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Myson Galindo Named to UNITY's 25 Under 25

The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community member and Saguaro High School student was recently selected to join the prestigious youth leadership program.

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Superstar Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community member and Young River People's Council correspondent secretary Myson Galindo has etched his name into the record books once again.

Galindo was recently selected to UNITY's 25 Under 25 leader-

ship program in the class of 2026-27.

To make matters extra special for the Community, UNITY 25 Under 25 Class of 2020 member Kennise McGertt announced the names for the new class live from the Talking Stick Golf Course on April 30.

Galindo now joins McGertt and Caleb Dash as the only

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Myson Galindo can now add "25 Under 25" honoree to his growing list of achievements.

Memorial Day Ceremony at Lehi Veterans Memorial

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Flags representing each branch of the U.S. military stirred in the quiet early morning Lehi breeze as the sun climbed over Red Mountain.

The American flag waved tallest in the middle as the sunlight illuminated the red desert soil surrounding the Lehi Cemetery on May 25 during the Memorial Day program.

Community members filed into the new Veterans Memorial to pay homage to the brave men and women who gave their lives while serving in the U.S. military.

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Harvey Wilson Acosta, the grandson of Lehi resident and Vietnam veteran John F. Wilson Jr., reads "In Flanders Fields," also known as "The Poppy Poem," by John McCrae as Pastor Len Andrews, President Martin Harvier, and Council member Michael Dallas look on.

Salt River Elementary Students with Good Attendance Play at Great Wolf Lodge



Benisio Sandoval was one of the high-achieving students treated to a day of play at the Great Wolf Lodge.

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For the third year, indoor water park and resort Great Wolf Lodge teamed up with Salt River Schools to treat students with good attendance to a day out in the water.

Students must have had good attendance for the entire school year, which means two or fewer

absences and four or fewer tardies. The school year wrapped up in May.

Violet the Wolf joined the fun, greeted the students and posed for a group photo.

The popular lodge provided 21 students from kindergarten through sixth grade a pizza lunch, ice cream and two cabananas to hang out at in between

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Well Wishes to the Outgoing Miss Salt River Royalty



Left to right: Jr. Miss Salt River 1st Attendant Aiyanna Toya, Jr. Miss Salt River Tiaré Begay-Smith, and Miss Salt River Emma Scabby as they arrive at the Young River People's Council O'odham New Year Celebration in the summer of 2025. OAN File Photo.

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June marks the end of a successful year with the 2025-26 Miss Salt River and Jr. Miss Salt River courts. Each June, girls vie for the titles of Miss Salt River and Jr. Miss Salt River. These three girls have represented the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community over the last year.

Miss Salt River Emma Scabby

"Good day, my name is Emma Scabby. I am the

daughter of Adrienne Scabby and Robert Scabby. My paternal grandparents are Deanna Scabby and Robert Scabby (bad), and my maternal grandparents are Gloria Ross and Andrew Roan. I've recently graduated from Westwood High School and received my diploma while [serving as] Miss Salt River."

Scabby's platform event was Vospo 'Chuumashuum. Vospo is a Yalychidom Piipaash song and dance series that was dreamt by a Lehi leader named Xat 'iishaaly.

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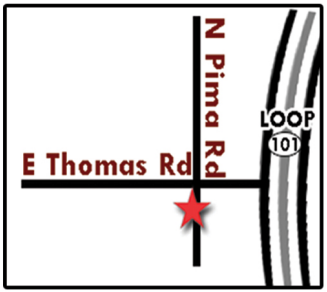
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New Youth Worker at SRPMIC Community Relations Office

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Summer Youth Worker Nari Rodriguez.

Hiya, I'm a youth worker for Community Relations. Here's a little about me. I'm 16 and the oldest of seven siblings, three girls and four boys. Most of my time is taken up by my family. They're super important to me, so I'll likely be chilling somewhere on the couch with my little brother right next to me or cracking jokes with my other brother. If I'm not lounging around, I'm probably playing video games.

Every so often I'll play "Resident Evil 4," but my go-to games are "Minecraft" and "Fortnite." I like "Fortnite" because I'll always ask one of my friends to play with me, and because it's summer, sometimes that's the only way I can spend time with them, even if it's just an hour.

Speaking of friends, I'm going to be a senior this school year, so I'm super excited to graduate and see where life takes me. Staying on the topic of school, my favorite classes are math and science, and my favorite electives are ceramics and music and audio production.

I would like to say one of my main hobbies is music. I like to listen to music and find new songs that itch my brain. I like composing and writing lyrics to help process big emotions. I like to sing obnoxiously loud in the comfort of my own home, and I like to dabble in playing instruments like guitar and piano. Hopefully someday I'll make it as a popular music producer in a nice big studio.

One of my other hobbies is ceramics. I only got to make things during school, but I still found it really fun. I like being at the wheel and making whatever my heart desires. I think I find a lot of peace when the clay is spinning under my fingers. I hope to achieve that same peace through my time here at CRO, and I hope this work opportunity will be a wonderful experience.



Melissa Ray
ASU

I love that you push through all our tough obstacles and continue to reach for higher goals! You're going to get your Master's in no time. Congratulations and love you bud! - Paige Bueno



Cambria Touches The Clouds Gates
Rogue Community College

Huge congratulations on graduating, Cambria! Your hard work and dedication have officially paid off. I'm so incredibly proud of you, and can't wait to see what you do next!



Hailey Elizabeth Brown
Westwood High School

WHOOO! Congrats Hailey!! With all your hard work & late nights, it was all worth it. Your whole family is very proud of you! We can't wait to see your next accomplishment. With Love, Brown & Chiago Families

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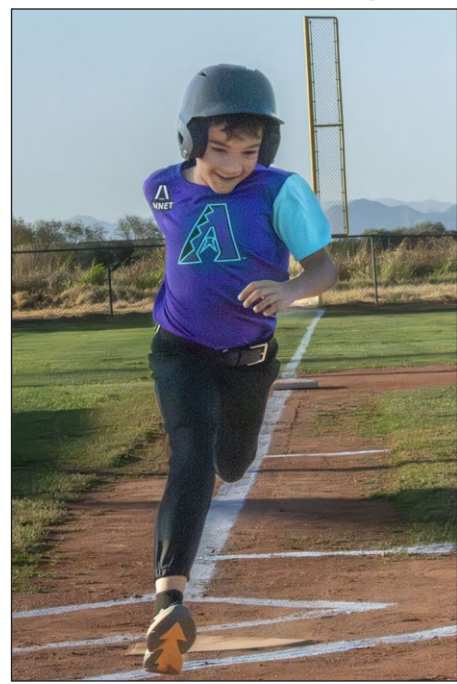
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Youth Leagues Wrap Up

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Salt River Elementary Students with Good Attendance Play at Great Wolf Lodge



Theodore Martinez flies across home plate.



The leagues are designed to teach young players the fundamentals of baseball.



Violet Wolf greeted the bright young students in her classic friendly fashion to great enthusiasm.

splashing around.

“Great Wolf Lodge treats us so well!” said Dawn Burstyn-Meyers, Music and Movement teacher at Salt River Elementary.

The students enjoyed swimming out to the Slap Tail Pond and taking a lazy ride floating down Crooked Creek. Before eating lunch, they took another group photo in front of the Talking Stick Treehouse.



Academic achievers Aniah Antone (front) and Lilliana McLevain stay steady as they cross the floating logs.

3 Takeaways:

- Great Wolf Lodge treated students with good attendance to a day out in the water, a meal and two cabanas.
- More than 20 students were recognized for their school attendance records.
- Violet the Wolf posed for a group photo with the students.

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The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community's Recreation Department hosted their annual coach pitch baseball league this spring. Youth ages 6 to 8 played in games at the Salt River Ballfield and the Von Hayes Field.

In March, parents signed up their junior athletes for t-ball or coach pitch leagues, depending on age. As teams were formed and practice sessions began, each team was given a special Arizona Diamondbacks jersey and baseball cap for the players to wear during games.

These leagues are designed to teach young players the fundamentals of baseball while also giving them an opportunity to be physically active and social.



The leagues also provide an opportunity to be active and social.

Games started on April 21 and ended in early June. The league is part of the Friendship Youth Sports League. Along with coach pitch and t-ball, Little League baseball also was offered.

Community Announcement Board Art Project Delivers Vibrant New Look



Saula Leyva helped bring beauty to the announcement boards one brush stroke at a time. Photos courtesy of Natasha Martinez, youth development specialist.

“Many of the boards have been painted over repeatedly, and some no longer have their original appearance because of the constant need for maintenance,” said Martinez. “As artists, we also want to encourage respect for public art. There is an understanding in many art communities that murals are meant to be left alone and appreciated. That’s something we’re trying to pass on to the younger generation through projects like this.”

CRO employees reached out to Youth Services earlier this year with an invitation to collaborate on the project after seeing the mural work they had completed recently.

In addition to deterring graffiti, Walker said that she hopes the Community will benefit from the announcement boards being more vibrant and brighter than the previous ones.

Martinez, Youth Development Specialist Alyssa Rodriguez and teens from the Color the Rez Graffiti Immersion Group began the first of 12 planned boards at locations throughout the Community at the Lonely Cactus announcement board in the Lonely Cactus neighborhood. There is no set timeline for completing all 12 locations, according to Martinez.

“Since the murals are being painted outdoors, our schedule is largely dependent on Arizona’s summer weather conditions,” said Martinez.

Walker is excited for Lehi to be represented with a mural. The artwork in Lehi will include pottery, gourds and Maricopa bird dancers.

“We wanted to do something for Lehi to represent them,” said Walker. “[Lehi residents] are really excited for this.”

Walker also wants to make it clear

that people are not to use any kind of tape to attach anything to the boards. The tape could damage the artwork. Instead, use the available clamps at each board.

Youth Services has several collaborations coming up with different SRPMIC departments. One current project is taking place at the River People Health Center, where a couple of indoor murals are being installed in the mothers’ rooms.

3 Takeaways:

- The SRPMIC Community Relations Office and Youth Services Department are working together on a new project to place Community announcement boards with colorful artwork.
- The previous boards were often vandalized or looked bare.
- Twelve new boards are planned at sites around the SRPMIC, beginning with the Lonely Cactus neighborhood and Lehi.

RIGHT: A mural showing harvested *hasañ bahidag* (O'odham) / 'a vqor (Piipaash), or saguaro fruit.



BELOW: A mural with a soaring *ñui* (O'odham) / *shee* (Piipaash), or buzzard.



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The Community Relations Office and the Youth Services Department in the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community recently teamed up to collaborate on a new Community Announcement Board art project, designed to replace the previous announcement boards posted throughout the Community.

CRO Secretary Kasheen Walker and Youth Development Specialist Natasha “Rezmo” Martinez both said that they hope the new art will help deter graffiti on the announcement boards.

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News and Events In and Around Indian Country

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Arizona Governor Visits All Tribes in State

Arizona Gov. Katie Hobbs, a Democrat who is up for reelection this year, announced this month that she has visited all 22 federally recognized tribes across the state. The milestone makes Hobbs the first governor to visit all the tribes in Arizona, according to the governor's office.

Hobbs listed two stops in the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, her first in 2023 and another in 2026. At each stop, Hobbs and tribal leaders discussed the importance of building and maintaining government-to-government relations.

White House Nominates Indian Health Service Director

The Indian Health Service could finally have a permanent director after more than a year of the position being vacant. President Donald Trump nominated Mark Cruz, a citizen of the Klamath Tribes, to lead the federal agency.

The position requires U.S. Senate confirmation. Cruz was nominated on June 1. Cruz currently serves as senior advisor to Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr.

Native American Candidate Seeks Phoenix City Council Seat

A citizen of the Delaware Nation is running for Phoenix City Council in November. Michael Mazzocco is seeking the seat for District 4, which spans central Phoenix roughly along McDowell Road east to 32nd Street and west to 61st Avenue.

The council has eight members and a mayor. Each is elected to a four-year term. Read more about Mazzocco's platform on his website.

Havasupai Tribe Awarded FEMA Money

The Havasupai Tribe in northern Arizona will receive around \$500,000 to repair tribal parks, public utilities and other facilities damaged by flooding in October 2024.

The funding is part of the FEMA's Public Assistance program announced in late May.

2SLGBTQIA+ Rainbow Gathering Set for August

The Southwest American Indian 2SLGBTQIA+ Rainbow Gathering will take place in Phoenix in August.

The gathering will be held at the Phoenix Indian Center from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Aug. 8. For more information, call (602) 264-6768 or email egeorge@phxindcenter.org.

What Is the 'Super' El Niño?

Remember the El Niño from 1997 and 2015? It's likely back, and experts expect the remainder of the year to be warmer and rainier than usual.

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It might officially be time to make sure you and your loved ones are prepared for the approaching "Super" El Niño.

El Niño, an occurrence of higher sea surface temperatures in the Pacific Ocean, got its name back in the 1600s, when Peruvian fishermen first reported warm water in the Pacific Ocean, which was unusual for the time. Back in those days, they used the full name, El Niño de Navidad, because generally the phenomenon peaks around the holidays in December.

Fast-forward a few centuries, and today weather experts and officials call it simply El Niño.

A "super" El Niño occurs when the average temperature of the sea surface in the eastern Pacific increases by 2° Celsius or more. The temperature shift in the ocean water creates a disruptive weather pattern across the globe.

El Niño reduces the strength of hurricanes that originate in the Atlantic Ocean while increasing storm activity in the Pacific Ocean. The weather phenomenon is responsible for crop damage, flooding, high winds and other severe weather impacts across the U.S. and around the world, and it can last almost a year—sometimes longer, depending on the severity.

In 2023 and 2024, El Niño made an appearance, but it was not as powerful as in previous years, particularly 1997, 1998, 2015 and 2016.

Some of us may be able recall strong El Niño-related storms here in Valley of the Sun in 1957, 1972, 1982 and 1991.

3 Takeaways:

- El Niño is a climate phenomenon that increases storm activity in the Southwest.
- The warming of the sea surface in the Pacific can bring severe heat and heavy rainfall, among other extreme weather impacts.
- Effects of El Niño should arrive in the southwestern part of the U.S. this summer, potentially lasting through February.

According to the Climate Prediction Center, El Niño is expected to return this summer, potentially bringing severe heat and flooding to Arizona. Experts estimate that once El Niño arrives, it will linger for a few months, potentially extending until February 2027.

Weather forecasters and experts have yet to officially announce how severe El Niño will be this year. El Niño doesn't guarantee extreme heat or flooding rains. Still, it can strengthen the storms associated with our summer monsoon season, so families should begin taking precautions and preparing for the uncertainty El Niño can bring.

Locally, the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community houses the Office of the Emergency Manager, located within the Salt River Fire Department. The office began in 2007 and takes an all-hazard approach, meaning trained staff can help families focus on actions to take to handle any crisis, whether it's natural (weather) or human-caused (active threats or power failure).

Those unsure of which steps to take in case of a weather-related emergency may contact SRPMIC Emergency Manager Charles Kmet at (480) 362-7927.

Arizona Votes!

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It's an election year in Arizona, and some important dates are approaching prior to Election Day on Nov. 3.

Arizona's primary election is scheduled for July 21, and the registration deadline for the primary is Monday, June 22. Early voting begins and early ballots are mailed starting on Wednesday, June 24. The primary election determines who will represent the political parties in the general election in November. Your Arizona primary ballot will include federal, state and county races, and it will vary based on your home address.

The Maricopa County website has an elections page with key links to check your registration status, register to vote, update your registration, find voting locations and even see a sample ballot. You also can register to vote by clicking the

voter registration link at the Arizona Department of Transportation website, <https://azmvdnow.gov/home>, or in person at your county recorder's office.

If you want to vote and return your ballot by mail, you can request a mail-in ballot and confirm that it was received and counted at the Arizona Secretary of State's voter information portal, my.arizona.vote.

To vote in person on July 21, be sure to bring your ID. Tribal IDs are accepted.

You don't have to register for each election as long as your registration status is up to date. Check your registration directly at my.arizona.vote or the Arizona Department of Transportation website.

In Arizona, voter registration applications must be completed 29 days prior to an election. For those not living in Arizona and voting in other states, check your state's secretary of state website.

Arizona Primary Election Dates

- **June 22:** Voter registration deadline for July 21 primary election
- **June 24:** Primary election ballots mailed out and early voting begins
- **July 10:** Last day to request a replacement mail ballot
- **July 14:** Last day to return your mail-in ballot. You can also drop off your mail-in ballot at a drop box or voting location any time before the election on July 21.
- **July 21:** Primary election day

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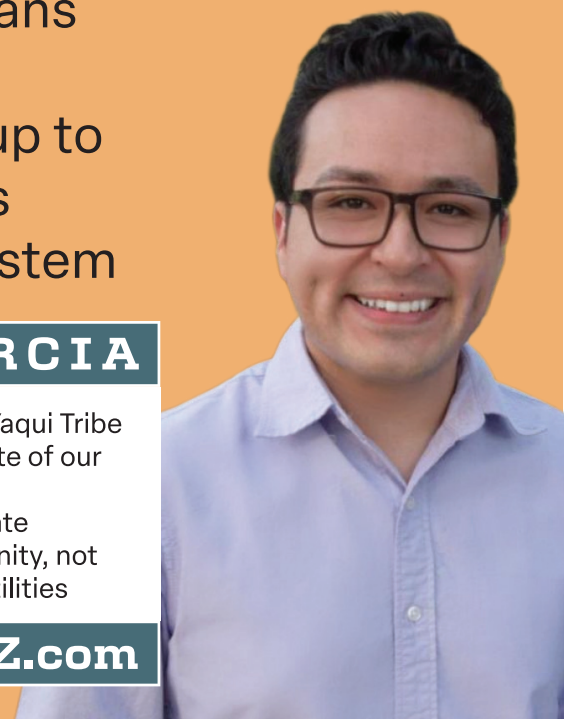
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Memorial Day Ceremony at Lehi Veterans Memorial

3 Takeaways:

- The Memorial Day ceremony in Lehi honored the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. armed forces.
- President Harvier recalled being a young man during the Vietnam War and expressed gratitude for those who have served.
- Community artist Jeffrey Fulwilder's plaque was revealed by Veterans Representative Amanda White.



The Lehi Veterans Memorial served as the perfect setting for the Memorial Day Program.

Pastor Len Andrews emceed the event. Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Council member Deanna Scabby gave the opening prayer for the program. Martha Martinez sang the national anthem in O'odham, and all attendees joined in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Opening remarks were made by SRPMIC President Martin Harvier, who talked about the history of Memorial Day and what it was like living during the time of the Vietnam War. Harvier remembered how life was then for young people his age getting out of high school, with the fear of the draft looming over their lives.

"It wasn't a decision [if you wanted to go or not]. It was like you were going to go. It was just everything that was going on at the time. There was a lot of fear," recalled Harvier. "I think those that stepped forward and served have allowed our young people today to not have those feelings or thoughts because of the sacrifice that many have made."

Veterans Representative Amanda White took to the lectern to reveal a new addition to the memorial, which was recently completed. When White started her position about six years ago, she got the chance to meet veterans from Lehi and heard their stories. She built relationships with Community veterans Garnet Gates and Robert Aguilar in particular. They both shared White's vision to create a memorial for veterans in Lehi. The three visited the site earlier this year, envisioning how these ideas were going to come together.

"I'm really proud of [the memorial]," said White. "That's one of my missions

I felt I completed. Today, seeing it fully completed and standing here before us truly is something special."

Community artist Jeffrey Fulwilder created a new plaque and shield for the memorial, which were unveiled at the ceremony.

"[Fulwilder's] craftsmanship, his vision and his dedication brought this memorial shield and his statement piece to life," said White. "His work stands as a lasting tribute in honoring the courage, sacrifice and devotion of our veterans, and their legacy will forever be remembered."

On behalf of Gates, Rosanna Andrews and Carla Banuelos laid a wreath in honor of the nation's fallen soldiers. After the wreath was laid, the grandson of Lehi resident and Vietnam veteran John F. Wilson Jr., Harvey Wilson Acosta, read "In Flanders Fields," also known as "The Poppy Poem," by John McCrae.

SRPMIC veterans performed a 21-gun salute before the playing of "Taps."

As the program concluded, Council member Michael Dallas Sr. gave the closing prayer. Dallas thanked the SRPMIC Public Works Department and cemetery crew for all their work in preparing for the program.

A breakfast reception was held after the event at the Lehi Community Building.



Community members attend the Memorial Day Ceremony at the Lehi Veterans Memorial.

Veterans Office Collecting Unserviceable Flags for Proper Disposal

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Have a flag that is in bad shape or won't fly anymore?

The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Veterans Office is collecting unserviceable flags to be disposed of properly.

Placing an unserviceable flag in the drop box located in front of the Veterans Hall at 10223 E. Osborn Road is the easiest way to respectfully retire it.

On Flag Day, June 14, the Veterans Office held a flag retirement ceremony at Veterans Hall where the flags gathered at the drop box were burned. Flag Day is also the 250th birthday of the U.S. Army.

According to SRPMIC Veterans Representative Troy Truax Jr., when a U.S. flag or any flag becomes unfit for display, it should be destroyed in a dignified manner, ideally through burning.

"We're trying to instill that patriotism [in flag burning participants]," said Truax.

If you missed the ceremony, you may still deposit old flags in the drop box at any time.



Public Works staff add a flag to be retired.

You also may contact Veterans Services at (480) 362-7884, email veteranservices@srpmic-nsn.gov.

The American Legion's booklet "Let's Be Right on Flag Etiquette" says that for individual citizens, flags should be destroyed discreetly so that the act of destruction is not perceived as a protest or desecration.

Disposal ceremonies, which are often held at local American Legion posts, create a particularly dignified and solemn occasion for the disposal of unserviceable flags.



Above: A detailed view of the plaque by Jeffrey Fulwilder.



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Well Wishes to the Outgoing Miss Salt River Royalty



Miss Salt River Emma Scabby

Vospo means empty or abandoned house. There are five songs that are still remembered that have a special dance to them; other times it was just a simple round dance.

Throughout her reign, Scabby said her friends and family inspired her. She said, "My family, they keep on pushing me whenever I feel stressed about what's going on in my life. [My friends] keep on pushing me forward to do better, not only [during my reign], but during school as well, telling me 'You got this, you'll do a great job.'"

"Bird dancing is like my free therapy, because it's really fun, and you get to dance more, and you can listen more, and just have fun out there and socialize," said Scabby.

As Scabby competed for the title of Miss Salt River, she wanted to serve as a role model. "Being a role model to our Community shows that everyone can be who they are and be inspired. We are resilient whenever we wear our sash and crowns as O'odham and Piipaash royalty," she said.

Scabby said her favorite event was attending the midyear UNITY social gathering. She has developed a love for dancing, whether basket dancing or bird dancing. Scabby has specifically grown fond of performing and showcasing traditional O'odham and Piipaash dances.

"Bird dancing is like my free therapy, because it's really fun, and you get to dance more, and you can listen more, and just have fun out there and socialize," said Scabby. She enjoys the energy of a social gathering. "I love seeing a lot of our Community members at events and seeing our relatives out there," said Scabby.

During her reign, Scabby challenged herself to broaden her horizons. "As Miss Salt River, I am mostly proud of stepping outside of my comfort zone and being able to represent my Community and representing my families," she said. Asked to share one word to describe her reign, she chose "resilience." She has shown resilience from the first day she was crowned. From participating in bird dancing to delivering a speech in front of an audience, she has stepped out of her comfort zone.

Scabby plans to attend Scottsdale Community College in the fall and later transfer to Arizona State University.

Jr. Miss Salt River Tiaré Begay-Smith

"Samai Masma Vasij? Añi an ap ceg:ig Tiaré Begay-Smith. Añi vastem:am gami chew-th-p aidag, eñ masmakud Saguaro High School. Eñ ju'jud'et vo ceg:ig Ariel Begay-Smith c Luis Lopez. Eñ o'g ap ceg:ig Whitney Grey Jr. Eñ hu'ul ap ceg:ig LaRue Jackson eñ ba'b ap ce:gig Maynard Jackson. Eñ ka'k ap ceg:ig Hermema Grey, eñ vosk ap ceg:ig Whitney Grey Sr. (baq)."

"How are you doing? My name is Tiaré Begay-Smith, and I am the outgoing Jr. Miss Salt River. I am 16 years old and attend Saguaro High School. My parents are Ariel Begay-Smith and Luis Lopez. My father is Whitney Grey Jr. My maternal grandparents are LaRue and Maynard Jackson, and my paternal grandparents are Hermema and the late Whitney Grey Sr."

Begay-Smith's platform was movement is medicine. "I wanted to share my passion for spreading the

importance of mental health and physical health and how they tie in together, and how it is important that we take care of ourselves as a whole," she said. Her platform event, which took place in April, included a walk, a dinner and social dances.

Begay-Smith is a member of the Young River People's Council, and that was her first step out of her comfort zone. She wanted to continue to challenge herself, so she vied for the title of Jr. Miss Salt River.

She took on this role wanting to know her culture better and to gain knowledge and experience as to what it means to be an O'odham and/or Piipaash woman. "[I want] to step up and show people who maybe don't understand our tribe or traditions, or people who think that we don't even exist anymore, that we are still here and still thriving," said Begay-Smith.

Begay-Smith receives support from everyone around her, and that has made it easier for her to continue in her reign. She said, "Being able to have my family support me, ask me how my events went, and even attend some of them is what really helped me, along with my friends and my band friends."



Jr. Miss Salt River Tiaré Begay-Smith

She enjoys spending time with youth and strives to be an inspiration for them. Her goal is to show them who they can be in the future and all the opportunities they can take advantage of as they grow up. Her favorite events during her reign included events with kids, such as the education fair.

"[I want] to step up and show people who maybe don't understand our tribe or traditions, or people who think that we don't even exist anymore, that we are still here and still thriving," said Begay-Smith.

Reflecting on the past two years, Begay-Smith shared things that she will miss and that have impacted her for the better. She said, "I will miss the bonds we made. I will miss being able to have such immediate connections with other [tribal] royalty."

As this reign comes to an end, Begay-Smith hopes she had a good influence on the Community. "I hope more young ladies or even young men take healthy risks and come out of their comfort zone in order to help themselves and their community and know who they are and where they come from and represent it proudly," she said.

She is starting to focus on school and reaching high school graduation. She hopes to attend Stanford University for their psychology program. In the meantime, Begay-Smith plans to stay in the Young River People's Council and do summer work within the Community.

Jr. Miss Salt River 1st Attendant Aiyanna Toya

"Ske:g taş añi an ap ceg:ig Aiyanna Toya. Añi ad Jr. Miss Salt River 1st Attendant 2025-2026, añi homoko vastem:am gami cudp aidag. Eñ je'e ap ceg:ig Felicia Thomas, eñ og ap ce:gig Jacob Tashquinth. Eñ hu'ul ap ceg:ig Beatrice Anaya(baq), eñ ba:b ap ceg:ig Vincent Toya, en ka:k ap ceg:ig Carol Silversmith(baq), eñ vosk ap ceg:ig Eugene Tashquinth Jr.(baq)."

"Good day, my name is Aiyanna Toya and I am

your outgoing Jr. Miss Salt River 1st Attendant 2025-2026. I am the proud 16-year-old daughter of Felicia Thomas and Jacob Tashquinth. My maternal grandparents are Vincent Toya and the late Beatrice Anaya. My paternal grandparents are the late Eugene Tashquinth Jr. and Carol Silversmith. Sapo, dai hugai."

At the beginning of her reign, Toya said, "I wanted to inform other kids to not be scared to learn O'odham or Piipaash." She hopes to see the youth stepping into bigger roles and hopes that she could be an influence for them. She said, "I hope the younger kids are not afraid. I hope when they see us out there, they see that we are doing a great job with representing our Community. I hope to leave knowing that they know it's okay to be shy and take risks."

Throughout her reign, Toya learned a new skill. "I learned how to do my introduction [in O'odham]. I really didn't know how to speak O'odham. I never thought it was important for me to learn, and then coming into this role, it has really helped me learn a lot."

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Toya said she really enjoyed the time the girls spent with the Miss Salt River Committee during retreat weekend. The girls got to know each other and create bonds that will last a lifetime, while also participating in workshops. Some of the workshops included presenters such as Annette Vest, group leader for Bird Singing and Dancing by the River, and Community member Patsy King. "That was the time we really spent a lot of time together and had a lot of laughs and got closer. I think the retreat really sealed the deal for us," said Toya.

While Toya enjoyed attending all events, she had her favorites. "My favorite events are mainly our Community events, because I get to see everybody. I get to see the elders and all the little kids, and I just love seeing everybody gathered in one place," she said.

Toya could always be seen giving a smile throughout her reign. "Everybody's always saying, 'Wow, you're always smiling,' and that's what I want to be remembered by as we are sadly coming to an end to our reign," she said.

"I am very proud of myself for doing this for two years, and I am very sad that this is coming to an end, but I know I made the Community proud and my family very proud [as Jr. Miss Salt River 1st Attendant 2025-2026 and Jr. Miss Salt River 2nd Attendant 2024-2025],"



Jr. Miss Salt River 1st Attendant Aiyanna Toya

said Toya.

Now that Toya is finishing her reign, she plans to focus on her studies. She is currently a high school student and on track to graduate early. She also attends East Valley Institute of Technology, which is an early college career school. She does hope to return to the royalty circle in the future.

These ladies have done an amazing job representing the Community over the last year, and we look forward to seeing what they do in the future.

Myson Galindo Named to UNITY's 25 Under 25

SRPMIC individuals to be selected for UNITY's 25 under 25 youth leadership program, which started in 2014. The award is announced every other year.

This year's class will be celebrated during the national UNITY conference in Oklahoma City from July 10 to 14.

Additionally, each honoree will create a seven-month leadership program while continuing to make a positive impact in their communities back home.

Here's our conversation with Myson Galindo.

O'odham Action News: What was the first thing that came to mind when Kennise McGertt announced your name as being one of the 25 Under 25 awardees?

Myson Galindo: I was honestly shocked. I was watching the announcement during my lunch break at school, and I really did not think I was going to win. I felt like my chances were low, so hearing my name called was a huge surprise. The first person I thought about was my advisor, Janyse Salinas, because she has played a major role in helping me become the leader I am today and has taught me so much about my culture and Community. I also thought about my friends who had applied and wanted to talk with them. It was exciting news, and I was grateful to be surrounded by friends who immediately congratulated me and shared in that moment with me.

OAN: Did you and your family and friends celebrate the announcement? Did y'all go out to dinner?

Galindo: Yes. Right after the announcement, I celebrated with my friends during lunch. The next day, we went out to eat, spent time together, and I was able to share more about what UNITY's 25 Under 25 program is all about. I also celebrated with my family. My dad and I went to Zipps, one of my favorite places because I love their wings. We had a great time talking about the opportunity and what it means moving forward.

OAN: What inspired you to run for UNITY's 25 Under 25 program?

Galindo: My inspiration came from attending my first national UNITY conference in Portland. While I was there, I saw people I knew become members of UNITY's 25 Under 25. Seeing them receive that recognition inspired me. At the time, it felt like a big dream, because I was much shyer and wasn't putting myself out there the way I do now. Since then, the idea has always stayed in the back of my mind. As I became more involved in leadership and advocacy, I realized how important it is to uplift youth voices, and that motivated me to apply.

OAN: Will you be attending the 50th annual conference in July?

Galindo: Yes, I will be attending the 50th Annual UNITY Conference. I am excited to represent the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, attend alongside my Youth Council, and participate as a member of the 2026 UNITY 25 Under 25 cohort. I am looking forward to connecting with Indigenous youth from across the country and continuing to grow as a leader.

OAN: As a member of the UNITY 25 Under 25 collective for 2026, what is your official platform?

Galindo: My platform focuses on supporting and uplifting our elders. Elders are the keepers of our knowledge, history, language and traditions, and it is important that we continue creating opportunities for that knowledge to be passed on to future generations. I want to advocate for stronger elder services and increased support within tribal communities. Whether that means expanding resources, creating more spaces for elders to connect or encouraging intergenerational programs, I believe investing in our elders is investing in the future of our people. I also want to help create opportunities for elders to share their stories and experiences so that younger generations can learn from them and continue carrying our cultures forward.

OAN: How will you execute your vision?

Galindo: I plan to use the platform and opportunities provided through UNITY 25 Under 25 to raise awareness about the importance of supporting our elders and preserving their knowledge. I believe change starts at the community level, so I want to begin by creating more opportunities for youth and elders to connect. Through my youth council and community involvement, I hope to organize talking circles, cultural discussions and intergenerational activities where elders can share their stories and experiences with youth. One example is the Salt River Story Project, where youth interview elders and learn about their history, experiences and knowledge. Programs like this help strengthen relationships between



Young River People's Council Members gather for a photo in the Creative Ki: Studios. Left to right: Tizoc Lopez, Clerical Secretary; Cruz Lasiloo, Vice President; Jizelle Juan, President; Myson Galindo, Correspondent Secretary; and Amelia Lasiloo, Treasurer. Photo courtesy of Community Relations.



Future President Myson Galindo and former President Delbert Ray, Sr. Both participated in panels during 2025's Summer Speaker Series. OAN File Photo.

generations while ensuring that important stories and teachings are preserved. My goal is to continue supporting efforts like these and encourage more youth to learn directly from the elders in their communities.

OAN: What does it mean to you to represent the SRPMIC on the national level?

Galindo: Representing the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community on a national level is both an honor and a responsibility. I am proud to represent my Community, our culture and our people wherever I go. I recognize that I am not only representing myself, but also the generations who came before me and helped shape who I am today. Being able to share our Community's stories, values and strengths with other Indigenous youth across the country is something I take great pride in. I hope to represent SRPMIC in a way that makes my Community proud and encourages other Native youth to pursue leadership opportunities.

OAN: How do you manage school, life and now being a UNITY 25 Under 25 recipient?

Galindo: Time management and prioritization have helped me balance my responsibilities. I am currently on track to graduate from Saguaro High School a semester early in December while also completing the Construction Management program at EVIT, which will continue through May. Education has always been a priority for me, and I work hard to stay organized so I can meet my commitments.

I have also been involved with youth council for several years, and that experience has taught me how to balance leadership responsibilities with school and personal life. While becoming a UNITY 25 Under 25 recipient is a significant commitment, it is one that I am excited to take on. I am prepared to dedicate the time and effort needed to make the most of this opportunity while continuing to stay focused on my educational and personal goals.

OAN: Who in the Community has helped you accomplish your goals thus far?

Galindo: There have been many people who have helped me along the way. My youth council advisors, Janyse Salinas and Sommer Lopez, have had a tremendous impact on my growth as a leader. They helped me develop confidence in public speaking, strengthen my leadership skills and become a stronger advocate for my culture and Community.

My dad has also been one of my biggest supporters. He was the person who first encouraged me to get involved with youth council, and that decision opened the door to many of the opportunities I have today. Through youth council, I was able to attend UNITY, build relationships with leaders from other communities and become more involved in programs that have shaped my future.

I am also grateful for my friends, especially those involved in youth council and other leadership programs. Through these experiences, I have met some of my closest friends, including Jizelle Juan and Cruz Lasiloo. Before getting involved, I never expected to build friendships that would have such a positive impact on my life. We share many of the same interests, goals and values, and they have been a constant source of encouragement and support. Having friends who motivate me to keep pursuing opportunities and growing as a leader has made a meaningful difference in my journey.

OAN: What advice would you give to those who are beginning to figure out what they want to do?

Galindo: My advice would be to never be afraid to take a chance on yourself. Apply for opportunities even if you think you might not get them. When I applied for UNITY 25 Under 25, I honestly did not think I would be selected, but I decided to take the chance anyway.

Even if things do not work out the way you hoped, there is still value in trying. Every application, experience and opportunity teaches you something. You never know where one opportunity might lead, so do not let fear stop you from putting yourself out there. Take every chance you can, because you may surprise yourself with what you can achieve.

OAN: After the summer is over, what school will you be attending this coming school year?

Galindo: After graduating, I plan to begin taking college courses at Scottsdale Community College while I complete my Construction Management program at EVIT through May.

After completing EVIT, I hope to pursue higher education in business, real estate and construction management. My dream school is New York University, which has been a goal of mine for several years. At the same time, Arizona State University is also a strong option because it would allow me to remain close to my Community while continuing my education. No matter where I attend, my goal is to gain the knowledge and experience necessary to bring those skills back to my Community and contribute to its future growth and development.

Protect Yourself from West Nile Virus

SUBMITTED BY SRPMIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION

As temperatures continue to rise across the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, SRPMIC Public Health officials are reminding residents to take precautions against West Nile virus, a mosquito-borne illness that becomes more common during the warmer months.

Mosquito activity typically increases during the summer and early fall, raising the risk of exposure to viruses spread through mosquito bites. Community members are encouraged to stay informed and take preventive steps to protect themselves, their families and their pets.

Mosquitoes Remain the Primary Source of Infection

West Nile virus was first identified in Uganda in 1937 and has since spread to many parts of the world, including the United States. The virus is primarily transmitted through the bite of an infected mosquito.

Mosquitoes become infected after feeding on birds carrying the virus. Once infected, they can spread the virus to humans and animals through their bites. Birds and mosquitoes both play an important role in the virus's life cycle.

Symptoms Range from Mild to Severe

According to health officials, most people infected with West Nile virus will not experience symptoms. However, approximately one in five infected individuals may develop mild symptoms such as fever, headaches, body aches, vomiting, diarrhea, joint pain or a rash.

In rare cases, the illness can become severe and affect the brain or nervous system, potentially causing encephalitis or meningitis.

Officials advise residents to seek immediate medical attention if they experience symptoms including high fever, severe headache, neck stiffness, confusion, muscle weakness or seizures.

Healthcare providers can diagnose West Nile virus through blood testing.

Pets Can Be Affected

While West Nile virus most commonly affects birds and humans, dogs and cats also may become infected.

Most pets experience mild symptoms or no symptoms at all, but some animals may show signs such as fever, lethargy, tremors, difficulty walking or other neurological symptoms.

Residents are encouraged to contact a veterinarian if their pets appear ill or display unusual behavior.

Public Health Officials Stress Prevention

SRPMIC Public Health officials say preventing mosquito bites is the most effective way to reduce the risk of West Nile virus.

Residents are encouraged to:

- Use insect repellent containing DEET or picaridin.
- Wear long sleeves and pants during dawn and dusk, when mosquitoes are most active.
- Keep windows and doors closed or ensure screens are in good condition.
- Remove standing water from around homes, including flowerpots, buckets, tires, bird-baths and gutters.
- Use mosquito netting or protective coverings around outdoor pet areas.
- Community-wide mosquito control efforts, including spraying and eliminating standing water in public areas, also help reduce mosquito populations.

Supportive Care Is the Main Treatment

There is currently no specific antiviral treatment for West Nile virus. Most mild cases improve with rest, fluids and over-the-counter medications to help relieve fever and discomfort.

Severe cases may require hospitalization for supportive care, including intravenous fluids, pain management and close monitoring.

Community Awareness Remains Important

Health officials say community awareness and prevention efforts remain key to reducing the spread of West Nile virus throughout the summer.

Officials encourage residents to remain vigilant, protect themselves from mosquito bites and support local mosquito-control efforts to help keep the community safe and healthy.

Protect Your Community

West Nile virus remains a serious public health concern that can affect both humans and animals. By understanding how the virus spreads and taking preventive measures, Community members can help reduce the risk of infection.

Simple actions—like using insect repellent, wearing protective clothing and eliminating standing water—can make a big difference in keeping families and neighborhoods safe.

For more information, contact:

SRPMIC Public Health

Phone: (480) 362-2603

Email: EnvironmentalHealth@srpmic-nsn.gov

West Nile Virus Prevention

SRP-MIC Public Health Environmental Health works to protect the community from mosquito-borne diseases such as West Nile Virus and St. Louis Encephalitis.



Use Repellent

Use EPA-registered mosquito repellent containing DEET or picaridin when outdoors, especially during dawn and dusk when mosquitoes are most active.

Remove Standing Water

Mosquitoes lay eggs in standing water. Empty or refresh buckets, flower pots, pet dishes, tires, coolers, and other containers regularly to help prevent breeding.

Wear Protective Clothing

Wear long sleeves and pants when possible to reduce mosquito bites.

Keep Mosquitoes Outside

Repair window and door screens and keep doors closed to prevent mosquitoes from entering your home.

Time Outdoor Activities

Mosquito activity increases around dawn and dusk. Plan outdoor activities accordingly when possible.

HOW ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH HELPS PROTECT THE COMMUNITY



Mosquito Trapping & Surveillance

Environmental Health uses hanging CO2 traps and BG Sentinel 2 ground traps with attractants to monitor mosquito activity throughout the community and river areas.

Mosquito Testing

Collected mosquitoes are transported to Maricopa County for testing of mosquito-borne diseases such as West Nile Virus and St. Louis Encephalitis.

Community Education

Environmental Health provides prevention education and outreach materials at community events.

Prevention Giveaways

Community members may receive mosquito spray, fly swatters, and other educational materials to support prevention efforts.

Community Response

Environmental Health responds to mosquito-related concerns and complaints by providing prevention guidance and recommendations.

Report mosquito concerns to Environmental Health

- Public Health line 480-362-2603
- EnvironmentalHealth@srpmic-nsn.gov



Summer Snake Safety

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With the return of our infamous Arizona heat, residents in the Valley and statewide are noticing a spike in bugs and reptiles, especially snakes. But have no fear—like the rest of us, these creatures are likely just looking for a place to beat the heat.

The most common snakes found here in the Southwest are the gopher snake, the California or common king snake, and the western diamondback rattlesnake. Of these three, the only venomous one is the diamondback.

When the temperature rises as we move from winter to spring and summer, snakes emerge from what is called brumation, which is like when bears hibernate for the winter. Spring is when these creatures usually make their first appearance. They are most active when temperatures are in the high 70s or low 80s.

When they emerge from brumation, many snakes are hungry, which is

why it is common to encounter snakes out on trails, roads and near homes. And since they are ambush predators, these snakes can be spotted waiting under bushes for their prey to happen by.

It is important to know how to stay safe around snakes.

“In terms of rattlesnake safety [or snake safety in general], don't put your hands and feet where you can't see,” said Natalie Case, outreach manager for the Center for Native Urban Wildlife at Scottsdale Community College.

“If you're going on a hike, stay on the trails, because that's the safest place to be,” she added.

To prevent snakes from finding a spot near your home, remove piles of brush, boards or wood, which they like to hide under. Always be careful moving boards off the ground; this is where snakes commonly like to get out of the heat.

It is unlikely you will find a snake out during the heat of the day. They tend to be more active after the sun goes down, and you can often find them crossing roads at night.

Though a snakebite is highly uncommon, if you are



Staff at SCC show off a friendly coral snake.

bitten by a venomous snake, it's best to stay calm. Take off rings, watches or anything constricting and go to the hospital immediately for treatment.

Arizona has many species of venomous and non-venomous snakes. These animals are a beneficial part of our ecosystem

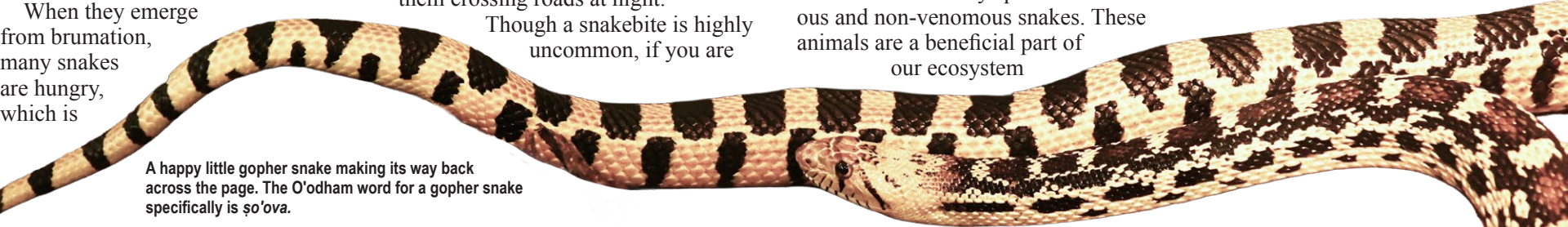
because they manage the rodent population, which prevents transmission of diseases and allows plants to grow instead of being eaten.

If you encounter a snake in the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, keep your distance. Contact SRP-MIC Senior Environmental Specialist Brian Gewecke, who can relocate the snake to a safer area. You can reach him at (480) 570-4410.

How do you say "snake" in O'odham and Piipaash?

O'odham:
vamaḍ (any kind unless named)
ko'oi (rattlesnake)
a'agam ko'oi (sidewinder)
šo'ova (gopher snake)

Piipaash:
'ave (any kind)



A happy little gopher snake making its way back across the page. The O'odham word for a gopher snake specifically is *šo'ova*.

Reflecting on Memorial Day at U.S.S. Arizona Memorial Gardens Ceremony

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The public showed up in numbers at the U.S.S. Arizona Memorial Gardens at Salt River on May 25 for a Memorial Day program to honor those who lost their lives in service to their country. Discover Salt River staff played a key role in hosting the program.

Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community member and veteran Pacer Reina emceed the event after traveling from the early morning Memorial Day program in Lehi.

The national anthem was sung by Isabella Dockerty, and the Pledge of Allegiance was performed by SRPMIC Girl Scout Troop #2516.

Ramon Martinez, director of public relations for Casino Arizona and Talking Stick Resort, gave the invocation.

"Today we gather to honor the brave men and women who gave their lives in service to this nation," began Martinez. "We remember the fallen at Pearl Harbor, the warriors from our own Community and all the veterans who carried the burden of freedom."

Retired Captain Rick Hartman was the guest speaker. He shared his reflections on the legacy of service and the meaning of Memorial Day.

3 Takeaways:

- Memorial Day was observed at the U.S.S. Arizona Memorial Gardens at Salt River, where the public was invited to honor those who lost their lives in U.S. military service.
- The guest speaker, retired Captain Rick Hartman, shared his reflections on the legacy of service and the meaning of Memorial Day.
- Former SRPMIC President Ivan Makil performed taps.

"We are so indebted to those who have served and have been a part of this thing we call freedom," said Hartman. "Think about what this day means. It's not just another day to have a barbecue or a cocktail. This is an important day for America, and every year that goes by it becomes more important."

SRPMIC Vice-President Ricardo Leonard gave a benediction and shared a Community proclamation observing Memorial Day as a holiday. After the proclamation was read, Reina began a roll call of honor, sharing the names of fallen veterans submitted by attendees beforehand.

Former Salt River President Ivan Makil made an appearance playing "Taps" while SRPMIC veterans performed a 21-gun salute, concluding the ceremony.



Community Veterans perform a 21-gun salute.



Former President Ivan Makil plays taps.



Community members and ceremony participants gather for a photo to commemorate Memorial Day at the Gardens.



Vice-President Ricardo Leonard shares a benediction.

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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

Becerra, Oscar Garcia - Review/Initial Hearings for Termination of Parental Rights Case: J-15-0043 Court Date: August 27, 2026 at 10 AM

Burton, Armetta - Civil Complaint Hearing Case: CV-26-3458 Court Date: July 13, 2026 at 9:30 AM

Garza Sr., Raynaldo Cecilio - Adjudication Hearing Case: JV-26-0157 Court Date: July 1, 2026 at 10 AM

Martinez, Daniel Frederico - Disposition Hearing Case: JV-26-0041 Court Date: July 21, 2026 at 9 AM

Salazar, D'Angelo - Adjudication Hearing Case: JV-26-0112 Court Date: July 27, 2026 at 10 AM

Santo, Carmelita Iris - Review/Initial Hearings for Termination of Parental Rights Case: J-15-0043 Court Date: August 27, 2026 at 10 AM

Sermeno, Benjamin Fredrick - Adjudication Hearing Case: JV-26-0118 Court Date: July 21, 2026 at 10 AM

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

Estate of Frank Avila, - Probate Hearing CV-26-2082 Court Date: June 18, 2026 at 2 PM

Castro, Damian Shane - Divorce Hearing Case: CV-26-3249 Court Date: July 13, 2026 at 9 AM

Olivas, Dwayne Anthony - Probate Hearing Case: CV-26-1419 Court Date: July 2, 2026 at 9:30 AM

Sine, Tony - Evidentiary Hearing Case: CV-26-3525 Court Date: July 27, 2026 at 10 AM

Thomas, Challyce Revocation Hearing Case: CF-23-0011 Court Date: July 15, 2026 at 10 AM

Timer, William - Probate Hearing Case: CV-26-1419 Court Date: July 2, 2026 at 9:30 AM

DEFAULT NOTICES

WEBSTER, CRYSTAL
NOTICE OF DEFAULT JUDGMENT:
CV-25-4591
COUNTRY CLUB CARS V. CRYSTAL WEBSTER
 Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community Court, State of Arizona, Maricopa County original jurisdiction court case number: CV-25-4594
 Notice of Default Judgment is hereby given ORDERED

AND ADJUDGED that default judgment against Respondents, Webster, Crystal is hereby ENTERED. It is further ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that Respondents, Webster, Crystal, shall pay Petitioner, Country Club Cars. Payment shall be made to Petitioner within Thirty (30) days of this Order. This order is final and shall be served on Respondent in accordance to Rule 5-20(c). For a copy of this Order please contact the court at 480-362-6315.

2nd Quarter 2026 ELIGIBILITY DEADLINE: June 30, 2026

Must be eighteen (18) years old, enrolled, and living to be eligible for the July 2026 Per Capita Payment.

DEADLINES FOR CHANGES

Direct Deposit Start-Ups and Changes: Friday, July 17th 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 **JULY 2026** payout. Forms received after this date will not be effective until the **OCTOBER 2026** payout.

Discontinue Direct Deposits: Friday, July 17th 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, July 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 July 2026 payout. Forms received after this date will not be processed until the first week of August 2026.

Tax Withholding Changes: Tuesday, July 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: Finance-Per Capita @ **(480) 362-7710**

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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Salt River Council Chambers

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Dinner: 5-6p

Presentation: 6-7p

45min presentation, 15 min Q&A

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



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Salt River Tribal Library

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- The Dr. Grant - Iced Caramel Mocha, Oat Milk, Cold Foam

The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community wants your input on transportation safety!



The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (SRPMIC) is updating the Tribal Transportation Safety Plan (TTSP) to reduce, and eventually eliminate, life-altering crashes within the Community. The goal of the TTSP is to identify and implement transportation safety solutions that create a safer, more comfortable transportation network for all Community members.

The TTSP will:

- Assess previous strategies to identify refinements that will help prevent future fatalities and serious injuries
- Establish emphasis areas to guide the development of effective crash countermeasures
- Recommend high-priority projects that are informed by feedback from Community members

ARIZONA **87 CORRIDOR STUDY**

Do you have specific concerns along the Beeline Highway (SR 87) or McDowell Road? The Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) is conducting the SR 87 Corridor Study along these two corridors in SRPMIC.

For more information visit MAG's website here: <https://tinylink.net/TgSp1>

We want to hear from you!

Scan the QR code to provide your input on the interactive map and take our project survey.

<https://engage.publiccoordinate.com/project/srpmic-ttsp>

Feedback deadline extended to June 22!



SALT RIVER CHURCH LISTINGS

LEHI CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
1452 E. Oak St. Mesa, AZ 85203
Pastor Merrill Jones
(480) 234-6091
SERVICES: Visit us on Facebook Live and in person. Search for Lehi Church of the Nazarene.
Sun. School, 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service, 10:45 a.m.
Sun. Night Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.
Wed. Devotion Night 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
SERVICES: Sunday Worship Service, 10 a.m. Now available through the Zoom app. Call church for Zoom ID.

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1342 E. Oak Mesa, AZ 85203
Pastor Annette Lewis
annette.l.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.
Youth Devotion/Music (bring your instruments!) last 2 Saturdays of the month at 4 p.m.

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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)

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Rev. WinterElk Valencia
(480) 947-5278
saltriveragchurc.com
SERVICES: Sunday Morning Prayer 10 a.m., Worship 11 a.m., Thursday Bible Study 6pm

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Scottsdale, AZ 85271
E: SaltRiverPresbyterian@gmail.com
Visit us on Facebook
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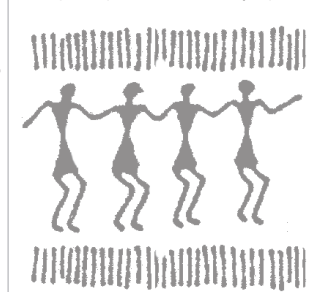
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200 E First St Mesa, AZ 85201
Pastors Santos and Andrea Navarrete
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SERVICES: Sunday 11 a.m. English, 1:30 p.m. Spanish, Wednesday 7 p.m.



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- ✓ Juneteenth
- ✓ MLK Day
- ✓ Independence Day
- ✓ President's Day
- ✓ Labor Day
- ✓ Good Friday
- ✓ Native American Recognition Day
- ✓ Memorial Day
- ✓ Veteran's Day
- ✓ SRPMIC Day

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Public Comments on Proposed Amendments to General Welfare Ordinance

Comment Period: June 4, 2026 – July 20, 2026

On Wednesday, June 3, 2026, the SRPMC Council approved a 45-day public comment period for the following proposed amendments to the Community's General Welfare Ordinance.

The current General Welfare Ordinance is 17 years old and was adopted in 2009. In December 2025, the Federal government issued new regulations providing for more flexibility to tribal governments to allow for tax-free assistance for Community members. This amended ordinance provides more flexibility than the current ordinance, and therefore, assists the Community in providing subsidize or tax-free services for important programs that support general welfare purposes, such as housing, health care, education, living expenses, elder/disabled programs, etc.

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@srpmc-nsn.gov

SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY

10005 East Osborn Road
Scottsdale, Arizona 85256

ORDINANCE NUMBER: SRO—2026

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY'S GENERAL WELFARE ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE THE FLEXIBILITY NOW RECOGNIZED UNDER THE TRIBAL GENERAL WELFARE EXCLUSION ACT OF 2014 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENHANCING THE SERVICES AND MONETARY ASSISTANCE THAT THE COMMUNITY CAN OFFER TO ITS MEMBERS TAX-FREE.

BE IT ENACTED:

Chapter 20, Article IV is hereby repealed and replaced. And the following will be enacted in its place:

Art. IV Welfare Assistance

Sec. 20-86. Enactment and purpose.

- Welfare of the Onk Akimel O'odham and the Xalychidom Piipaash. Article VII, section 1 of the Community's Constitution directs the Community Council, in exercising its sovereign powers, to protect the public health, morals and private property rights of its members, to provide for the public welfare and particularly the welfare and protection of children, the poor, unfortunate, disabled and aged, and to preserve the history and culture of the Onk Akimel O'odham and the Xalychidom Piipaash.
 - The Community has historically exercised its sovereign power to provide member assistance through the Internal Revenue Service's ("IRS") general welfare exclusion, under which the IRS recognized a common law right of sovereign governments, including federally recognized Indian tribes, to provide public health, safety, basic need and financial support assistance to individuals under certain circumstances on a nontaxable basis.
 - The Community thereafter continued to exercise these sovereign powers consistent with changes in guidance under the general welfare exclusion, including IRS Notice 2011-94 opening consultation on the application of the general welfare exclusion to Indian tribes, followed by "safe harbor" guidance in IRS Notice 2012-75, updated safe harbor guidance in IRS Revenue Procedure 2014-35, the passage of the Tribal General Welfare Exclusion Act and new Internal Revenue Code Section 139E in 2014, and the issuance of proposed Treasury Regulation Section 1.139E-2 on September 17, 2024, and then the issuance of final federal regulations at 1.139E-1 on December 16, 2025.
 - The Community, as a sovereign government, exercises its right to provide general welfare assistance through the Community Council's approval of the budget and programs to promote the general welfare including programs designed to foster the Community's and its members health, safety, basic needs, and cultural preservation, to promote education, safe housing, the needs of elders and disabled members, and to provide financial assistance to Community members consistent with the general welfare exclusion on a nontaxable basis.
 - The first purpose of this article is to memorialize the procedures used by the Community to determine what services or programs are needed to promote the general welfare of the Community.
 - The second purpose of this article is to establish basic guidelines and procedures for programs to follow in ensuring compliance with the general welfare exclusion and Internal Revenue Code Section 139E.
- (c) Ratification of prior acts; intent of legislation. Assistance provided prior to the enactment of this article is hereby ratified and confirmed as general welfare assistance pursuant to the authority of the Community Constitution and the Community's good faith application guidance then in effect. This article and amendments added to reflect changes in statutory and agency guidance is intended to establish a framework to improve the coordination of the Community's compliance with the general welfare exclusion without waiving the Community's common law and statutory rights and powers.
- (d) General welfare exclusion. This article is intended to preserve the Community's right to provide tax free general welfare assistance under the common law as well as tax free Indian general welfare benefits under the

Tribal General Welfare Exclusion Act of 2014, including Internal Revenue Code Section 139E. The assistance payments and services authorized by this article are intended to qualify for favorable tax treatment to the fullest extent permitted by law. All amounts budgeted by the Community for welfare assistance payments shall remain general assets of the Community until such payments are disbursed; the welfare assistance payment arrangement authorized by this article shall be an unfunded arrangement, and shall be limited to appropriated funds at the discretion of the Community Council from time-to-time.

- Nonresource / income designation. General welfare services and payments provided for under this ordinance are paid from assets of the Community government; all payments are based on budget availability of the Community government, and the Community government does not guarantee any payments hereunder. General welfare benefits shall not be treated as income or a resource of the member for any purpose, including eligibility for federal or state assistance. The Community Council reserves the right to cancel, adjust, modify or revoke any benefits that would disqualify a Community member from state or federal assistance. The Community further reserves the right to implement assistance based on need / ABON requirements as needed to preserve Community member rights to state or federal benefits. Tribal benefits are intended to supplement and not supplant other available assistance.
- Federal trust obligations; executive orders. The Community reserves the right to provide assistance, including circumstances where federal funding is insufficient to operate federal programs designed to benefit Community members. The Community's adoption of approved programs is not intended to relieve or diminish the federal government of its funding and trust responsibilities. Nothing herein, shall waive the Community's right to seek funding shortfalls or to enforce the trust rights of the Community and its members.
- Governing law. All rights and liabilities associated with the enactment of this article, or the welfare assistance payments made hereunder, shall be construed and enforced according to the laws of the Community. Community programs designed to comply with the General Welfare Exclusion Act of 2014 shall further be construed to meet all applicable requirements of Internal Revenue Code Section 139E.
- Sovereignty. Nothing in this article or the related policies or procedures, if any, shall be construed as or interpreted to constitute a waiver of sovereign immunity or to make applicable any laws or regulations which the Community is entitled to exemption from in accordance with its sovereign status.

Sec. 20-87. Definitions.

Approved program means any program or programs approved by the Community Council, including through the budget process, to provide assistance intended to qualify for treatment under the general welfare exclusion. A program must be established by the Community, administered under specific guidelines, and cannot discriminate in favor of members of the governing body of the Community. A program shall not fail to be treated as an Indian tribal government program solely by reason of the program being established by tribal custom or government practice.

Assistance means benefits or payments under an approved program, which are paid to or on behalf of a beneficiary pursuant to this article and the definition of the term "general welfare exclusion" in this section. Assistance includes Indian general welfare benefits pursuant to Internal Revenue Code Section 139E.

Beneficiary or Program Participant means a Community member entitled to receive welfare assistance payments or services pursuant to this article or an approved program. The Community Council may, but need not, expand beneficiaries to include the spouse of a Community member within the meaning of 26 CFR §301.7701-18, the spouse of a Community member under applicable Community law, the dependent of a Community member, or other individual who has been determined by the Community Council to be eligible for a Community General Welfare Benefit because such individual is, with respect to a Community member, an ancestor, descendant, former spouse, widow or widower, or legally recognized domestic partner or former domestic partner. At the direction of the Community Council, and solely for purposes of ceremonial or cultural activities, the term program participant may also include a member or citizen of a Tribe other than the Community (per Prop Treas Reg Section 1.139E-1(e)).

Code means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

Community member means an enrolled member of the Community.

Compensation generally refers to the remuneration or payment made to an individual for the services they have rendered, and may take various forms, including salaries, wages, bonuses, commissions, and other monetary benefits. Notwithstanding that definition, compensation does not include payments recognized by the IRS, or by statute, regulation or common law, as an exception to compensation such as but not limited to job training and other programs that provide job-training skills to unemployed or underemployed Community members (which includes meals, travel, transportation, subsistence, emergency or other payments made so that the trainee can engage in the work training experience); or any items of cultural significance, reimbursement of costs, or cash honorarium for participation in cultural or ceremonial activities for the transmission of tribal culture.

Constitution means the Constitution of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community.

Community Council means the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Council.

General welfare exclusion means assistance that qualifies for tax exemption under the common law general welfare doctrine, IRS guidance under the general welfare exclusion as applied to Indian tribal governments, or the Tribal General Welfare Exclusion Act of 2014, including Internal Revenue Code section 139E.

Lavish and Extravagant for purposes of this article will be based on the facts and circumstances at the time the benefit is provided. Relevant facts and circumstances include the Community's culture and cultural practices, history, geographic area, traditions, resources, and economic conditions or factors. A benefit will be presumed to not be lavish or extravagant if it is described in, and provided in accordance with, the written specified guidelines of a Community program.

Promotion of the general welfare shall mean a benefit that the Community Council determines to be for the promotion of general welfare at the time it establishes a program. The Community has sole discretion to determine whether a benefit is for the promotion of general welfare and the IRS must defer to the Community's determination that a benefit is for the promotion of general welfare (per Treas Reg 1.139E).

Qualified nonmember means a spouse, former spouse, legally recognized domestic partner or former domestic partner, ancestor, descendant, or dependent of a member of an Indian tribe.

Ordinance or article means the Community's General Welfare Ordinance, Chapter 20, Article IV, as amended.

Substance means food, shelter, sewer, sanitation, utilities and services that provide for the basic needs of a person or family to survive.

Sec. 20-88. Provision of general welfare assistance – Internal Revenue Code Section 139E.

- Each payment made or service provided to or on behalf of a qualified program participant and which meet the following criteria shall be treated as non-taxable Assistance under the General Welfare Exclusion without the applicant having to demonstrate financial or individual need:
 - The program is administered under guidelines and does not discriminate in favor of the members of the governing body of the Community;
 - Program benefits are available to any Community member who meets such guidelines;
 - Program benefits are for the promotion of the general welfare;
 - Program benefits are not lavish or extravagant; and
 - Program benefits are not compensation for services.

Sec. 20-89. Provision of general welfare assistance – Safe harbor programs

- Programs that meet the following general criteria for safe harbor treatment within the meaning of Rev. Proc. 2014-35 or any other pronouncements amending, replacing or modifying said Revenue Procedure, and provide qualifying safe harbor benefits, shall be treated as non-taxable Assistance under the General Welfare Exclusion Act without the applicant having to demonstrate financial or individual need:
 - The benefit is provided under an approved program of the Community.
 - The program has written guidelines specifying how individuals may qualify for the benefit.
 - The benefit is available to any Community member. Qualified Nonmember (as defined in Rev. Proc. 2014-35), or identified group of Community members or Qualified Nonmembers who satisfy the program guidelines, subject to budgetary restraints.
 - The distribution of benefits from the program does not discriminate in favor of the governing body of the Community.
 - The benefit is not compensation for services; and
 - The benefit is not lavish or extravagant under the facts and circumstances.
- Safe Harbor benefits may include any benefits that are consistent with Revenue Procedure 2014-35, as the same may hereafter be amended, including the following categories identified therein: housing programs; educational programs; elder and disabled programs; cultural and religious programs; and other qualifying assistance programs.

Sec. 20-90. Provision of general welfare assistance – Other exempt programs

- Nothing in this Ordinance or the Community's use of IRS safe harbor guidance shall limit the Community's right to provide assistance under Internal Revenue Code Section 139E, the common law general welfare doctrine, or other statutory exemptions such as but not limited to Internal Revenue Code Section

139D (member health benefits) or other tax exemptions under Titles 25 or 26 of the United States Code so long as the conditions for exemption are met. See also, 25 U.S.C. Sections 1407 and 1408.

Sec. 20-91. Program eligibility; Substantiation

- Individual program rules. Each individual program guideline or description shall set forth the eligibility rules and limitations applied to that program. Each designated department or Community division shall identify General Welfare programs and their program descriptions, which include eligibility rules and limitations, along with any necessary application forms and procedures. Without the need to repeat the text of this Ordinance, all programs shall automatically incorporate by this reference the minimum criteria for tax exemption set forth in Sections 20-88 through 20-90, as applicable.
- Substantiation. The Community reserves the right to require members to substantiate program compliance. Each member is required to maintain records to substantiate compliance in the event of an IRS or Community review.
- Determination of Need. Benefits may be provided without regard to the financial or other need of program participants and may be provided on a uniform or pro-rata basis to program participants.
- Optional Community income and need guidelines. The Community Council, in its sole discretion, may establish financial or other need criteria for purposes of determining a beneficiary's qualification for program benefits hereunder. The Community Council may look for guidance from federal guidelines such as the federal poverty levels, federal earned income credit levels, and median income figures for national, state, local and/or other communities. These guidelines may be designed to satisfy assistance based on need / ABON criteria in order to prevent Community members from being denied eligibility for other federal or state programs. These guidelines may also be applied to prioritize Community budget allocations.
 - However, the Community Council, as the sovereign government of the Community, shall retain ultimate authority in establishing minimum standards of living within the Community. In doing so, the Community Council may take into account such issues as the number of dependents in a household, the level of household income, and household expenditures, the average and median Community incomes, traditional and cultural values and financial matters unique to the Community.
 - Different approved programs may include different income and need guidelines. It is recognized, for example, that certain programs with federal or state funding may require additional guidelines, and programs with limited funding may need to implement additional restrictions to meet program specific budget limitations.
 - In the absence of a specific program guideline to the contrary, for programs that the Community Council elects apply a financial need requirement, the Community shall use median income guidelines that are published by the Census Bureau or other federal agencies and adjusted annually.

Sec. 20-92. Coordination with gaming distributions; Trusts; No source limitation.

- No limitation on source of funds. Program benefits may be funded by any source of revenue or funds, including by way of example, funds derived from levies, taxes, and service fees; settlements; revenues from Community-owned businesses, including casino revenues; funds from Federal, State, or local governments; and funds from other sources, including grants and loans, to provide benefits under a program.
 - Benefits funded by net gaming revenues. Benefits under a Community program may be funded by net gaming revenues as permitted under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, 25 U.S.C. 2701-2721 (IGRA). However, per capita payments, as defined under IGRA, are subject to Federal taxation under IGRA and are not excludable from gross income under section 139E. For purposes of section 139E and this section, a payment is a per capita payment if it is expressly identified by the Community as "a per capita payment" in a Revenue Allocation Plan that is approved by the Department of the Interior. See 25 U.S.C. 2710(b)(3) and 25 CFR 290.11.
 - Deferred benefits and benefits paid from trusts. To the extent not inconsistent with final regulations issued under Internal Revenue Code Section 139E, the Community reserves the right to allow members to defer annual general welfare benefits for larger future needs that meet program guidelines, and to pay general welfare benefits from grantor trusts. To the extent not inconsistent with final regulations issued under Internal Revenue Code Section 139E, this shall specifically include the ability to distribute general welfare benefits to minors from their minors trust accounts in lieu of tax deferred per capita.
 - RAP and Trust Amendments Required. Payment of general welfare from gaming revenues or trusts must be coordinated with confirming changes as needed for consistency with trust and revenue allocation plan documents.

Sec. 20-93. Limitation on payments; annual budgeting.

- Limitations on welfare assistance payments. The Community Council, within its annual budgets, by resolution or by motion, may adopt guidelines establishing the maximum assistance payments to be made to Community members for certain specified purposes or programs or may delegate the establishment of such limitations to the program level.

Such guidelines may also include, by way of example, factors to be considered in determining whether deviations from the general payment limitations should be permitted. Departments or Community divisions charged with administering particular programs may be delegated authority to adopt program guidelines to the extent not contrary to the overall guidelines and limitations established by the Community Council hereunder.

- Annual budgeting; unfunded program. The Community Council, through its annual budgeting process, by resolution or by motion, shall designate those funding sources that are available for the payment of assistance benefits. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, the assistance payments authorized hereunder shall be "unfunded" for tax purposes and no beneficiary shall have an interest in or right to any funds budgeted for or set aside for assistance payments until actually paid. Assistance benefits shall remain assets of the Community until distributed, and the approved programs shall be administered to avoid premature taxation through the doctrines of constructive receipt and/or economic benefit.

Sec. 20-94. Forfeiture of welfare assistance rights.

- Limited use of assistance payments/services. All assistance disbursed or provided pursuant to this article must be used for the purpose stated in the approved program description, and the Community member's application for the relevant assistance. In the event that assistance payments and/or services are used or pledged for a purpose inconsistent with the purpose set forth in the applicable approved program or the beneficiary's application, the Community Council or designee shall require the repayment of the welfare assistance payment. The Community Council or designee is authorized to offset any other payments owed to a Community member if such an offset is necessary to secure repayment of a welfare assistance payment in accordance with this subsection.
- Forfeiture. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, assistance benefits may be revoked or forfeited for any beneficiary who is found to have misapplied program funds or to have made any misrepresentations during the application process. Assistance may also be forfeited should said benefits be treated as income or a resource to the detriment of the Community or a beneficiary. The Community shall have a right of recovery with regard to any excess or improper payments hereunder.
- Due process. Each program shall offer procedures that afford a beneficiary an opportunity to address forfeiture issues or concerns with the program director or designee.

Sec. 20-95. Inalienability of welfare assistance benefit rights.

A Community member's rights to apply for welfare assistance payments and/or services under this article are not subject to anticipation, alienation, sale, transfer, assignment, pledge, encumbrance, levy, attachment or garnishment by creditors of the Community member or his or her beneficiaries.

Sec. 20-96. Administration.

The Community government departments and divisions shall be charged with the responsibility and authority to administer the welfare assistance payment and service programs called for by this article. All duties performed by an employee or official of the Community in accordance with this article or an approved program are deemed to be conducted in his or her official capacity.

Sec. 20-97. Privacy; Information Sharing.

The Community will maintain records regarding sensitive Community and Community member matters, including tribal customs, religion and traditions, confidential from third party disclosures to the fullest extent permitted at law. If information is requested by IRS or other government agencies or third parties during a compliance review or examination, disclosures shall be limited to the extent necessary and required by law pending an effort to address such requests through consultation and other rights under Executive Order 13175 on a government-to-government basis, or any successor thereto. Confidential Community information shall not be shared in a manner that would open up additional disclosure, for example, under information sharing agreements where the recipient's information may be subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act.

Sec. 20-98. Construction; Future Guidance.

This Ordinance shall be construed to afford maximum flexibility for the Community to establish and administer general welfare assistance in accordance with the Tribal General Welfare Exclusion Act and other applicable law. As of the approval of this Ordinance, the United States Treasury Department is in the process of considering final regulations under Internal Revenue Code Section 139E. If or when issued, the Community by this reference expressly incorporates (1) all minimum criteria for favorable tax treatment, and (2) any additional flexibility afforded under the final regulations, to the extent not otherwise covered by the terms of this Ordinance. The Community further reserves any transition relief afforded under final regulations when issued.



ATTENTION

IF YOUR NAME APPEARS ON THIS LIST; PLEASE CONTACT THE SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY, ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION SERVICES DEPARTMENT, ROW OFFICE AT 480-362-6870.

THOMAS ROAD MATCHING UTILITY EASMENT

	First	Middle	Last		First	Middle	Last
1	JONATHAN	ANDREW	AGENT	31	HAZEL	GILDA	LEWIS
2	ANTHONY	RAY	ALLISON	32	LANCELOT	D.	LEWIS
3	ANGELA	MAY	ANTONE	33	LEANDER	RONALD	LEWIS
4	LAWRENCE	D.	BEGAY	34	MONICA	ANDREA	LEWIS
5	ISABEL		BENITEZ	35	RICKY		LEWIS
6	JOSEPHINE	KAYE	BENITEZ	36	SANDRA	LYN	LEWIS
7	FELIX		BUNAC	37	SHIRLEY	A.	LOPEZ
8	ASHLEY	VERONICA	CACHORA	38	CARESSA	PURPLE SKY	MANUEL
9	CODY	M.	CACHORA	39	JASON	SOARING HAWK	MANUEL
10	CLIFTON		CARD	40	OLIVIA	ELIZABETH	MANUEL
11	CONRAD	KENNETH	CARMEN	41	ADRIENE	CHRISTINE	MATTHEWS
12	EDGAR	CRAZYHORSE	CHAPMAN	42	ERIC		MATTHEWS
13	TINO		CHAPMAN	43	AMANDA	CELIA	MITCHELL
14	NORA		CHIAGO	44	ALSHOUN	RICHED	MOORE
15	PAUL	LELAND	CONSEEN	45	BRYANNA	GRACE	MORGAN
16	CARRIE	LYNN	DALLAS	46	ALTHEA	ROBERTA	RAY
17	RICHARD	LEE	ENIS	47	PHILLIP	MARK	SANTOS
18	DERRICK	EARL	ENOS	48	JERRY		SAVALA
19	JEANETTE	DORIS	ENOS	49	JENNIFER	ANN	SMITH
20	LAWRENCE		ENOS	50	APRIL	VICTORIA	STRANGE
21	LORI	ALICE	ENOS	51	THELMA	ANTON	TERRY
22	PATRICIO	MATUS	GOMEZ	52	PEGGY	A.	WAGNER
23	DANIEL		GONZALES	53	MARCELLINE		WALKER
24	DEANNA	RAE	HARRIS	54	ANGELINE	LUANNE	WASHINGTON
25	CARLEENA	MARIA	HARVEY	55	JOYCELYN	MARIE	WHITE
26	RACHEL	MARIE	HAYNES	56	MICHAEL	THOMAS	WHITE
27	VICTOR	E.	JACKSON	57	ADAINE	RAY	WILLIAMS
28	CHRISTINE	LURLEEN	JOSE	58	AUBREE	RAY	WILLIAMS
29	CODY	MCQUEEN	JUAN	59	HAILEY	NANCY MARIE	WILLIAMS
30	CHARITY	LYNN	LEWIS	60	JOSHUA	DALE	WILLIAMS



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Anyone can report a concern regarding a vulnerable elder or adult with adaptive needs:

Phone
Ask for Adult Protective Services at 480.362.6350

Email
AdultProtectiveServices@srpmic-nsn.gov

In-Person
Ask for the APS team at 10510 E. Osborn Rd.




**SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY
 PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**
 10005 East Osborn Road, Scottsdale, Arizona 85256-9722
 PHONE: (480) 362-5600



WATER QUALITY REPORT NOTIFICATION

To: Valued Water Customer:

The 2025 Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Water Quality Reports or Consumer Confidence Report (CCR), which contains important information about the water source and water quality of your drinking water, are available to view online at; [Drinking Water - SRPMIC \(srpmic-nsn.gov\)](http://Drinking Water - SRPMIC (srpmic-nsn.gov)) or <https://www.srpmic-nsn.gov/government/public-works/drinking-water/#WQR>.

Please see the map of the Public Water System (PWS) below to see the PWS your residence is located within.

Customers who receive tap water from the PWS-0400109-Salt River Public Works water system, please see the "PWS 0400109 – Salt River Public Works 2025 CCR" report.

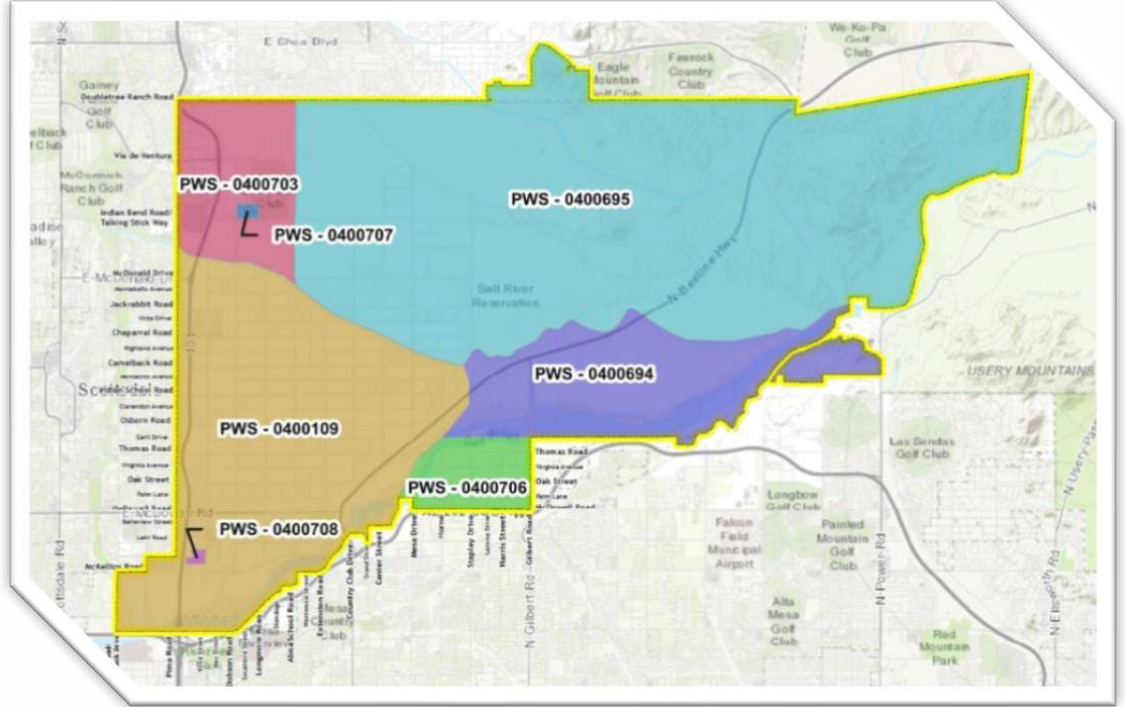
Customers who receive tap water from the PWS-0400694-Salt River Landfill water system, please see the "PWS-0400694 – Salt River Landfill 2025 CCR" report.

Customers who receive tap water from the PWS-0400695-Salt River North Mesa water system, please see the "PWS-0400695 – Salt River North Mesa 2025 CCR" report.

Customers who receive tap water from the PWS-0400703-Casino Arizona Talking Stick (CATS) water system, please see the "PWS-0400703 – Casino Arizona Talking Stick (CATS) 2025 CCR" report.

Customers who receive tap water from the PWS-0400706-Salt River Lehi water system, please see the "PWS-0400706 – Salt River Lehi 2025 CCR" report.

To request for a printed copy or for a translation of this report, or to speak with someone about the report please contact the Public Works Department at 480-362-5600 or email at PWWaterResources@SRPMIC-nsn.gov.





Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Public Water Systems 2025 WATER QUALITY REPORT

WELCOME MESSAGE

The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Public Works Department is pleased to provide you with the 2025 Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) for the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community's Seven (7) Public Water Systems. This CCR, also known as a Water Quality Report, summarizes the results of tests and measurements performed at the SRPMIC water production facilities and throughout the water distribution system for the 2025 calendar year. These tests and measurements ensure that we deliver the highest quality of water to you. In reading the report, you will discover that your tap water met or surpassed all federal drinking water health standards as set by the Environmental Protection Agency. The Public Works Department is committed to providing the highest quality drinking water and in ensuring that the Community has adequate water sources to meet its current and future needs. We encourage you to read the report to learn more about the water delivered to your home. We value your trust in our ability to provide high quality water service. Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to serve you.

ARE THERE CONTAMINANTS IN OUR DRINKING WATER?

To ensure the tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations limiting the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. U.S. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water. Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least some small amounts of contaminants. The presence of these contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses health risks. The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals, in some cases, radioactive material, and substances results from the presence of animals or from human activity. Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria that may be from wastewater treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, or wildlife.
- Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, that can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming; pesticides and herbicides, that may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff and residential uses.
- Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, that are byproducts of industrial processes, petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, septic systems.
- Radioactive contaminants that can be naturally occurring or can be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk.

More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

DO I NEED TO TAKE SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS?

Although our drinking water met or exceeded federal regulations, some people may be more vulnerable to disease causing microorganisms or pathogens in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice from their health care provider about their drinking water. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium*, *Giardia* and other microbial pathogens are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

IS OUR WATER SYSTEM MEETING OTHER RULES THAT GOVERN OPERATIONS?

During this reporting year, our systems were in compliance with applicable Federal drinking water operating, monitoring and reporting requirements.

WATER QUALITY TABLE AND DATE

As the Federal regulations require, we routinely test your drinking water for numerous contaminants. These contaminants include total coliform, inorganic compounds, nitrate, nitrite, lead and copper, volatile organic compounds, total trihalomethanes (TTHMs), haloacetic acids (HAA5), radiological, and synthetic organic compounds. The tables presented here depict which compounds were detected in your drinking water. The EPA allows us to test some contaminants less frequently because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change. Some of our data, though representative, are more than one year old.

Public Water System #090400109-Salt River Public Works – 2025 Water Quality Data							
Your water comes from three (3) ground water sources. One (1) additional ground water source are supplied from Public Water System No. 090400703 through a consecutive connection.							
Analyte	Units	MRDLG	MRDL	Your Water	Range Low High	Sample Date	Violation Yes / No
Chlorine (Residual)	ppm	4	4	0.9689	0.24 1.7	2025	No
<i>Typical Source: Drinking water additive used for disinfection</i>							
Analyte	Units	MCLG	MCL	Your Water	Range Low High	Sample Date	Violation Yes / No
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHMs)	ppb	N/A	80	33.9	4.9 33.9	2025	No
<i>Typical Source: By-product of drinking water chlorination</i>							
Arsenic	ppb	0	10	3	1.1 3.9	2025	No
<i>Typical Source: Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; glass & electronics production wastes</i>							
Chromium	ppb	100	100	32	17 32	2025	No
<i>Typical Source: Discharge from steel and pulp mills and chrome plating; erosion of natural deposits</i>							
Fluoride	ppm	4	4	1.15	1.0 1.15	2025	No
<i>Typical Source: Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer & aluminum factories</i>							
Nitrate (reported as Nitrogen)	ppm	10	10	3.64	0.78 3.64	2025	No
<i>Typical Source: Runoff and leaching from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits</i>							
Sodium	ppm	N/A	N/A	190	160 190	2025	No
<i>Typical Source: Erosion of natural deposits; saltwater intrusion</i>							
Adjusted Alpa (Excl., Radon & Uranium)	pCi/L	0	15	3.2	N/A N/A	2025	No
<i>Typical Source: Erosion of natural deposits</i>							
Uranium (combined)	ppb	0	30	4.8	N/A N/A	2025	No
<i>Typical Source: Erosion of natural deposits</i>							
Analyte	Units	MCLG	Action Level	Your Water	Range Low High	Sample Date	Violation Yes / No
Copper (90 th Percentile)	ppm	1.3	1.3	0.13	ND 0.14 0 sites over Action Level	2024	No
<i>Typical Source: Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives</i>							
Microbiological Testing							
We are required to test your water regularly for signs of microbial contamination. Positive test results could lead to follow-up investigations called assessments and potentially the issuance of public health advisories. Assessments could lead to required corrective actions. The information below summarizes the results of those tests.							
Calendar Year	Sampling Requirements	Sampling Conducted (months)	Total E. Coli Positive	Assessment Triggers	Assessments Conducted		
2025	20 Samples due monthly	12 out of 12	0	0	0		
Service Line Inventory for Systems with Unknowns							
Salt River Public Works was required to complete an inventory of service line materials to determine whether any service lines connected to the distribution system are made of lead material. We identified 317 service lines out of 2145 at Salt River Public Works are made of unknown material. The service line inventory is available upon request, please contact us for more information.							

KEY WATER QUALITY TERMS

The following are definitions of key terms referring to standards and goals of water quality noted on the data table.

- (MCL): Maximum Contaminant Level:** The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
- (MCLG): Maximum Contaminant Level Goal:** The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
- (MRDL): Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level:** The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that the addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
- (% positive samples/month):** % of samples taken monthly that were positive.
- (ppm): Parts per million:** Corresponds to one part of liquid in one million parts of liquid.
- (TT): Treatment Technique:** A required process intended to reduce the level of contaminant in drinking water.
- (NA): Not Applicable:** Does not apply to.
- (AL): Action Level:** The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, trigger treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
- 90th Percentile:** Statistical value used to determine if Action Level is exceeded. Determined by calculating the value at which 90% of the samples tested were below that value.
- (MRDLG): Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal:** The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contamination.
- (ND): Not-Detects:** Laboratory analysis indicates that the constituent is not present.
- (ppb): Parts per billion:** Corresponds to one part of liquid in one billion parts of liquid.
- Positive Samples:** The number of positive samples taken that year.

Public Water System #090400703-Casino Arizona Talking Sticks – 2025 Water Quality Data							
Your water comes from four (4) ground water sources.							
Analyte	MRDLG	MRDL	Your Water	Range Low High	Sample Date	Violation Yes / No	
Chlorine, Chlorine Residual Units: ppm	4	4	0.9982	0.31 1.69	2025	No	
<i>Typical Source: Drinking water additive used for disinfection</i>							
Analyte	MCLG	MCL	Your Water	Range Low High	Sample Date	Violation Yes / No	
Five Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) Units: ppb	N/A	60	4.2	N/A N/A	2025	No	
<i>Typical Source: By-product of drinking water chlorination</i>							
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHMs) Units: ppb	N/A	80	12.1	N/A N/A	2025	No	
<i>Typical Source: By-product of drinking water chlorination</i>							
Arsenic - Units: ppb	0	10	2.3	1.1 2.9	2025	No	
<i>Typical Source: Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; glass & electronics production wastes</i>							
Chromium - Units: ppb	100	100	32	17 32	2025	No	
<i>Typical Source: Discharge from steel and pulp mills and chrome plating; erosion of natural deposits</i>							
Fluoride - Units: ppm	4	4	1.0	N/A N/A	2025	No	
<i>Typical Source: Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer & aluminum factories</i>							
Nitrate (reported as Nitrogen) Units: ppm	10	10	3.64	2.23 3.64	2025	No	
<i>Typical Source: Runoff and leaching from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits</i>							
Analyte	MCLG	Action Level	Your Water	Range Low High	Sample Date	Violation Yes / No	
Copper Units: ppm - 90 th Percentile	1.3	1.3	0.33	ND 0.4 0 sites over Action Level	2025	No	
<i>Typical Source: Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives</i>							
Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR)							
Analyte	MCLG	MCL	Your Water	Range Low High	Sample Date	Violation Yes / No	
Lithium, Total - Units: ppm	N/A	N/A	99	64.5 99	2025	No	
<i>Typical Source: Lithium is a naturally occurring metal, has numerous commercial uses including as a main component of batteries. Lithium is also used as a pharmaceutical</i>							
Microbiological Testing							
We are required to test your water regularly for signs of microbial contamination. Positive test results could lead to follow-up investigations called assessments and potentially the issuance of public health advisories. Assessments could lead to required corrective actions. The information below summarizes the results of those tests.							
Calendar Year	Sampling Requirements	Sampling Conducted (months)	Total E. Coli Positive	Assessment Triggers	Assessments Conducted		
2025	30 Samples due monthly	12 out of 12	0	0	0		
Service Line Inventory for Systems with Unknowns							
Casino Arizona Talking Stick (CATS) was required to complete an inventory of service line materials to determine whether any service lines connected to the distribution system are made of lead material. We determined that all service lines at Casino Arizona Talking Stick (CATS) are made of non-lead materials. The service line inventory is available upon request, please contact us for more information.							

DRINKING WATER AND ARSENIC

While your drinking water meets the EPA standard for arsenic, it does contain low levels of arsenic. The EPA standard balances the current understanding of arsenic's possible health effects against the costs of removing arsenic from drinking water. The EPA continues to research the health effects of low levels of arsenic which is a mineral known to cause cancer in humans at high concentrations and is linked to other health effects such as skin damage and circulatory problems.

DRINKING WATER AND LEAD

Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. We are responsible for providing high quality drinking water but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components in your home. It is possible that lead levels at your home in the community may be higher than at others because of plumbing materials used in your property. If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Infants and young children are typically more vulnerable to lead in drinking water than the general population. You can minimize the potential for lead exposure, when your water has been sitting for several hours, by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes (or until the water temperature has changed) before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead levels in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Additional information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the USEPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline 800-426-4791, or at <https://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

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Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Public Water Systems

2025 WATER QUALITY REPORT

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Public Water System #090400694-Salt River Landfill – 2025 Water Quality Data

Your water comes from two (2) ground water sources.

Analyte	MRDLG	MRDL	Your Water	Range		Sample Date	Violation Yes / No
				Low	High		
Chlorine, Chlorine Residual Units: ppm	4	4	1.0223	0.71	1.81	2025	No

Typical Source: Drinking water additive used for disinfection

Analyte	MCLG	MCL	Your Water	Range		Sample Date	Violation Yes / No
				Low	High		
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHMs) Units: ppb	N/A	80	9.8	N/A	N/A	2024	No

Typical Source: By-product of drinking water chlorination

Arsenic - Units: ppb	0	10	5.8	5.5	6.1	2025	No
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Typical Source: Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; glass & electronics production wastes

Nitrate (reported as Nitrogen) Units: ppm	10	10	0.37	N/A	N/A	2025	No
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Typical Source: Runoff and leaching from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits

Sodium - Units: ppm	N/A	N/A	170	N/A	N/A	2025	No
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Typical Source: Erosion of natural deposits; saltwater intrusion

Adjusted Alpha (Excl., Radon & U) Units: pCi/L	0	15	2.1	N/A	N/A	2025	No
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Typical Source: Erosion of natural deposits

Radium 226/228 (combined) Units: pCi/L	0	5	0.9	N/A	N/A	2025	No
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Typical Source: Erosion of natural deposits

Uranium (combined) - Units: ppb	0	30	3.1	N/A	N/A	2025	No
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Typical Source: Erosion of natural deposits

Analyte	MCLG	Action Level	Your Water	Range		Sample Date	Violation Yes / No
				Low	High		
Copper Units: ppm - 90 th Percentile	1.3	1.3	0.145	.016	0.15	2024	No

Typical Source: Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives

Microbiological Testing

We are required to test your water regularly for signs of microbial contamination. Positive test results could lead to follow-up investigations called assessments and potentially the issuance of public health advisories. Assessments could lead to required corrective actions. The information below summarizes the results of those tests.

Calendar Year	Sampling Requirements	Sampling Conducted (months)	Total E. Coli Positive	Assessment Triggers	Assessments Conducted
2025	1 Sample due monthly	12 out of 12	0	0	0

Service Line Inventory for Systems with Unknowns

Salt River Landfill was required to complete an inventory of service line materials to determine whether any service lines connected to the distribution system are made of lead material. We determined that all service lines at Salt River Landfill are made of non-lead materials. The service line inventory is available upon request, please contact us for more information.

Public Water System #090400706-Salt River Lehi – 2025 Water Quality Data

Your water comes from one (1) ground water sources.

Analyte	MRDLG	MRDL	Your Water	Range		Sample Date	Violation Yes / No
				Low	High		
Chlorine, Chlorine Residual Units: ppm	4	4	0.8142	0.54	0.96	2025	No

Typical Source: Drinking water additive used for disinfection

Analyte	MCLG	MCL	Your Water	Range		Sample Date	Violation Yes / No
				Low	High		
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHMs) Units: ppb	N/A	80	4.8	N/A	N/A	2025	No

Typical Source: By-product of drinking water chlorination

Arsenic - Units: ppb	0	10	6.4	5.8	6.4	2025	No
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Typical Source: Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; glass & electronics production wastes

Barium - Units: ppm	2	2	0.018	N/A	N/A	2025	No
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Typical Source: Discharge of oil drilling wastes and from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits

Fluoride - Units: ppm	4	4	0.36	N/A	N/A	2025	No
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Typical Source: Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer & aluminum factories

Nitrate (reported as Nitrogen) Units: ppm	10	10	0.28	N/A	N/A	2025	No
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Typical Source: Runoff and leaching from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits

Sodium - Units: ppm	N/A	N/A	150	N/A	N/A	2024	No
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Typical Source: Erosion of natural deposits; saltwater intrusion

Uranium (combined) - Units: ppb	0	30	1.3	N/A	N/A	2022	No
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Typical Source: Erosion of natural deposits

Analyte	MCLG	Action Level	Your Water	Range		Sample Date	Violation Yes / No
				Low	High		
Copper Units: ppm - 90 th Percentile	1.3	1.3	0.0846	.024	0.09	2023	No

Typical Source: Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives

Microbiological Testing

We are required to test your water regularly for signs of microbial contamination. Positive test results could lead to follow-up investigations called assessments and potentially the issuance of public health advisories. Assessments could lead to required corrective actions. The information below summarizes the results of those tests.

Calendar Year	Sampling Requirements	Sampling Conducted (months)	Total E. Coli Positive	Assessment Triggers	Assessments Conducted
2025	1 Sample due monthly	12 out of 12	0	0	0

Service Line Inventory for Systems with Unknowns

Salt River Lehi was required to complete an inventory of service line materials to determine whether any service lines connected to the distribution system are made of lead material. We identified 34 service lines out of 191 at Salt River Lehi are made of unknown material. The service line inventory is available upon request, please contact us for more information.

Public Water System #090400695-Salt River North Mesa – 2025 Water Quality Data

Your water comes from two (2) ground water sources.

Analyte	MRDLG	MRDL	Your Water	Range		Sample Date	Violation Yes / No
				Low	High		
Chlorine, Chlorine Residual Units: ppm	4	4	0.8833	0.73	1.02	2025	No

Typical Source: Drinking water additive used for disinfection

Analyte	MCLG	MCL	Your Water	Range		Sample Date	Violation Yes / No
				Low	High		
Five Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) Units: ppb	N/A	60	7.2	N/A	N/A	2025	No

Typical Source: By-product of drinking water chlorination

Total Trihalomethanes (TTHMs) Units: ppb	N/A	80	50.4	N/A	N/A	2024	No
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Typical Source: By-product of drinking water chlorination

Arsenic - Units: ppb	0	10	1.0	ND	1.6	2025	No
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Typical Source: Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; glass & electronics production wastes

Nitrate (reported as Nitrogen) Units: ppm	10	10	2.27	N/A	N/A	2025	No
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Typical Source: Runoff and leaching from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits

Sodium - Units: ppm	N/A	N/A	86	N/A	N/A	2025	No
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Typical Source: Erosion of natural deposits; saltwater intrusion

Adjusted Alpha (Excl., Radon & U) Units: pCi/L	0	15	3.8	N/A	N/A	2025	No
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Typical Source: Erosion of natural deposits

Uranium (combined) - Units: ppb	0	30	5.7	N/A	N/A	2025	No
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Typical Source: Erosion of natural deposits

Analyte	MCLG	Action Level	Your Water	Range		Sample Date	Violation Yes / No
				Low	High		
Copper Units: ppm - 90 th Percentile	1.3	1.3	0.065	.027	.097	2025	No

Typical Source: Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives

Microbiological Testing

We are required to test your water regularly for signs of microbial contamination. Positive test results could lead to follow-up investigations called assessments and potentially the issuance of public health advisories. Assessments could lead to required corrective actions. The information below summarizes the results of those tests.

Calendar Year	Sampling Requirements	Sampling Conducted (months)	Total E. Coli Positive	Assessment Triggers	Assessments Conducted
2025	1 Sample due monthly	12 out of 12	0	0	0

Service Line Inventory for Systems with Unknowns

Salt River North Mesa was required to complete an inventory of service line materials to determine whether any service lines connected to the distribution system are made of lead material. We determined that all service lines at Salt River North Mesa are made of non-lead materials. The service line inventory is available upon request, please contact us for more information.

Public Water System #090400706-Salt River Lehi – 2025 City of Mesa Water Quality Data

Your water comes from two (2) ground water sources.

Analyte	MRDLG	MRDL	Your Water	Range		Sample Date	Violation Yes / No
				Low	High		
Chlorine, Chlorine Residual Units: ppm	4	4	0.65	0.02	2.04	2025	No

Typical Source: Drinking water additive used for disinfection

Analyte	MCLG	MCL	Your Water	Range		Sample Date	Violation Yes / No
				Low	High		
Arsenic - Units: ppb	0	10	8.8	0.8	8.8	2025	No

Typical Source: Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; glass & electronics production wastes

Barium - Units: ppm	2	2	0.13	.017	0.13	2025	No
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Typical Source: Discharge of oil drilling wastes and from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits

Nitrate (reported as Nitrogen) Units: ppm	10	10	8.99	ND	8.99	2025	No
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Typical Source: Runoff and leaching from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits

Selenium - Units: ppb	50	50	3.12	ND	3.12	2025	No
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Typical Source: Petroleum, glass, metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits; discharge from mines and chemical manufacturers; livestock lot runoff

Sodium - Units: ppm	N/A	N/A	212	45	212	2025	No
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Typical Source: Erosion of natural deposits; saltwater intrusion

Radium 226/228 (combined) Units: pCi/L	0	5	0.9	ND	0.9	2025	No
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Typical Source: Erosion of natural deposits

Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of water and it is an indication of the effectiveness of City of Mesa's filtration system. They monitor it because it is a good indicator of the quality of water. High turbidity can interfere with the effectiveness of disinfectants.

Turbidity - Units: NTU	N/A	1 NTU	0.5	0.04	0.5	2025	No
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Typical Source: Soil runoff

Turbidity Units: % meeting standard	N/A	95% of sample s must be <0.3 NTU	99.4%	99.4 %	100 %	2025	No
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Typical Source: Soil runoff

WHY SAVE WATER AND HOW TO AVOID WASTING IT?

Although our system has an adequate amount of water to meet present and future demands, there are a number of reasons why it is important to conserve water:

- Saving water reduces the cost of energy required to pump water.
- Saving water lessens the strain on the water system during a dry spell or drought.

You can play a role in conserving water by becoming conscious of the amount of water your household is using, and by looking for ways to use less whenever you can. Conservation tips include:

- Check every faucet in your home for leaks. Just a slow drip can waste 15 to 20 gallons a day. Fix it and you can save almost 6,000 gallons per year.
- Check your toilets for leaks by putting a few drops of food coloring in the tank, watch for a few minutes to see if the color shows up in the bowl. It is not uncommon to lose up to 100 gallons a day from one of these otherwise invisible toilet leaks. Fix it and you can save more than 30,000 gallons a year.

WHERE TO LEARN ABOUT THE QUALITY OF OUR WATER

Please feel free to contact the number provided below for a translated copy of the report if you need it in another language.

For more information or to request a printed copy of this report, please contact Public Works Department at 480-362-5600, Monday - Friday 8AM - 5PM.

You can also mail your questions to:



Salt River Pima-Maricopa
Indian Community
Public Works Department
1005 East Osborn Road



You may also call the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline. For Information about the Safe Drinking Water Act or EPA's other drinking water programs at 800-426-4791.



SRMG CLOTHING DRIVE CHAPARRAL OFFICE DONATES TO HELPING HANDS THRIFT STORE

During the month of April, Salt River Materials Group (SRMG) hosted a clothing donation drive at the Chaparral Office to help replenish the inventory of the **Helping Hands Thrift Store**, a valuable community resource that directly supports Salt River Community Members and their families.

Employees were enthusiastic to participate. The staff contributed a variety of gently used items, including clothing, shoes, bags, accessories, toys, and books. With the support of a donation box provided by **Discover Salt River**, the Chaparral Office team collected an impressive 13 full bags and three tote bags of donated items.

The success of the clothing drive demonstrates how small acts of generosity can make a meaningful impact within the community. SRMG is proud to support programs and departments that serve Community Members and remains committed to finding opportunities to give back. Because of the positive response from the team, SRMG plans to host another clothing drive in the near future.

If you are looking for a meaningful way to support the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, consider donating gently used items to the **Helping Hands Thrift Store**, located at 10213 E. Osborn Road Scottsdale, AZ 85256.

For more information, please contact **Francies Edwards** at **(480) 362-5625** or by email at **Francies.Edwards@srpmic-nsn.gov**.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FOR THE COMPLETE SRPMIC CALENDAR, SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW:



ONGOING

- AAR AFTERNOONS**, Tuesdays & Thursdays, 1-3 p.m., Ske:g Himdag Ki: Senior Room. Engaging games, crafts and events for community members ages 18-54 with intellectual, physical and emotional needs. Questions? SSDAdultAdaptiveRecreation@srpmic-nsn.gov
- 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 April. 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 a we all share our insight, thoughts and experiences throughout each book. Starting February 19th, Rez Readers will meet every 3rd Thursdays, February - April 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. 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 Wednesday of each month from 12 p.m. - 1 p.m. at RPHC 3rd Floor, Room 3203. Contact (480) 278-7742 for more information.
- 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.
- 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 480-362-5625 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. This 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.
- ELEVATING ELDERS**, Thursdays, 9-10 a.m., Ske:g Himdag Ki: Senior Room. Physical Fitness Specialist Nevelle Howard leads a fun, energizing class that boosts strength using body weight and light dumbbells. For seniors 55+ and adults with adaptive needs.
- YOGA FOR FALL PREVENTION**, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Wednesdays, 9-10 a.m., Ske:g Himdag Ki: Senior Room. Standing or chair options available. Guided movements improve strength, balance and flexibility. For seniors 55+ and adults with adaptive needs.
- HA:ŞAÑ BAHIDAG MAŞAD XLY'A XAMXUK JUNE**
- 19 JUNETEENTH SRPMIC OFFICES CLOSED**
- 19 JR. MISS SALT RIVER PAGEANT**, 6 p.m. at Talking Stick Resort Ballroom. See who is crowned the next Jr. Miss and thank outgoing Jr. Miss Salt River Tiare Begay Smith. For questions, call (480) 362-7474.
- 20 MISS SALT RIVER PAGEANT**, 2 p.m. at Talking Stick Resort Ballroom. See who is crowned the next Miss Salt River and thank outgoing Miss Salt River Emma Scabby. For

questions, call (480) 362-7474.

- 22 LAND MANAGEMENT BOARD COMMUNITY HEARING**, 6 p.m. at SRPMIC Council Chambers. The Land Management Board has scheduled a Community Hearing. You may or may not be a landowner in this area; however, this special invitation is extended to all Community Members and Landowners with ownership interest within a 1/2 mile radius. Courtney Crump, representing Caliber HS Riverwalk Holdco LLC, is requesting a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to allow for the development of a 122-room, 4-story extended stay hotel on 3.49 acres of land within the Riverwalk master development. Per the SRPMIC Zoning Ordinance and Map, this property is zoned C3 (General Commercial) and a CUP is required for an extended stay hotel to be constructed. This notice is made under Article I., Section 17-4, Sections 7-95 (d), 17-97 (a) and 17-97 (e) along with the SRPMIC Code Ordinance. Public comments can be made via email at public_hearing_comments@srpmic-nsn.gov, by phone at (480) 362-7470, by text at (623) 282-5757, or by mail CDD, Attn: Public Comments, 10005 E. Osborn Rd, Scottsdale AZ 85256.
- 23 ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS: EMPOWERMENT BUILT THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS**, Learn how to recognize and report elder abuse and protect the vulnerable. Food, vendors, games, and prizes! All are welcome, bring the whole family! 4 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. at Salt River Community Building. Free event T-shirt while supplies last.
- 23 VOCATIONAL REHAB ORIENTATION**, 10:30 a.m. at Two Waters - Building B. If you have a disability or diagnosis and want to work, join their Walk-In Orientation to learn about employment support and services. Questions? Contact: (480) 362-2650
- 24 HEAD START SELF-ASSESSMENT**, Members of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community are invited to participate in the Early Childhood Education Center's annual Head Start Self-Assessment on Wednesday, June 24, from 8:00 - 11:00 am in the ALA gym. Help us reflect on our program's strengths, identify areas for growth, and

ensure we provide high quality services to children and families. Community input is essential to help us evaluate our practices and plan effectively for continuous improvement. Breakfast and snacks will be served; please let us know if you'll be attending. To access the ALA gym, park in the lot south of the football field (11355 E. Highland Ave.). Can't make it? Your perspective is still important! Take a survey (anonymous!) on your own time by emailing Tina.Pekovitch@saltriverschools.org. Questions? 480-362-2200 | ECEC.SaltRiverSchools.org

25 GRADUATION RECOGNITION DINNER, The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community and Salt River Schools offices of School and Community Relations and Higher Education would like to recognize all SRPMIC high school and postsecondary graduates from the Class of 2026. This includes any graduation from high school, GED, trade school, or college/university occurring from July 2025 through June 2026. This annual honor takes place with a special dinner and entertainment at Talking Stick Resort - FREE for SRPMIC 2026 graduates and two guests! Questions? Email GradRecognition@saltriverschools.org or call the Higher Education program at 480-362-2547.

30 VOICES OF SUMMER SALT RIVER SPEAKER SERIES, at Salt River Council Chambers. Dinner served at 5 p.m. followed by 45-minute presentation and 15-minute Q&A from 6 p.m. - 7 p.m. See ad on page 14 for more information!

FOR THE LATEST DISTRICT MEETINGS SCHEDULE, SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW:

