



SRPMIC Employee of the Year: Monica Hernandez

The annual employee recognition program celebrates the hard-working individuals who help make the Salt River-Pima Maricopa Indian Community one of the premiere places to work in Arizona.

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3 Takeaways:

- Human Resources Recruitment Manager Monica Hernandez was selected as the 2025 Employee of the Year. Previous winners include Christina Prichard, Kimberly Enos, Eric Burke, Aaronn Mattingly and Dr. Nancy Mangieri.
- The recognition luncheon was held at the Salt River Grand Resort Ballroom inside Talking Stick Resort and Casino.
- Additional recognition awards went to SRPMIC employees celebrating five, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 and 35 years of employment with the Community.

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SRPMIC President Martin Harvier presented the 2025 Employee of the Year Award to SRPMIC Human Resources Recruitment Manager Monica Hernandez. Congratulations!



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Just Passing Through: Geese Drop In on the Community During Migration



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If you grew up in the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, particularly during the winter and spring months, you probably have heard the familiar "honk" calls of migrating Canada geese flying overhead in a V formation. You might even catch them taking a pit stop in your own backyard.

The geese that travel through Arizona are following the Pacific Flyway, one of Turtle Island's major bird migration corridors that stretches from Canada to Mexico. Western Population Canada geese nest and winter west of the Rocky Mountains from northern Alberta and British Columbia to southern California and Arizona, according to the 2025 Waterfowl Population Status Report. The report includes the most current breeding population and production information available for waterfowl on the continent.

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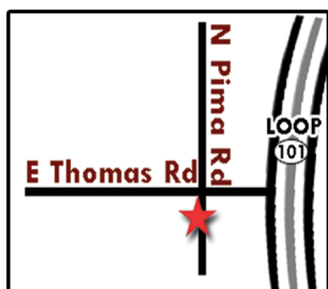
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Managing Stress in the New Year



With the arrival of the new year, SRPMIC HHS staff member Melanie Nosie facilitated a webinar for membership and staff on Jan. 13 to discuss the different ways we can manage stress in our lives.

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Does the phrase “New year, new me” ring a bell? For most, it does.

Now that we’re a few days into 2026, the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Health and Human Services Department hosted an online webinar for Community members and staff on Jan. 13 regarding the many ways to manage our stress levels.

HHS staff member Melanie Nosie facilitated the webinar, which provided key points on how to navigate stress in the new year. Over 140 individuals attended the online webinar. On average, more than 100 people join each webinar hosted by HHS, with many taking advantage of the chat feature to discuss topics openly.

Managing stress isn’t limited to the workplace or to the start of a new year. In fact, managing stress is a common topic featured in SRPMIC’s webinars, something Nosie is aware and appreciative of.

“People say, ‘I remember hearing that from a previous webinar,’” began Nosie. “That’s good! The idea is to get people in the Community talking more openly so we can all move forward.”

She continued, “We must adapt and change things to meet our needs. These are suggestions and ideas to ease your stress throughout the year.”

Vision Boards Instead of Resolutions

New Year’s resolutions, although they are fun, can also cause individuals to think in a black-and-white, all-or-nothing way, which is a cognitive distortion where people see and experience things in extremes (good or bad, perfect or terrible). “Resolutions have end points. It focuses on completion, not on reflecting the journey,” said Nosie.

All-or-nothing thinking, also called dichotomous thinking, is associated with having borderline personality disorder.

“Life and growth are rarely black and white,” said Nosie. “There is a lot of grey. Someone may say, ‘I’ll go to the gym for one hour a day,’ but then, as always, life happens and they don’t get a chance to work out. Resolutions are too strict and generally do not allow room for life’s unexpected occurrences.”

It was then that one of the attendees revealed that they have done New Year’s vision boards to stay motivated on completing goals all year long. A vision board is a collage of images and words that represents an individual’s wishes or goals.

Additional attendees began to chime in, stating they have utilized New Year’s themes, instead of resolutions, and have found success in staying stress-free and on track. Others mentioned downloading one of the many mindfulness mobile phone apps that can help an individual remain calm.

Creating a Safe Space

People, places and pets all can be part of someone’s safe space. Many attendees shared that their homes provide that comfort. Having a safe space asks the question “Where are you free to be yourself?”

When Nosie asked the group that question, the answers poured in: “With a book,” “on unplanned motorcycle rides,” “driving around,” “attending church” and “being with my fur babies.”

“We need that support, love and encouragement. If you have that person, place or pet, embrace that as often as you need to,” said Nosie. “Maybe that means limiting our time on social media too.”

3 Takeaways:

- *New Year’s resolutions are a product of black-and-white thinking, which can negatively impact an individual’s overall mental health.*
- *Limiting time on social media can enhance a person’s overall well-being.*
- *It is important to locate and identify people, places and pets as part of a person’s safe space.*

As the webinar neared its end, Nosie encouraged the attendees to take time out of their day to rest and take a breather. “Go get a massage, experience nature, celebrate those small victories. All of this helps us stay stress-free. We as individuals must find what is special to us and stick with it. You decide your happiness.”

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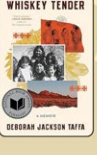
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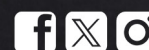
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Just Passing Through: Geese Drop In on the Community During Migration

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Being on the wintering edge means Arizona sees these geese each winter, but in smaller numbers than along other flyways. Some brave geese even stay in the Valley year-round.

This winter, Community members have documented the presence of the geese.

Kasheen Walker often sees geese this time of year in the evening time, beginning around 5 p.m., from the field on the northwest corner of Longmore and Osborn roads, continuing westward to the intersection of Osborn and 92nd Street.

“Depending on how close the geese are toward a residence, and if [the resident] has dogs, they will be there for quite a while if the dogs don’t chase them off,” said Walker.

Lillian Manuel, another Community member, said a certain local wild relative of dogs has also been known to give the geese a good chase.

“At about 6:30 p.m. it’s time for the geese to go home for the night, because it’s when the coyotes come out and try and get them,” said Manuel.

Canada geese can be identified by their brownish body with a black head and neck and a white chin-strap, as Senior Environmental Specialist–Wildlife Victoria Olmstead of the Community Development Department Environmental Protection and Natural Resources Division describes them.

“Historically, Canada geese flew through Arizona during migration, using ideal habitat as an important stopover point to refuel for their journey,” said Olmstead. “But now, more and more, they are seen year-round in urban areas, specifically where there are water features, natural or man-made, and easy-to-access food sources.”

Cultural Resources Department Director Kelly Washington said that he is not aware of any traditional uses or specific cultural meanings associated with geese for the O’odham and Piipaash. However, he noted that the word for “geese” is one of the very few words that may have been shared between the two languages.

“Other than the words borrowed from Spanish, the number of known words shared by O’odham and Piipaash can be counted on one hand,” said Washington.

“In Piipaash, a goose is called *yalak*. It is similar in other related Yuman languages. Most O’odham speakers today have difficulty remembering the name for a goose and may use terms for other similar-looking birds. Ethnobiologist and ornithologist Amadeo Rea



Geese fly into the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community in January during their migration.

documented that he found *hialak* to be the O’odham word. He had only one speaker share it with him. After doing more research, he found several documents from the 1800s that recorded this O’odham name for goose. It’s probable that the O’odham borrowed this word for a time from Yuman speakers but no longer use it. The name is probably onomatopoeic.”

Onomatopoeic means that it is a word that phonetically imitates, resembles or suggests the sound that it describes. In this case, *yalak* or *hialak* would sound like a goose’s honk in the way that the words “meow” or “chirp” reflect the sound a cat or bird would make.

And while the honking tends to get the attention, it’s nothing compared to the sights—and smells—that the geese leave behind on the farming lease lands and at the golf course.

“On golf courses and farms in particular, Canada geese are considered a nuisance because their presence damages turf and reduces harvest. For example, they will eat crops such as alfalfa, barley, beans, corn, soybeans and wheat, and trample turf,” said Olmstead. “Golf courses have additional concerns; the amount of feces [geese] produce can cause safety issues, such as making surfaces like sidewalks and walking paths slippery, and present the possibility of human health risks, introducing fecal coliform bacteria to an area.”

Have you ever heard a sudden bang echo across a field, followed by the chaotic *whoosh* of wings as birds scatter into the sky? Farming companies (or the nuisance wildlife removal companies they employ) will use a variety of methods to decrease the presence and impacts of geese in their fields, according to Olmstead.

“These methods are mainly scare tactics to produce loud noises, like car horns; pyrotechnics called bangers, which make a sound similar to the bang of traditional fireworks or a gunshot; and screamers, which emit a high-pitched screaming whistle. [They’ll also put] predator decoys in the fields,” said Olmstead.

“Sometimes they’ll use trained dogs to scare the geese. These methods are often also used to scare away other birds that can be a nuisance, such as European starlings and pigeons.”

Community members with smaller backyards or living spaces can use small-scale scare tactics to help lessen the impact of geese.

When the geese are on the ground, Olmstead said they can be scared away by clapping, screaming, playing dog-bark recordings or running toward them waving your arms like a “wacky inflatable tube man.”

To deter the geese from landing in your yard, you can plant thick clumps of vegetation, such as shrubs, grasses or cacti, and attach strips of Mylar to the tops of fence posts, which create movement when blowing in the wind.

As we transition from winter to spring, Olmstead reminds Community members that the start of spring also marks the start of nesting season. This is when birds pair up, build a nest and raise their young. Birds will nest in trees, shrubs, cactus and even on the ground.

“When doing springtime yard work, trimming and pruning trees and shrubs, try to remember the birds,” said Olmstead. “Before you cut, take a quick break and check branches for nests. Don’t cut branches that have nests on them and try to make sure any cut branches won’t hit a nest as they fall.”



A V-formation of geese scoping out a good place to stop within the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community.

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Arizona Governor Katie Hobbs delivered her third Tribal State of the State address during the Inter Tribal Association of Arizona Tribal Leaders Breakfast.

Arizona Gov. Katie Hobbs Speaks at Tribal Leaders Breakfast

On Jan. 14, a sitting governor attended and spoke during the annual Inter Tribal Association of Arizona Tribal Leaders Breakfast, marking the first time an Arizona governor has done so.

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Arizona Gov. Katie Hobbs’ track record as a champion of Indian Country continued as she was chosen as the keynote speaker for the annual Inter Tribal Association of Arizona (ITAA) Tribal Leaders Breakfast, held at the Heard Museum on Jan. 15. The keynote by a sitting governor was an Arizona first.

Every year, ITAA hosts the breakfast for leaders and representatives from the 22 federally recognized tribes in Arizona that allows them to network and share updates on their tribal communities.

Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community President Martin Harvier and SRPMIC Council members Michael Dallas Sr., David Antone, Mikah Carlos and Deanna Scabby were in attendance. The breakfast was held before the start of Indian Nations and Tribes Legislative Day at the Arizona Capitol.

SRPMIC Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs staff members Gary Bohnee and Heaven Sepulveda also attended the breakfast.

Together, the SRPMIC representatives shook hands with Hobbs and reported on the status of the Community to fellow tribal leaders.

Before introducing Hobbs, ITAA Vice-President Shan Lewis, who is also the vice-chairman of the Fort Mojave Indian Tribe, served as the emcee and greeted the tribal leaders and executives who were in attendance.

“We have worked tirelessly for our rights in local, state and national policy discussions. Through innovation, resilience and vision, we’ve tried to build businesses, schools, hospitals, colleges, telecommunication centers and countless other ventures. Many of the tribes here today proudly serve as the largest employer in their region,” Lewis said.

He continued, “As we begin the new year, let us commit to making 2026 a historic year for tribal nations in Arizona.”

3 Takeaways:

- The annual Tribal Leaders Breakfast was held at the Heard Museum in Phoenix.
- Arizona Gov. Katie Hobbs attended and served as the keynote speaker.
- The breakfast was part of the annual Indian Nations and Tribes Legislative Day.

The Governor’s Speech

Hobbs received a standing ovation as she made her way to the lectern. She had spent the earlier part of the breakfast meeting with tribal officials, learning what steps need to take place in their respective communities.

“Tribal leaders, honored guests and fellow Arizonans, it is my honor to be here with you today at the start of the 31st annual Indian Nations and Tribes Legislative Day to deliver my third Tribal State of the State address, an important tradition that we have started together,” began Hobbs.

During her speech, she reiterated that tribal and non-tribal Arizonans deserve ample opportunities to succeed. “Last year, I made the Arizona promise that we could be a faction of security, liberty and freedom for anyone who is willing to come here to work hard and build a life for themselves and their families.”

She added, “In the last year, we expanded AHCCCS to [cover] traditional healing so that Indigenous people can receive the healthcare that reflects their cultural needs.”

The Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) is Arizona’s version of Medicaid.

Arizona’s AHCCCS Traditional Healing program launched on Oct. 1 and works with all tribes in Arizona, including three Indian Health Service areas, to ensure Indigenous individuals receive healthcare according to their tribal cultures.

Hobbs also shared how she has collaborated with tribal veterans to ensure they receive the care and support they need.

She explained how her office stepped up to work with the SRPMIC to host the Native American convocation ceremony for Indigenous students last May at Salt River Fields, after Maricopa County Community Colleges decided to cancel its Native convocations to comply with orders handed down by the Trump administration.

Hobbs also detailed another time her office stepped in, when the Trump administration called for the removal of tribal flags from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, including at the Carl T. Hayden Veterans’ Administration Medical Center in Phoenix last March.

“To this day, I am proud to hold the flags of the tribal nations of this state for safekeeping in the governor’s office ninth-floor rotunda,” said Gov. Hobbs.



ITAA Vice-President Shan Lewis, provided the opening remarks during the annual breakfast, held at the Heard Museum on Jan. 15.

“I look forward to the day when they are returned to their proper place at the Phoenix VA hospital, so every veteran can know we respect their honor and commitment to this country.”

SRPMIC initially accepted the flags and housed them at Two Waters before transferring them to the governor’s office.

“Together we can lower taxes for Arizona families now,” Hobbs said. “We can make energy more affordable. We can craft water policy that protects our most valuable resource. We can ensure Arizona is blessed with security, opportunity and freedom. Arizonans are counting on us and we will deliver. Now, let’s get to work.”

Hobbs then received a second standing ovation and a special gift from the ITAA team as the breakfast concluded.



‘When We Build Bridges, Not Walls, There Is Nothing We Can’t Accomplish Together’

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Arizona’s 2026 legislative session kicked off on Jan. 12. Two days later, tribal leaders, supervisors and more traveled to the Arizona Capitol in Phoenix for the 31st annual Indian Nations and Tribes Legislative Day.

Each year, this event provides an opportunity for tribal officials and state representatives to network and discuss different ways they can work together to help improve the lives of Arizonans. Another goal of the event is to commemorate and honor the cultures and histories of the 22 Indigenous tribes that help create the state we call home.

The high stakes of the upcoming November election seemed to be on the minds of many, as this was the topic of several discussions between tribal officials and members of the Arizona House of Representatives.

Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community President Martin Harvier attended the event. He was joined by SRPMIC Council members David Antone, Deanna Scabby, Mikah Carlos and Michael Dallas Sr., as well as Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs staff members Gary Bohnee, Heaven Sepulveda and Heather Washington. Community elders from the SRPMIC also attended.

The Joint Protocol Session

Floor privileges were provided to tribal officials and special guests as the joint protocol session was held in the House Chamber.

Speaker of the House Steve Montenegro greeted officials and guests. The building was at maximum capacity, which resulted in many being escorted to watch the joint protocol session in one of the several viewing rooms, which were located on the second floor.

Robert Stone, a Gila River Indian Community elder, provided the opening blessing. The Tohono O’odham Women Veterans presented the colors.

Miss Indian Arizona Sialik King, who is from the SRPMIC, was selected to recite the Pledge of Allegiance. She was joined by Miss Indian Arizona 1st Attendant Chloe Eskey (Navajo Nation), and the two spent time with fellow royalty from across Arizona’s Indian Country. Later, the duo would help pack the

- 3 Takeaways:
- The annual Indian Nations and Tribes Legislative Day celebrated its 31st year.
 - Miss Indian Arizona Sialik King led the Pledge of Allegiance during the joint protocol session.
 - Fort Mojave Indian Tribe Chairman Timothy Williams and Tohono O’odham Nation Chairman Verlon Jose were this year’s speakers.

dance floor as Gertie and the T.O. Boyz played an afternoon concert out on the Capitol Lawn.

Fort Mojave Tribe Chairman Timothy Williams provided the first of two tribal nations addresses. The second address was provided by Verlon Jose, chairman of the Tohono O’odham Nation.

“It is my honor to speak to you today on behalf of the Fort Mojave Indian Tribe, and with my fellow tribal leaders, who represent the 22 tribes in Arizona,” began Williams. “Tribes in the state must ensure that the quality of life for both tribal and non-tribal citizens remains sustainable for generations to come.”

He continued, “Just like our ancestors before us, we had to stand strong to protect our tribal sovereignty. While we have endured many hardships and challenges [to] our lands, water rights and our status as sovereign nation, we know that it is through political forums like this that we can continue the effort to work together for the advancement of the entire state of Arizona.”

Following his remarks, Jose recited his prepared speech during his time at the lectern.

“Working together is what will move us down the road. It’s okay to have differences. This place right here that we’re at is a sacred place. It’s a sacred place because, just like the other [building], decisions are made here. Not just for Arizonans, but for other parts of the country.”

During his speech, Jose continually thanked Arizona Gov. Katie Hobbs for the collaboration she has implemented for the benefit of Arizona tribes. Jose mentioned Hobbs’ visits with tribal communities in Arizona during her tenure.

Jose added, “Believe it or not, we still have rural communities that might not have running water or electricity, but that’s our home. It might be substandard for you, but that’s our home. We will survive. No matter what comes our way, we have



Gila River elder Robert Stone and Miss Indian Arizona Sialik King on the chamber floor.



SRPMIC Council members David Antone and Michael Dallas Sr. applauded Sialik King after her performance.



Tohono O’odham Chairman Verlon Jose provided the second address during the annual Legislative Day 2026.

been able to survive; tribal communities aren’t going anywhere.

“When we build bridges, not walls, there is nothing we can’t accomplish together,” Jose said.

Voters will get to decide who will run the state of Arizona starting with the 2026 primary election on Aug. 4.

Interested Community members can reach out to the SRPMIC Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs at (480) 362-7249 to verify their voter status, update addresses and get answers to questions regarding what will be on Arizona’s 2026 ballot.



From left to right: SRPMIC President Martin Harvier, Young River People’s Council President Jizelle Juan, Arizona Sen. Lauren Kubly, Arizona Rep. Brian Garcia, SRPMIC Council member Mikah Carlos and YRPC Clerical Secretary Tizoc Lopez.



From left to right: Ak-Chin Chairman Gabriel Lopez, SRPMIC President Martin Harvier, Miss Indian Arizona Sialik King, Miss Indian Arizona 1st Attendant Chloe Eskey and Gila River Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis.



From left to right: YRPC Clerical Secretary Tizoc Lopez, SRPMIC President Martin Harvier, Arizona Rep. Janeen Connolly, SRPMIC Council member Mikah Carlos and YRPC President Jizelle Juan.

Young River People's Council Participates in Legislative Day

During the annual Indian Nations and Tribes Legislative Day, several Arizona youth councils participated in a breakout session to discuss how ideas can turn into laws.

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The kids are indeed alright.

During the afternoon of the annual Indian Nations and Tribes Legislative Day on Jan. 14, youth councils from Indian Country had their own legislative breakout session out on the Capitol Lawn in Phoenix.

Many youth councils attended the afternoon session, including the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community's Young River People's Council, the Tohono O'odham Youth Council, the Akimel O'odham/Pee-Posh Youth Council from Gila River, as well as the Phoenix Indian Center Youth Council.

The breakout session featured appearances by April Tinhorn, Deputy Director for the Arizona Governor's Office on Tribal Affairs Angela Willeford, Pima County Recorder Gabriella Cazares-Kelly and Arizona Secretary of State Adrian Fontes.

The members of each youth council introduced themselves in their traditional language and invited the guests in attendance to come out and visit their respective communities throughout the year.

Young River People's Council President Jizelle Juan, Vice-President Cruz Lasiloo, Clerical Secretary Tizoc Lopez, Treasurer Amelia Lasiloo, Corresponding Secretary Myson Galindo and members Ella McGilbary and Datrae French attended and presented at the breakout session.

"YRPC members led an interactive icebreaker titled 'Law or No Law,' giving participants the opportunity to vote true or false on a series of statements to spark discussion about laws and government," said YRPC Supervisor, Janyse Salinas.

She added, "During the presentation, each Youth Council shared examples of how they remain civically engaged and involved in their communities. For the Young River People's Council (YRPC), members highlighted their ongoing work in cultural preservation, youth advocacy, and leadership development.

3 Takeaways:

- SRPMIC's Young River People's Council attended the afternoon breakout session.
- Additional Youth Councils from Indian Country helped present information sessions.
- Together, the youth collaborated and brainstormed different ideas on how they could help improve their Communities.

This includes participation in committee meetings, organizing and facilitating youth-led workshops, and collaborating with tribal departments on community initiatives."

Salinas also stated that the YRPC shared a notable example from a previous cohort, successfully creating and passing a "No Texting While Driving" ordinance within the Community.

"Overall, the discussion emphasized how Youth Councils serve as a bridge between youth and leadership by creating opportunities for civic learning, service, and meaningful community engagement," finished Salinas.

The youth spent the afternoon discussing ways to improve their communities. The session kicked off with an icebreaker segment in which each council asked true-or-false questions about Arizona laws—for example, "Is it legal to drive without shoes on?" The answer is no; Arizona does have a state law which makes driving barefoot illegal.

Collectively, the youth council members generally discussed among each other whether a law should be implemented to ensure drivers are safe out on Arizona roads.

When you look at it one way, the afternoon breakout session featuring youth councils continued to prove that the kids are not only alright, they're also committed to improving the safety, security and overall well-being of their people and communities.

CEO of Tinhorn Consulting, April Tinhorn, helped facilitate ice-breaker sessions for the 7th-12th graders.



While out on the Arizona Capitol Lawn, Ella McGilbary (second from left) presented a mock proposition to create a law which outlaws operating a vehicle without proper footwear. Tizoc Lopez (second from right) and Datrae French (far right) assisted with the presentation, which also included members of fellow Indian Country youth councils.



The Tohono O'odham Women Veterans presented the colors on the House of Representatives floor.



After the speeches, current Queens from Indian Country spent a few moments chatting together on the House floor.



Gertie and the T.O. Boyz packed the Arizona Capitol Lawn for a free concert. A free lunch of frybread with beans and cheese was provided by Emerson Fry Bread.



The team from Discover Salt River networked and spent time with local businesses and enterprises.

Native American Designation on State-Issued ID's Now Available for Tribal Members in Arizona

3 Takeaways:

- Native American designation on state-issued identification cards is now available for enrolled members of Arizona tribal nations.
- State Rep. Myron Tsosie sponsored House Bill 2852, which made the designation option available into state law.
- Tribal leaders across Indian Country urge their membership to always carry both state-issued and tribal-issued identification.

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Enrolled members of Arizona tribal nations can now add a Native American designation to their driver's licenses, instruction permits and ID cards through the Arizona Department of Transportation Motor Vehicle Division, effective Jan. 1. If applicants choose the designation, their identification will include the words "Native American" printed on the front of the credential below the photo and signature.

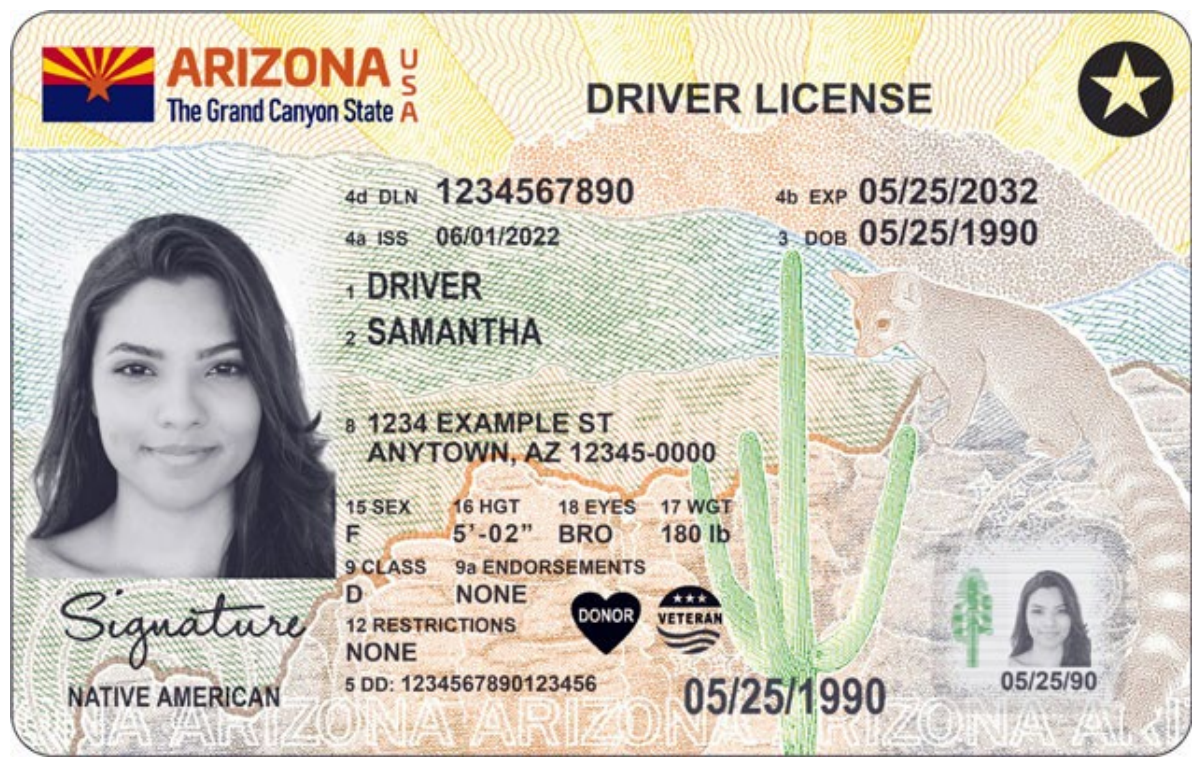
State Rep. Myron Tsosie, a Democrat from Chinle on the Navajo Nation representing Legislative District 6, sponsored House Bill 2852, the measure that made this option into state law. The bill passed in April 2025.

State Rep. Mae Peshlakai, a Democrat representing Legislative District 7 and a fellow member of the Navajo Nation, voted in favor of the bill.

To update an existing credential, applicants must submit a new application and photo, along with additional proof of enrollment in a federally recognized tribe within Arizona, according to an Arizona Department of Transportation press release.

Acceptable proof of enrollment includes an enhanced tribal card, tribal identification card, tribal certificate of blood or a Bureau of Indian Affairs affidavit of birth.

The new designation comes as tribal leaders across Indian Country have urged members to carry tribal or state-issued identification amid reports of tribal members being detained or questioned by federal immigration authorities.



Driver License sample courtesy of Arizona Department of Transportation Motor Vehicle Division.

The New Look of Arizona's IDs

Source: Arizona Department of Transportation Motor Vehicle Division

New Redesigned Credential

MVD has introduced a redesigned driver license and identification card. The redesigned credential contains enhanced security features to safeguard personal information.

New Features

1. What is the new card made of?

State of the art Polycarbonate materials provide a long lifespan of the card, allowing for an extended card life with resistance to tampering.

2. Why is the photo in black and white?

The card is laser engraved as an added security feature.

3. Why are there moving images?

The card is embedded with a security lens feature that changes with the angle of the card and provides front-line authenticators assurance that the card is genuine while also providing strong protection against duplication or reproduction efforts.

4. Why is there a saguaro cactus and ponderosa pine tree?

The images were selected as the security lens feature to represent the diversity of Arizona terrain and communities.

5. Why does the card feel bumpy?

Secured surface provides a textured feel from negative and positive embossing that provides enhanced protection from alterations or potential fraud.

6. Will special designations still be on the card?

Yes, check out our newly designed Veteran and Donor symbols.[And Native American designation.]



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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.

FERGUSON MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH
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.

LEHI PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
1342 E. Oak Mesa, AZ 85203 Pastor Annette Lewis annette.f.lewis@gmail.com (480) 404-3284
SERVICES: Sunday Services 10 a.m., Communion First Sundays at 10 a.m. Birthday Sunday Potluck- Last Sunday of the Month, after services.
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SERVICES: Sunday service begins at 10 a.m.

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

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

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Pastor Charlotte Fafard
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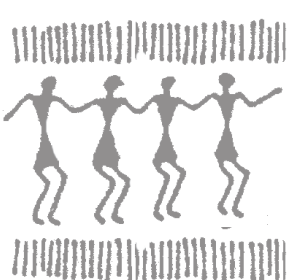
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Senior Pastor Danny Cruz 480-427-4678
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200 E First St Mesa, AZ 85201
Pastors Santos and Andrea Navarrete https://www.redeemerministries.com/ SERICES: Sunday 11 a.m. English, 1:30 p.m. Spanish, Wednesday 7 p.m.



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Thurs. Feb. 12 | 4:30-6 PM
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JUVENILE COURT
JURISDICTION: SALT RIVER PIMA MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT
ADDRESS: 10040 EAST OSBORN RD. SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85256
CONTACT: (480) 362-6315
ALL JUVENILE COURT CASES REPORT TO COURTROOM #3 ON THE 1ST FLOOR.
FAILURE TO APPEAR CAN AFFECT YOUR RIGHTS

Jim, Chelsea – Adjudication Hearing Case: JV-24-0239/ JV-25-0178, Court Date: February 26, 2026 2:30 p.m.

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.
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Carlos, Laila Athena - Entry Default Judgement Hearing Case: CV-25-3178 Court Date: February 9, 2026 at 9:30 AM

Clark, Coralie - Restraining Order Hearing Case: CV-26-1176 Court Date: February 23, 2026 at 11:30 AM

Encinas-Apodaca, Mariah Lynn - Restraining Order Hearing Case: Court Date: February 17, 2026 at 11:30 AM

Flores, Lance Eagle - Order to Show Cause Hearing Case: CV-25-0859 Court Date: February 25, 2026 at 9 AM

Flores, Lance Eagle - Restraining Order Hearing Case: CV-26-0906 Court Date: February 27, 2026 at 4 PM

Gonzalez, Alfredo - Evidentiary Guardianship Hearing Case: CV-25-4938 Court Date: March 6, 2026 at 9 AM

Goodwin, Levi Jon - Civil Complaint Hearing Case: CV-25-4878 Court Date: February 17, 2026 at 11 AM

Jefferson, Ryan Reed - Civil Complaint Hearing Case: CV-25-4937 Court Date: February 18, 2026 at 9 AM

Juan, Hatti Louise - Entry of Default Judgement/ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE Case: CV-25-4591 Court Date: February 17, 2026 at 9 AM

Kilgore, Adriana Michelle Lee - Adjudication/Review Hearing Case: JV-26-0008/0009 Court Date: February 26, 2026 at 10 AM

Lewis, Roxanne - Restraining Order Hearing Case: CV-26-0817 Court Date: February 17, 2026 at 2:30 PM

Lyons, Randall - Order of Protection Hearing Case: CV-26-1358 Court Date: March 6, 2026 at 4 PM

Martinez Jr, Richard - Probate Hearing Case: CV-24-3424/CV-24-3652 Court Date: June 11, 2026 at 9:00 AM

Melendez, Nicole Patricia - Order to Show Cause Hearing Case: CV-24-5856 Court Date: February 17, 2026 at 9:30 AM

Miguel Jr., Michael Wayne - Evidentiary Guardianship Hearing Case: CF-21-0015/CF-14-0060 Court Date: March 9, 2026 at 9 AM

Osif-Thomas, Daniel - Evidentiary Custody Hearing Case: CV-25-1935 Court Date: February 24, 2026 at 10 AM

Satchell, Brandon- Order of Protection Hearing Case: CV-26-1064 Court Date: February 17, 2026 at 1:30 PM

Triplett, Bruce - Child Support Hearing Case: CV-25-4935 Court Date: February 17, 2026 at 10 AM

Washington, Edward Lynn - Entry of Default Judgement Case: CV-25-3181 Court Date: February 18, 2026 at 9:30 AM

PROPOSED TRUANCY CODE CHANGES

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

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

This keeps kids in school by addressing problems early and supporting families.
• Current code relies mainly on fines issued to youth and/or parents.
• New code requires schools to offer supportive services first: mentoring, counseling, tutoring, transportation help, and more.
• Emphasizes positive reinforcement, not punishment.

2. THE NEW CODE CREATES SHARED RESPONSIBILITY BETWEEN PARENTS, SCHOOLS, AND STUDENTS.
• Current code places most responsibility on the youth and parents.
• New code adds clear duties for parents and Education.
• Clarifies definitions and requirements so that families become partners in solving attendance issues, not targets of blame.

3. THE NEW CODE REQUIRES EARLY, SUPPORTIVE INTERVENTION.
Helps children and families before issues get worse.
• Currently, action typically happens after violations occur.
• New code begins support (not citation) after 3 unexcused absences.
• Requires creation of an Attendance Support Plan (ASP) with the family.

4. THE NEW CODE INCLUDES SERVICES AND SUPPORTS FOR PARENTS.
Provides practical and cultural support to strengthen families. Examples include:
• Parenting workshops

- Cultural parenting circles
 - Family counseling
 - Help accessing benefits, childcare, and healthcare
5. THE CODE ADDS REASONABLE CONSEQUENCES FOR PARENTS, BUT ONLY IF SUPPORTS ARE REFUSED OR INEFFECTIVE.
Consequences are fair and tied directly to helping children succeed.
• Support always comes first.
• If a parent refuses support, or if the supports are not effective in solving the attendance issue, the Court may order:
– Community service
– Parenting classes
– Weekly check-ins
– Fines
– Education-related service projects
– Other consequences connected to school attendance
6. THE NEW CODE STRENGTHENS CULTURAL VALUES AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT.
Reflects Community values and promotes collective responsibility.
• Encourages elder mentorship, community service, and cultural workshops.
• Increases connection between families, schools, and tribal programs.

7. THE GOAL: BETTER ATTENDANCE, STRONGER FAMILIES, AND SAFER FUTURES.
Improves student success and family stability across the Community.
• Reduces barriers to school attendance.
• Encourages trust between schools and families.
• Promotes healing rather than punishment.
• Ensures fairness and due process.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN PUBLIC COMMENT

Community Members are invited to read the proposed laws and submit comments or questions.
Public Comment Period ends March 3, 2026.
How to Comment: You may access draft ordinance materials and make your Comments to the Office of the General Counsel at the following link: <https://srpmicnsn.gov/government/ogc/proposed-ordinances/>. Additionally, the ordinances will be presented at several Council district meetings, and comments can be provided in person. Finally, you can email your comments directly to Chief Prosecutor Alane Breland at Alane.Breland@SRPMIC-nsn.gov

4th Quarter 2025 ELIGIBILITY DEADLINE: March 31, 2026

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

DEADLINES FOR CHANGES

Direct Deposit Start-Ups and Changes:
Friday, March 31 at 5:00 PM. This deadline is for new start-ups for direct deposit or changes to exist-ing 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 **APRIL 2026** payout. Forms received after this date will not be effective until the **JULY 2026** payout.
Discontinue Direct Deposits: Friday, March 31 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.

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**

Per Capita Eligibility: Tuesday, April 21 at 5:00PM. This deadline is for submitting the Adult SRP-MIC Member’s Per Capita Information Certifi-cate. Forms received by this date will be effective for the April 2026 payout. Forms received after this date will not be processed until the first week of May 2026.
Tax Withholding Changes: Tuesday, April 21 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.

DEFAULT NOTICES

FLORES, LANCE EAGLE ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CV-25-0859

TO: Lance Eagle Flores; Respondent
YOU ARE HEREBY ORDERED to appear before the above-entitled court on the 25th day of February 2026 at 9:00 AM, in Court Room #2, and show cause why you should not be held in contempt for failing to adhere to Default Judgment order after being duly served.
FAILURE TO APPEAR will result in a Bench Warrant issued for your arrest for Contempt of Court from (§6-41) of the Code or Ordinances.
ORDERED this 9th day of January, 2026.
ANTHONY LITTLE II, JUDGE, SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT

JUAN, HATTI LOUISE DEFAULT NOTICE CV-25-4591

Country Club Cars v. Hatti Louise Juan
To: Hatti Louise Juan, RESPONDENT
1. A Civil Complaint has been filed against you in this Court and your immediate attention to this fact is urgent if you do not want judgment entered against you.
2. The Court record reflects that you have failed to respond to defend by filing an answer, motion to dismiss, request for extension of time or other responsive pleading and you have failed to attend hearings at the Court called for this matter.
3. If you do not defend against this suit within Thirty (30) days from the date the Process Server hands you this or you are served with it otherwise as permitted under the Community Code, the Court may enter default judgment against you.
4. A default judgment may have serious, adverse, and irreversible consequences against you.
5. If you want to defend against the claim and avoid default judgment entered against you, you must file a written answer, motion to dismiss or other responsive pleading within thirty (30) days from when you are served with this Notice. The Court will not extend time for your response and you must make your response in writing, no oral responses will be accepted
6. If you do nothing, the Court may give Judgment for what the Complaint demands. (Section 5-16.1, Judgment by Default)
DATED: December 16, 2025
CLERK OF THE SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY TRIBAL COURT

JUAN, HATTIE LOUISE ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CV-25-4591

TO: Hattie Juan
YOU ARE HEREBY ORDERED to appear before the above-entitled court on the 17th day of February 2026 at 9 AM, in Court Room #2, and show cause why you should not be held in contempt for failing to appear for a Civil Complaint Hearing that was heard on December 16, 2025 at 11:30 AM after being duly notice.
FAILURE TO APPEAR will result in a Bench Warrant issued for your arrest for Contempt of Court from (§6-41) of the Code or Ordinances.
ORDERED this 16th day of December 2025.
ARISTINA V. SANCHEZ, JUDGE, SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT

WASHINGTON, EDWARD LYNN DEFAULT NOTICE CV-25-3181

Country Club Cars v. Edward Lynn Washington
To: Edward Lynn Washington, RESPONDENT
1. A Civil Complaint has been filed against you in this Court and your immediate attention to this fact is urgent if you do not want judgment entered against you.
2. The Court record reflects that you have failed to respond to defend by filing an answer, motion to dismiss, request for extension of time or other responsive pleading and you have failed to attend hearings at the Court called for this matter.
3. If you do not defend against this suit within Thirty (30) days from the date the Process Server hands you this or you are served with it otherwise as permitted under the Community Code, the Court may enter default judgment against you.
4. A default judgment may have serious, adverse, and irreversible consequences against you.
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DATED: December 18, 2025
CLERK OF THE SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY TRIBAL COURT

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

Salt River Transit Public Notice

To: For Public Release

From: Jamie Garcia, DOT Transit Manager

Date: January 12, 2025

Subject: Intent to Apply for Funding

The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community’s Transit Department, Salt River Transit, is announcing its intent to apply for Federal Transit Administration funding through the Arizona Department of Transportation’s 5311 Grant process. This funding supports the operations of transit services within the SRPMIC Community and surrounding communities. The funding supports operational and administrative costs, as well as capital costs for items such as vehicles.

Salt River Transit will be taking questions, comments, and suggestions through Friday, February 16th.

Questions, comments, and suggestions can be submitted via email or telephone to the following:

Jamie Garcia, Transit Manager

Email: jamie.garcia2@srpmic-nsn.gov

Telephone: 480-362-2732

Accommodations will be made for those requiring TDD or translation services.

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ISSUE	DEADLINE AT NOON
FEBRUARY 19	FEBRUARY 6
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FOR COMMUNITY MEMBERS IF CONTACTED BY ICE

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- Be respectful
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IF APPROACHED OR DETAINED

- Do not resist
- Do not sign anything
- Ask for a lawyer

You do not have to answer questions. You may say:

"I am a U.S. Citizen and a member of a federally recognized tribe. I choose to remain silent and request legal counsel."

Do not consent to searches. You may say:

"I do not consent to any searches."

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- Copies may help (Tribal ID, CIB, State ID)

WHEN ID IS REQUIRED

- If lawfully detained or arrested
- When driving
- Entering secure facilities
- By court order

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PD Non-Emergency: 480-850-9320

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McKellips Road Project Construction Update

SUBMITTED BY MARICOPA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

McKellips Road between State Route Loop 101 and Alma School Road is now open to motorists with two lanes in each direction, the result of a joint project between the Salt River-Pima Maricopa Indian Community and the Maricopa County Department of Transportation (MCDOT).

The McKellips Road improvements reflect a coordinated investment by MCDOT, the SRPMIC and the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) to improve infrastructure that supports residents, businesses and future growth along McKellips Road. The partnership underscores a shared commitment to thoughtful planning, coordination and delivering lasting transportation solutions and positions McKellips Road to serve the area and the tribe for decades to come.

According to MCDOT, McKellips Road is expected to carry 20,000 vehicles per day by 2035. By comparison, about 11,000 vehicles drove across the roadway daily in 2014. The completed project increases roadway capacity and improves traffic flow to better support regional and local travel, including access between neighboring cities, the SRPMIC, and nearby development and entertainment destinations.

Construction on this project began in 2023 and is a result of the successful coordination of the partners. The project was funded by the MAG Arterial Life Cycle Program, the Regional Area Road Funds (RARF), the SRPMIC and the Maricopa County Department of

Transportation Highway User Revenue Fund.

The numerous project improvements include:

A new traffic signal at Dobson and McKellips roads.

A raised median on McKellips Road, from the SR101L to Alma School Road, with breaks to accommodate traffic turns and access at the intersections of 92nd Street and Dobson, Longmore and Alma School roads.

A reinforced concrete box culvert installed across McKellips Road between 92nd Street and Dobson Road to help manage water flow.

Street lighting near the intersection of Longmore and McKellips roads.

Curbs and gutters, sidewalks, roadway medians and new asphalt pavement on McKellips Road within the project limits.

Intermittent finishing work continues, and motorists may see crews on-site addressing final clean-up items such as landscaping, striping touch-up and other final efforts as required. MCDOT does not anticipate the clean-up work affecting traffic flow. Longmore Road at McKellips Road remains closed for a project managed by the SRPMIC.

MCDOT and SRPMIC leaders remain committed to public safety and thank the public for their patience and cooperation during construction.

NOTICE OF RESTRICTED CEMETERY ACCESS DURING CONSTRUCTION

DATE: JAN. 20 TO FEB. 23
PROJECT: LEHI CEMETERY GROUNDS IMPROVEMENTS
CONTRACTORS: DALLAS CONSTRUCTION, LLC AND PRO ENTERPRISE

Phased construction activities are ongoing at the Lehi Cemetery Grounds and will continue through project completion in Spring 2026. Work includes cemetery roadway construction, entrance gate installation and cemetery perimeter fencing improvements.

Upcoming construction activities include grading, forming and pouring concrete curbs, and preparing roadways for stabilized decomposed granite (DG) surfacing. Refer to the attached phased site map for grading completion dates. Stabilized DG road surface installation dates will be announced following this grading phase.

During construction:

Alternate access will be provided via the **Horne Road Entrance** and **Thomas Road Entrance** for cemetery visitors and first responders. Access to the Lehi Cemetery Grounds continues

to be provided by the contractors.

Access will be transitioned between the **Horne Road Entrance** and the **Thomas Road Entrance** as roadway construction is complete. Anticipated **Horne Road Entrance Closure** is approximately from **Jan. 30 to Feb. 9**. Afterward, the **Thomas Road Entrance Closure** is from approximately **Feb. 9 to Feb. 23**.

Temporary delays may occur due to active construction operations.

Barricades and directional signage will be in place to maintain safety.

Access to **Xalychidom Piipaash Nyvaash** will remain open and **unrestricted**.

A moving closure may be implemented as roadway sections are constructed.

Project Contacts:

Vince Moore, Superintendent | (623) 521-3701

John Branch, Senior Superintendent | (480) 550-3630

Leroy Little, ECS Project Manager | (480) 362-6694

Apache Stronghold Prayer Walk to Phoenix

BY CHRIS PICCIUOLO
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Apache Stronghold, a nonprofit group fighting to save Oak Flat (*Chi'chil Bildagoteel* in Apache) from mining destruction, led a spiritual prayer walk from Oak Flat to the Sandra Day O'Connor Courthouse in Phoenix from Jan. 4 to 7.

The group arrived at the courthouse in support of three cases brought by the Arizona Mining Reform Coalition, the San Carlos Apache Tribe and Brown

Lopez (Apache women) against the U.S. Forest Service and the state of Arizona.

A panel of three judges heard arguments over the continuation of a court-ordered injunction blocking the U.S. Forest Service from conducting a land swap of Oak Flat to mining companies. The defendants want the injunction lifted.

At this time, a decision has not been made by the judges.

This story is part of *O'odham Action News'* ongoing coverage of Oak Flat.

Angie Montoya Shines In SCC's Record Breaking Game

BY JUAN YSAGUIRRE
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After developing a fast-paced, team-oriented style of play, Scottsdale Community College coach Tasha Washington has her women’s basketball team primed for a strong playoff push.

Coming into their game against the South Mountain Community College Cougars on Jan. 7, the Fighting Artichokes showcased their tenacious full-court defense while also stuffing the stat sheets with assists, rebounds and steals.

Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community superstar student-athlete Angie Montoya again proved why she’s known as a true game changer by making an impact on the court immediately after she checked in during the second quarter.

Within moments, she stole the ball and hurled it toward her teammate on the opposite end of the court for the easy lay-up. All game, Montoya seemingly knew where the ball was going to go, even before the Cougars could set up their next play. Consistently communicating with her teammates on the court, Montoya operated like a future WNBA star all game.

The Fighting Artichokes led 47-7 with two minutes before halftime. The Cougars never led at any point during the game. In fact, the game was ended after the third quarter, when SCC was leading 126-16.

Shooting 10% from the field as a team, the Cougars simply could not overcome the Fighting Artichokes, who shot 49%. Additionally, the Cougars did not make a single 3-pointer, whereas SCC went 7-25 from long range. Montoya was responsible for two of the team’s 3-pointers, which came in the third quarter and sent the home crowd into a frenzy.

In all, Montoya played 14 minutes, finishing the game with eight points, a steal, three assists and one rebound.

SCC has games scheduled against Pima, Chandler-Gilbert and Mesa community colleges as they hope to bring home a title in this year’s National Junior College Athletic Association championship game later this season.



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According to the NJCAA rankings, with their dominating style of play this season, the SCC women’s basketball team has returned to the top 25 of the best Division II basketball teams in the nation.

Here are the remaining regular-season games for the SCC women’s basketball team.

Home games are in bold.

- **Feb. 7, 2 p.m., vs Pima Community College**
- Feb. 14, 2 p.m., at Mesa Community College
- Feb. 18, 5:30 p.m., at Phoenix College
- **Feb. 21, 2 p.m., vs Chandler-Gilbert Community College**
- Feb. 25, 5:30 p.m., at South Mountain Community College
- **Feb. 28, 2 p.m., vs Glendale Community College**



SRPMIC student-athlete superstar Angie Montoya controlled the entire second half of the game, finding her teammate open for the easy layup during the record-breaking game.

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Beau Burns Jr. can easily operate on both sides of the basketball, showing off his commanding defensive skills as well as his silky-smooth jumpshot.

Here are the remaining home and away games for Scottsdale Community College’s men’s basketball team.

Home games are in bold.

- **Feb. 7, 4 p.m., vs Pima Community College**
- Feb. 14, 4 p.m., at Mesa Community College
- Feb. 18, 7:30 p.m., at Phoenix College
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Beau Burns Jr. Suits Up for SCC Fighting Artichokes

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In sports, no matter if it’s a pre-season or championship game, there usually is a winner and a loser.

Coming into their game against the Glendale Community College Gauchos on Jan. 10, the Scottsdale Community College Fighting Artichokes men’s basketball team had their work cut out for them, as GCC’s players towered over SCC’s scrappy defenders.

Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community student-athlete Beau Burns Jr. has been a bright spot on SCC’s team this season, known for his steady jump shot and tenacious defense.

When you look at it one way, whenever Burns has playing time on the court this season, SCC is usually victorious; SCC is 5-1 when Burns gets playing time on the court. Burns did not get playing time against GCC, which could possibly explain why SCC struggled all game.

The Gauchos boasted a starting lineup featuring massive 6-footers in all five positions. In addition, their bench was composed of additional towering hoopers, all over 6 feet tall. This proved to be a battle for SCC head coach Zachary Harrison, as he continually tried emphasizing a full-court defensive gameplan all game.

Sadly, the Gauchos were too tall and talented, at least during this game. SCC simply could not adjust and overcome the double-digit deficit in time. The closest SCC got was when they trailed by 11 points in the third quarter.

During the fourth, the rims seemingly turned cold for SCC, as their free throws began to clank off the rim. SCC players also committed costly turnovers, which resulted in easy buckets for GCC.

Though GCC dominated all game, head coach Ken Carrillo always demanded perfection. When GCC’s point guard made a lay-up while getting fouled, the player celebrated a bit too loudly afterward and was given a technical foul. This sent Carrillo into a rage; he punched his sideline chair several times in frustration while using colorful language.

When it was all said and done, GCC defeated SCC 84-63. To further rub it in, GCC’s final basket was an alley-oop dunk over several defenders. SCC will have one more shot at GCC when they host the Gauchos during their home-season finale on Feb. 28.

With a few more games left this season, the SCC men’s basketball team will continue working to earn a ticket to this year’s playoffs in the hopes of bringing home a championship to Scottsdale.



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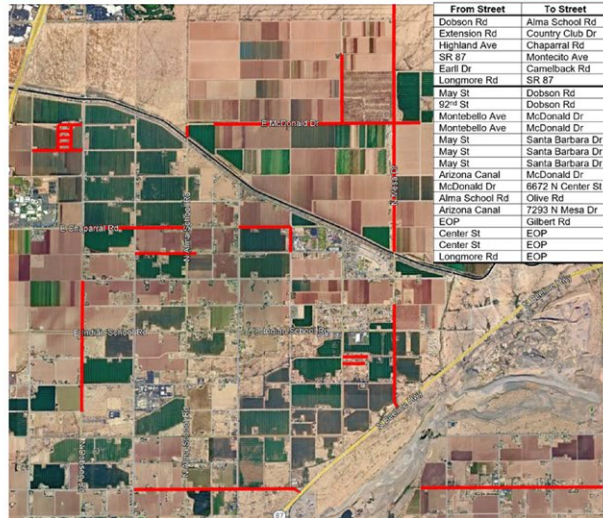
STREET MAINTENANCE
PHASE 1: CRACK SEAL
MONDAY, JANUARY 12 TO FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2026

A crack seal project is scheduled to begin on Monday, January 12, 2026, throughout the Community.

Crack sealing applies hot asphalt sealant to pavement cracks, preventing moisture damage and extending pavement life by 2-4 years; sealants typically last 5-7 years

The project will cover approximately sixteen miles of roadway. Access will be maintained with minor restrictions.

Updated maps and information will be provided as each phase progresses.



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Any questions, contact Gregg Bacome, Public Works Roads Section Supervisor at (480) 577-5809 or email gregg.bacome@srpmic-nsn.gov

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Norovirus,
Foodborne Illness,
Or The Flu...What
Do I Have?

SUBMITTED BY SRPMIC HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICES, PUBLIC HEALTH
DIVISION

When someone rapidly develops a stomach illness, a few questions automatically come to mind: *Is it from the last place I ate? Did anyone else become ill besides me? What are the symptoms? Should I report it? Whom should I contact? Is it maybe the flu virus or norovirus or did I get sick from the food I ate? What's the difference?*

Both influenza (the flu) and norovirus are very common this time of year. Norovirus is a highly contagious virus that causes gastroenteritis, presenting with nausea, vomiting, stomach pain, diarrhea, dehydration and loss of appetite. The flu is a respiratory virus that causes fever, headache, achiness, cough, sore throat, extreme tiredness and nasal congestion. Medical professionals will diagnose you based on your symptoms (although there is a test now for certain types of flu).

Norovirus is sometimes mistakenly diagnosed as the flu, which has similar symptoms. The best way to tell the difference between norovirus and influenza is to look at timing, exposure, and spread. Norovirus symptoms usually begin 12 to 48 hours after exposure to another person with the illness, eating contaminated food, or coming in contact with contaminated surfaces. Flu incubation takes about 1 to 4 days after

WASH YOUR HANDS WELL
TO PREVENT NOROVIRUS

Norovirus is a very contagious virus that causes vomiting and diarrhea.

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BEFORE
eating, preparing, or handling
food.



AFTER
using the toilet or changing
diapers.

BEFORE
giving yourself or someone else
medication



Symptoms usually start 12-48 hours after exposure.

Questions? Call SRPMIC Public Health 480-362-2603

exposure which can make it hard to determine where you were infected.

Other foodborne illnesses are caused by bacteria such as Escherichia coli, salmonella, listeria and campylobacter. If you suspect food related illness from something you consumed at a restaurant, food truck, or public event such as a festival, you may want to contact the local health department that has jurisdiction over that facility. A staff member will ask for detailed information about what you consumed, not only at that facility, but also for the previous three days. They will also ask if any other person who may have dined with you also became ill. The facility will be notified of a possible foodborne complaint and an investigation will be

conducted.

While many people with norovirus start to feel better after 24 hours, symptoms of the other foodborne illnesses may last a few days, and the flu can last up to a week. The best way to avoid norovirus and foodborne illnesses is to thoroughly wash your hands (soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds) often, particularly after using the toilet or changing diapers; before eating, preparing, or handling food; and before giving yourself or someone else medication. If you work in the food service or healthcare industry, stay home if you are ill. If you are uncertain whether a particular food has been cooked or stored properly, don't eat it.

Similar advice applies for preventing

the flu: Wear a mask in crowded areas and wash your hands frequently. Stay away from large crowds and anyone who might be showing signs or symptoms of the flu.

And don't forget about vaccines, which can lessen the severity of illnesses if you get them. It's not too late to get this year's flu shot. A new strain is dominant this year, referred to as "Super K," a variant of the H3N2 virus, which is a subtype of influenza A.

If you have more questions about stomach illnesses or the flu, call SRPMIC Public Health at (480) 362-2603, the River People Health Center at (480) 278-7742 or your personal physician.



SALT RIVER FIRE DEPARTMENT'S 3-N-1 GOLF CHALLENGE PRESENTING SPONSOR

On Monday, January 26th, Salt River Materials Group (SRMG) proudly served as the presenting sponsor for the **Salt River Fire Department's 3-N-1 Golf Challenge** for the second consecutive year at Talking Stick Golf Club.

This year's tournament welcomed a strong turnout of firefighters, public safety professionals, community & enterprise employees, and community members. Funds raised from the event support the Salt River Fire Department's outreach and philanthropic efforts.

At the shotgun start, Bryce McGertt, Marketing & Community Relations Coordinator for SRMG, thanked participants for their continued support of the event and for the vital work the **Salt River Fire Department** provides to the community. SRMG also had the opportunity to participate in the tournament and enjoyed a round of golf alongside fellow supporters.

SRMG is honored to have served as the presenting sponsor once again and extends its gratitude to the **Salt River Fire Department** for their continued partnership. We would also like to thank the SRFD golf committee and Discover Salt River for organizing a successful event.

We look forward to many future collaborations!



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- 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 10901 E McDowell Rd. Scottsdale AZ 85256. Ready to strengthen your relationship and build deeper connection? Join our Couples Group, based on Dr. John Gottman's The Seven Principles for Making Marriage Work. Learn practical tools to: Improve communication; Resolve conflicts; Deepen intimacy; Navigate challenges

- around family, work, and more. Call (480) 362-5707 to learn more or sign up today.
- NAMI FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP**, First and Third Wednesdays of each month from 12 p.m. - 1 p.m. at RPHC 3rd Floor, Room 3104. Contact (480) 362-6948 for more information.
- 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. In partnership with SCC, Creative Writing Group provides a creative environment to learn and explore prompt writing, literary discussion, and guest writers/authors. All genres and levels welcome. Open to adult Community Members and Ske:g Himdag Ki: members. For more information, call 480 362-6600.
- 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.
- AUPPA 'I'VAGIDAG MAŞAD XLY'A XVIK FEBRUARY**
- 5 EDUCATION NATIVE LANGUAGE & CULTURE STORYTELLING NIGHT**, 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the ALA. A light meal will be provided from 5:30-6:20 p.m. in the cafeteria, (while supplies last). Storytelling begins at 6:30 p.m. in the lecture hall, where guests will be treated to an O'odham story and a Piipaash story - visual narratives performed by Salt River Elementary School students! Featured stories will be: "Why ban is the color of sand" O'odham story; and "Xathlyway and the fat Xma" Piipaash story. This event is free and open to ALL! For more information call Salt River Schools: (480)

- 362-2500 or E-mail ENLC coordinator: Ipa. Dutchover@saltriverschools.org.
- 6 TWISTED TWILIGHT TEEN FILM NIGHT**, 5 - 8 p.m. at SR Community Building. February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month. Join us for a fun movie night screening of Twilight (2008) with a twist of exploring red flags in relationships. Grades 7th-12th, Movie treats and blankets provided. PJ or onesie encouraged! Questions? Contact Youth Services (480) 362-6390
- 7 NATIVE YOUTH IDENTITY CONFERENCE**, Ske:g Himdag Ki: from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Join us at the Native Youth Identity Conference, hosted by the Young Rivers People's Council. Come connect with other youth, strengthen your voice, celebrate culture, and be inspired! SRPMIC Members & residents ages 7th-12th grade are welcome to attend! This year's theme: Tradition in Motion: Culture & Success for the Leader in You. Register today: <https://tinyurl.com/smxxbtk8>
- 10 REFERENDUM ELECTION DAY**, 6 a.m. - 6 p.m. at both Community Buildings. See ad on page 12 for more information.
- 11 WEAR ORANGE DAY**, 8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at Roundhouse Cafe. Did you know February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month? Join the FAC and HHS Prevention & Intervention Services at the Round House Café to learn about our #RealLoveRespects campaign! Take the pledge with us to help prevent teen dating violence and share how you plan to support victims and survivors. We might have something special to help you "wear orange" and show your support!
- 12 SRES FAMILY MATH NIGHT**, 4:30 - 6 p.m. at Salt River Elementary School Courtyard. SRES Family MATH Night is open to ALL! Join Salt River Elementary School students and staff on Thursday, Feb. 12, from 4:30-6 p.m. for a night of fun math activities! We'll

have pizza (while supplies last), plus lots of games and giveaways! Show off your fact fluency, musical note know-how, pattern recognition, coding, counting, and more! For more information call: (480) 362-2400 Or visit: Saltriverschools.org

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