



Happy New Year! As we welcome 2026, let's look back at 2025...
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WHAT'S YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION?



Tiaré Begay-Smith

"To study more and get a five on my AP exam."



Selena Aguilar

"To travel more."



Nicole Carlos

"To be better than I was this year."



Jessica Salazar

"To finish my Masters and receive honors."



Ipa Dutchover

"To attend more dances. More wailas, more chicken scratches, all of that."



Deanna Scabby

"To of course get into better health."



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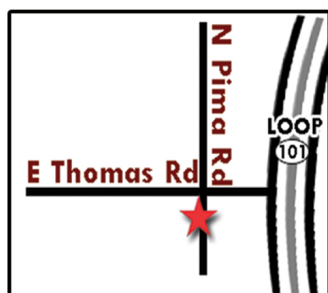
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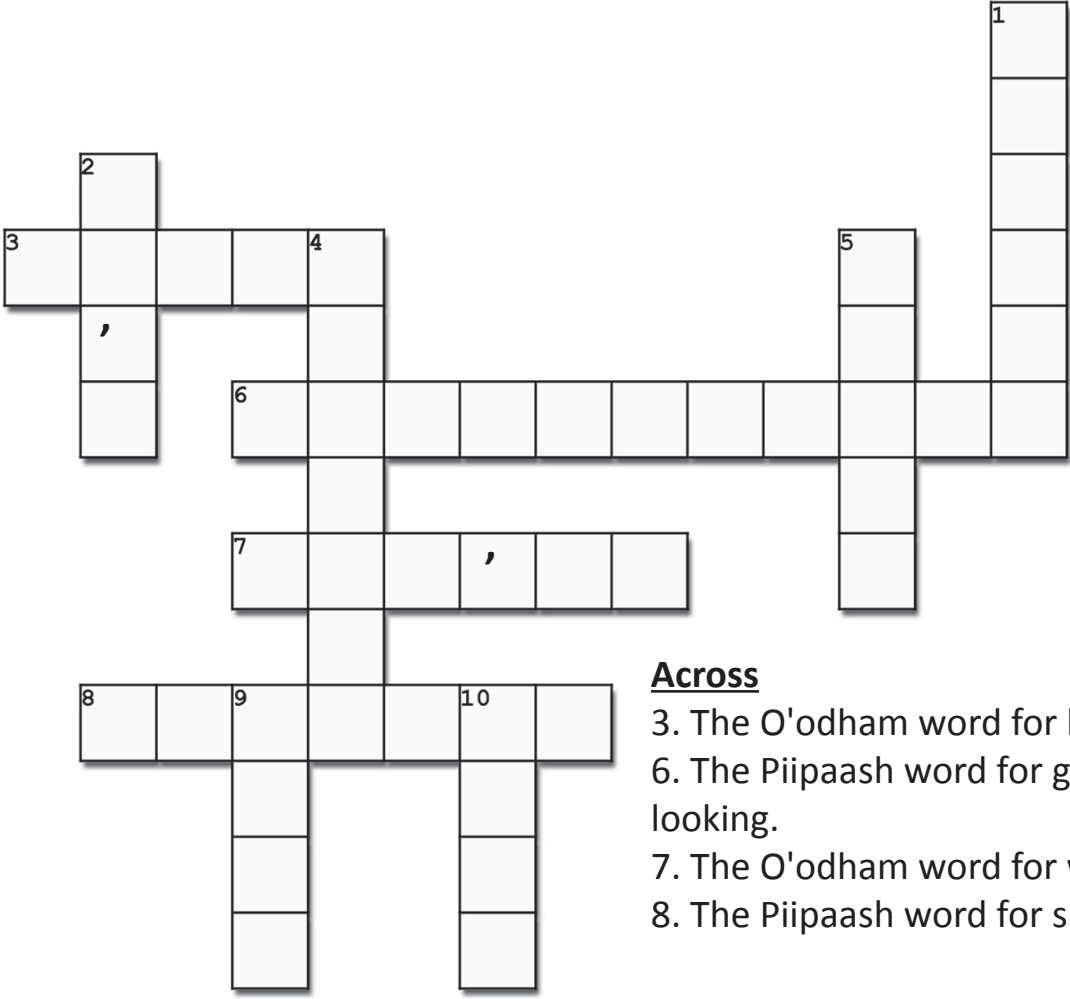
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Can you solve the crossword puzzle?



O'odham Words

- Ne'e (Singing)
- Vaila (Dancing)
- Sekik (Happy)
- Sape (it's good)
- Tac'cu (Want)

Piipaash Words

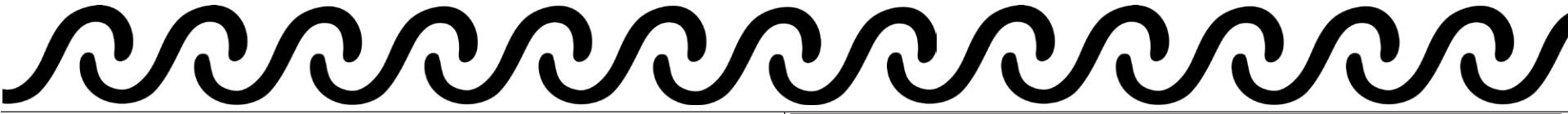
- Shmaak (Dream)
- Kshvarm (laugh)
- Chmmusk (Smile)
- Mark (Win)
- Chxot lyviik (be good-looking)

Across

- 3. The O'odham word for happy.
- 6. The Piipaash word for good-looking.
- 7. The O'odham word for want.
- 8. The Piipaash word for smile.

Down

- 1. The Piipaash word for dream.
- 2. The O'odham word for singing.
- 4. The Piipaash word for laugh.
- 5. The O'odham word for dancing.
- 9. The Piipaash word for win.
- 10. The O'odham word for it's good.



The collaboration between The Foster Alliance and the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community continued on this 2025 holiday season with the donation of 75+ bikes, scooters and helmets for SRPMIC children.

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Here in the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, the 2025 holiday season got a bit sweeter thanks to some recent donations from a local nonprofit.

The Foster Alliance provides support to Arizona children enrolled in foster care and the families who care for them. In 2024, the nonprofit served nearly 10,000 children in the state, which included distributing nearly 3,000 back-to-school backpacks.

Furthermore, throughout the year the nonprofit provides foster families and children with essential services such as assistance with foster care licensing; the Birthday Dreams program, which helps celebrate birthdays with personalized gifts; as well as the annual toy drive for foster youth ages 0 to 21.

On Dec. 10, staff from The Foster Alliance filled two of their travel vans with bicycles, scooters and helmets for

SRPMIC foster children enrolled with SRPMIC Social Services.

Community staff greeted The Foster Alliance and began unloading both vans. They held the bicycles and scooters in one of the nearby department conference rooms before the Social Services team began handing them out to children.

"We brought 61 bikes and 14 scooters, all with helmets," revealed Cierra Bos, director of finance and operations for The Foster Alliance. Bos was joined by her colleague, Shawn Pendergrast, director of programs, for the Community donation drop-off.

"These bikes and scooters were donated or funded through some of our corporate groups," shared Bos.

She also detailed that The Foster Alliance and the SRPMIC have enjoyed a collaboration for the last five years. "We have an ongoing partnership," said Bos with a cheerful smile.





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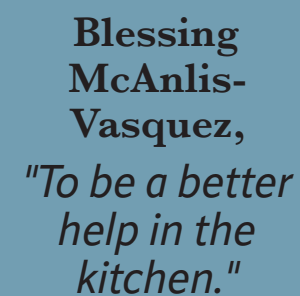
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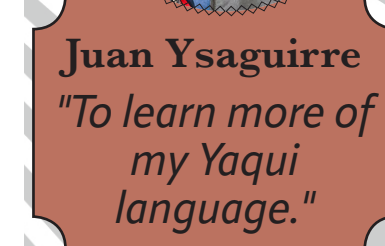
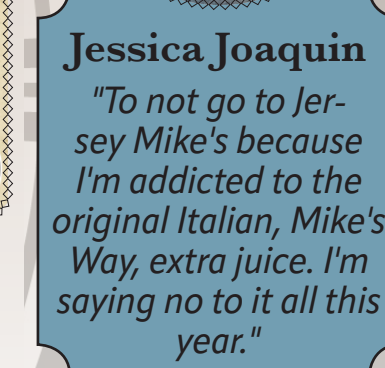
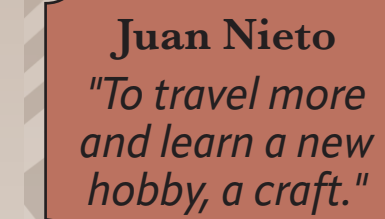
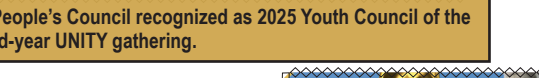
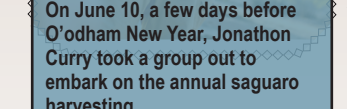
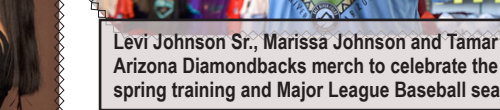
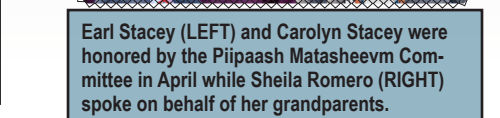
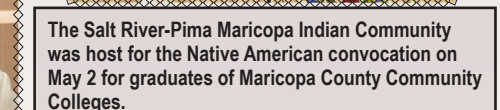
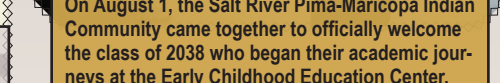
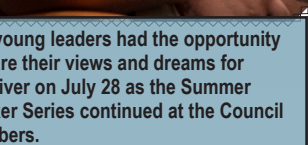
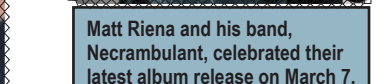
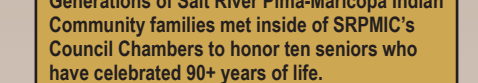
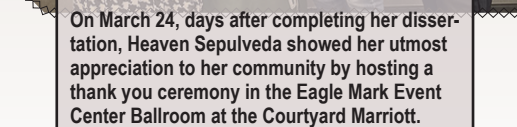
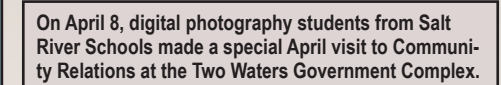
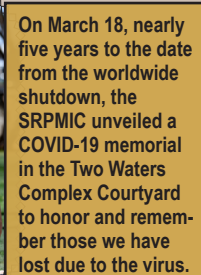
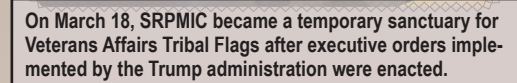
YEAR IN REVIEW



Janet Johnson
*"To bead more as
 a hobby and to
 restock my
 beading."*



On March 28, after 33 years of service to the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, Capt. Velasquez "Vel" Sneezy retired.



Reading All the Way at the Accelerated Learning Academy

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Christmas magic made its way into the Accelerated Learning Academy gymnasium. On Dec. 11 departments around the Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community and Salt River Schools partnered together to host an event where everything is centered around literacy books and reading.

A little over 20 booths were provided for different department, they shared resources and fun holiday

treats for those who visited and were decorated with their own unique holiday



twist. The Christmas-themed event brought in visitors dressed in holiday fun. Attendees also had the chance to win fun goodies with raffle tickets that were handed out upon entering the event. Food was also provided by Panda Express; beef and broccoli and chow mien plates were available just outside the gymnasium.

“Our main goals included providing a family literacy presentation where storytelling and culture were shared, and providing an opportunity for families to meet with various departments, visit with Santa, and pick up resources for their family.” said Trinidad Yazzie, Child Care Development Fund Project Coordinator.

Diné author Daniel Vandever and Diné illustrator Deon Mitchell attended and hosted a special meet-and-greet from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m., they interacted with the kids and handed out copies of their book “We Weave” a story about a Navajo boy and his grandmother who use their traditional art and creativity to purchase a computer as we see school’s transition to digital learning.

Rocks were provided by the Salt

River Materials Group for a fun area dedicated to rock painting, and right next to that a photo opportunity with Santa Claus was available, photos were taken by Taté Walker.

“I love to see people happy and having a great time – taking photos, painting, and learning something new. Meeting new students and their families is always fun and at the same time, highlighting Indigenous literacy, culture, and arts is a bonus.” said Yazzie.

The plan to bring in more families and continue providing resources in a fun family friendly way continues at Salt River Schools.

Keep up with the latest at Salt River Schools by scanning the QR Code to view the calendar!



Families had the opportunity for a photo with Santa.



Goodies galore!



Youngsters were excited to dive into new reading adventures.



Rock painting served as a fun activity with rocks provided by Salt River Materials Group.



It was a packed house for the Reading All the Way Event.



Annamari Hogan (LEFT) and Katrina M. Ruiz (RIGHT), happily showed up to pick-up the assortment of toys, athletic equipment, stuffed animals and more for the annual Holiday Toy Drive Poker Tournament.

Holiday Toy Drive Poker Tournament Brings Smiles to All

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Katrina M. Ruiz and Annamari Hogan made their way to the Talking Stick Resort and Casino on Dec. 9 for a special holiday surprise for Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community youth and their families.

Ruiz is a child support specialist and Hogan is senior counselor with Behavior Health.

The Holiday Toy Drive Poker Tournament is an annual event that raises money for the SRPMIC Christmas Angels program, for which Ruiz and Hogan volunteer their time throughout the year.

Beginning in November, poker players had several buy-in options to choose from as well as the opportunity to donate new and unused toys valued at least \$10. The funds and toys were later given to Ruiz and Hogan.

Community residents donated stuffed animals, basketballs, toy cars, Tonka trucks and more, helping to create magical memories for Community children and their families this holiday season.

Stay tuned for more coverage of this year’s 2025 Holiday Toy Drive Poker Tournament in an upcoming issue of *O'odham Action News*.

SKS Shares the Holiday Joy

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On Dec. 17th Salt River Elementary School held their annual holiday Jingle Jog. Families, students, and friends gathered at the school’s courtyard to begin stretching with Scottsdale Community College mascot Artie the Artichoke and Sammy the Squirrel from The Great Wolf Lodge. The school also had a very special guest who traveled all the way from the north pole, Santa Claus stopped by to offer more stretches and encouragement to kids and parents before the run began and was later seen with Artie and Sammy cheering runners as they make their way back to the end of the route. A cup of how chocolate and candy canes were waiting as everyone started making their way back into the courtyard. The festivities came to an end with a sing along of Christmas carols.



S'edav Va'aki Hosts Annual Indian Market

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The morning birds sang as guests gathered at the S'edav Va'aki Museum, formerly known as Pueblo Grande Museum, for the 48th annual Indian Market on Dec. 13 and 14.

Although the Phoenix museum recently changed its name, excitement for the annual market has stayed the same. Museum representative Rosetta Walker said, "[The market] has been pretty steady because people know [that] Pueblo Grande, now S'edav Va'aki Museum, has been doing an Indian Market for the past 48 years. This is our third year with the new name."

She said that they are always looking for people to perform at the event. "I help get performers by going to other markets throughout the Valley and approaching them and seeing them, and we do try to stick with the southern tribes' performers because we are on the lands of the Hohokam," said Walker. The performers at this year's market included hoop dancer Tony Duncan, Gertie and the T.O. Boyz, O'odham dance group Chi'Chino Spirit, musician Gabriel Ayala and Jazzmenco. There were also tribal royalty presentations.

This year's featured market artist was August Wood, a Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community member. Wood was selected by the museum's association. "We are so excited August was available and said yes to our ask. August has been at the museum for a number of years, and his mentor was the late Ron Carlos, from whom he learned how to do the paddle board pottery method. He's demonstrating pottery today and also has the baskets," said Walker.

Wood shared some words about his experience as the market began on the first day. "A little bit of relief, excited, overwhelmed and tired, you know. It's been a long process going through everything that has happened so far. But to be here and to show off what I've been making has been pretty exciting and well received this morning so far. We'll see how today goes and tomorrow goes."

Miss Indian Arizona Sialik King attended the market, sharing a welcome greeting and a traditional O'odham song. The event also included a special market for young artists.



Gabriel Martinez shared his traditional handmade leather items.



August Wood holds up his pottery that has been on display.



Hua Ki: presented their items for sale at the Museum display.



Gertie and the T.O. Boyz played proudly for attendees.



Miss Indian Arizona Sialik King shares a smile with the crowd.

Senior Holiday Dinner

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Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community seniors were honored on Dec. 11 with a classic Christmas dinner and dance. The event was hosted by Senior Services at the Talking Stick Resort Grand Ballroom. The evening was filled with fun and cheer.

Caring for our elders is an important part of O'odham teachings. Emcee and Council member Jacob Butler shared a few words about his appreciation for our most experienced relatives.

"So, tonight, I wasn't sweating at all, and then I got up here and beads of sweat just started pouring down [my face]. I think it's because I don't want to let you down. I have a lot of respect for you, and I hope I do service to your dinner," said Butler.

The night included dinner, raffle drawings, live waila music by Gertie and the T.O. Boyz, and a visit from Santa. Seniors spent the night dancing with twists and turns to Gertie's top hits. Senior Services raffled off about 45 items presented in holiday wrapping paper. For dinner, guests were served steak with sides and a dessert.

Throughout the night, guests had the opportunity to check out the photo booth. The booth included different props for guests to take pictures with, and Santa would stop by, if requested. The night concluded with a thank-you. Smiles could be seen throughout the ballroom.

Seniors share smiles throughout the night from dancing the night away to posing with Santa Claus for a picture.





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National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day at USS Arizona Memorial Gardens at Salt River

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Visitors lined up along the edge of the parking lot at the USS Arizona Memorial Gardens at Salt River on Dec. 7 for the annual National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day Commemoration hosted by the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community.

"Today, we gather to reflect on the events of Dec. 7, 1941, when the attack on Pearl Harbor forever changed the course of our nation's history," began Pacer Reina, SRPMIC member and veteran of the U.S. Army 82nd Airborne Division (operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm).

"On that fateful morning, 353 Imperial Japanese aircraft launched from six aircraft carriers carried out a devastating surprise attack on the U.S. Navy base at Pearl Harbor. In a matter of minutes, 188 American aircraft were destroyed and all eight battleships and ports sustained damage."

The attack cost the lives of 2,403 service members and civilians, wounding 1,178 more.

One of the Navy ships docked at Pearl Harbor on that Sunday morning was the USS Arizona BB-39, which was named in honor of the state. Only 334 crew members aboard the ship survived the morning attack, which left 1,177 dead. The last living survivor of the attack on the USS Arizona, Lou Conter, died in 2024 at the age of 102.



Two Ira H. Hayes American Legion Post 84 members guard the ceremonial wreath during the ceremony.

The Memorial Gardens are built around a boathouse relic, which is a large piece of the USS Arizona. The relic was originally promised to a veteran's group in Honolulu, Hawai'i, by the U.S. Navy; however, the group agreed to part ways with it and the boathouse was gifted to the SRPMIC in 2018, thanks to efforts from a group that included SRPMIC Vice-President Ricardo Leonard



SRPMIC Vice-President Ricardo Leonard (right) and SRPMIC member Pacer Reina (left) breathe the flag as they hoist it up on the flag pole at USS Arizona Memorial Gardens at Salt River on Dec. 7.

and Ric Hartman, retired Army captain and former vice-president of corporate relations at Casino Arizona and Talking Stick Resort.

The Community paid for the cost of crating the estimated 4,800-pound relic from Hawai'i to the SRPMIC.

"When [the relic] left Hawai'i, from my understanding, it was followed out by a battleship halfway, and they gave full honors," said Leonard on the first episode of the USS Arizona Podcast. "Once it got to the mainland, the Seabees took over. They brought it and started to ship over. All military protocol was followed."

This year's commemoration began at 10 a.m. and was followed by the annual breathing of the flag ceremony, which has been conducted on each Dec. 7 since 2007, when the Community, in partnership with American Legion Post 114 (Bushmasters), was granted ownership of a flag from the USS Arizona.

Following the flag breathing was an "echo" or "antiphonal" version of "Taps," a custom of sounding the call with two buglers standing at a distance from each other to create an "echo" sound. This was followed by a 21-gun salute and the laying of a wreath.

Jenny Bement (White Earth Nation) was one of the antiphonal "Taps" performers. She is a high school marching band teacher and tours with the 16-piece Julia Keefe Indigenous Big Band on trumpet.

"My grandfather was in the Navy,

so today was really important for me to come and honor him," said Bement, who has now been invited by Discover Salt River tourism to perform at this annual event twice.

Bement was stationed across the water from the other "Taps" player along the edge of the commemorative columns that outline the actual perimeter of the original ship.

"Antiphonal 'Taps' is important for call and response. It's like a hollow echo of people passing," explained Bement.

"The first player is honoring the person who died, in my artistic viewpoint. The second player, like myself, playing the antiphonal part so far away, is like whispers of the past coming forward. They're still here, they're still breathing, they're still with us—not in the physical realm, but spiritually, and that spirituality coming back as a second player."

Kevin Riding-In, who served in the U.S. Marine Corps as an 0311 rifleman and corporal (E-4), was the Officer of the Day. He announced the dignitaries and guests as they arrived to be seated for the program.

"It's an amazing thing to have the USS Arizona Memorial on tribal land, because there have been so many Native Americans that served in our armed forces," said Riding-In, who regularly contributes his time to the annual event. "The SRPMIC always has done a great job honoring our veterans."

3 Takeaways:

- 2025 marks the 84th year since the attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941.
- SRPMIC hosted the annual National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day to honor the service members and civilians who died at Pearl Harbor.
- Learn from "Taps" performer Jenny Bement about the meaning behind the antiphonal "Taps" performance she was a part of during the program.

SRPMIC member Isabella Dockerty sang the national anthem in the O'odham language. Former SRPMIC Council member Tom Largo gave the invocation. Major Jon Corey, Ph.D. was a guest speaker during the program. Former SRPMIC Museum Curator Thomas Jackson spoke at the lectern about the history of the USS Arizona.

"The USS Arizona was the biggest ship that was ever built [back in] 1917," said Jackson. "She was the biggest warship in the world. She was also [fuel-based]. So, every bit of her was state of the art. It was christened with two champagne bottles. Because of Prohibition, the governor decided to take water from one of our lakes and have it christened with those bottles."

Jackson also shared knowledge about the design of the Memorial Gardens.

"If you see the design, it is the actual size of the USS Arizona itself. We found the original blueprint and laid it down, and this is how wide and big the USS Arizona actually is."



Jenny Bement performs the antiphonal Taps from across the water. This version of Taps is a "call and response" musical communication between two buglers or trumpet players.

The blueprint can be seen inside the relic room. After the program, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., the relic room was opened to the public.

To close out the commemoration, approximately 30 minutes after sunset at military twilight, the pillars in the water at the Memorial Gardens were illuminated in memory of those who died at Pearl Harbor.



2026 SRPMIC REFERENDUM ELECTION

Amendment to Change Taxable Gaming Per Capita Payments to Tax-Free General Welfare Payments

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2026

POLLS OPEN: 6:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.

District I (Salt River)
SALT RIVER GYMNASIUM

District II (Lehi)
LEHI COMMUNITY BUILDING

AT-A-GLANCE DATES TO REMEMBER

COMMUNITY MEMBER ONLY MEETING
JANUARY 13, 2026 (SALT RIVER)
JANUARY 22, 2026 (LEHI)
JANUARY 31, 2026 (SALT RIVER)

DEADLINE TO REQUEST ABSENTEE BALLOT
JANUARY 23, 2026

DEADLINE TO PROVIDE ADDRESS CHANGE TO OFFICE OF MEMBERSHIP
JANUARY 26, 2026

ELECTION QUESTIONS

(Regarding voting or election day matters)
Erica Harvier 480.362.7466 | Ardell Moore at 480.362.7465
Email: SaltRiverElections@srpmic-nsn.gov

SPECIFIC GENERAL WELFARE QUESTIONS

Office of the General Counsel
Niccole King, Simon Goldenberg or Theresa Rosier at 480-362-7450

LEGAL NOTICES

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

Spex, Brittany Arless- Adjudication Hearing: JV-25-0209 Date: February 5, 2026 at 9 A.M.

CIVIL COURT
JURISDICTION: SALT RIVER PIMA MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT
ADDRESS: 10040 EAST OSBORN RD. SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85256
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CIVIL COURT CASES REPORT TO COURTROOM #1/ #2 ON THE 1ST FLOOR.
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Andrews, Elijah Wade - Entry of Default Judgement/ Order to Show Cause Case: CV-25-4582 Court Date: February 2, 2026 at 9 AM

Benitez, Roberto Lopez - Divorce Hearing Case: CV-25-4713 Court Date: February 12, 2026 at 9 AM

Carlos III, Justin Samuel - Order to Show Cause Hearing Case: CV-25-0598 Court Date: January 28, 2026 at 9:30 AM

Enos, Yvonne Risa - Annual Guardianship Review/Order to Show Cause Hearings Case: CF-15-0120 Court Date: January 29, 2026 at 11:00 AM

Goodwin, Heather - Entry of Default Judgement/Order to Show Cause Hearings Case Case: CV-25-0900 Court Date: January 12, 2026 at 9 AM

Hill, Eagle Dancing Deer - Evidentiary Paternity Hearing Case: CV-26-0032 Court Date: February 12, 2026 at 10:00 AM

Ludlow II, Samuel - Initial Guardianship Hearing Case: CV-26-0374 Court Date: January 21, 2026 at 11 AM

Maez Sr., Scotty Joe - Emergency Temporary Guardianship Hearing Case: CV-26-0504 Court Date: February 2, 2026 at 9:30 AM

Nahsonhoya, Damien Ray - Probate Status Hearing In The Matter of Juanita Kay James Case: P-21-0007 Court Date: January 30, 2026 at 2:30 PM

Pacheco, Rosario - Emergency Temporary Guardianship Hearing Case: CV-26-0501 Court Date: February 2, 2026 at 9:30 AM

Pesis, Neaveh - Initial Guardianship Hearing Case: CV-25-4580 Court Date: January 22, 2026 at 11 AM

Pesis, Nevaeh-Leilani Cheyanne-Seanoa - Initial Guardianship Hearing Case: CV-25-4505 Court Date: January 22, 2026 at 11 AM

Washington, Micheal Lee Evidentiary Guardianship Hearing: JV-25-0012 Date: February 4, 2026 at 9 A.M.

Williams, Bryann Lynn - Probate Status Hearing In The Matter of Juanita Kay James: P-21-0007 Court Date: January 30, 2026 at 2:30 PM

PUBLIC WORKS NOTICE

SRPMIC Council has approved the nightly closures of the Salt River and Lehi Cemeteries due to continued vandalism. The Salt River and Lehi Cemeteries will be closed from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. If you have any questions, please contact Memorial Services at (480) 278-7050

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ISSUE	DEADLINE AT NOON
JANUARY 15	JANUARY 2
FEBRUARY 5	JANUARY 16
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Salt River Public Works Department
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For Any Questions Call: (480) 278-7050	



Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community



NOTICE
2026 Annual
Agricultural Lease

The 2026 Annual Agricultural Lease payment to landowners will be made by mail, direct deposit, or SRPMIC Pay Card only. There will be no in person payout.

On **Friday, January 30, 2026**, Agricultrual Lease Payments will be disbursed. Payments will be mailed to your address on file or, if you have elected to use direct deposit, disbursement will occur to the bank information on file with the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community ("SRPMIC") Finance Department. Incorrect information will cause a delay in receiving your payment. To setup Direct Deposit or to update your current banking information please complete the Direct Deposit Form, which can be found on the SRPMIC website (<https://srpmic-nsn.gov>). For address changes please contact:

SRPMIC Vendor Maintenance, ph: (480) 362-7729

(staff is available Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Arizona time)

The last day for Agricultural Lease Payment updates is January 5, 2026.
Please call as soon as possible.

Pay Card disbursement will be placed onto your SRPMIC Pay Card on Friday, January 30, 2026. To sign up for a SRPMIC Pay Card for your lease payment or to add your lease payment to an already issued SRPMIC Pay Card, please contact the SRPMIC Finance Department at (480) 362-7620. The last day for Agricultural Lease Payment updates is January 5, 2026.

Payments less than \$15.00. For checks less than \$15.00, landowners will need to contact the SRPMIC Finance Department and request that a check be mailed. Agricultural lease checks will be processed 7-10 business days following the January 30, 2026 payment. All direct deposit and Pay Card payments will be disbursed regardless of the amount.

Questions? Contact the SRPMIC Finance Leasing Payment Office (480) 362-7730.
**Agricultural lease payments will be made based upon farmer payments received by January 2, 2026.*

DEFAULT NOTICES

ENOS, YVONNE RISA
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CF-15-0120

In the Matter of: R.V.F. (D.O.B. 9/25/2014)

To: Yvonne Risa Enos

YOU ARE HEREBY ORDERED to appear before the above-entitled court on the 29th day of January 2026 at 11:00 AM, in Court Room #1, and show cause why you should not be held in contempt for failing to appear for a Annual Guardianship hearing on September 3, 2025 and October 23, 2025 after being duly served.

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 this 2nd day of December, 2025.

JANAYA JOHNSON, JUDGE, SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT

GOODWIN, HEATHER
DEFAULT NOTICE
CV-25-0900

Michelle Baptisto v. Heather Goodwin

To: Heather Goodwin, 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: November 7, 2025

CLERK OF THE SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY TRIBAL COURT

GOODWIN, HEATHER
DEFAULT NOTICE
CV-25-1968

Trinity Manuel/Lance Grey v. Heather Goodwin

To: Heather Goodwin, 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: November 3, 2025

CLERK OF THE SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY TRIBAL COURT

GOODWIN, HEATHER
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CV-25-0900

Michelle Baptisto v. Heather Goodwin

To: Heather Goodwin; Respondent

YOU ARE HEREBY ORDERED to appear before the above-entitled court on the 12th day of January, 2026 at 9:00 AM, in Court Room #1, and show cause why you should not be held in contempt for failing to appear for a hearing on Monday, November 3, 2025 after being duly served.

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 this 3rd day of November, 2025.

ARISTINA SANCHEZ, JUDGE SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT

PEREZ, JANELLE
DEFAULT NOTICE
CV-25-4593

Country Club Cars v. Janelle Perez

To: Janelle Perez, 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: December 5, 2025

CLERK OF THE SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY TRIBAL COURT

WEBSTER, CRYSTAL
DEFAULT NOTICE
CV-25-4594

Country Club Cars

To: Crystal Webster, 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: December 8, 2025

CLERK OF THE SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY TRIBAL COURT

Salt River Rodeo Committee's

2026 SPRING
HORSE CAMP

March 13, 14 & 15, 2026

Application Pick up: Round House 11am 1/20/2026

Deadline return: Round House 11am 2/3/2026

Contact Angie Silversmith 480-242-1432

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Andrea Stepp 480-232-3485

Limited to 35 Participants

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SALT RIVER CHURCH LISTINGS

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

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1512 E. McDowell Rd. Mesa, AZ 85203
Pastor Neil Price
(480) 278-0750
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Pastor Annette Lewis
annette.f.lewis@gmail.com
(480) 404-3284
SERVICES: Sunday Services 10 a.m., Communion First Sundays at 10 a.m.
Birthday Sunday Potluck- Last Sunday of the Month, after services.
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(480) 947-1084
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Scottsdale, AZ 85256
Pastor Marty Thomas
(480) 874-3016/ Home: (480) 990-7450
SERVICES: Sunday service 11 a.m.
Lord's Supper every first Sunday of the month (potluck after)

SALT RIVER ASSEMBLY OF GOD
10657 E. Virginia Ave. Scottsdale, AZ 85256
Rev. WinterElk Valencia
(480) 947-5278
saltriveragchurch.com
SERVICES: Sunday Morning Prayer 10 a.m., Worship 11 a.m., Thursday Bible Study 6pm

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430 N. Dobson Rd. Suite 105
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PROPOSED TRUANCY CODE CHANGES

The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Council has approved proposed changes to the Truancy Code to move into the public comment period. This document explains what these changes accomplish and how they could benefit Community Members and families. Clean and redline copies of the changes are available for review.

1. THE NEW CODE FOCUSES ON SUPPORT, NOT PUNISHMENT.

This keeps kids in school by addressing problems early and supporting families.

- Current code relies mainly on fines issued to youth and/or parents.
 - New code requires schools to offer supportive services first: mentoring, counseling, tutoring, transportation help, and more.
 - Emphasizes positive reinforcement, not punishment.
2. THE NEW CODE CREATES SHARED RESPONSIBILITY BETWEEN PARENTS, SCHOOLS, AND STUDENTS.

- Current code places most responsibility on the youth and parents.
 - New code adds clear duties for parents and Education.
 - Clarifies definitions and requirements so that families become partners in solving attendance issues, not targets of blame.
3. THE NEW CODE REQUIRES EARLY, SUPPORTIVE INTERVENTION.

Helps children and families before issues get worse.

- Currently, action typically happens after violations occur.
 - New code begins support (not citation) after 3 unexcused absences.
 - Requires creation of an Attendance Support Plan (ASP) with the family.
4. THE NEW CODE INCLUDES SERVICES AND SUPPORTS FOR PARENTS.

Provides practical and cultural support to strengthen families. Examples include:

- Parenting workshops
- Cultural parenting circles

• Family counseling

• Help accessing benefits, childcare, and healthcare
5. THE CODE ADDS REASONABLE CONSEQUENCES FOR PARENTS, BUT ONLY IF SUPPORTS ARE REFUSED OR INEFFECTIVE.

Consequences are fair and tied directly to helping children succeed.

- Support always comes first.
 - If a parent refuses support, or if the supports are not effective in solving the attendance issue, the Court may order:
 - Community service
 - Parenting classes
 - Weekly check-ins
 - Fines
 - Education-related service projects
 - Other consequences connected to school attendance
6. THE NEW CODE STRENGTHENS CULTURAL VALUES AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT.

Reflects Community values and promotes collective responsibility.

- Encourages elder mentorship, community service, and cultural workshops.
 - Increases connection between families, schools, and tribal programs.
7. THE GOAL: BETTER ATTENDANCE, STRONGER FAMILIES, AND SAFER FUTURES.

Improves student success and family stability across the Community.

- Reduces barriers to school attendance.
 - Encourages trust between schools and families.
 - Promotes healing rather than punishment.
 - Ensures fairness and due process.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN PUBLIC COMMENT

Community Members are invited to read the proposed laws and submit comments or questions.
Public Comment Period ends March 3, 2026.

How to Comment: You may access draft ordinance materials and make your Comments to the Office of the General Counsel at the following link: <https://srpmicnsn.gov/government/ogc/proposed-ordinances/>. Additionally, the ordinances will be presented at several Council district meetings, and comments can be provided in person.
Finally, you can email your comments directly to Chief Prosecutor Alane Breland at Alane.Breland@SRPMIC-nsn.gov

COMMUNITY MEMBER ONLINE MEETING

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Proposed Name Change of

Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community

OUR NAME IS PART OF OUR STORY AND YOUR INPUT HELPS DECIDE HOW THAT STORY IS TOLD.



JANUARY 17, 2026 | 10AM

Link: www.tinyurl.com/SRPMICNamechange

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SRMG'S GIVES BACK TO THE COMMUNITY

This holiday season, the Salt River Materials Group (SRMG) team came together to support meaningful community initiatives that uplift families and youth across the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community.

The Chaparral team organized a food drive to help replenish the **Salt River Food Bank**, which serves families residing within the Salt River Community boundaries. Staff generously donated essential items such as cases of water, noodles, rice, beans, cereal, and more. SRMG is grateful to the Food Bank staff for their continued dedication to serving the community, and we look forward to supporting future efforts. We also encourage others to give back whenever possible.

In addition, SRMG employees from the Sales & Marketing, Administration, Order Management, Human Resources, and Finance departments proudly participated in the Christmas Angels Program. Team members selected children and families to shop for and purchase holiday gifts in partnership with Social Services. We extend our thanks the **Social Services Department** for including SRMG in this year's program.

Lastly, SRMG was happy to contribute to the **Salt River Schools'** Reading All the Way event by donating rocks produced by the Salt River Sand & Rock unit. Students enjoyed painting the rocks and creating special designs to share with their families. We appreciate our ongoing partnership with Salt River Schools and look forward to continued collaboration.

We hope everyone had a joyful holiday season and look forward to connecting with the community again in the new year!



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

ONGOING

- DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP**, 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month from 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. in room 3104 (Cloud), 3rd floor of RPHC. This free, confidential, and safe group of individuals support one another by utilizing their collective experiences and learned wisdom. This gathering is for adults diagnosed with diabetes. For more information, contact (480) 362-3355.
- REZ READERS**, Third Thursdays through December. Looking for a good book and a nice place to talk about it? Then come join Community Recreational Services and Salt River Tribal Library for the new Rez Readers Book Club. A club where we will focus on native authors and themes for fiction to some non-fiction reads and engage in some great conversations as we all share our insight, thoughts and experiences throughout each book. Starting October 16th, Rez Readers will meet every 3rd Thursdays, October - December from 5:30pm to 7:00pm. Copies of the books will be available for check out (while supplies last). Questions Contact 480-362-6600/TribalLibrary@SRPMIC-nsn.gov
- 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.
- 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.
- 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 480-362-6600 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.
- 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.
- VOICES OF SURVIVORS: SEXUAL ASSAULT SUPPORT GROUP**, Mondays 6 p.m. - 7 p.m. Join us to promote strength, resilience, and knowledge of ways to prevent victimization. Program scheduled until November 24 at 10177 E. Osborn Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85256. Snacks and refreshments will be provided. To register or reserve a spot, contact 480-362-5425 or email Jacqueline.Urrea@srpmic-nsn.gov

- JANUARY 'AUPPA HIOSIG MAŞAD XLY'A SHENTHIK**
- 6 THRIVING WITH DIABETES**, 5:30 p.m. at River People Health Center Teaching Kitchen. Join us for our first Thriving with Diabetes sessions of the year--now featuring a NEW 30-minute diabetes-friendly cooking class at the end of each session. Learn practical tips for managing diabetes, improving nutrition, understanding lab values, and more, while picking up four new healthy recipes. To register, call 480-362-3355
- 10 SENIOR SERVICES OPEN HOUSE**, Calling all Community seniors 55+ and their family members! Join us for a fun, interactive tour to explore the many services available to you. Meet our friendly staff and learn how we can help support your goals for healthy, happy living! Meal for the first 200 guests. Seating will be outside, so bundle up! Sat., Jan. 10 | 9 am - 1 pm Salt River Senior Center Parking available in rear and dirt lots. Questions? 480.362.7386
- 13 COMMUNITY MEMBER ONLY INFORMATIONAL MEETING - 2026 REFERENDUM ELECTION**, 6 p.m. at Salt River Community Building. Community members are invited to attend upcoming informational meetings regarding the 2026 Referendum Election. See ad on page 13 for more information!
- 15 ADULT WIOA ORIENTATION**, 9 a.m. at Two Waters Building B Room B102 - X'aa Cottonwood. Learn about WIOA Eligibility requirements; program services for enrolled participants; guidance toward obtaining career goals through education & training. Contact: Salt River WIOA Program @ (480) 362-7950

- 17 ONLINE COMMUNITY MEMBER ONLY INFORMATIONAL MEETING - 2026 REFERENDUM ELECTION**, 10 a.m. Community members are invited to attend upcoming informational meetings regarding the 2026 Referendum Election. See ad on page 15 for complete details on how to attend!
- 19 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY**, Offices closed. Please plan accordingly.
- 22 COMMUNITY MEMBER ONLY INFORMATIONAL MEETING - 2026 REFERENDUM ELECTION**, 6 p.m. at Lehi Community Building. Community members are invited to attend upcoming informational meetings regarding the 2026 Referendum Election. See ad on page 13 for more information!
- 24 SRPMIC O'ODHAM PIIPAASH DAY**, Save the date! Additional details will be shared as the event date gets closer.
- 31 COMMUNITY MEMBER ONLY INFORMATIONAL MEETING - 2026 REFERENDUM ELECTION**, 9 a.m. at Salt River Community Building. Community members are invited to attend upcoming informational meetings regarding the 2026 Referendum Election. See ad on page 13 for more information!

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