

SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY



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SEPTEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER

Welcome to Our September Newsletter!

Each month, we bring you the latest updates, announcements, and upcoming events from across the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community. From Council news to cultural programs, health tips to photo spotlights — this is your one place to stay informed and connected.

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



★ SRPMIC Honored with the 2025 Housing Hero Award

The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community has been recognized by the Arizona Department of Housing with the 2025 Housing Hero Award for Tribal Development of the Year.

This honor was awarded for the Townhomes at Lonely Cactus, Mesquite Trails, and PALS — projects that provide safe, supportive housing for:

- Seniors
- Members with disabilities
- Young adults in need of stable homes

This award highlights the power of thoughtful planning and community-driven development in creating housing solutions that uplift lives and strengthen the Community.

▶ **Watch the full award video courtesy of the Arizona Department of Housing**

📷 *Courtesy of the Arizona Department of Housing. Councilman David Antone is pictured with Lin Mickelsen, widow of Brian Mickelsen, for whom the Housing Hero Awards were named.*



Journey To Recovery Grand Opening

This morning, SRPMIC leadership, staff, and community members gathered to celebrate the grand opening of the Journey to Recovery campus, a new treatment facility located west of the River People Health Center.

The event welcomed guests between 6:30 AM and 10:30 AM with opening remarks, a blessing, and guided tours every 15 minutes. The tours gave attendees a firsthand look at the thoughtful, sustainable design of the new campus, which reflected a home-like environment that honors both privacy and community care.

The facility will house up to 40 residents in the Sober Living Residence and provide daily access to outpatient services for others seeking support. Programs include:

- Withdrawal Management
- Sober Living Residences
- Day Treatment Programs
- Crisis Stabilization
- Medication Assisted Treatment
- Partial Hospitalization / Intensive Outpatient (IOP)

Journey to Recovery represents a long-term investment in the well-being of the Salt River Community.

[!\[\]\(e474458956c9a37fbf9586ddb60a7fa1_img.jpg\) Learn more about the Journey To Recovery Development](#)

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.

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[View All Announcements](#)

Stay Safe During Mosquito Season

Mosquito season is still here and SRPMIC Public Health wants to help you stay protected. Whether you're out walking, attending events, or just enjoying your backyard, now is the time to take simple steps to reduce bites and lower risk.

Here's how to protect yourself:

- Use mosquito repellent with 20% DEET or picaridin
- Remove standing water from items like buckets, tires, and bottle caps
- Wear long sleeves and pants when outdoors
- Avoid outdoor activity around dusk or dawn, when mosquitoes are most active

SRPMIC continues to trap and test mosquitoes for diseases like West Nile Virus and St. Louis Encephalitis. Help us keep the Community safe by staying prepared and spreading the word.

For questions, contact Environmental Health at 480-362-5706

[More Information](#)

AZ Canal Road Closures & Detours

Heads up, drivers: Road construction continues near the AZ Canal, with closures affecting segments of Jackrabbit, Beverly, Westwood, and Vista.

The SRPMIC Public Works Department is overseeing the project, which includes pavement upgrades and new waterlines. Please review the map in the attached flyer for detailed detour routes.

Construction Timeline: Through October 15, 2025

[More Information](#)

Longmore Road Water Main Project

Construction is now underway along Longmore Road, from McKellips Road to the Salt River Community Building. This major project will install new water service lines, with work scheduled through March 2026.

Temporary road restrictions and planned water outages may occur. Impacted residents will receive advance notice before outages take place.

We appreciate your patience as we make long-term improvements to the Community's water system.

[More Information](#)

Group Fitness Classes

The September 2025 Group Fitness Class schedule is now posted for both the Ske:g Himdag Ki: and the Employee Fitness Center at Building 32.

Class offerings include a range of options to support health and wellness for all fitness levels. Whether you're starting a new routine or continuing your progress, this is a great time to get involved.

To be added to the Diabetes Prevention Services email list, please contact: Dion.Begay@srpmic-nsn.gov

[View Full Schedule](#)

September Events

September is filled with opportunities to connect, celebrate, and take part in Community events. Below are three featured gatherings — and you can view the full calendar for even more happening this month.

Calendar of Events



Registration & Info

Salt River Firefighters 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb

Saturday, September 13, 2025
Salt River Fields at Talking Stick

Join us for the 9th Annual 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb, honoring fallen first responders. Participants climb the equivalent of 110 stories as a tribute to the fallen. Proceeds benefit the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation and the Salt River Firefighters Relief Fund.

Volunteers are needed to help support this important event. Sign up now!



Tuesday | September 23

View Event Info

Native American Recognition Day (NARD)

Celebrate Indigenous culture, identity, and community with a full day of events:

- Roundhouse Café (11 AM – 1 PM): DJ, giveaways, Red Bull truck, posole stew for purchase, and a live printing experience.
- Two Waters Courtyard (6 PM – 9 PM): Traditional dance groups, artisan market, cultural performances, FREE Hawaiian meal.

Everyone is welcome — come celebrate with us!

Walk for O'odham Piipaash

Friday, September 26, 2025
Lehi Gathering Grounds

A 2-mile community walk for health and reflection on our O'odham - Piipaash past, present, and future.

Free t-shirts for the first 300 registrants.

Pre-Registration Required - Online Only



Registration & Info

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

September District & Council Meetings

CM Butler | District A

SRPMIC Council Chambers
Thursday, September 25, 2025
6:00 PM

CM Doka | District C

SRPMIC Council Chambers
Thursday, September 11, 2025
6:00 PM

CM Carlos | District E

Ske:g Himdag Ki., Room #56
Thursday, September 18, 2025
6:00 PM

CM Antone | District B

SRPMIC Council Chambers
Saturday, September 20, 2025
9:00 AM

CM Fulwilder | District D

ALA Lecture Hall
Monday, September 15, 2025
6:00 PM

CM Scabby|CM Dallas Lehi District

Lehi Community Building
Tuesday, September 16, 2025
6:00 PM

District Meeting dates, times, locations, & agenda items are subject to change or cancellation.

Executive Sessions Wednesdays at 3:00 PM	September 3, 10, 17, 24
Regular Sessions Wednesdays at 5:00 PM	September 3, 10, 17, 24
Work Sessions Thursdays at 10:00 AM	September 4, 11, 18, 25

Meeting Updates & Agendas

Council may enter Executive Session as necessary.

Questions? Contact the Council Secretaries Office at (480) 362-7469.

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.

+ Follow Us & Stay Informed:

- [Facebook.com/SRPMIC](https://www.facebook.com/SRPMIC)
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