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HHS Secretary Robert Kennedy Jr. Visits SRPMIC

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During the last week of August, U.S. Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Robert Kennedy Jr. was in the Phoenix area visiting family and wanted to learn more about healthcare delivery here.

The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community learned on August 29 that Kennedy would like to pay a visit on tribal land. He arrived the next day, on August 30, at the River People Health Center (RPHC).

SRPMIC President Martin Harvier was part of the delegation that greeted Kennedy.

"It is always important for cabinet-level officials to visit Indian Country to learn how tribes are addressing difficult challenges such as healthcare. As I have said in previous Con-

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SRPMIC HHS Chief Public Health Officer Dr. Nancy Mangieri shows U.S. HHS Secretary Robert Kennedy Jr. two puppets HHS uses in their campaigns. Photos courtesy of OCLA.

Norris Brothers Play in Championship Game



Ezekiel Norris (left) and Elijah Norris (right) pose with their championship rings. Photos courtesy of Elisa Norris.

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Doing their best and putting their best foot forward has always been the main goal for Elijah and Ezekiel Norris. Winning the Boys & Girls Clubs Jr. Suns championship game in overtime, 29-28, was a dream come true for these brothers. The players on the team received a championship ring, necklace and t-shirt.

The Norris brothers played with the Jr. Suns on July 27 at the PHX Arena in downtown Phoenix. The brothers play in the Fountain Hills Boys & Girls Club basketball league. The Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Scottsdale partners with the NBA's Phoenix Suns basketball team to host the Jr. Suns program. The program helps young players learn teamwork and de-

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Digital Archive Presentation Held in Lehi

The digital archive presentation detailed decades of Community history which included the construction of the Lehi Community Center, the grand opening of Salt River Fields, Day School events, social dances in the Community, and much more.

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Do you remember when actor Charlie Sheen visited with the Community children in Lehi in the late 1980s/early 1990s? The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community digital archiving team does. They even have a photograph to prove it.

The SRPMIC digital archiving project was the focal point for a presentation held at the Lehi Community building on August 28. Gary Owens, Huhugam Ki: Museum man-

ager, and Janet Johnson, former director of the Community Relations Office (CRO), hosted a presentation for members and interested individuals regarding the archival history of the Community.

Lessie Dingler, museum digital archivist; Debbie James, museum specialist; David Buhl, Cultural Resources Department historian; and Candace Manuel assisted with the presentation.

Guests received a free monochrome print of the Salt River Agency grounds from the 1950s.

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HHS Secretary Robert Kennedy Jr. Visits SRPMIC



LEFT TO RIGHT: HHS CFO Doug Johnson, HHS Operations Administrator Donna Rains, HHS Director Joe Remitera, Chief Public Health Officer Dr. Nancy Mangieri, Council member Michael Dallas, Secretary Robert Kennedy Jr., President Martin Harvier, Chief Behavioral Health Officer Dr. Nate Velez, HHS COO Abe Farah, HHS CIO Laszlo Pook, HHS Project Director Barry Brown.. Photos courtesy of OCLA.

gressional testimony, the SRPMIC, as a self-governance tribe, has prioritized healthcare and is doing so in a way that best fits the Community need,” said Harvier.

“This is evident with the construction of the River People Health Center and taking control of many health programs of the federal Indian Health Service. As such, Secretary Kennedy was able to see the success of the SRPMIC health system and how self-governance policy, along with the appropriate resources, can work to meet the needs of the Community.”

This is the first time in Harvier’s memory that a secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has visited the SRPMIC. Trump’s first Interior secretary, Ryan Zinke, visited the Community and toured the Ske:g Himdag Ki:, then called the Way of Life Facility.

Harvier said the Community is

proud to showcase what has been done in such a short period of time to develop a comprehensive healthcare system.

He also felt it was important to relay to Kennedy that the RPHC serves not only the members of the SRPMIC, but members of any federally recognized tribe who seek services in the clinic.

“It was a plan that took years to put into place to help alleviate the overcrowded Phoenix Indian Medical Center,” said Harvier, who feels it is always critical for federal leaders, who can impact Indian health policy, to visit tribal communities to see what is being done each day and the amount of investment that is needed to make positive change.

“I am proud of the leadership of the Community Council and the work of the River People Health Center team to set ambitious goals to improve the overall health of the Community,” said

Harvier. “Not only does the federal government play an important role in this effort, but the SRPMIC is also investing resources to build a comprehensive health effort. It is important to have a healthy community. I think this was recognized in the Secretary’s statement following his visit.

SRPMIC HHS Director Joe Remitera said that instead of talking policy, Kennedy came to the SRPMIC to learn more about the Community and how the health program is making a difference.

While touring the RPHC, he was provided with information about the Community’s “5 in 5” program, which is designed to raise the average age of mortality by five years within a five-year timeframe. Remitera said that Kennedy called the program “inspiring” on three different occasions.

“The Community left a strong and lasting impression [on Kennedy], [who wrote] positive posts on X, Instagram and LinkedIn. In those he praised SRPMIC’s healthcare program as a model for other tribes and effective use of tribal self-governance,” Remitera said.

Kennedy said on his official X account that the River People Health Center “is a national model for tribal sovereignty.”

On the post, Kennedy also talked about the health of Community members.

“Reliance on ultra-processed foods has given the Arizona Pima the world’s

highest diabetes rates (60%) and shortest lifespans. Once among the longest-lived people in North America, the average Pima lifespan is just 52 years compared to 85 years among their Phoenix neighbors.”

Kennedy continued, “By contrast, Mexican Pimas—who still rely on traditional foods—have a diabetes rate of only 7%. The clinic has declared war on diabetes and substance abuse. Last year, they saved many of the lives of 112 overdose victims by putting Narcan in every home in the Community and in vending machines.”

Council member Michael Dallas will work with Kennedy and his broader staff again September 22-23 at the Secretary’s Tribal Advisory Committee (STAC) meeting. Kennedy uses this meeting to get direct input from tribal leaders to learn and to align and support his priorities to raise the level of health and wellness for tribal members across the United States, according to Remitera.

Dallas traveled to Washington for President Donald Trump’s inauguration earlier this year. “It’s very important as a tribal leader to be at the table to address some of [the Community’s] issues and concerns,” said Dallas in February. At the time, Dallas said that a former SRPMIC president once told him, “If you’re not at the table, then you’re on the menu.”

Dallas posed for a photo with Secretary Kennedy in February, which was posted by the Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs. In the photo, Kennedy can be seen holding a hat that says “SRPMIC ‘5 in 5.’”

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Getting to Know SRPMIC Member Don ‘Wild Eagle’ Wuebber

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Don “Wild Eagle” Wuebber is an enrolled Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community member who grew up on the East Coast in Suffolk County, Long Island, New York.

He was born at Good Samaritan Hospital in Phoenix and was adopted at 3 months old. Now, at 57, he lives in Pennsylvania and splits his work time between being a spiritual adviser for a high school girls’ lacrosse team and a security guard in the Pleasant Valley School District.

Each year, on the birthday of one of the greatest athletes of all time, Olympic champion Jim Thorpe (Sac and Fox Nation), Wuebber performs a smudging at the Jim Thorpe Mausoleum in Pennsylvania.

Growing up away from the Community came with some challenges, he said.

“I knew I was different. Going to school was a very hard thing to do because everybody in the American society thought that Natives were dead, and if not, the cowboys beat them up,” Wuebber recalled.

“The ‘cowboys’ beat me up almost every day when I got to school. It was a trying period when I was growing up.”

He started working at 11 years old with a paper route. He said when he was 15 or 16, he got in a verbal fight with his adopted parents, and his step-father told him to leave. He didn’t see them for 11 years, when, he said, he came back with a wife and a child.



SRPMIC member Don “Wild Eagle” Wuebber in his regalia. Wuebber, who was born in Phoenix and adopted at 3 months old, resides in Pennsylvania. Photo courtesy of Wuebber.

His adopted father, who is German and Mohawk, is the one who gave Wuebber the name “Wild Eagle.”

“As a teenager I started putting feathers on my jacket vest and an eagle patch on the back of my denim jacket so that I would make my identity as Wild Eagle,” Wuebber said.

When he turned 18, he felt it was time for him to go out and find his history. Armed with very little information about where he came from, now he had a new mission. He found out he was O’odham, Piipaash and Yavapai.

He also discovered that there was a powwow that took place in Babylon, Long Island, not far away. This was the Paumanauke Powwow.

“I was walking down the street after I took the bus. I knew it was about maybe eight blocks away, walking. I could hear the drum beating and I could feel it in my heart, and [I was] feeling the proudness coming into my spirit, getting closer,” he recalled as if it were yesterday.

“Coming into the powwow, I was asked ‘Are you Native?’ And they told me I was good. I stood by the dancers just feeling the energy, and it was incredible. I started feeling my spirit coming out.”

When he found out he was Yavapai, he began to wear a red headband with his hair down, “as an Apache would.”

He recalled, “There was this one lady, Rosie Dancing Flower, and she pointed at me and then down at the ground to gesture that I belong here,” he said.

“She called me over, and she became like a mother and a teacher, an adopted Native mom. I learned from her the history, the teachings, the pipe carrying and making. She passed on two years ago from a car accident.”

Wuebber’s adopted mom passed away from cancer around the same time.

After learning the history and foundation of who he was, he said, he started “becoming an Apache and [learned] how to wear and make regalia.”

Wuebber has passed down everything he has learned about his identity and history to his children. His son is a hoop and grass dancer, and his daughter is a shawl dancer.

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Legendary Actor Graham Greene Dies

One of the most well-known actors across Turtle Island has died.

Graham Greene, a First Nations creative and Oscar-nominated actor, died in Toronto, Canada, on September 1 from a long illness. He was 73.

Greene was Oneida from Six Nations of the Grand River in Canada. He was known for many roles, especially his role as Kicking Bird in the 1990 film "Dances with Wolves." Greene was nominated for an Academy Award for Best Supporting Actor.

More recently, he had roles in "Reservation Dogs" and "The Last of Us." He has more than 188 acting credits, according to IMDb.

NABS Oral History Project

The National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition continues to add stories to its Oral History Project.

The nonprofit will be in Rapid City, South Dakota, during the week of September 21 to interview federal Indian boarding school survivors. The project is part of a grant from the U.S. Department of the Interior to create a permanent oral history collection.

The coalition has a digital map on its website (<https://boardingschoolhealing.org>) that shows the location of Indian boarding schools across the United States and Canada.

Salt River Arts Festival

The Salt River Arts Festival debuts at RoadHouse Cinemas in the Pavilions at Talking Stick on October 4. This celebration highlights Native American artists through a showcase of visual art across various media, paired with film screenings.

The event is scheduled from 3 to 7 p.m. More information can be found at www.discoversaltriver.com

Mexico Elects Indigenous Supreme Court Justice

Hugo Aguilar was elected this year to the Mexico Supreme Court and was recently named its top judge.

Aguilar is from the Mixtec people and is believed to be the first Indigenous Supreme Court justice for Mexico in 170 years.

Mexico's high court reduced its number of justices from 11 to nine in 2024 and held an election in June of this year to fill the court. Aguilar was named chief justice of the court.

Roy Track Memorial Powwow Set

The 41st annual Roy Track Memorial Powwow in Mesa, Arizona, is scheduled for the weekend of October 24 at River-view Park.

Northern Mixx is the host northern drum and Sunny Deer is the host southern drum of the three-day powwow. Social bird singing and dancing is planned, along with gourd dancing.

For questions, call (602) 799-0260.

The Red Mountain Eagle Powwow is scheduled a week later in the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community.

United States Turns 250 in 2026

The U.S. is getting ready to celebrate its 250th birthday next year.

In 2016, Congress established the U.S. Semiquincentennial Commission to plan and orchestrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 2026.

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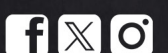
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Norris Brothers Play in Championship Game

velop their basketball skills along with community involvement.

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Leading up to the Jr. Suns championship, the Norris brothers practiced once a week for two hours. The boys did a lot of running during their training to help prepare them for the big game. They also participated in different practice drills. Their team was led to victory by their amazing coach and teammates.

The Norris brothers' mom, Elisa Norris, said, "We are finally seeing their growth. They're actually really enjoying it, and they're playing really good. As long as they're playing a sport, I am here for them."

Elijah Norris played a good game, but at one point he felt like he was falling behind. Elijah was able to get back in the game and go for rebounds and assists. During the second half, the team was losing until the fourth quarter, when the score got closer.

The pressure was high for Elijah, but he was able to easily let it go. "If I did

something or scored, I would feel good about myself and pressure would just leave my body," said Elijah. He loved the rush and said, "I gotta do more plays like that."

Elijah was moved from shooting guard to point guard. It was a challenge at first, but he quickly adjusted and was ready to get back in the game.

"When my coach told me I was going to be point guard, I [thought] I don't know if I could do that. But then when I got into the game, and I saw how I could play and play-make like that, I grew confidence in myself," said Elijah.

For the team to win the game was a big accomplishment. "We just jumped at each other, [and] we just started yelling and we were just so happy that we won," said Elijah.

Elijah plans to "play in high school of course, get a scholarship for basketball, and just make it to the NBA maybe. And if I don't make it to the NBA, I'll coach." He shared some advice for other young athletes: "Just keep going, practice a lot more, run."

His brother Ezekiel also had a solid game. "I got lay-ups and rebounds," said Ezekiel. For the game Ezekiel moved to shooting guard, and much like his brother, this change in position

was a big adjustment for him. "[My coach] told me I'm going to be a shooting guard, and I had no faith in myself until I did [have faith]," said Ezekiel. He said he had a lot of fun. "Getting a bunch of rebounds," was his favorite part, Ezekiel said.

When the pressure got high for Ezekiel toward the end of the game, he remembered what his coach told him: "Stay focused on the ball." During the heat of the moment, "the other team was saying stuff to us and the refs,"

said Ezekiel. But it was easy for him to block out the hate from the other team and stay focused. "It's really easy, 'cause basketball is fun. [My coach] said just have fun out there," said Ezekiel.

During his time leading up to the championship game, Ezekiel was given advice from many people around him. To other young athletes, he would like to say, "Don't doubt yourself. You can do anything."



ABOVE: Jr. Suns stand in the middle of PHX Arena for a group picture.

LEFT: Ezekiel Norris (fourth player from left) and Elijah Norris (second from right) with teammates smile in excitement after their winning game!

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JOIN US FOR ACTIVITIES, RESOURCES & PRIZES!

Tuesday
SEPT. 30
5:30-7:30PM
ALA Cafeteria
4827 N. Country Club Dr.

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saltriverschools.org/departments/scr



Summer Speaker Series Introduces Genealogy 101



Katie Gertz presented information on getting started with genealogy at the third installment of the summer speaker series.

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For the penultimate installment of the inaugural Summer Speaker Series, host and Assistant Community Manager Lena Jackson-Eckert invited Katie Gertz to share how she got started tracing her family history and learning about genealogy.

Gertz is president of the Family History Society of Arizona and leads the genealogy club at Sunland Village East. She began her journey into genealogy in 2008 and gladly shared what she's learned along the way at the presentation in the SRPMIC Council Chambers on August 26.



ABOVE: Community members like Pacer Reina had questions about acquiring records of service for military members.
RIGHT: Learning about genealogy brought people of all ages to the council chambers.

3 Takeaways:

- Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community members can get started with their family history chart by contacting the Community Development Department (CDD).
- Indigenous people seeking their family history through genealogy face unique challenges, but there are still many resources available.
- Knowing your family history is something intangible that you can share with others but will always belong to you and your family.

There are many reasons why a person might decide to begin documenting their family history. Whether it's for health reasons, as a hobby or to strengthen their sense of self-identity, the pursuit can lead to incredible outcomes.

Some, like Gertz, may even find family members they didn't know they had through DNA testing. "That's why you don't ask questions you don't want to know the answer to!" she told the audience with a laugh. "When you start doing family history, you have to be prepared because you may find out things that were secret."

While DNA testing has become an increasingly popular option, Gertz advises caution and research before choosing a company to work with, as many will share your DNA profile with other agencies, including the government or law enforcement.

The best place to start, according to Gertz, is with what you know, and then progress to the unknown. Begin with yourself, your known relatives, and go from there. She suggests inter-

viewing family members for an oral history before getting into digging for records to support the story. She also suggests recording and documenting your research along the way through journals and audio or video recording. And remember to label everything.

When seeking documents to trace family lineage, the most common are birth, death and marriage certificates, along with records from the U.S. Census, military service, churches and the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA). This leads to some unique challenges for many Native Americans whose family history lives beyond the written record. Home births without birth certificates, missing information on existing records and names assigned by BIA agents make for a significant, but not insurmountable, challenge. Fortunately for Community members, there is an invaluable resource at the CDD.

Enrolled SRPMIC members can start tracing their family history in Salt River specifically by contacting CDD for their Family History Chart.



It takes about two weeks to get it, but it is a great starting point. Another nearby option to get started is the Family History Discovery Center in downtown Mesa, which is free and open to the public to use.

Charting family history directly maps the connections we have to our past. Once we have a family record and know our lineage, that knowledge belongs to us and our families, becoming part of the story that we share with friends and future generations. It creates a legacy that can be maintained so our ties to the lives of our ancestors can be remembered.

The next and final session of the Summer Speaker Series will be held at the Council Chambers on September 30 and will feature Leslie Meyers of Salt River Project. The final presentation will be focused on the region's water history and stewardship.

FAMILY HISTORY CHART REQUEST FOR ENROLLED SRPMIC MEMBERS

The primary function of the Family History Chart is to help a Community member determine their lineal ancestors back to an original Salt River allottee and earlier bloodline. The chart identifies the blood quantum and tribal affiliation for each family member.

To obtain your chart, request the form from CDD, fill it out, and submit it by mail or email.

Community Development Department
Two Waters Building B,
3rd Floor
10079 E. Osborn Road,
Scottsdale, AZ 85256

For more information, contact the Office of Membership at (480) 362-7330 or enrollmenthotline@srpmic-nsn.gov.

PUBLIC SAFETY DAY

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10TH, 2025
5:30PM TO 8:30PM

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SALT RIVER SPEAKER SERIES

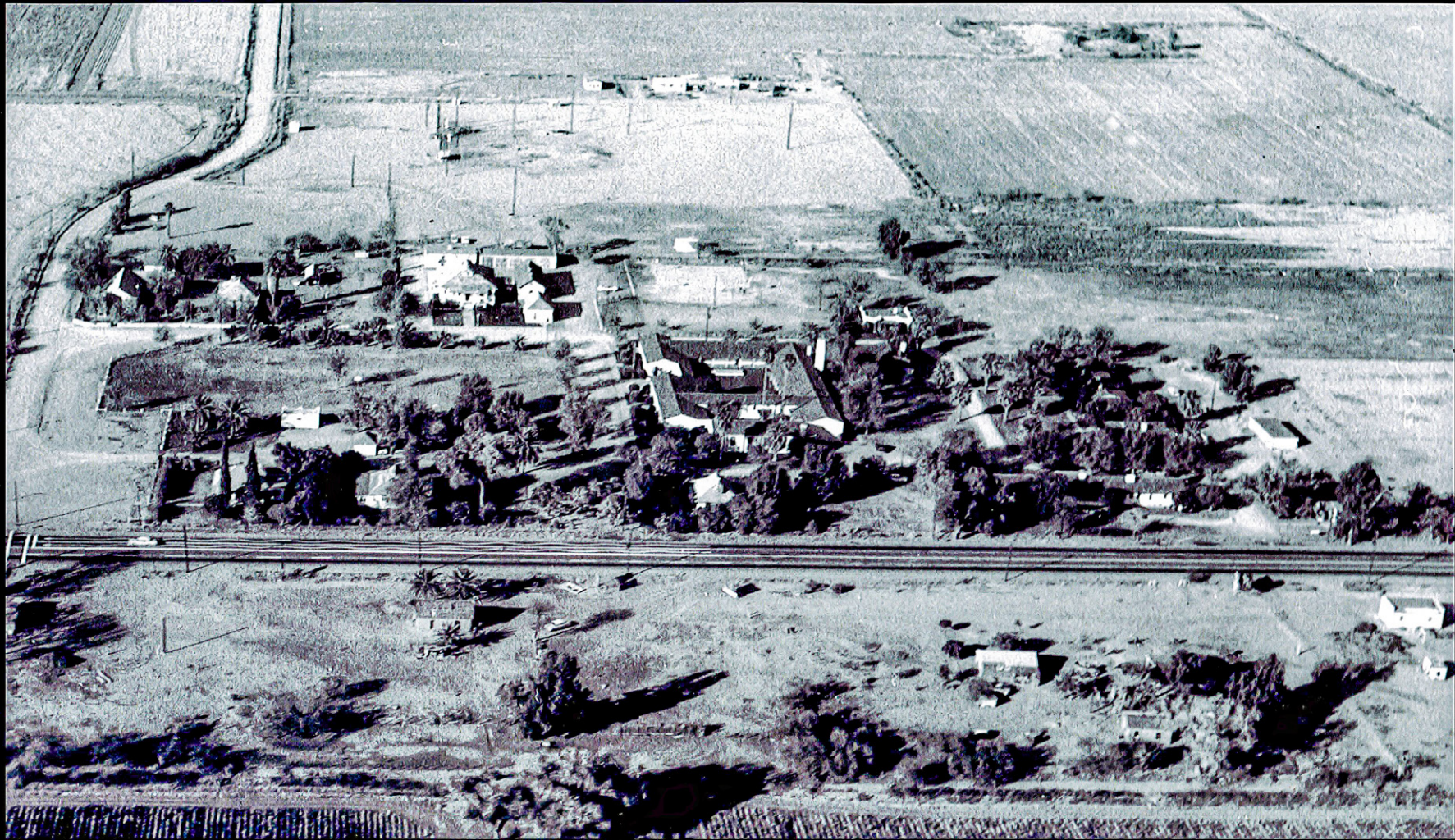
Engaging Talks That Reflect Our Past, Shape Our Future

TUESDAY, SEPT 30TH
Salt River Project – A Water Story:
A presentation by Leslie Meyers, Chief Water Executive, Salt River Project, focused on the region's water history and stewardship.

Salt River Council Chambers
10091 E Osborn Rd
Hosted by ACM Lena Jackson
Dinner: 5-6p
Presentation: 6-7p
45min presentation, 15 min Q&A

Open to the PUBLIC • *All are welcome*

Questions for our panel, or about the series, please email SummerSpeakerSeries@srpmic-nsn.gov



Community Relations Office Digital Photograph Collection

SALT RIVER AGENCY GROUNDS (1950's)
Huhugam Ki: Museum | Cultural Resources Department
480.362.6320 | www.huhugamki.com | saltrivercrd.org

An aerial photograph of the intersection of McDowell and Longmore during the 1950s. Attendees received a free 11x17 print out of this photo on cardstock paper, which depicts the Salt River Agency Grounds during the 1950s before the Water Tower was built.

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Back then, helicopters were utilized for aerial photography to get a bird’s-eye view of the Community; today’s aerial photographers use drones. “Welcome to Lehi,” began Owens during the introductions. He shared how gratified he was to see the number of people interested in the Community’s progress of digital archiving.

Following his introduction, Johnson provided a brief history of how the digital archive collection came to be.

“[The Community Relations Office] began documenting the Community through slides, video and photography. On occasion, CRO [received] photos, which were found in tribal buildings as well as [contributed by] families,” Johnson said.

Johnson reviewed key points to detail the value of the digital archive collection, which covers five decades of life in the Community. During her presentation, she noted that many photographs in the collection help provide more details about the history of the Community, as they contain additional information like names, dates and locations of departments during earlier periods.

She also revealed that the digital archive currently contains 102,506 individual photographs. She said the SRPMIC collection is the largest digital archive collection maintained and operated by a tribal community.

Johnson also acknowledged the support clerks who work in tandem with the museum and repository

team. They constantly work on various assignments and projects, ensuring that the collection is correctly maintained.

After Owens’ and Johnson’s presentations, they showed a 20-minute slideshow of photographs in the collection. They included photographs of the initial construction stages of the Lehi community pool, the grand opening of the Lehi Community Center, day school recess time during the 1960s, social gatherings during the 1980s, and Charlie Sheen’s appearance in Lehi, as well as Rose Mofford, former Arizona governor from 1988 to 1991, playing on a slot machine inside Casino Arizona.

As the images were being presented on the building’s projection screens, Owens occasionally chimed in and asked attendees if they knew any of the people in the older photos. “These are your grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins, and we need your help identifying them,” he said.

Soon, the museum and repository team will unveil a research room that will allow Community members to browse the digital archive collection as well as view the Community art and artifacts housed inside the repository.

Individuals looking to get involved can donate their old photos for digital preservation or assist with identifying Community members in the archive photographs by calling (480) 362-6320 or email huhugamkimuseum@srpmic-nsn.gov.



Comprised of many SRPMIC members, directors, managers, and staff, the digital archive presentation detailed several decades worth of Community history, which dates back to the early 1950s.



Gary Owens, Huhugam Ki: Museum director, provided a few words at the lectern to guests as he detailed the future progress of the collection. Additionally, he also asked for the Community’s assistance in helping identify membership in older photos.

Journey to Recovery Opens Its New Doors



Council member Jacob Butler shares a few words about his personal experiences and the impact the new facility will have for the Community with attendees. *Photo by Zoe Hernandez.*

3 Takeaways:

- Journey to Recovery opened its doors on September 8 with a grand opening event.
- Female patients were moved in first, with the men's and detox units to follow.
- Event attendees took tours of the 50,000 square foot facility with 48 residential treatment beds.

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The new Journey to Recovery (JTR) treatment and rehabilitation facility in the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community officially opened its doors on September 8, beginning operations at about 70% occupancy through the end of the year and gradually scaling up to full capacity early in 2026.

Female patients were moved from the old facility to the new facility first. The men's unit is scheduled to open soon, along with the detox unit. The last leg of the transition to the new facility is the opening of the crisis unit, which will take place in the first two weeks of November.

SRPMIC Health and Human Services (HHS) Chief Behavioral Health Officer Nathan "Nate" Velez said Community members will no longer have to leave the Community (because of previous waitlists and capacity issues) to receive high-quality, culturally grounded behavioral healthcare.

JTR now has more beds.

"This facility is more than treatment—it's about restoring balance, dignity and connection," said Velez.

"It strengthens families, reduces stigma and creates opportunity. It's also designed to honor the culture and values of the Community while incorporating the best of evidence-based care."

The JTR program and facility is for all American Indian/Alaskan Native patients.

Velez said it is an incredible feeling to finally have the new campus become a reality.

"This has been years of planning, design and collaboration with the Community. To see it finally standing, ready to serve our people, is both humbling and inspiring," said Velez. "It represents not just a building, but hope, healing and a new chapter in behavioral health for the SRPMIC."

The new JTR center spans about 50,000 square feet across multiple buildings. There are 10 detox rooms, 48 residential treatment beds, three crisis stabilization beds and four sober living homes.

According to Velez, living quarters are designed to be welcoming, trauma-informed spaces that balance privacy with community. Patients also have access to group rooms, cultural spaces, fitness and wellness areas, outdoor healing gardens and family spaces.

"Each building has a specific role in the healing journey," said Velez.

"Additionally, our sober living homes provide a step-down recovery environment in the Community."



President Martin Harvier delivers a speech before leading a prayer during the grand opening ceremony.

Building C focuses on detox and withdrawal management. Building B/C houses residential treatment. Building D is for outpatient, therapy and clinical services. Building C also hosts crisis stabilization.

Administrative and clinical staff are spread across the wings, depending on the level of care. Clinical teams such as counselors, nursing staff and peers are embedded directly in their program areas to stay close to patients. Leadership and support offices are centrally located to keep services coordinated and accessible.

Velez said that JTR is expanding its workforce significantly to accommodate the needs of the facility and the Community.

"We'll have over 90 staff members across nursing, counseling, peer support, case management and administration," said Velez.



A group of attendees takes a tour of the new facility after the grand opening event. *Photo by Zoe Hernandez.*

"Many of these are Community members, which is something we are deeply proud of. We've been intentional about recruiting, training and building career paths for SRPMIC members in behavioral health."

Velez continued, "I want the Community to know this facility belongs to them. It's built from their voices, their needs, and with their future in mind. Our mission is simple: Connect. Support. Love. Hope. Every brick and every program here is guided by that vision."

JTR Grand Opening Event

After a blessing of rain, the early morning sun rose on August 29 for JTR's grand opening celebration of hope, healing and community.

A drum group performed in a circle on the west end of the campus as people began to arrive for the event. HHS Director Joseph Remitera was the emcee.

"This facility is on the front lines in our war against substance use," said Remitera before reading a Council proclamation from April 2018 that helped lead to the facility coming to fruition.

Besides HHS staff, Remitera also thanked DLR Group, the facility's architectural designer, and the construction team Au' Authum Ki-Kitchell, a joint-venture partnership between Au' Authum Ki, Inc. and Kitchell Contractors, Inc. of Arizona.

SRPMIC President Martin Harvier later took the lectern to recite a prayer and provide some encouraging words to new patients about the facility.

"We go through our lives, and you think about the Man in the Maze. When we start our life, there are certain times when we go through difficult times and experiences and we keep struggling and trying to eventually get to that center point when we go into our next life," said Harvier. "Our whole life is filled with journeys."

Harvier continued, "There were many other leaders before me who said the same thing: We need a rehab center here in our community. I've come to learn that you can't just put a building up and expect it to work. You must have people that know how to work with others and how to try to heal people. That's what it's about. Healing people."

SRPMIC Vice-President Ricardo Leonard spoke next. He said that when someone is in a crisis or hurting badly, look for that place where all the birds are singing to release all the things that are bothering you. His message resonated along with the opening of the JTR facility.

Leonard invited his son, Bowie, to perform a gourd song, "Standing Toward the Mountain." After that song, Bird Singing and Dancing by the River performed a dance with gourds. Leonard came back out later to help lead a Basket Dance.

After the ceremony, attendees were invited to tour the facility.

CRO Events Division Releases New Podcast, and Other Updates

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The Events Division at the Community Relations Office (CRO) has a new podcast.

The podcast gives Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community members insight on everything and anything relating to events that are taking place in the Community.

“[The Events team] felt the need to reach out in another path to [get to] Community members in regard to getting out information about events,” said Events manager Yvonne Schaaf. “So, we thought the next step would be a podcast.”

Events has now wrapped up production on the first episode.

“[The podcast] is about not only what’s going on and what events are coming up, but it’s also about giving people information on things like party-planning tips and food vendors that are out here in the Community,” Schaaf said.

Events is also hoping to bring attention to Native American artisans in the area and Community-specific interests like who are the new chicken scratch bands.

“We also want to help vendors, artisans and entertainers become part of the general vendor listing,” said Schaaf. “So, if we utilize you, then we keep a master list. We want to make sure that if anybody reaches out and asks, ‘How many basket makers do we have out there?’ or ‘How many people do you have that would want to do demonstrating?’, we will be able to help Community members if there is a need.”

The Events team consists of Schaaf and event assistants Kym Tyler, Adrian Sixkiller and Nalani Lopez.

Due to an uptick in violence and substance use at Community events and at events within other sibling tribes, safety protocols for Community events have recently changed, which is another topic that Schaaf prioritized for discussion on the podcast. Now at events, guests can expect to pass through metal detectors and have their bags checked.



Events manager Yvonne Schaaf (top right) takes the team to a coffee shop while at a conference. The rest of the team are events coordinators Adrian Sixkiller (top left) and Kim Tyler (bottom left), and Nalani Lopez (bottom right). Photos courtesy of CRO Events.

“These are elements that aren’t very pleasant to talk about,” said Schaaf. “Fights, alcohol and gun violence—things like that that we shouldn’t have ever had at an event. After the pandemic hit, [people] came back and it was like, I don’t know, common sense went out the door.”

After the Fourth of July, Events begins its “off season,” during which fewer events take place in the Community but there is still plenty of work to do. It takes the team a full two months to get all of the event locations for the next fiscal year blocked out with the government.

Events produces the official event calendar, the Tribal Holidays, Events & Per Capita Payouts calendar that the government follows. This includes both Council-sponsored events and Council-supported events, which the team goes more in depth about on the podcast.

“We sit down and go through every calendar we can find, like schools and past calendars, to look at where events would take place,” said Schaaf.

The Events team is responsible for most of its own graphic design work and flyer creation for events.

“[With] our level of professionalism and expertise, we do so much more than the average Tribal government department [or program] events team does because we handle thousands of people and their health, safety and welfare,” said Schaaf. “We have to be up to date on all aspects of compliance in terms of events.”

This includes carefully selecting permitted food vendors and catering services that maintain good environmental health and food safety standards.

“[Some] people don’t realize that there is a lot of work that goes into events; it’s not just every year we order rides and a chicken scratch band and here you go,” said Schaaf. “There is a lot of thought that Council puts into all events. They really do have our ear. If something isn’t working or they want to see something different, then we work hand in hand with them.”

Be on the lookout for the release of the first episode and details on how to stream, coming soon.



The Events team doing events things at Mul-Chu-Tha.

SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY

NATIVE AMERICAN RECOGNITION DAY

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2025

Roundhouse Café

11am-1pm

- DJ Reflekshin
- Harkins Popcorn Truck - (300 Free Small Bags)
- Red Bull Truck
- Special Roundhouse Café Native American Menu - \$10.00
- Live Printing

Two Waters Courtyard

6pm-9pm

- Traditional Dance Groups
- Artisan Market
- Promo Giveaways
- Free Hawaiian Meal (While Supplies Last)

This is a NO Alcohol/Drug/Gang & Tobacco/Vaping Event.

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- PICK-UP T-SHIRT

7:30AM:

- PRAYER
- STRETCHING
- BEGIN WALK

END

- MUSIC
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FRIDAY SEPT. 26 2025

START FROM LEHI GATHERING GROUNDS

The Walk for O'odham Piipaash is not a test of Endurance, it is prayers for our O'odham/Piipaash Past, Present & Future.

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Sept. 30, 2026**



TRIBAL HOLIDAYS

2025 CALENDAR

Veteran’s Day Tuesday, November 11, 2025
Thanksgiving Day Thursday, November 27, 2025
Day After Thanksgiving (Discretionary 1).....Friday, November 28, 2025
Christmas Day Thursday, December 25, 2025
Day After Christmas (Discretionary 2)..... Friday, December 26, 2025

2026 CALENDAR

New Year’s Day Thursday, January 1, 2026
Martin Luther King Day Monday, January 19, 2026
President’s Day Monday, February 16, 2026
Good Friday Friday, April 3, 2026
Memorial Day Monday, May 25, 2026
SRPMIC Day (Observed)Monday, June 15, 2026
Juneteenth Friday, June 19, 2026
Independence Day (Observed)..... Friday, July 3, 2026
Labor Day Monday, September 7, 2026
Native American Recognition Day (NARD)Friday, September 25, 2026

COUNCIL SPONSORED * * & SUPPORTED EVENTS

2025 CALENDAR

Piipaash Matasheevm Community SocialSaturday, October 4, 2025
Community Safety Day Friday, October 10, 2025
Fall OverhaulFriday, October 24, 2025
Fall Festival**Saturday, October 25, 2025
Red Mountain Eagle Pow-WowSaturday, November 1 & Sunday, November 2, 2025
Veteran’s Day ProgramFriday, November 7, 2025
Community Thanksgiving**Saturday, November 22, 2025
Employee Holiday Event** Monday, December 1 & Tuesday, December 2, 2025
Community Christmas Program**Saturday, December 6, 2025
Holiday Light Parade**Saturday, December 6, 2025
Pearl Harbor Remembrance DaySunday, December 7, 2025
New Year’s Eve Family Celebration**Wednesday, December 31, 2025

2026 CALENDAR

O’odham-Piipaash Day** Saturday, January 24, 2026
Piipaash Matasheevm Friday, April 3 & Saturday, April 4, 2026
Community Easter Egg Hunt** Saturday, April 4, 2026
Community Easter Sunrise Service Sunday, April 5, 2026
Earth Day Saturday, April 25, 2026
Missing & Murdered Indigenous People Awareness Day** Tuesday, May 5, 2026
National Day of Prayer Thursday, May 7, 2026
Memorial Day Program Monday, May 25, 2026
SRPMIC Day** Saturday, June 13, 2026
Jr. Miss Salt River Pageant Friday, June 19, 2026
Miss Salt River Pageant Saturday, June 20, 2026
Community 4th of July Celebration** Saturday, July 4, 2026
Native American Recognition Day**Tuesday, September 22, 2026
Walk for O’odham & Piipaash**Friday, September 25, 2026

PER CAPITA PAYOUTS

Thursday, October 30, 2025
Thursday, January 29, 2026
Thursday, April 30, 2026
Thursday, July 30, 2026

Events subject to change or cancel. Approved by SRPMIC Council on 09/03/25.

SRPMIC WIC Honors Moms and Their Village with Breastfeeding Support



The WIC Breastfeeding support event was well-attended.

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During National Breastfeeding Month in August, the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community WIC program made sure to champion mothers and their important role in the Community. On August 21, WIC held a “celebration of breastfeeding support” at the River People Health Center lobby with the theme “Honoring Moms and Their Village.”

“In Native communities, ‘It takes a village’ is a way of life. Mothers are surrounded by grandparents, aunties, uncles and Community members who each play a part in raising and caring for children,” said Community Health and Nutrition Supervisor Maggie Fisher.

“This event celebrated the strength of moms and the support systems that stand with them. By honoring moms, breastfeeding and their village, we affirmed that health is strongest when we walk the path together.”

Officially designated by the U.S. Breastfeeding Committee in 2011, National Breastfeeding Month is centered around raising awareness and fostering advocacy and support for breastfeeding across communities.

Fisher said that at the WIC event, breastfeeding was encouraged as both a traditional and modern practice, with Community encouragement, shared knowledge and program resources that help moms nourish their babies.

“Families, WIC clients and partner programs came together in a circle of support—sharing food, laughter and wellness activities that reflect Native values of nourishment, togetherness and care,” she said.

A total of 168 participants attended the event. Of those, 47 identified as Community members and 20 as WIC clients.

Fathers and other family members play a crucial role in breastfeeding success, which benefits both the mother and the child.

“Breastfeeding requires Community support because it not only involves the parents and baby, but also the environment around them,” said Fisher.

“Families, workplaces and Community programs play a key role in providing encouragement, resources and normalization, which help parents feel confident and supported in continuing to breastfeed.”

Fisher said that fathers can offer encouragement and reassurance, especially during challenging early days of breastfeeding.

Fathers can also actively and physically help breastfeed the baby with actions such as bringing the baby to mom for feeds; handling diaper changes; burping and soothing between feeds; preparing snacks, water or meals for mom during nursing sessions; helping with household chores so mom can focus on feeding and resting; and more. Some mothers might even appreciate help squeezing the milk out from the breast while breastfeeding.

“Be proactive if challenges arise, [such as] latch issues, sore nipples and low milk supply,” Fisher encouraged fathers. “Help find lactation consultants or support groups.”

You can attend breastfeeding classes or read resources to understand more about what mom is experiencing.

“Remember, bonding isn’t only through breastfeeding. Skin-to-skin time, talking, singing and playing with the baby strengthens the father-child connection,” said Fisher.

The next SRPMIC WIC event will be in December.

“We focus on raising awareness, connecting eligible families to services and resources, and promoting healthy nutrition and breastfeeding to improve maternal and child health,” said Fisher. “Remember, we participate in almost all Community events, offering the same support on a smaller scale.”

Important Tips for Breastfeeding Mothers

1. Learn Before Baby Arrives

Attend a class or workshop:

Many hospitals, WIC programs and lactation consultants offer prenatal breastfeeding classes.

Read trusted resources: Websites like La Leche League, WIC and the World Health Organization (WHO) provide evidence-based info.

Understand positions: Learn about cradle, football, side-lying and laid-back breastfeeding positions so you can experiment postpartum.

2. Prepare Your Body

Stay hydrated: Breast milk production relies on proper hydration.
Nutrition matters: Eat balanced meals with protein, whole grains, fruits and vegetables.

Chest and nipple care: Gently stretch and moisturize nipples. Consider consulting a lactation specialist if you have concerns about flat or inverted nipples.

3. Get the Right Supplies

Breastfeeding pillow: Helps support the baby and reduces strain on your arms and back.

Nursing bras and tops: These are comfortable, supportive and easy for frequent feeds.

Breast pump: This is optional but can be helpful for moms returning to work or sharing feeds.

4. Set Up a Comfortable Feeding Space

Quiet and cozy area: Have pillows, water, snacks and a phone or book nearby.

Minimize distractions: This helps both you and baby focus on feeding.

5. Plan Support

Partner or family support: Ask them to help with diaper changes, burping or bringing the baby to you.

Lactation support: Identify an IBCLC (International Board-Certified Lactation Consultant) or local breastfeeding support group.

Communication: Inform your doctor and delivery team about your breastfeeding plans.

6. Manage Expectations

Feeding frequency: Newborns feed 8-12 times in 24 hours; frequent feeding is normal.

Growth and output: Track diapers and weight gain rather than obsessing over the exact number of ounces.

Be patient: Milk supply usually comes in around three to five days postpartum. The initial liquid, called colostrum, is small but nutrient-rich.

7. Mental Preparation

Stay flexible: Every baby is different; what works for one may not work for another.

Self-compassion: Don't blame yourself if challenges arise—help is available.

Set realistic goals: Even partial breastfeeding offers benefits; “all or nothing” isn’t required.

Source: Community Health and Nutrition Supervisor Maggie Fisher

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NON-LEASE UNCLAIMED PROPERTY LIST

Monetary Property

Pursuant to SRO-503-2019, the Finance Department is required to publish a periodic list of individuals for which the Community has unclaimed property. Please note, due to the nature of the property, lease property is handled differently than non-lease property. Please see below for detailed lists and instructions.

Below is the most recent list of NON-LEASE property:

SRPMIC Unclaimed Non-Lease Property List as of 9/4/2025 (see link below)

<https://www.srpmic-nsn.gov/government/finance/#FinanceUnclaimedProperty>

To claim unclaimed property (lease and/or non-lease), begin by completing this form and following the directions therein:

Claim Form for Unclaimed Property (see link below):

https://www.srpmic-nsn.gov/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/Unclaimed-Property-Claim-Form___Rev030624.pdf

For further questions, please contact the Community Unclaimed Property Division at (480) 362-7225. Or visit [https://www.srpmic-nsn.gov/government/finance/](https://www.srpmic-nsn.gov/government/finance/#FinanceUnclaimedProperty) #FinanceUnclaimedProperty

COMPANY	PROPERTY ID	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	PROPERTY ID
AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF	001142A	FRENCH	Windsong	011732W
ARIZONA SECRETARY OF STATE	004791A	FULWILDER	Tyler Joseph	016473T
CANAR	030661C	GALLEGOS	Christina M	062032C
CHABOT COLLEGE	070563C	GARCIA	Aaron Alexander	071885A
COUNTRY CLUB VERANDAS	058050C	GARCIA	Rocynthia G	056372R
DITECH FINANCIAL LLC ATTN PAME	050486D	GOMEZ	Jose Francisco Enos	003561J
LUNA BEAR 454 WEST LLC	006071L	GOODWIN	Guy Gabriel	078257G
SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIA	043787S	GREEN	Everett	0EV
WALMART STORES INC - 2112	015188W	HANCOCK	Jay L	057051J
WIND DOWN ESTATE	050486W	HARRIS	Ambrose	014905A
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	0I	HARRISON JR	James	075918J
LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	PROPERTY ID		
ADERONMU	Jessica	0JE	HAYES	Brianna Kellene
AGUNDEZ III	Raul	082908R	HAYES	Deborah J
ANDREWS	Brian Matthew	085503B	HENDRIX	Joseph Jordan
ANDREWS	Janet F	040250J	HERNANDEZ	Juanita Lorena
ANDREWS	Spencer D	049320S	HERRERA	Carlos
ANTON	Forrest James	099005F	HILDING	Jazalea Jessica Marie
ANTON	Melvin Cheerless	048886M	HILL	Kathleen Monique
ANTONE	Andrew D	048521A	HILL	Nahemah
ANTONE	Claudette Michelle	068463C	HOLLOWAY	Divandre Z
ANTONE	Eveninghawk	079319E	HOOD	Maurice T
ANTONE	Michael Ee'kum Ha'hak	033420M	HOWARD	Jonas C
ANTONE	Nathaniel William	029791N	HOWARD	Leatrice
ANTONE	Nicole S	076528N	HOWARD	Nadine Autumn
ANTONE	Sivilano Lee	087047S	HOWARD	Norman Lester
ANTONE JR	Gary Eric	094077G	HOWARD	Sylvester Sullivan
APODACA	Patricia F	0PA	HUNT	Wendell T
ARTEAGA	Liliana	097582L	IBARRA GUTIERREZ JR	Ricardo Renee
BARRAZA	Michelle Ann Marie	066219M	JACKSON	Bionca Lynn
BENDER	Paul	064365P	JACKSON	Davis Jerel
BIAKEDDY	Angelina Y	020043A	JACKSON	Rosa J.
BIAKEDDY	Angelina Yvonne	020043A	JACKSON	Thomas
BONI	Andrew Daniel	061457A	JACKSON JR	Victor E
BONI	Sophia Leslie	027422S	JANIS	Jaden Wayne
BONI III	Arnold	092893A	JAUREGUI	Angelica L
BRIONES	Rebekka A	039400R	JEFFERSON	Joyce Ann
BROWN	Hailey E	089995H	JOHNSON	Bernadette Lois
BROWN	Marlene Nelma	013524M	JOHNSON	Craig
BURKE	Cecil D	028285C	JOHNSON	Leland
BURKE	Claudina A	048130C	JOHNSON	Leland
BURKE	Norene Iris	005422N	JOHNSON	Leland
BURKE	Veronica Jean	088023V	JOHNSON	Leland
BURNS	Donna K	078334D	JOHNSON	Leland
BURNS	Sandra Louise	072812S	JOHNSON	Leland
BUTCHER	Kevin W	095286K	JOHNSON	Leland
BUTLER	Cheryl D	0CH1	JOHNSON	Leland
BUTLER	Jeffrey Lynn	071586J	JOHNSON	Leland
CAMACHO	Jr Murphy	027946J	JOHNSON	Leland
CAMPOS	David Joaquin	020184D	JOHNSON	Leland
CARD	Denise	027567D	JOHNSON	Leland
CAREAGA	Rafael	082278R	JOHNSON	Leland
CARLOS	Leonard	023911L	JOHNSON	Leland
CARLOS	Marinita Bernadine	086810M	JOHNSON	Leland
CARLOS	Tara	034231T	JOHNSON	Leland
CARLOS III	Frederick Earl	023476F	JOHNSON	Leland
CARMEN	Mreanna Marie	092901M	JOHNSON	Leland
CASHOYA SR	Harold A	0H	JOHNSON	Leland
CHARLEY	Kaycee Lorene	018861K	JOHNSON	Leland
CHAVARRIA	Leannah J	042625L	JOHNSON	Leland
CHIAGO	Auneesa Antoniee	029351A	JOHNSON	Leland
CHIAGO	Bennett Leroy	065734B	JOHNSON	Leland
CHIAGO	Emmett	098750E	JOHNSON	Leland
CHIAGO	Mary Edwina	042644M	JOHNSON	Leland
CHIAGO	Tatum Ann	036545T	JOHNSON	Leland
COLBERT	Chloe Anne	047080C	JOHNSON	Leland
COLBERT	Deanna	046265D	JOHNSON	Leland
CONGER	Aaron Tyrone	033547A	JOHNSON	Leland
COOPS	Celeste J	004134C	JOHNSON	Leland
COOPS JR	Marvin Leonard	011217M	JOHNSON	Leland
CROSS	Robert Milo	087028R	JOHNSON	Leland
CUMMINGS	Scott	0S	JOHNSON	Leland
DAVIS	Lloyd D	022614L	JOHNSON	Leland
DELACRUZ	Laney	057706L	JOHNSON	Leland
DIAZ	Victoria	093329V	JOHNSON	Leland
DOCKERTY	Christian Daniel	068147C	JOHNSON	Leland
DOCKERTY	Randy Nephi	071493R	JOHNSON	Leland
DOCKERTY	Victoria Elisabeth	027158V	JOHNSON	Leland
DOMINGO	Manuel Chiago	0M	JOHNSON	Leland
EASCHIEF WHITMAN	Izabella	015704I	JOHNSON	Leland
ENOS	Ella M	003978E	JOHNSON	Leland
ENOS	Preston E	044093P	JOHNSON	Leland
ENOS	Yolanda D	014185Y	JOHNSON	Leland
ENOS JR	Truman Claude	002603T	JOHNSON	Leland
FRANCISCO JR	Domingo Rey	032897D	JOHNSON	Leland
FRANCO	Consuelo	0CO	JOHNSON	Leland
FREMOUW	Alexis Kaya	042694A	JOHNSON	Leland
FRENCH	Ananita Carmen Eduarda	084544A	JOHNSON	Leland

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MILES	Ricardo Robert	006882R	SCOTT	Joseph Lyle	024861J
MILLER	Donna Jean	057616D	SHAW	Gary Alfred	097013G
MOORE	Ambrose Erickson	033264A	SHAW	Kionah Tara	025780K
MORATAYA	Maria M	002470M	SHAW	Louise A	013188L
MORENO	Gary D	046062G	SHULL-LE COMPTE	Destin Cree	092518D
MORGAN	Bryanna Grace	004966B	SMITH	Ashley Amber	087822A
NAHSONHOYA	Hale Alexander	037005H	SMITH	Garvin Lavere	075212G
NAHSONHOYA	Mervin	026235M	SMITH	Kristen C	068426K
NAMOKI	Della	046298D	SMITH	Michael James	054932M
NAPELEE	Betty Jo	066300B	SOLIZ	Miguel E	002411M
NAVENMA	Jennifer Lee	048027J	STEVENS	Jordan Christopher	017639J
NORRIS	Leo Leander	041844L	STEVENS JR	Milford Tony	092798M
NORRIS	Rossalynn M	041846R	TAYLOR	Shawn Brandon	007642S
OCHOA	Rhea Ann	070056R	THOMAS	Emmanuel P	011203E
ONTIBEROS	Carol M	081904C	THOMAS	Holyan Ricardo	028967H
ORTIZ	Marisella Sharlisa - Shenee	014239M	THOMAS	Irene J	007420I
OSBORNE	Michael	0MI	THOMAS	Marcia D	087105M
OSIFE JR	Dushane Lloyd	056691D	THOMAS	Melvin	079036M
OSTLER	Zane Douglas	094446Z	THOMAS-HARVEY	Tobias Guy	046502T
PACHECO	Ebodio	0EB	TOBLER III	John Darwin	024004J
PATRICK	Beldon J	057714B	TOMASKIN	Drew Violet	015742D
PERCY	Felicity Dominique Chasity	073270F	TORRES	Alex	019466A
PESIS JR	Jon Elwood	043729J	UPSHAW	Michelle	012111M
PETERS	Christina Marie	010091C	VALENZUELA	Lucille E	056415L
PHILLIPS	Anna Lori	073578A	VALENZUELA	Raymond	083465R
PHILLIPS	Flora M	060548F	VARELA	Francisco Javier	019558F
PINTO	Rosemary	081346R	VAVAGES	Kamea	76436K
PRIETO	Ricky E	087751R	VAVAGES-LEWIS	Mateo Littlecreek	031380M
RABAGO	Summer R	003369S	VELASQUEZ	Purcelliano Jesus	098023P
RAMIREZ	Gabriel Mark Jr	0G1	VEST	Iia	007070I
RAMIREZ	Ryan Alexander	071305R	VICTORIAN	Anita F	032417A
RAY	Haze Alexander	083731H	VILLA	Sierra Maryhelen	087765S
RAY JR	Jonah F	023762J	VILLALOBOS	Emaline Etta	077919E
RAYBON	Virginia Louise	050103V	VUYK	Samantha	60029S
REED	Alyssa-Ann Havier	0ALY	WASHINGTON	Freida M	031892F
REED	Cassara Marrie	022868C	WATTS	Christina Maria	014836C
REINA	Hostiin J	049142H	WESLEY	Jaselyn J	026153J
REYES	Lakay S	025773L	WHITE	Elizabeth	001069E
RINGLERO	Anthony David	074218A	WHITE	Gabriel Siawogi	073226G
RIVERS	Amanda Ellen	010669A	WHITE	Razmei L	068474R
RODRIGUEZ	Jesse	072052J	WHITE	Roxana	044416R
RODRIGUEZ	Obed	016927O	WHITMAN III	Dwayne Conrad	062153D
ROMO	Emmaleigh	76424E	WILLIAMS	Janet L.	080230J
RUIZ	Julia Anne Serena	081501J	WILLIAMS	Lucas R	008736L
SABORI III	Aaron J	005770A	WOOD	Angelino B	045086A
SANCHEZ	Isabella A	089694I	WOOD	Dallin Nace	098494D
SANCHEZ - SMITH	Yasmin Citlaly	065370Y	WOOD	Justine T	015982J
SANTO	David	078656D	WOPSOCK	Selene Estelle	080528S
SANTO	Lisa Christina	089939L	WYRICK	Charles Edward	038983C
SCABBY	Kristine P	027594K	YOUNG	Louanne	015424L
SCHURZ	Brandon Joshua	056816B	YOUNG	Madeline G	0MA
SCHURZ	Royal A	042237R	ZAYAS	Cynthia Irene	012288C

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

Whitney & Murphy Funeral Home (602) 840-5600

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PUBLIC WORKS NOTICE

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

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

If you have any questions, please contact Memorial Services at

(480) 278-7050

LEGAL NOTICES

CIVIL COURT
JURISDICTION: SALT RIVER PIMA MARICOPA
INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT
ADDRESS: 10040 EAST OSBORN RD. SCOTTSDALE,
AZ 85256
CONTACT: (480) 362-6315
CIVIL COURT CASES REPORT TO COURTROOM #1/
#2 ON THE 1ST FLOOR.
FAILURE TO APPEAR CAN AFFECT YOUR RIGHTS
Burns, Candace—Restraining Order Hearing Case: CV-25-4576 Court Date: October 20, 2025 at 11:30 AM
Carlos, Laila Athena—Entry of Default Judgement Hearing Case: CV-25-3178 Court Date: October 20, 2025 at 9 AM
Cooper, Tyler Allen—Evidentiary Paternity Hearing Case: CV-25-3584 Court Date: October 6, 2025 at 10 AM
Flores, Lance Eagle—Entry of Default Judgement Case: CV-25-0859 Court Date: October 8, 2025 at 9 AM
Flores, Olivia—Civil Complaint Hearing Case: CV-25-4184 Court Date: October 6, 2025 at 11 AM
Gonzalez, Cherysh—Civil Complaint Hearing Case: CV-25-4184 Court Date: October 6, 2025 at 11 AM
Hamalowa, Anthony—Restraining Order Hearing Case: CV-25-4634 Court Date: October 20, 2025 at 4 PM

DEFAULT NOTICES

CARLOS, LAILA ATHENA
DEFAULT NOTICE
CV-25-3178
To: Laila Athena Carlos , RESPONDENT
1. A Civil Complaint has been filed against you in this Court and your immediate attention to this fact is urgent if you do not want judgment entered against you.
2. The Court record reflects that you have failed to respond to defend by filing an answer, motion to dismiss, request for extension of time or other responsive pleading and you have failed to attend hearings at the Court called for this matter.
3. If you do not defend against this suit within Thirty (30) days from the date the Process Server hands you this or you are served with it otherwise as permitted under the Community Code, the Court may enter default judgment against you.
4. A default judgment may have serious, adverse, and irreversible consequences against you.
5. If you want to defend against the claim and avoid default judgment entered against you, you must file a written answer, motion to dismiss or other responsive pleading within thirty (30) days from when you are served with this Notice. The Court will not extend time for your response and you must make your response in writing, no oral responses will be accepted
6. If you do nothing, the Court may give Judgment for what the Complaint demands. (Section 5-16.1, Judgment by Default)
DATED: August 20. 2025
CLERK OF THE SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY TRIBAL COURT

HAYES, ARIANA PERSUASIA
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CV-24-6558
Sari Celine Torres v. Ariana Persuasias Hayes
TO: Ariana Persuasias Hayes; Respondent,
YOU ARE HEREBY ORDERED to appear for Order to Show Cause Hearing on the 22nd day of October 2025 at 11:00AM, in Court Room #1, and show cause why you should not be held in contempt for failing to appear for Civil Complaint hearing on January 16, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. and for hearing on March 17, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. after being duly noticed.
FAILURE TO APPEAR will result in a Bench Warrant issued for your arrest for Contempt of Court from (§6-41) of the Code or Ordinances.
You are entitled to subpoena witnesses on your behalf and to be represented by counsel.
ORDERED this 25th day of August 2025.
RAYMOND L. DEER, PRESIDING JUDGE SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT

MACK JR., CHESTER
DEFAULT NOTICE
CV-25-1839
Virginia Mack v. Chester Mack Jr.
To: Chester Mack Jr., RESPONDENT
1. A Civil Complaint has been filed against you in this Court and your immediate attention to this fact is urgent if you do not want judgment entered against you.
2. The Court record reflects that you have failed to respond to defend by filing an answer, motion to dismiss, request for extension of time or other responsive pleading and you have failed to attend hearings at the Court called for this matter.
3. If you do not defend against this suit within Thirty (30) days from the date the Process Server hands you this or you are served with it otherwise as permitted under the Community Code, the Court may enter default judgment against you.
4. A default judgment may have serious, adverse, and irreversible consequences against you.
5. If you want to defend against the claim and avoid default judgment entered against you, you must file a written answer, motion to dismiss or other responsive pleading

Hayes, Ariana Persuasias—Order to Show Cause Hearing Case: CV-24-6558 Court Date: October 22, 2025 at 11 AM
Lackey, Wendel—Probate Status Hearing Case: CV-25-2858 Court Date: October 6, 2025 at 9 AM
Mack, Chester Vaughn—Evidentiary Dissolution Hearing Case: CV-25-1839 Court Date: October 22, 2025 at 10 AM
Miguel, Roland Leon Jr.—Evidentiary Dissolution Hearing Case: CV-25-4120 Court Date: October 27, 2025 at 9 AM
Miles, James Spotted Hawk—Initial Paternity Hearing Case: CV-25-3633 Court Date: October 9, 2025 at 10:30 AM
Osif-Thomas, Daniel Matthew—Evidentiary Hearing Case: CV-25-1935 Court Date: October 20, 2025 at 10 AM
Parchcorn, Ellis J. Sr.—Order to Show Cause Hearing Case: CV-24-5858 Court Date: October 27, 2025 at 10 AM
Pilcher, Floyd—Civil Complaint Hearing Case: CV-25-3624 Court Date: October 6, 2025 at 9:30 AM
Saunders, Michael Daniel—Evidentiary Guardianship Hearing Case: CV-25-3813 Court Date: October 27, 2025 at 9 AM
Scott, Delores Ann—Initial Guardianship Hearing Case: CV-25-4371 Court Date: October 7, 2025 at 9 AM
Thomas, Elijah Mon—Evidentiary Paternity Hearing Case: CV-25-3829 Court Date: October 8, 2025 at 11 AM

within thirty (30) days from when you are served with this Notice. The Court will not extend time for your response and you must make your response in writing, no oral responses will be accepted
6. If you do nothing, the Court may give Judgment for what the Complaint demands. (Section 5-16.1, Judgment by Default)
DATED: August 20. 2025
CLERK OF THE SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY TRIBAL COURT

MELENDEZ, NICOLE PATRICIA
NOTICE OF DEFAULT JUDGMENT
CV-24-5856
Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community Court, State of Arizona, Maricopa County original jurisdiction court case number CV-24-5856
Notice of Default Judgment is hereby given ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that default judgment against Respondent, Melendez, Nicole Patricia, is hereby ENTERED. It is further, ORDERED AND ADJUDGED, that Respondent,, Melendez, Nicole Patricia shall pay \$9,687.12 to Petitioner, Country Club Cars. Payment shall be made to Petitioner within thirty (30) days of this Order. This order is final and shall be served on Respondent in accordance to Rule 5-20(c).

PARCHCORN, ELLIS
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CV-24-5858
Country Club Cars v. Ellis Parchcorn
To: Ellis Parchcorn
YOU ARE HEREBY ORDERED to appear before the above-entitled court on the 27h day of October 2025 at 10:00am in Court Room #2, and show cause why you should not be held in contempt for failing to abide by Default Judgment Order issued May 19, 2025.
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.
ORDERED: September 5, 2025.
ANTHONY F. LITTLE, II, ASSOCIATE JUDGE SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT

WASHINGTON, EDWARD LYNN
DEFAULT NOTICE
CV-25-3181
Country Club Cars v. Edward Lynn Washington
To: Edward Lynn Washington, RESPONDENT
1. A Civil Complaint has been filed against you in this Court and your immediate attention to this fact is urgent if you do not want judgment entered against you.
2. The Court record reflects that you have failed to respond to defend by filing an answer, motion to dismiss, request for extension of time or other responsive pleading and you have failed to attend hearings at the Court called for this matter.
3. If you do not defend against this suit within Thirty (30) days from the date the Process Server hands you this or you are served with it otherwise as permitted under the Community Code, the Court may enter default judgment against you.
4. A default judgment may have serious, adverse, and irreversible consequences against you.
5. If you want to defend against the claim and avoid default judgment entered against you, you must file a written answer, motion to dismiss or other responsive pleading within thirty (30) days from when you are served with this Notice. The Court will not extend time for your response and you must make your response in writing, no oral responses will be accepted
6. If you do nothing, the Court may give Judgment for what the Complaint demands. (Section 5-16.1, Judgment by Default)
DATED: August 18. 2025
CLERK OF THE SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY TRIBAL COURT



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 Pavilions Market located at 9030 E. Talking Stick Way, Scottsdale, AZ 85250, shall be held at the SRPMIC Community Regulatory Agency (CRA) on September 24, 2025, 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 Investigator Supervisor Josette Martinez at (480) 362-6396.

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 Hao Hao Chinese Restaurant located at 9210 E. Via De Ventura #106-107, Scottsdale, AZ 85282, shall be held at the SRPMIC Community Regulatory Agency (CRA) on September 24, 2025, at 11:00 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 Licensing Manager Stephanie Deel at (480) 362-6897.

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 On Auk Mor Trade Center #2 located at 8001 E. McKellips Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257, shall be held at the SRPMIC Community Regulatory Agency (CRA) on September 24, 2025, at 02:00 pm, 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 Bambii Lewis at (480) 362-3468.

Public Comments on Proposed Amendments to the Guardianship/Conservatorship Ordinance
Comment Period: July 9, 2025 – October 10, 2025

On Wednesday, July 9, 2025, the SRPMIC Council authorized a ninety (90) day public comment period for the proposed amendments to the Community's Guardianship / Conservatorship Ordinance. The draft ordinance does the following:

These amendments are fairly minor and the primary purpose of the amendments are to change the government department that manages the guardianship program. The specific amendments are as follows: Changes the "Health and Human Services Department" to the "Social Services Department" with respect to the government department that manages the Guardianship Division. The reason for this change is because the Health and Human Services Department is primarily focused on health services and public health initiatives whereas the Social Services Department is best suited to handle case management type of services. The Guardianship Division is primarily a case management function. A guardian provides for the daily needs of vulnerable adults including but limited to: food assistance, housing assistance, life skills training, scheduling medical care, and providing transportation for various needs. Currently the code mandates that the director of the Health and Human Services Department and the director of the Finance Department are solely responsible for managing the Guardianship Division and the

Conservatorship Division. These code amendments will add language of "or his/her designee" as it relates to these directors. This change will allow those respective directors to delegate the duty to one of their employees which will allow for flexibility and better service to Community members. Currently the code requires that an audit be conducted every year for the Conservatorship Division. These code amendments would change that requirement to every other year which gives the government more flexibility and aligns with the current practice of the government wide external audits which occur every other year. 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

Public Comments on Proposed Amendments to the Workers' Compensation Ordinance
Comment Period: July 9, 2025 – October 10, 2025

On Wednesday, July 9, 2025, the SRPMIC Council authorized a ninety (90) day public comment period for the proposed amendments to the Community's Workers' Compensation Ordinance. The draft ordinance does the following:

These amendments contain three (3) separate provisions with the primary purpose of providing additional workers' compensation benefits to Firefighters and other first responders focusing on cancer diagnoses, heart issues and mental health counseling after exposure to traumatic events. The amendments are as follows:
Option 1: A presumption would be added to the law allowing firefighters to qualify for workers' compensation benefits when they are diagnosed with certain cancers that result in disability or death. Certain criteria must be met in order to prove it is a work-related injury.
Option 2: A heart or perivascular injury is presumed to be an occupational disease and is deemed to arise out of employment for first responders only if it can be fairly traced to the employment as the proximate cause.

Option 3: A program would be established to provide first responders who are exposed to a traumatic event while in the course of duty up to twelve (12) visits of licensed counseling fully paid by the Community. Additionally, there would be no loss of pay and benefits to the employee if a licensed mental health professional determines the employee is not fit for duty. The employee would not be required to use leave for these counseling sessions. You can find the full text of proposed ordinance amendments and presentation materials at: <https://www.srpmic-nsn.gov/government/ogc/proposed-ordinances/>

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3rd Quarter 2025 ELIGIBILITY DEADLINE: September 30, 2025

Must be eighteen (18) years old, enrolled, and living to be eligible for the **October 2025** Per Capita Payment.

DEADLINES FOR CHANGES

Direct Deposit Start-Ups and Changes:
Thursday, October 2nd at 5:00 PM. This deadline is for new start-ups for direct deposit or changes to existing information. All forms **MUST** be submitted with a "VOIDED" check or statement from the bank with the Routing and Account Numbers.

Forms received by this date will be effective for the **OCTOBER 2025** payout. Forms received after this date will not be effective until the **JANUARY 2026** payout.

Discontinue Direct Deposits: Thursday, October 2nd at 5:00 PM. This deadline is to discontinue an existing direct deposit.
***Failing to notify the Per Capita department when an account is closed may delay your Per Capita payment.

Per Capita Eligibility: Tuesday, October 21st at 5:00PM. This deadline is for submitting the Adult SRP-MIC Member's Per Capita Information Certificate. Forms received by this date will be effective for the **OCTOBER 2025** payout. Forms received after this date will not be processed until the first week of **NOVEMBER 2025**.

Tax Withholding Changes: Tuesday, October 21st 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:
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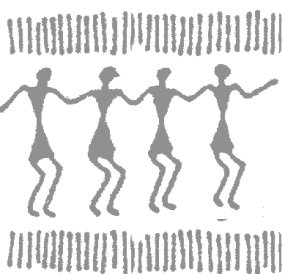
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National Preparedness Month

Preparedness Starts At Home

Emergency Management Highlight: National Preparedness Month

SUBMITTED BY TERRY NELSON
SRPMIC Emergency Management Coordinator

Each September, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and its stakeholder partners observe National Preparedness Month as part of their ongoing campaign to share information with the public about how to stay safe in the event of natural and other disasters. This year's theme, "Preparedness Starts at Home," focuses on four key actions for individuals and families to focus on:

- Increasing your awareness of various types of emergencies or significant events that have a high potential to impact you and knowing how to safely respond to those events.
- Developing a family emergency plan.
- Building an emergency supply kit.
- Getting involved with your local community, the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, through volunteer opportunities and training to better prepare for and respond to emergency events.

By taking these four key actions you can make a big difference in preparing your home and family for disasters like wildfires, power outages, flash floods, high winds and more. Think about what you will need for these types of disasters and ensure those in your social circle can help each other when the need arises. Prepare now by keeping your emergency plans up to date so that you and your family stay safe and comfortable during and after any disaster.

For more information about National Preparedness Month or to obtain additional resources related to this year's campaign, visit www.ready.gov or contact SRPMIC Emergency Management at (480) 362-7927 or Emergency.Management@srpmic-nsn.gov.



The SRPD wants to ensure the community understands the Salt River Ordinance regarding windshield requirements and obstructions. Our goal is to promote safety on the road and provide resources to help everyone comply with the law.

Key points of the ordinance include:

- Every passenger vehicle (except motorcycles, all-terrain vehicles, and golf carts) manufactured or modified before June 17, 1998, as well as every motor truck or truck tractor (excluding fire apparatus), **must be equipped** with an adequate windshield.
- No person shall drive with any sign, poster, or other material on the front windshield, side wings, or side or rear windows that obstructs the driver's clear view of the highway or any intersecting road.
- Every motor vehicle (except motorcycles, all-terrain vehicles, golf carts, or motor-driven cycles) must have windshield wipers that can clean rain, snow, or moisture from the windshield. These devices must be operable by the driver and maintained in good working order.

By following these guidelines, we can all contribute to safer roads for the entire community. If you have any questions or need more information about the ordinance, please feel free to contact the Salt River Police Department.



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Lehi Gathering Area
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Program Highlights

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Welcome
Inter-Tribal Dances
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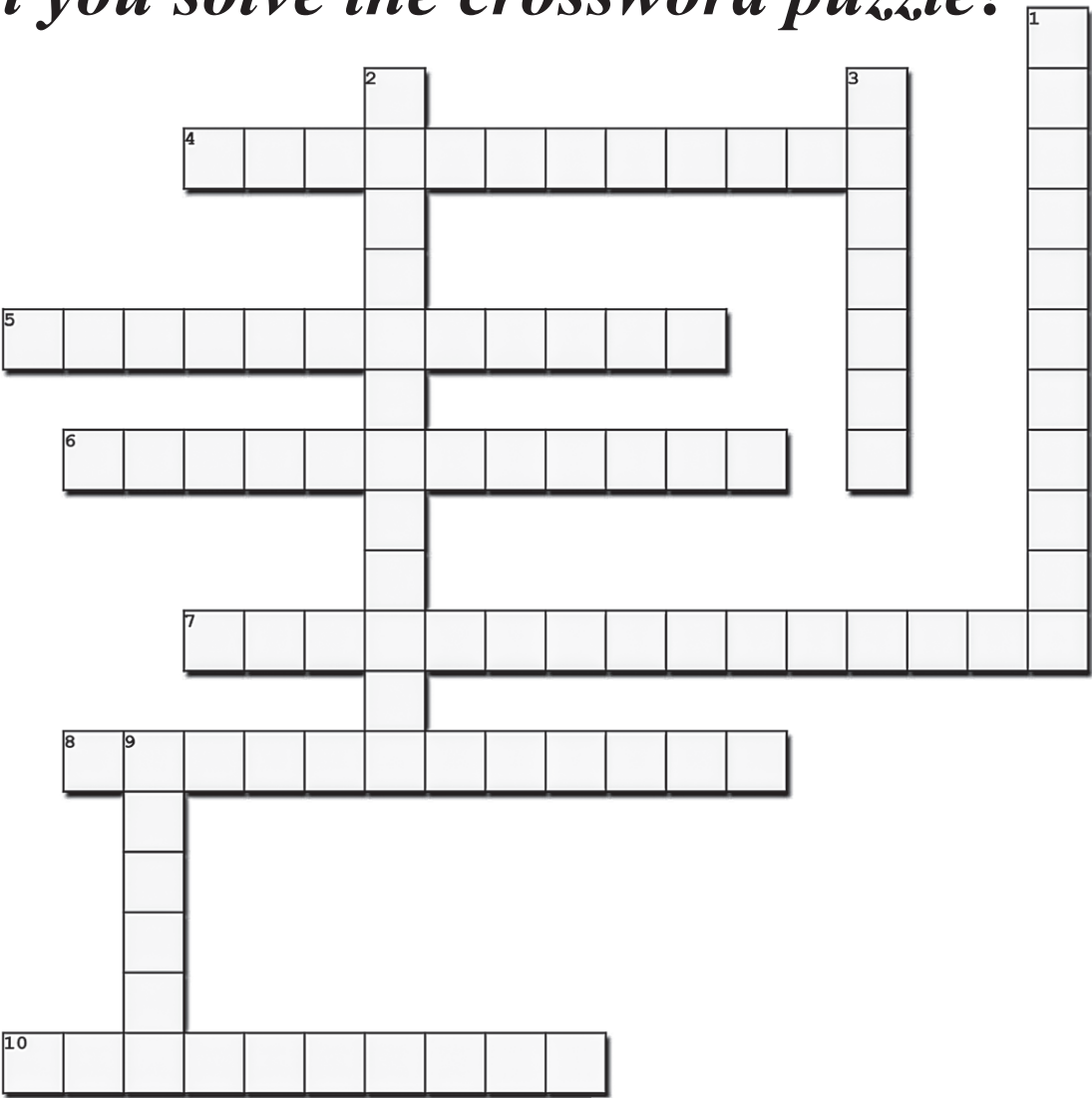
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Can you solve the crossword puzzle?



The answers to this crossword puzzle can be found in the stories throughout this issue of *O’odham Action News*.
Enjoy!

Across

- 4. Academy Award nominated actor who was Oneida from Six Nations of the Grand River in Canada.
- 5. The current state Don ‘Wild Eagle’ Wuebber calls home.
- 6. SRPMIC Events manager.
- 7. The U.S. Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary who visited the River People Health Center on August 30.
- 8. Location of the Orange Shirt Day 2025 event, hosted by NABS.
- 10. The President of the Family History Society of Arizona.

Down

- 1. Newly elected chief justice of the court for Mexico’s Supreme Court.
- 2. The Hollywood movie star who visited Lehi in the 80’s/90’s.
- 3. The percentage of occupancy the new Journey to Recovery began with when it opened on September 8.
- 9. The month which celebrates National Breastfeeding Month.

Orange Shirt Day 2025

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Every September 30, it’s important to wear orange to acknowledge the atrocities caused by the federal governments of the United States and Canada from their involvement in the creation and implementation of the boarding school system.

In Canada, September 30 is called Orange Shirt Day. In the United States, the day is also called National Day of Remembrance.

During a Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community webinar on sexual violence held on May 15 of last year, host Memory Dawn Long Chase stated, “I ask non-Native folks all the time to ask their parents and grandparents if their schools had graveyards.”

It’s true. Many boarding schools did have graveyards. In some cases, the cemeteries on these campuses were poorly maintained, if at all.

With both governments operating under the genocidal philosophy of “Kill the Indian, save the man,” they removed Native children from their families and forced them to endure horrific treatment at boarding schools, including violently stripping them of their identity, culture and language.

These atrocities continue to have lasting impacts on Indigenous peoples to this day. It is widely believed that many Indigenous enrolled students in classrooms today are the descendants of boarding school survivors.

President Joe Biden officially apologized to all of Indian Country last October in the Gila River Indian Community for the United States’ role in creating and forcibly making Indigenous children attend federal boarding schools.

However, since the apology, minimal resources and actions have been implemented by the Trump administration.

An official report conducted by Running Strong for American Indian Youth showed that during the recent graduation season this past May, U.S. Indigenous students had a graduation rate of 69%, compared with the national average for all students of 87%. The complex posttraumatic stress disorder that most, if not all, Indigenous people have experienced due to colonization almost certainly explains this glaring gap in graduation rates compared with the national average.

Current life expectancies for Indigenous people also are considerably lower compared with those of non-Indigenous people, leaving many of our relatives on Turtle Island unable to process and heal from these traumas. Some die never being able to fully express the tragedies that plagued them while they were here with us, which impacts and adds to a family’s generational trauma.

Thankfully, organizations such as the National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition continue to be at the forefront of ensuring our relatives are heard and supported as they navigate their traumas.

NABS hosted a National Day of Remembrance at the Indian Gaming Association in Washington, D.C., on September 16. The gathering’s theme was “Always in our Hearts” to honor the children who never returned home from these schools.

The longer society continues to ignore the damaging impacts to Indigenous people caused by the U.S. and Canadian governments, the more delayed the healing process will be. Wearing orange on September 30 honors and remembers the countless Indigenous lives lost in the federal boarding school systems.

How will you show support this September 30?



Join Us for National Day of Truth and Reconciliation:

FILM SCREENING OF SUGARCANE

In recognition of National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (Orange Shirt Day), we invite you to a special screening of

Sugarcane, a powerful and award-winning new documentary directed by Julian Brave NoiseCat (Canim Lake Band Tsq’secen of the Secwepemc Nation).

Sugarcane is a stunning tribute to the resilience of Native people and their way of life, set against a groundbreaking investigation into abuse and unmarked graves at the St. Joseph’s Mission residential school in Canada. As the story unfolds, the film intimately weaves the voices of survivors with the personal journey of co-director NoiseCat, whose own family history is interwoven with the trauma and strength of this community. The film empowers participants to confront long-suppressed truths and illustrates the enduring love within families despite the shadow of genocide.

Premiering at the 2024 Sundance Film Festival, Sugarcane has received widespread acclaim and over a dozen awards, including the U.S. Documentary Directing Award.

Hosted by the American Indian Program, in collaboration with SPAIC and the SCC Library. AIP extends its sincere appreciation for their support and co-sponsorship.



TUESDAY
SEPTEMBER 30, 2025

5PM - 8PM | ICC-221/222

Indigenous Cultural Center
Scottsdale Community College

Post-Screening Panel Discussion with Crystal Morehouse & Desiree Farnal (SPAIC Co-Chairs), offering space for reflection and dialogue.

This event is free and open to the public.

ABOUT ORANGE SHIRT DAY:

This day honors the survivors of residential schools and the children who never came home. It acknowledges the historic and ongoing impact of these institutions on Indigenous communities in both Canada and the U.S.



RSVP at:
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To honor the lives lost due to the boarding school system, NABS has created the official Orange Shirt Day t-shirt for 2025.

Open your tablet/mobile phone and scan the QR code with your camera to receive additional information.





TEAM PUZZLE-ON JOINS THE ROUNDHOUSE PUZZLE FUN

Salt River Materials Group (SRMG) put their puzzle-solving skills to the test by forming **Team Puzzle-On** during the Roundhouse's Summer Puzzle Contest!

The team was composed of four players, Lavine Cummings, Arlena Moreno, Bryce McGertt, and Nadine Nguyen, led by their team manager, Kay McAnlis

This was SRMG's very first time participating, and Team Puzzle-On made a strong showing. In the allotted 30 minutes, the team completed 150 pieces of a 350-piece puzzle! While they didn't quite crack the Top 15, the experience was full of laughter, collaboration, and plenty of "Aha!" moments.

Everyone walked away proud of their efforts and excited for the next challenge. The contest highlighted the same teamwork and problem-solving skills that are valuable in the workplace - just in a much more playful setting.

Great job to Team Puzzle-On for representing SRMG! We can't wait to see what puzzles you'll take on next.



(L-R) Lavine Cummings, Arlena Moreno, Bryce McGertt, & Nadine Nguyen



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SENIOR BOOK CLUB, 2nd Wednesdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m., at the Tribal Library, 2nd floor of the Ske:g Himdag Ki: (WOLF). For seniors 55+ and adults with adaptive needs.

TAI CHI FOR SENIORS, Tuesdays, 9-10 a.m., Ske:g Himdag Ki: Senior Room. This ancient Chinese martial art uses slow and continuous movements to improve the mind and body. For seniors 55+ and adults with adaptive needs.

LOVE AND HARMONY COUPLES GROUP, Tuesdays | 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM | Behavioral Health Services, River People Health Center 10901 E McDowell Rd. Scottsdale AZ 85256. Ready to strengthen your relationship and build deeper connection? Join our Couples Group, based on Dr. John Gottman's The Seven Principles for Making Marriage Work. Learn practical tools to: Improve communication; Resolve conflicts; Deepen intimacy; Navigate challenges around family, work, and more. Call (480) 362-5707 to learn more or sign up today.

YOGA FOR FALL PREVENTION, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Wednesdays, 1-2 p.m., Senior Room of Ske:g Himdag Ki: (WOLF). Standing or chair options available. Guided movements improve strength, balance and flexibility. For seniors 55+ and adults with adaptive needs.

SENIOR AQUATIC FITNESS, Fridays, 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the Ske:g Himdag Ki: (WOLF) pool. Guided exercises in water improve strength with less stress on joints. Bring a towel and wear comfortable swim attire. For seniors 55+ and adults with adaptive needs.

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. Women's meetings held on Tuesdays, men's meetings held Wednesdays.

WELLBRIETY 12 STEP AND MEDICINE WHEEL, Wednesdays and Fridays 9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. at RPHC. 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.

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.

SENIOR SACRED STRIDERS, 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 1:30-2 p.m., Ske:g Himdag Ki: track. Walking sticks available. Prizes based on participation. Walking after a meal boosts digestion and lowers blood sugar so join us for a feel-good and good-for-you stroll. For seniors 55+ and adults with adaptive needs.

HELPING HANDS HALF OFF FOR SRPMIC MEMBERS, Every Friday Community members get 50% off at Helping Hands. Open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., closed 12 p.m. - 1 p.m. for lunch at 10213 E. Osborn Rd. Call 480-362-5625 for more information.

BEADING CIRCLE, Wednesdays 5:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. at Salt River Tribal Library inside Ske:g Himdag Ki: Open to enrolled SRPMIC members and Ske:g Himdag Ki: members. Call 480-362-6600 for more information.

CREATIVE WRITING GROUP, Every 1st Thursday of the Month, 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. at Lehi Community Building Room 109. In partnership with SCC, Creative Writing Group provides a creative environment to learn and explore prompt writing, literary discussion, and guest writers/authors. All genres and levels welcome. Open to adult Community Members and Ske:g Himdag Ki: members. For more information, call 480 362-6600.

VAŠAI GAKIDAG MAŠAD XLY'A XAMXMOK SEPTEMBER

18 CM CARLOS DISTRICT E MEETING, 6 p.m. at Ske:g Himdag Ki: (WOLF) Room #56. Information: <https://tinyurl.com/MeetingsCouncil> | SRPMIC Council Secretaries Office: (480) 362-7469. For the district meeting agenda, please visit the SRPMIC Council District Meeting information website: <https://tinyurl.com/SRPMICDMS>

18 FALL INTO READING, Theme: Oldies but Goodies! This year's Cosplay event highlights books, theatre, TV, and music from the 1950s through the 1970s. The events during this time period were significant and we would like to emphasize the importance of literacy, traditional language, and culture. There will be fun games and activities during the event to keep children and families engaged. A special guest author and other fun literacy activities are promised. Activities, games, prizes, resources, and food will be available.

18 ADULT WIOA ORIENTATION, Salt River Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA) Program CONNECT WITH US! Learn about WIOA eligibility requirements, program services for enrolled participants, guidance toward obtaining career goals through education & training. TIME: 9:00 a.m. - 10:00a.m. LOCATION: Two Waters, Building B, Room B102 - X'aa (Cottonwood) Any questions please contact the SRPMIC WIOA team (480) 362-7950.

19 SKE:G HIMDAG KI: FUN FAIR, Join us for an evening of fun and community at the Himdag Ki: Fun Fair on Friday, September 19th, from 5 PM to 8 PM! The event will take place at the ballfield located at the Ske:g Himdag Ki: (Way of Life Facility). The Ske:g Himdag Ki: departments have planned an exciting night for youth and families, filled with activities and entertainment. For more information, please call the Youth Services Front Desk at (480) 362-6390. See ad on page 14!

20 CHILDCARE DEVELOPMENT FUND 2025 FAMILY CONFERENCE: THE POWER OF PARENTING, Register today to attend the first-ever conference hosted by the Child Care Development Fund, a program of the Early Childhood Education Center at Salt River Schools. See ad on page 8 for complete details!

20 SPOOKTACULAR ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Salt River Community Building. Get ahead of holiday shopping and explore arts and crafts made by local creators.

20 CM ANTONE DISTRICT B MEETING, 9 a.m. at SRPMIC Council Chambers. Information: <https://tinyurl.com/MeetingsCouncil> | SRPMIC Council Secretaries Office: (480) 362-7469. For the district meeting agenda, please visit the SRPMIC Council District Meeting information website: <https://tinyurl.com/SRPMICDMS>

22 LORD OF THE RINGS TRIVIA NIGHT, 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. at Salt River Tribal Library. Register at www.signup-genius.com/go/LOTR Prizes for best costume, first and second place in trivia, and a meal of heart beef stew with POH-TAY-TOES and Lembas bread. Questions? Contact 480-362-6600.

23 NATIVE AMERICAN RECOGNITION DAY CELEBRATION, Roundhouse Café (11 AM - 1 PM) and Two Waters Courtyard (6 PM - 9 PM) Everyone is welcome—come celebrate with us! For more information, see ad on page 12.

25 CM BUTLER DISTRICT A MEETING, 6 p.m. at SRPMIC Council Chambers. Information: <https://tinyurl.com/MeetingsCouncil> | SRPMIC Council Secretaries Office: (480) 362-7469. For the district meeting agenda, please visit the SRPMIC Council District Meeting information website: <https://tinyurl.com/SRPMICDMS>

26 NATIVE AMERICAN RECOGNITION DAY - SRPMIC OFFICES CLOSED, Please plan accordingly.

26 WALK FOR O'ODHAM PIIPAASH, this year's walk will begin at Lehi Gathering Grounds. For full details, see ad on page 12.

30 VOICES OF SUMMER: A WATER STORY, 5-7 p.m. at Council Chambers. A light meal will be provided. The Salt River Speaker Series, Hosted by ACM Lena Jackson presents: Salt River Project - A Water Story, A presentation by Leslie Meyers, Chief Water Executive, Salt River Project, focused on the region's water history and stewardship. Open to the public - all are welcome. Questions: SummerSpeakerSeries@srpmic-nsn.gov See ad on page 9 for more information.

30 READY? SET? LEARN! FAMILY SUPPORT AND SAFETY NIGHT WITH SALT RIVER SCHOOLS, ALA Cafeteria from 5:30-7:30PM. Parents and guardians with SRPMIC-enrolled children attending any school are invited to this FREE, special event co-hosted by School & Community Relations and Safe Schools & Security. We'll share essential information from your child's school, such as attendance expectations, important events, and academic resources, as well as critical safety tips to prepare families for the upcoming school year. JOIN US FOR Activities, RESOURCES & PRIZES! See ad on page 8 for more information.

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4 ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI MISSION CHURCH FEAST DAY, 3090 N. Longmore Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85256. Mass at 9:30 a.m., blessing of the animals, lunch served. Benediction at 5:30 p.m. Also featuring raffle and drawing, bingo, cake walk, games, music, vendor spaces. St. Francis will not be responsible for any injury, theft, or accidents. Sale items are to be appropriate to the general public. Drugs, alcohol and weapons are not allowed. For more info, contact 480-994-0952.