Incorrect information will cause a delay in receiving your payment. To update your address or direct deposit information, or to sign up for direct deposit, please contact:

SRPMIC Vendor Maintenance, ph: (480) 362-7729
(staff is available Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Arizona time)
The last day for Agricultural Lease Payment updates is December 13, 2024.
Please call as soon as possible.

Pay Card disbursement will be placed onto your SRPMIC Pay Card on Friday, January 24, 2025. To sign up for a SRPMIC Pay Card for your lease payment or to add your lease payment to an already issued SRPMIC Pay Card, please contact the SRPMIC Finance Department at (480) 362-7620. The last day for Agricultural Lease Payment updates is December 13, 2024.

Payments less than \$15.00. All direct deposit and Pay Card payments will be disbursed regardless of the amount. For checks less than \$15.00, landowners will need to contact the SRPMIC Finance Department and request that a check be mailed. Such checks will be processed 7-10 business days following the request after January 24, 2025.

Questions? Contact the SRPMIC Finance Leasing Payment Office (480) 362-7730.
*Agricultural lease payments will be made based upon farmer payments received by January 2, 2025 .



Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
Community Regulatory Agency/Office of Alcohol Beverage Control

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with the SRPMIC Code of Ordinances, Ordinance Number SRO-355-2010, a public hearing on a Liquor License Application for Odysea Aquarium, located at 9500 E. Via De Ventura Boulevard #A100, Scottsdale, AZ 85256, shall be held at the SRPMIC Community Regulatory Agency (CRA) on December 10, 2024, at 10:00 am, 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 Special Investigator Rolanda Reuter at (480) 362-5499.



SALT RIVER LANDFILL

EFFECTIVE
December 1, 2024

NEW HOURS

MON-THURS.: 6AM-4PM ★

SATURDAYS: 6AM-3:30PM

★ SUNDAYS: CLOSED

WE APOLOGIZE FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE

Salt River’s Angie Montoya Plays College Basketball For Fighting Artichokes



BY JUAN YSAGUIRRE
O’odham Action News
Juan.ysaguirre@srpmic-nsn.gov

Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community member Angie Montoya is a Scottsdale Community College student-athlete. Recently, she got the start against the Salt Lake Community Bears and immediately showcased her play-making skillsets she was known for during her four-year varsity career on the Westwood High School basketball team in Mesa. The November matchup proved to be a thrilling game between the two teams.

Angie Montoya earned the start against Salt Lake Community College on November 15.

Coming into the game on November 18, the Fighting Artichokes began their season with two consecutive losses on November 7 and 8 against the College of Southern Nevada and Palm Beach State College. Their first win of the season came against Arizona Christian University on November 15. The game against Salt Lake was Montoya’s second start of her SCC career thus far after coming off the bench earlier in the season against the College of Southern Nevada and Palm Beach State College. After tip-off, both teams battled hard on the court. SCC cut off the 3-point shot for Salt Lake, forcing them inside the paint for hard contested baskets thanks to strong defense from SCC’s forwards. As a result of the stellar defense from SCC, the Bears were unable to adjust their gameplan and would shoot 53% from the free-throw line. Comparatively, SCC shot 73% from the line, a testament to head coach Tasha Washington’s strong emphasis she puts on her team’s offensive fundamentals.

When the first quarter ended, SCC and Salt Lake were tied at 10. Once Montoya was subbed back into the game during the second quarter, she immediately impacted the game, forcing Salt Lake’s Autumn Agnew into committing several of her four turnovers. Montoya cleaned the glass as well, bringing in tough rebounds in the paint as she battled through heavy traffic from the taller Salt Lake players. At the half, SCC trailed 23-24. The second half was when the Fighting Artichokes began to pull away enroute to their second victory of the 2024-2025 season. Continuing to put a stop to Salt Lake’s offensive output, SCC was able to convert many of Salt Lake’s turnovers into points by adding 17 points in the third quarter compared to Salt Lake’s thirteen. By doing so, SCC would slowly begin to pull away when at the end of the third quarter, the Fighting Artichokes led 40-36. Montoya and her teammates beat the Bears, 56-51. It was Salt Lake’s second loss of the season after having won back-to-back games before making the daytime trip to Scottsdale. The win brought SCC’s overall record to 2 wins and 2 losses as they hope to make a deep playoff run this year with the goal of winning the state championship.

Scottsdale Community College Women’s Basketball Schedule (December)



- The following dates/times are subject to change.*
- December 7, 2 p.m. at Chandler-Gilbert Community College
 - December 11, 5:30 p.m. at home against South Mountain Community College
 - December 14, 2 p.m. at home against Yavapai College
 - December 18, 5:30 p.m. at home against Park University-Gilbert junior varsity



Montoya made an impact on both sides of the ball, contributing assists and forcing the Bears to commit costly turnovers.



SALT RIVER POLICE DEPARTMENT HOW TO CLAIM PROPERTY

Do you have lost property stored with us? Come to the SaltRiverPD.com website and click on the "how to Claim Property" link on the right side of the page. There you can see a list of items we currently have stored at our Property and Evidence Building. We have hundreds of items being stored for safe keeping or located as found property which might belong to you! If it belongs to you, come claim it or else it may be disposed of if not done in a timely manner!



<https://SaltRiverPD.com>

- STEP 1** Check the website above to locate your property
- STEP 2** Property is released by appointment only.
- STEP 3** A valid government issued picture identification is required.
- STEP 4** An owner must claim their property. If an owner is incarcerated, a representative must have a Power of Attorney or Notarized Letter to claim property.
- STEP 5** Proof of ownership is required to claim found property .
- STEP 6** Have the tag number associated with the property to expedite the process.

SRPD Property and Evidence Bureau Hours
480-362-5469
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Monday – Friday
11471 E. Indian School Road
Scottsdale, AZ 85256



SRPD
SALT RIVER POLICE DEPARTMENT



NOW HIRING

New and Lateral Police Officers



SALARY RANGE
\$76,209 TO \$104,790

EXTRA DUTY RATE \$70 PER HOUR

HIRING BONUS
\$10,000

DISTRIBUTED IN TWO AMOUNTS

We offer

- In/out of state training opportunities
- Arizona PSPRS Retirement
- 15 Paid Holidays each year
- Unlimited accrual of sick and annual leave

Pay out of annual leave in full

Payout of sick leave:
10 YEARS OF SERVICE 50%
15 YEARS OF SERVICE 75%
20 YEARS OF SERVICE 100%

Lateral Officer Step Program

- 0 TO 1 Years of Service: 38.46 HOURLY
- 1 TO 3 Years of Service: 40.13 HOURLY
- 3 TO 5 Years of Service: 41.83 HOURLY
- 5+ Years of Service: 43.50 HOURLY



Specialty Unit Opportunity

- Traffic/Motors
- Detective Bureau
- Rangers
- Gang Suppression Unit
- Canine Unit
- Tactical Unit (SWAT)
- UAS Drone Operator
- Crisis Negotiator
- and more...

Laterals are eligible for specialties upon completion of FTO

E-mail: SRPDHiringUnit@SRPMIC-NSN.gov
Phone: 480-362-6698
SaltRiverPD.com

Native College Wide Receiver Holds Camp for Salt River Youth



Arizona State University football player Xavier Guillory (Nez Perce) with the Fiesta Bowl mascot. Photo courtesy of Recreation Services.

BY ANDREEA MIGUEL
O’odham Action News
Andreea.miguel@srpmic-nsn.gov

Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Recreational Services partnered with the Fiesta Bowl to host a Fiesta Bowl Youth Legacy Football Camp on Wednesday, November 6, at the Salt River Ballfield.

There were roughly 100 youth participants who practiced a variety of football skill drills designed to improve performance and teamwork. Drills were taught by players on the Westwood High School football team and Xavier Guillory, Arizona State University’s standout wide receiver.

Guillory, a member of the Nez Perce Tribe, transferred to ASU from Idaho State. He’s a senior from Spokane, Washington. In addition to teaching the hard work and dedication of football, Guillory also shared his story and motivational messages with the youth as the camp came to an end.

HOLIDAY DONATION DRIVE



HELPING HANDS TIS' THE SEASON OF GIVING

NOVEMBER 25TH- JANUARY 3RD

**JOIN US IN OUR DONATION CAMPAIGN
\$10 DOLLAR COUPON W/ DONATION TO
HELPING HANDS.**

10213 E. OSBORN RD
SCOTTSDALE AZ, 85256
480-362-5625

STORE HOURS: MONDAY- FRIDAY 9AM-4PM







A PLACE TO REFLECT AND PAY RESPECT

Join us for the 83rd Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day event on Saturday, December 7 at 10am

As a nation, we are forever indebted to those who serve and give so much for our freedom. We are proud to honor these men and women and share the stories of those who served aboard the USS Arizona in 1941 in these gardens—the USS Arizona Memorial Gardens at Salt River.



Proudly located in the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
USSArizonaSaltRiver.com



LEARN MORE

December 5, 2024

O’odham Action News

19



100% AMERICAN™

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.



Exceptional People...Exceptional Benefits...Exceptional Company
Phoenix Cement Company and Salt River Sand & Rock,
dba Salt River Materials Group,
both divisions of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community

CURRENT CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

VIEW FULL JOB DESCRIPTIONS AND APPLY ONLINE AT **SRMATERIALS.COM**

Cement

Drafter & Document Controller

Clarkdale, AZ

Electrical Technician I

Clarkdale, AZ

Electrical Engineer

Clarkdale, AZ

Project Engineer

Clarkdale, AZ

Quality Control Tech I

Clarkdale, AZ

Aggregates

Mobile Equipment Mechanic I – Sr.

Glendale, AZ (Glendale Plant)

Utility Person I – Sr.

Glendale, AZ (Glendale Plant)

Pozzolans

Facility Operator I-IV

Huntington, UT (Huntington Facility)

Check us out at . . .
www.srmaterials.com

DEC DISTRICT MEETINGS

WEEKLY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE:

- EXECUTIVE SESSION: Wednesdays @ 3pm
- REGULAR SESSION: Wednesdays @ 5pm
- WORK SESSION: Thursdays @ 10am

10 TUES	COMBINED DISTRICT MEETING CM BUTLER & CM CARLOS District A & E, District I (Salt River) 6:00 pm SRPMIC Council Chambers 10091 E. Osborn Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85256
19 THU	CM ANTONE District B, District I (Salt River) 6:00 pm SRPMIC Council Chambers 10091 E. Osborn Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85256
NO MTG	DECEMBER MEETING CANCELLED CM DOKA District C, District I (Salt River)
16 MON	CM GREY District D, District I (Salt River) 6:00 pm ALA Lecture Hall 4827 N. Country Club Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85256
NO MTG	DECEMBER MEETING CANCELLED CM SCABBY/CM DALLAS District F & G, District II (Lehi)

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

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

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

ONGOING

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.

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.

PRESBY PICKINS' FLEA MARKETS, 1st Saturday of Nov, Dec, and Feb – April from 8am-2pm at Fountain Hills Presbyterian Church, 13001 Fountain Hills Blvd. 50+ vendors, food carts, & music. Shop for toys, collectibles, household items, jewelry, art, crafts, & more! Vis-it www.fhpresbyterian.info/fleamar-ket, call 480-779-8115.

SKO:MAGĬ MAŞAD XLY'A SHAXUK MAYK XVIK

DECEMBER

7 PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DAY, See ad on page 19!

7 COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PROGRAM, Two Waters Courtyard from noon to 5 p.m. See ad on page 3 for more information!

10 ZUMBA CHRISTMAS JINGLE PARTY, ALA Gym, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. A collaboration with the Christmas Angels program. Opportunity to Zumba and donate a toy. Raffles.

12 READING ALL THE WAY, 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the ALA gym! There will be lots of giveaways, prizes, and special visitors from the North Pole! This event is free and open to the public. Park in the Highland Avenue lot south of the football field. Questions? Contact Trinidad Yazzie at 480-362-2023 or Trinidad.Yazzie@saltriverschools.org.

20 ANCESTRY LIBRARY CLASS, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Salt River Tribal Library. Have you ever wanted to know more about your ancestors and the lives they lived? Join us for Ancestry Library Class in the Salt River Tribal Library! During this class we will explore available Census, Birth, Death, and Military Records to discover stories you never knew about the people who came before.No Sign-Up required. Walk-Ins are Welcome. Questions? contact The Salt River Tribal Library 480-362-6600 / TribalLibrary@SRPMIC-nsn.gov

21 INAUGURATION FOR NEWLY ELECTED TRIBAL COUNCIL, Save the date, more information to come!