

SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY



*Auppa 'l'ivagidag Maşad "Leafing of the Cottonwood Month"
Xly'a Xvik "Second Moon" (February)*

FEBRUARY 2026 NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the February Edition of the SRPMIC Monthly Newsletter!

February brings opportunities to gather, learn, and stay connected across the Community. This month's issue highlights programs and initiatives that reflect SRPMIC's continued commitment to service, wellness, and cultural connection, rooted in who we are as the Onk Akimel O'odham and the Xalychidom Piipaash.

Thank you for staying connected and involved.

Community Highlights



O'odham Piipaash Day Celebration

The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community gathered on Saturday, January 24th at the Community Garden for the annual SRPMIC O'odham Piipaash Day. The day featured informational booths from different departments, O'odham and Piipaash bingo, and traditional games including toka. Traditional food tasting was also available throughout the event.

Attendees celebrated the O'odham and Piipaash cultures with traditional singing and dancing. The day concluded with the O'odham *Going Home* song.

Thank you to all those who joined us at this year's SRPMIC O'odham Piipaash Day event!

Announcements

Stay Updated with Community Notices!

Looking for important updates? The SRPMIC Announcements page is your go-to source for notices on public meetings, service closures, health alerts, safety tips, and more.

**SRPMIC Holiday Office Closure:
Monday, February 16, 2026 - President's Day**

Essential Services Will Remain Operational.

[View All Announcements](#)

Circle of Hope & Remembrance - Add Your Ribbon Today

Visit the Circle of Hope & Remembrance arch on the 2nd Floor of River People Health Center and add a ribbon. Whether you're honoring someone, recognizing recovery, or showing support—all are welcome to contribute.

Ribbon colors:

- **Purple:** Remembrance & Loss
- **Yellow:** Lifesaving Intervention
- **White:** Awareness & Support

Ribbons are available at the 2nd Floor Help Desk | **Questions?** 480-362-2603

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Notice Of Restricted Cemetery Access

Construction is underway at Lehi Cemetery for grounds improvements, including roadway work, new entrance gates, and perimeter fencing upgrades.

Visitors may experience short delays due to active construction. Barricades and directional signage will be in place.

Access to Xalychidom Piipaash Nyvaash will remain open.

For the most current access updates, select the button below.

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Huhugam Ki: Museum Valentine's Sale

Celebrate Valentine's season with a sweet deal! 💕

February 2–14 — 50% off all items NOT marked with a red dot

(Jewelry, shirts, mugs, pottery & more!)

10005 E. Osborn Rd., Scottsdale
Mon–Fri | 9:30 AM–4:30 PM

Second Saturday
Sat., Feb. 14 | 9:30 AM–2:30 PM

[Museum Sale Details](#)

Upcoming Events

February is packed with opportunities to come together as a Community. This month includes the 2026 Referendum Election, cultural events like ENLC Storytelling Night, and special gatherings like the Valentine's Day Waila/Chicken Scratch Dance. We'll also celebrate SRPMIC Day at Salt River Fields as Spring Training begins.

View the full calendar to see everything happening this month.

Calendar of Events



**2026 SRPMIC
REFERENDUM ELECTION**

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2026
POLLS OPEN: 6:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.

District I (Salt River) District II (Lehi)
SALT RIVER GYMNASIUM LEHI COMMUNITY BUILDING



2026 Referendum Election

Tuesday, Feb. 10, 2026
Polls Open: 6:00 AM–6:00 PM

Community members may vote on the 2026 SRPMIC Referendum Election, regarding an amendment related to gaming per capita and general welfare payments.

Polling Locations:

- Salt River Community Building
- Lehi Community Center.

[View Election Info](#)

SRPMIC Day at Salt River Fields at Talking Stick

Opening Day: Friday, Feb. 20

Join us for Opening Day at Salt River Fields and celebrate the annual SRPMIC Day. The celebration will feature SRPMIC traditional dancers, the National Anthem performed in O'odham, and a ceremonial first pitch.



**Spring Training Season: Feb. 20 –
Mar. 24 - [Purchase Tickets Here](#)**

[View Event Info](#)



Waila/Chicken Scratch Valentine's Dance

Saturday, Feb. 14 | 6–10 PM
Salt River Community Building

Celebrate Valentine's Day with a fun night of music and dancing! Join Community Recreational Services - Salt River Tribal Library and Stronglife Wellness for a free Waila/Chicken Scratch Dance.

Food and drinks available for purchase. Music by Waila Style 87.

Drug- and alcohol-free • Open to all

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Education Native Language & Culture Storytelling Night

Thursday, Feb. 5 | 5:30–7:30PM
Accelerated Learning Academy

Join the Education Native Language & Culture (ENLC) team for an evening of storytelling featuring O'odham and Piipaash stories performed by Salt River Elementary School students.



A light meal will be provided from 5:30–6:20 PM (while supplies last).

Free • Open to all!

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**Dates, times, and locations, are subject to change or cancellations.*

District & Council Meetings

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[Meeting Updates & Agendas](#)

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