

SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY



'Auppa Hiosig Maşad "Flowering of Cottonwood Month" / Xly'a Shenthik "First Moon" (January)

JANUARY 2026 NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the January Edition of the SRPMIC Monthly Newsletter!

As we welcome the new year, we extend our sincere gratitude for the many ways our Community has shown generosity and selflessness. Let's continue this spirit of giving as we strengthen our homes, support healthy families, and create more moments of joy together.

In this month's issue, we highlight the programs, events, and initiatives that demonstrate SRPMIC's ongoing commitment to service and stewardship.

Community Highlights



Holiday Celebrations

The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community came together to celebrate the holiday season with festive events and meaningful acts of service, reflecting the spirit of unity, generosity, and connection.

On Saturday, December 6, families enjoyed an afternoon of holiday fun featuring entertainment, visits with Santa, children's activities, and seasonal treats. The celebration also included senior bingo, special activities at the Huhugam Ki: Museum, and a gingerbread house contest.

That evening, the holiday light parade brought the Community together once again as entries made their way through SRPMIC. Several SRPMIC enterprises proudly participated alongside other groups in friendly competition and festive displays. The parade added excitement to the night and highlighted the creativity and holiday spirit shared across the Community.





Giving Back

In the spirit of giving, Social Services hosted the Christmas Angels Program, helping bring holiday joy to children throughout the Community. With support from generous sponsors, families received gifts and assistance that made Christmas brighter for those in need.

One of the many sponsors was Talking Stick Resort, which partners with Christmas Angels each year to host a Holiday Toy Drive Poker Tournament. Tournament participants donate a new toy as part of their entry, and a portion of the buy-in is also contributed to the Christmas Angels Program. This year's toy drive helped support 150 children in our Community.

Social Services also coordinated Shop with a Cop, pairing children with law enforcement and public safety volunteers for a special shopping experience. Forty-two volunteers from the Salt River Fire Department, Salt River Department of Corrections, and Salt River Police Department gave their time to help 52 children choose gifts for themselves and their families, creating meaningful connections along the way.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to making this season memorable through service, generosity, and Community care.



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 Closures:
Monday, January 19, 2026 - Martin Luther King Jr Day
Essential Services Will Remain Operational.

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WASH YOUR HANDS WELL TO PREVENT NOROVIRUS

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

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

Start the New Year with a Resolution to Stay Healthy!

Norovirus is highly contagious. Most people begin to feel better within one to three days, but they may still spread the virus for several days afterward.

Symptoms typically appear within 12 to 48 hours after exposure. Practicing good hand washing helps prevent the spread of norovirus and many other illnesses.

[Learn more](#)

Talking Stick Entertainment District Hiring Event

The Talking Stick Entertainment District will host a hiring event on Wednesday, January 21, 2026, from 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM at Great Wolf Lodge. Job opportunities will be available across Food & Beverage, Hospitality, Gaming, Retail, and more.

The event is open first to SRPMIC Members from 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM, followed by the general public from 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM. Attendees should bring copies of their resume.

[Learn more](#)

Upcoming Events

January is filled with festive opportunities to gather, celebrate, and enjoy the season with the Community. This month's events include the Salt River Tribal Library's open mic night, a girls' skate clinic, ancestry classes, and SRPMIC O'odham Piipaash Day.

View the full calendar to see everything happening throughout the season.

Calendar of Events



O'odham Piipaash Day

Saturday, January 24, 2026

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

1635 N. Longmore Rd.

Join us for the annual O'odham Piipaash Day! Enjoy a day filled with celebrating our culture with traditional games, food and dancing.

[View Event Info](#)

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


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