

# SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY



*S'he:pijig Masad "The Moon or Month of Cold Weather"*  
*Xly'a Shaxuk "The Tenth Moon"*

## OCTOBER 2025 NEWSLETTER

### Welcome to Our October Newsletter!

Fall is here, bringing Community gatherings, celebrations, and opportunities to connect. Inside, you'll find highlights, upcoming events, and news to keep you informed and involved.

Whether you're catching up or planning ahead, we're glad you're here. Let us know what you'd like to see in future newsletters — we're listening!

## COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS



## Voices of Summer: Final Event Recap

The last event of the Voices of Summer: Salt River Speaker Series took place on September 30, 2025, featuring a presentation by Leslie Meyers, Chief Water Executive of the Salt River Project. This presentation brought learning and dialogue about the history of water and its stewardship, a resource precious to our People.

The Salt River Speaker Series was a new event series this summer, hosted by Assistant Community Manager (ACM), Lena Jackson-Eckert. The first two events in the series included a panel of elders and youth from our Community. We heard stories about what our Community was like years ago and also learned from our youth about what they look forward to most in the future.

The third event featured a presentation by Katie Gertz, President of the Family History Society of Arizona. She gave an in-depth presentation on how to learn about our family history and the resources we could use to build a family tree.

We thank ACM Jackson-Eckert for hosting this series and bringing our Community together in such a powerful way that amplifies the voices of our elders and youth, while also connecting us with those whose depth of knowledge we can learn from and engage with.

We look forward with excitement to next year's Voices of Summer Series!

[→ Click here to view all Voices of Summer event recaps.](#)



## **Celebrating Native American Recognition Day (NARD) & Walk for O'odham Piipaash**

Native American Recognition Day took place on September 23 and held at the Two Waters Courtyard, featured a live printing by OXDX Clothing, traditional food options from the Round House Café, and cultural dances from visiting tribal groups.

Later that week, our Community gathered on September 26 at the Lehi Gathering Grounds for the annual Walk for O'odham Piipaash. Each year we gather to walk in honor of our People, the Onk Akimel O'odham (Pima) and the Xalychidom Piipaash (Maricopa). We walk to acknowledge our past, embrace our present, and celebrate our future.

We thank everyone who joined us for this year's Native American Recognition Day and Walk for O'odham Piipaash events, see you next year!



## 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.

[View All Announcements](#)

**Salt River Materials Group  
Dobson Site Redevelopment  
*Planning for the Future***

The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community is focused on creating new opportunities for growth, economic development, and long-term sustainability. As part of this vision, one of the Community's enterprises, Salt River Materials Group (SRMG), will be relocating its operations from the current site at Dobson and McKellips Roads to a new location along SR-87.

SRPMIC government departments and enterprises are actively evaluating future plans for the vacated site, exploring potential new uses that align with the Community's strategic goals.

A new video highlights the innovative efforts behind these changes, showcasing how strategic planning and forward-thinking initiatives are shaping a stronger future. These efforts not only strengthen essential services and create job opportunities but also honor the values that guide the Community.

SRPMIC remains committed to sustainability, self-governance, and building a legacy of opportunity for future generations.

**Questions?** Check out our informative video, click the button below!

[Watch the Video & Learn More](#)

## **Community Auction Vehicles Available for Purchase**

The Salt River Department of Transportation is sponsoring a Community Vehicle Auction this month for SRPMIC Tribal Members. **Tribal ID's will be required on each viewing day and when placing a bid, no exceptions.** All vehicles and auction items are sold –as is, and bidders must be 18 years old.

### **Viewing days:**

- Saturday, October 18, 2025  
8AM-12PM
- Saturday, October 25, 2025  
8AM-12PM

### **Place a Bid:**

October 18th - 27th | 8AM-5PM  
Department of Transportation

Vehicles are located at the Vehicle Storage Lot (by the Dialysis Center) at 10293 E. Osborn Rd.

## **Community Notice Pinworm Awareness**

We all enjoy the river, but we want you and your family to stay safe near the water. The Community's Environmental Protection & Natural Resources (EPNR) Team has released a health notice on Pinworm Awareness.

Pinworms (also called threadworms) are tiny parasitic worms that infect the digestive tract and can be spread when contaminated water is ingested. Pinworms are not harmful, but they cause an uncomfortable itch and are highly contagious.

### **To help protect yourself and your family, remember to:**

- Do not swallow the water
- Wash your hands thoroughly
- Swim or play in water where water is flowing

This health notice isn't to stop our Community from enjoying the Salt

**Questions?** Contact Department of Transportation at (480)-362-7315.

[View Auction Details](#)

River, but to encourage awareness and safe practices to prevent pinworm infestation.

[More Information](#)

## Round House Café Opens New Kiosk System

We are excited to share a new update from the Round House Café!

The new Retail365 (R365) system makes ordering food and beverages faster and easier with two simple options:

- **365 Pay App** allows you to order ahead, choose your pickup time, and grab your order when it is ready.
- **Self-Service Kiosks** are now available inside the Café to browse the menu, place an order, and pay.

Download the 365 Pay app from the App Store (iOS) or Google Play (android) to try it out today!

Have any questions? Send an email to [Barolli-Daniel@aramark.com](mailto:Barolli-Daniel@aramark.com).

[See What's New](#)

## Public Works: Road Closures & Detours

### McKellips Road (at 84th Street)

*Sept. 8 – Oct. 7, 2025*

Full closure with detours in place. Please allow extra travel time.

### Road Closures/Detours Near AZ Canal

*Ongoing*

Road closures and detours near the canal. Watch for signs and crews in the area.

### Longmore Road Water Main Project

*Aug. 4, 2025 – March 2026*

Extended project with lane restrictions and detours. Expect delays during construction hours.

For the latest closure details, maps, and schedule changes, visit our [Announcements](#) page:

[👉 See All Road Closure Updates »](#)

## OCTOBER EVENTS

October is filled with ways to gather, celebrate, and enjoy time together as a Community. Below are a few featured highlights — view the full calendar for everything happening. The new Fiscal Year Calendar begins October 1 and is now available to help you stay up to date all year long.

## Community Calendar



**Event & Vendor Info**

### Fall Festival & Trunk or Treat

**Saturday, October 25, 2025**  
*Salt River Ballfields*

Tis' the spooky season! Join us for the annual Fall Festival & Trunk or Treat! Enjoy an evening of family fun with a costume contest, DJ, outdoor movie, food vendors, and arts & crafts. Don't forget your lawn chairs!

***SRPMIC departments are invited to host a decorated vehicle for Trunk or Treat. Vendors are also welcome to register for food, goodies, games, or arts & crafts booths.***



### Piipaash Matasheevm Community Social

**Saturday, October 4, 2025**  
*Lehi Gathering Area*

Celebrate tradition and community with inter-tribal dances, bird singing, O'odham give-away dance and a meal while supplies last. **Family-friendly and open to the public.**



### Community Safety Day

**Friday, October 10, 2025**  
*Salt River Ballfields*

Join SRPMIC Fire & Police for an evening of fun and connection! Enjoy music, food, and family activities while meeting the people who work every day to keep our Community safe.

[See Details](#)

[View Event](#)

*Looking for more ways to get involved? Here's a preview of upcoming events — stay up to date by checking the full calendar.*

[View Calendar](#)

- Chicken Scratch with Molina Band **(10/3)**
- Salt River Arts Fest **(10/4)**
- Community Prayer Breakfast **(10/6)**
- Breakthrough with SRPD **(10/9)**
- Glow Walk **(10/14)**
- Spooktacular **(10/28)**

*\*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

[View Meeting Updates](#)



### Stay Connected with SRPMIC Online

We're keeping the Community connected all month long on social media — follow us for reminders, behind-the-scenes photos, live event coverage, and announcements you might not catch elsewhere.

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