

SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY



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NOVEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the November Edition of the SRPMIC Monthly Newsletter!

As the seasons shift, we take time to reflect on recent moments of celebration, continued progress, and the programs that support our Community each day.

From the crowning of the new Miss Indian Arizona, Sialik King, to honoring the veterans of SRPMIC who have served with courage and dedication, this issue highlights the many ways our Community continues to lead with pride and purpose.

Thank you for staying informed and engaged with what's happening across Salt River.

Community Highlights

PROPOSED NAME CHANGE OF SALT RIVER PIMA–MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY

*Our name is part of our story and your input
helps decide how that story is told.*

The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community is considering a formal name change that would replace one or more non-Indigenous names with traditional O'odham and Piipaash names.

In 2023, Council identified language preservation as a key Community priority. As part of this work, the Strategy "P" Team was formed to support language preservation, maintenance, and revitalization. A Community name change is one of the proposals being explored and would require significant support and input from SRPMIC members.

📍 Printed copies of the informational booklet are available at the Community Relations Office, located in Two Waters, Building A, Suite 104.

More on name change: <https://tinyurl.com/SRPMICName>

Proposed Name Change Meetings for Community Members:

The first meeting regarding the Proposed Name Change led by the Strategy "P" Team took place at the Salt River Community Building on Tuesday, October 28, 2025. The next Proposed Name Change meeting will take place on Monday, November 10, 2025.

Lehi Community Building

1231 E. Oak St. Mesa, AZ 85203

Monday, November 10, 2025

Dinner at 5:30 p.m. | Presentation at 6:00 p.m.

Questions? Text 602-816-3131.





Community Member Crowned 64th Miss Indian Arizona

Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community member Sialik King, daughter of Cynthia Claw-King and Kyland King, was officially crowned Miss Indian Arizona 2025–2026 at the 64th Annual Miss Indian Arizona Scholarship Program, representing both SRPMIC and Indigenous young women across the state.

On October 21, a community celebration was held at the Two Waters Courtyard, where friends, family, and community members gathered for a special program, O’odham and Piipaash social dancing, and light refreshments to honor Sialik’s achievement.

Earlier in the month, Sialik was formally recognized by the SRPMIC Council, where leadership acknowledged her dedication to culture, education, and leadership. Sialik is currently a student at Arizona State University and plans to use her platform to promote cultural learning among youth, through traditional singing and dancing.

We look forward to supporting Sialik as she continues her work and represents the Community throughout Arizona.

 Meet Sialik and her court in their official introduction video:
 [View on Facebook](#)



SRPMIC Hosts Annual Fall Festival

The Salt River Baseball Field was transformed into a festive fall celebration on October 25 for SRPMIC's Annual Fall Festival & Trunk-or-Treat.


The event featured decorated trunks hosted by departments and programs, a community costume contest, games, food vendors, and a showing of *Hocus Pocus* under the stars. DJ Reflekshin kept the energy high throughout the night, as attendees enjoyed music, dancing, and a safe space to celebrate the fall season.

A big thank you to all who attended, volunteered, and helped bring this event to life!

Relive the fun and get ready for what's next.

Check out Fall Festival & Trunk-or-Treat highlights on:

- Facebook
- Instagram

 July 17 Next up: Community Thanksgiving on **Saturday, November 22**. We hope to see you there!

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.

We keep events on the Community Calendar — so if it's in Announcements, it's something you need to know.

SRPMIC Offices will be closed for Veteran's Day Tuesday, November 11.

Essential Services Will Remain Operational.

[View All Announcements](#)

IRONMAN Arizona Road Closures

The IRONMAN Arizona race will take place on Sunday, November 16, 2025.

Although the triathlon kicks off in Tempe, the IRONMAN Arizona Bike Route will utilize Highway 87 (Beeline), Alma School Road, and McKellips Road from 7:00 AM to 5:30 PM on race day.

Be advised of road closures and limited access within SRPMIC from Saturday, November 15 through the completion of the race on Sunday, November 16. We encourage you to plan accordingly and drive safe.

[View IRONMAN Arizona Bike Route Map](#)

Sponsors & Donations Needed for the Christmas Angels Program

Looking to give back this holiday season?

The SRPMIC's Christmas Angels Program is seeking sponsors and donations for the Community's children in need.

All donations should be submitted by December 5, 2025.

[More Information](#)

Longmore Youth Services Food & Coat Drive

The Youth Services' Teen Wolf Mentorship Program is collecting canned goods and nonperishable items, as well as slightly used or new coats for those in need.

Drop-Off in the front lobby at these locations:

- **Ske:g Himdag Ki**
- **Recreation Social Suite** (SR Community Building)
- **River People Health Center**
- **Human Resources** (Two Waters)

[More Information](#)

Upcoming Events

November brings many opportunities to connect, celebrate, and take part in Community events. Below are a few featured gatherings to take a look at. Check out the full calendar for more events occurring in our Community.

Calendar of Events



[View Event Info](#)

Veteran's Day Recognition Celebration

Friday, November 7, 2025

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Two Waters Courtyard

Join us as we honor and recognize the SRPMIC veterans, both community members and employees for their service and dedication. It is a day to come together as a Community to express gratitude and appreciation, hear stories from those who have served, and celebrate their service together.

Community Thanksgiving Celebration

Saturday, November 22, 2025

11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Two Waters Courtyard

Our annual Community Thanksgiving Celebration is almost here! Don't miss out on a classic Thanksgiving meal including turkey, mashed potatoes, pumpkin pie, and more.

See you there!



[View Event Info](#)



Drive-Thru Turkey & Food Box Event

Hosted by St. Marys

Monday, November 24, 2025

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Accelerated Learning Academy (ALA)
North Athletic Parking Lot

[View Event Info](#)

Please review all event information thoroughly regarding necessary identification and drive-thru guidelines on the Announcement site.

Free while supplies last.

Items include:

- Whole frozen turkey
- Food box
- Holiday Produce

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

District & Council Meetings

Community voices matter! For the latest on District and Council meetings, including dates, times, and agenda topics — visit our website.

[Meeting Updates & Agendas](#)

Meet the O'odham Action News Team



The O'odham Action News Team includes (from left) Dalton Walker, Andreea Miguel, Juan Ysaguirre, Kari Haahr, Chris Picciuolo, and Zoe Hernandez.

We want to take a moment to introduce you to the O'odham Action News Team (OAN)!


Led by Managing Editor, Dalton Walker, the O'odham Action News Team is more than just a byline, they are a group of passionate and determined storytellers, research experts, and dedicated to telling our Community's story!

We are proud that their work has been recognized and awarded by the Indigenous Journalists Association (IJA), a Native-led journalist association which has expanded across the United States and Canada for over 40 years. Congratulations, OAN!

Take a moment to connect with OAN by following them on social media! Make sure to check out their website for news coverage around the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community. Their information is available in the Stay Connected section below.

Follow Us & Stay Informed:

- **Facebook**.com/SRPMIC
- **Instagram**.com/SaltRiverIndianCommunity
- **LinkedIn**.com/Company/SRPMIC

 Visit our Linktree for quick access to everything:

SRPMIC Linktree

Stay in the loop with the O'odham Action News:

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- **Facebook**.com/OodhamActionNews
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