



# THE CAMP NEWS

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SERVING THE RENO-SPARKS INDIAN COLONY & HV COMMUNITIES

## Leaving a Legacy of Love & Friendship

*RSIC Community mourns former Tribal Chairman, Arlan D. Melendez*



(Reno, NV) - Reno-Sparks Indian Colony's (RSIC) most renowned Tribal Chairman of 32 years, Arlan D. Melendez peacefully passed away on June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025 surrounded by his family and loved ones in Reno, NV. He was 77 years old.

Arlan D. Melendez is the longest serving Tribal Chairman in Nevada and possibly the United States. Melendez, a Paiute Indian, served RSIC for a total of 36 years. 4 years as a Tribal Council Member and 32 years as Tribal Chairman. He imprinted a legacy of love and friendship.

RSIC is a federally recognized

Tribal Government representing Paiute, Shoshone and Washoe tribal members.

Melendez, the basketball star who wanted to open a hotdog stand to fundraise for his All-Indian Men's Basketball team called "Nevada Spirit", was inspired to run for Tribal Council in 1987 when the tribal leadership at the time, denied his request to sell hotdogs.

He also was encouraged to run for Council by his younger brother, Randy Melendez. "My brother said, 'why don't you run for council? You can lead the tribe just as good as anyone else,'" Arlan stated in his retirement ad-

dress.

Melendez was elected to the Tribal Council in 1987 as the Tribal Council Treasurer. In 1990, Melendez was elected as Vice-Chairman and in 1991, elected as Tribal Chairman. Melendez held 8 terms as the Tribal Chairman until his retirement in December 2023.

"Our hearts are heavy as we share the news of Chairman Arlan Melendez's passing. Arlan was a beloved and cherished leader, role model and mentor to many," Chairman Daryl D. Gardipe stated. "He truly was a servant to the people, to the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony and to all tribes across the

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# RSIC TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETINGS



TRIBAL  
COUNCIL  
MEETINGS

## General Council Meetings

Wednesdays  
6 PM

## Economic Development Colony Enterprise Meetings

Wednesdays  
6 PM

RSIC Tribal Council: Top Row L to R  
Vice Chairman Anthony Abbie, Jerrold Wyatt,  
Chairman Daryl Gardipe, Toby Stump  
Bottom Row: Judy Miller, Tribal Secretary  
Marlene Yarrow, Veronica Imus, Treasurer  
Robin M. Eagle, Elizabeth Dunn

January 15, 2025  
February 12, 2025  
March 12, 2025  
April 16, 2025  
May 14, 2025

June 11, 2025  
**July 16, 2025**  
August 13, 2025  
September 10, 2025  
October 15, 2025  
November 12, 2025  
December 10, 2025

January 29, 2025  
February 26, 2025  
March 26, 2025  
April 30, 2025  
May 28, 2025  
June 25, 2025  
**July 30, 2025**  
August 27, 2025  
September 24, 2025  
October 29, 2025  
November 19, 2025

July 2025  
In-Person Meeting  
Location

Reno Multipurpose Room  
34 Reservation Rd.  
Reno, Nv. 89502

Meeting also available virtually



Public Comment Opportunity  
at General Council Meetings only.  
If you have immediate concerns or  
would like to submit your public  
comment prior to any General  
Council Meeting date, send email  
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For meeting info, contact Public Relations Office at  
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If you have questions, call us at 329-2936.

## July 2025 IMPORTANT DATES

- 9 Library On The Go HV Community Center 2-4pm
- 9 The Halluci Nation st Rancho San Rafael Park 7:30pm-9pm
- 9 BINGO Survey Senior Program HV Rec Center 5pm
- 15 FBNN Mobile Harvest 2:30pm-3:30pm HV Gym parking lot
- 16 Tribal Council General Meeting 34 Multipurpose Room 6pm**
- 17 Library On The Go Reno Colony 1:30pm-3:30pm
- 17 BINGO Survey Senior Program Reno Senior Center 5pm
- 21 Education Advisory Committee Meeting, 6pm at Education Conference Room (34 Reservation Rd, Building #D)
- 22 Commodity Food Distribution 34 Admin Bldg., 8am-11:45am
- 25 Mammovan at RSTHC, 7:40am - 3:20pm, Info: 775-329-2936
- 30 Tribal Council Economic Development Meeting 34 Multipurpose Rm 6pm**

#### **RSTHC WEEKLY MEETINGS:**

- MONDAY'S @ 3pm- DUI LEVEL II,LL-X, & III
- TUESDAYS @ 4pm- ANGER MANAGEMENT
- TUESDAYS @ 5:30PM—BEADING CIRCLE @ HV REC CENTER
- WEDNESDAYS @ 10am- SUBSTANCE ABUSE OUTPATIENT GROUP LEVEL
- WEDNESDAYS @ 6PM—WASHOE LANGUAGE CLASSES AT RENO TUTOR ROOM
- THURSDAY'S @ 4pm—DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INTERVENTION GROUP -
- FRIDAYS @ 4pm—RED ROAD TO WELLBRIETY

#### ***Please Note:***

- **COVID-19 Stockpile & Assistance:** To request PPE or would like to know more info about COVID-19 Assistance, call James Thomas at 775 785-1346

★ **UNITY Teen Food Pantry @ TLC Open to RSIC Teens/Families RSIC Employees. Supplies are limited Must Fill out NNFB Required Forms. Tuesdays 9:30AM-2:30PM & Thursdays 2:30PM-4:30PM.**

**Beading Circle– Meets every Tuesday Hungry Valley Rec Center 5:30-7:30PM**

- ◆ In cases of Emergency, call 911.
- ◆ RSIC 24/7 Non-Emergency Dispatch #, 775-323-2677.
- ◆ RSIC Tribal Police Business Office, 775-785-8776.
- ◆ Secret Witness, 775-322-4900
- ◆ To submit a police report online go to, [www.rsic.org/207/Tribal-Police](http://www.rsic.org/207/Tribal-Police).

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# Office of the Chairman

## Daryl D. Gardipe

To begin my update, I give my sympathies and heartfelt prayers to the Evans, Sam, Sampson and Melendez families.

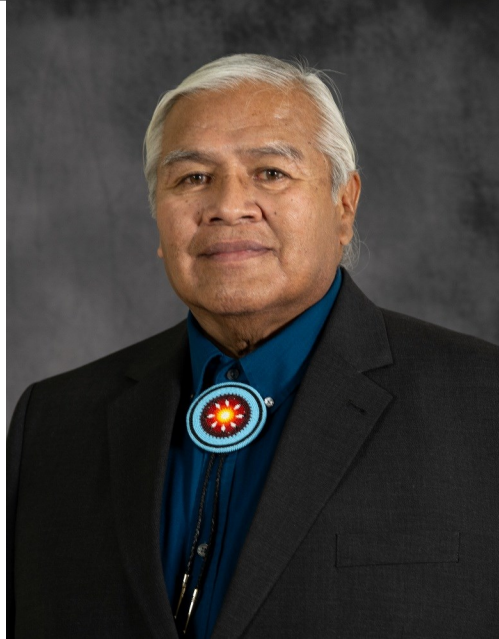
Community Grief reminds us of our interconnectedness. It highlights the shared humanity that binds us, even in the face of profound loss. While the pain of collective grief can be immense, it also holds the potential to inspire change, foster resilience and deepen our empathy for one another.

As we navigate the complexities of grief together, let us remember that healing is not a solitary journey. By leaning into our shared experiences and embracing the strength of community, we can honor the losses that shape us and move forward together, carrying the lessons of our grief into a more compassionate future.

Let's celebrate and honor the life of former Tribal Chairman, Arlan Melendez, whose journey and life has touched so many of us. All of us have a special memory of him. All the times we have spent & shared with Arlan. Although, we hold him in the highest regard as Chairman and acknowledge his many accomplishments, achievements, and the successes for the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony and Nevada. His legacy also includes contributions to the betterment of all Indian Country. We also knew him as a good friend, who you could reach out to, if you needed support, advice or cheering up. He made each of us feel special and valued.

Thank you for coming to the funeral services to show your support to the family, to RSIC, and the community as we mourn Arlan's passing. Thank you to all the speakers for sharing your stories. The celebration of life was suiting for such an honorable, tribal leader.

We also want to thank Joyce, his



children and family for sharing so much of his time with us. Although we will miss Arlan, we all have special memories to help comfort us as we continue to honor his legacy.

### **Political Update:**

The proposed "One Big Beautiful Bill Act" could affect RSIC, if passed.

This bill advances the budget reconciliation process. The legislation includes an exemption for American Indian and Alaska Native individuals eligible for services through the Indian health system from Medicaid community engagement/work requirements protecting the federal trust an treaty obligations. Medicaid work requirements without an AI/AN exemption would likely cause many AI/AN to lose coverage and would place additional strain on the Indian health system resources. Additionally, the bill protects existing cost sharing exemptions for IHS eligible beneficiaries. NIHB and tribal partners helped secure this important exemption.

This bill also would eliminate tax credits for building clean energy projects and impact Haskell Indian

Nations University, a cornerstone of Indigenous higher education and where some of our tribal members attend college.

As of this point in time, we are not affected. This bill goes back to the House to be voted on with a deadline of July 4th.

Another area of political concern is the President's declaration of National Energy Emergency that will significantly enable faster permitting timelines – reducing processes that take several months or year to just weeks.

The Tribal Council and I are continuing to work with our federal and state lobbyists, George Waters and Strategies 360. We have been sending letters to our Congressional Delegates and HHS Secretary, Robert Kennedy to ask them to *not support* any of these proposed bills that can disproportionately affect RSIC and all tribal nations.

### **RSIC Graduation Ceremonies**

**2025-** Congratulations to the Class of 2025! Your Graduation is a testament to the strength and resilience of our community. I am proud of each of you. Believe in your potential to continue to making a significant impact. Here's to all the great things that lie ahead.

Also, thank you to our Education Staff for organizing 3 significant events for our students, families and community. The Hungry Valley Head Start Graduation was held on June 5<sup>th</sup> at the outdoor Amphitheater. The Reno Head Start Graduation was held on June 6<sup>th</sup> at the Reno Gym. Both graduations were entertaining to watch, especially the kids singing in Paiute.

The annual Graduation Ceremony for all students was held on June 25<sup>th</sup> at the Reno Gym. Many community members attended. I was enthusiastic to celebrate all students from kindergarten to college who earned their certificates and

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diplomas.

**84<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session 2025:** I'd also like to acknowledge RSIC Tribal Council, Strategies 360, and notably RSTHC Director Angie Wilson for her vision to lead RSIC to a historic legislative session by advocating for 3 different tribal health bills.

✦ **Pharmacy State Plan**

**Amendment** – which expands tribal pharmacy reimbursement allowance due to the rising costs of pharmaceuticals. The State Amendment Plan allows all Nevada Tribal Pharmacies to bill the All-Inclusive Rate for each individual medications dispensed, without limitation and regardless of where the Tribes procure the medications.

✦ **Senate Bill 97** – Relating to Health Insurance and revising the membership of the Board of Directors of the Silver State Health Insurance Exchange; and providing other matters properly relating thereto. What does that mean for RSIC Tribal Health? This bill requires that one member appointed by the Governor be a member of an Indian Tribe located in this State with expertise in health care administration for an Indian Tribe.

✦ **Senate Bill 312-** Enacts provisions relating to the health of American Indians, Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiians. This bill creates the Tribal Health Authority Council and establishes the membership of the Council. This authorizes the Executive Director to appoint a Coordinator of the Council which includes adopting and periodically updating a plan to increase access to

health care and address and eliminate barriers to healthcare for American Indians in this State. This bill creates more funding opportunities, collaboration with other agencies, and allows the Tribes to determine under federal law if a tribal member is presumptively eligible to receive benefits under Medicaid.

Angie worked hard for this and we extend our sincere appreciation for her expertise and efforts. She even wrote SB 312. And we attended multiple meetings during the legislative session to advocate, respond and negotiate for these bills to be passed. Not only does this benefit RSIC, they benefit all Nevada Tribes for generations to come. Thank you to everyone who helped gather information, edit, and champion these historic bills.

**Tribal Elections 2025**– I swore in 2 New Alternates to the Election Committee, Anita Talancon and Sharron Yazzie. Thank you for serving our community. Elections will be held the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend of November with 4 Tribal Council seats up for office. The Election Committee is working hard to ensure all timelines are followed.

**General Elections 2026 are just around the corner:** On June 3<sup>rd</sup>, myself, Tribal Secretary Marlene Yarrow, Michael Ondelacy and Bethany Sam met with Washoe County Registrars of Voters Elections Officer, Andrew McDonald and Shawna Johnson, Office Assistant to discuss RSIC's polling locations for 2026 to include experiences, good and bad, from the 2024 Presidential Election. We will be submitting our application for polling locations by August.

Also, candidates have reached out to RSIC discuss their campaigns

and getting insight to the Colony's needs. So far I've met with:

- ✦ Former Lieutenant Governor, Kate Marshal, who will be running for Reno Mayor.
- ✦ City of Sparks Attorney, Wes Duncan, who will be running for Washoe County District Attorney
- ✦ Secretary of State, Francisco Aguilar, who is seeking re-election. This meeting included a tour of RSIC Admin Offices and the Reno-Sparks Tribal Health Center. Aguilar really just wanted to learn more about RSIC compared to talking about his campaign.

**RSTHC Annual Health Fair on June 18<sup>th</sup>** – Great Job to our RSTHC staff, Public Works, Emergency Services Crew, Public Information Officers and those who helped coordinate such a beneficial community event. There were over 50 vendors with swag, food, raffle prizes, health presentations, free t-shirts or insulated bags, plus more.

**Speeding on Tribal Lands:** It imperative to hold violators accountable to keep our children and community safe. Our goal is to promote safety on tribal roads by providing law enforcement traffic services to the motoring public. PLEASE slow down

**Reminder of Upcoming Events**— July 9<sup>th</sup> for Artown's Native American Celebration Night with Halluci Nations 7:30pm at Rancho San Rafael Park

August 29<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> for the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Numaga Indian Days Powwow & Handgames.

*To stay informed on events, please visit our website, [www.rsic.org](http://www.rsic.org) or read the Camp News Newsletter. Thank you and I hope you have a great month.*

The RSIC Language & Culture Program and LLGP are hosting a summer Early Childhood Language literacy program. Families and children ages 3yrs – 5yrs are welcome to come and participate . Every Tuesday and Thursday in July, 5pm-6pm. Transportation is limited to the HV community. Light refreshments will be provided.



**Tutse Poove**

Creative Language & Culture Activities For Boys & Girls 3-5 Years Old

# Numu Yadooana Nobe

Tiny Seeds Paiute Language House

**Summer Session**

July 1st – July 31st  
Tuesdays & Thursdays 5pm – 6pm

**Location**

Hungry Valley Library



**Activities :**

- Storytelling
- Outdoor games
- Drawing & painting
- Interactive games
- Great Basin Dances & Songs

**Transportation:**

Transportation in Hungry Valley ONLY. Must have transportation form on file. Must be accompanied by parent/guardian.

**Call to sign up!!**



“Teachers plant the seeds of knowledge that grow forever.”

**More Information :** (775)785-1338      [sburns@rsic.org](mailto:sburns@rsic.org)



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Hungry Valley Community Center  
 9075 Eagle Canyon Dr • Sparks



In honor of  
 Chairman Arlan Melendez

Festival of Hope is a FREE event for the community, full of family fun and stories of hope. From bounce houses to basketball, and everything in between, come join us as we share a meal together and hear Good News for a change!

There is a lot of darkness and despair in our world. We need a reminder that hope exists and that light is still shining. This is an opportunity to hear about the purpose our Creator gives us and to come together as a community and focus on how lives can change and families can heal.

Can't wait to see you!



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Andrew Palau  
 International Speaker  
 and Author



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**BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT**

**ACTION SPORTS DEMO**

**GAMING TRUCK**

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 The Mammovan will be in your community on:

DATE: Friday, July 25, 2025  
 HOURS: 7:40am to 3:20pm (closed for lunch from 12:00pm to 1:00pm)  
 LOCATION: Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Tribal Health Clinic  
 1715 Kuenzli St, Reno, NV 89502  
 Check in directly with the Mammovan



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- Name and phone number of your Primary Care Physician (PCP)

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- Women's Health Connection (WHC)
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- Individuals NOT COVERED by health insurance may qualify for a "no charge" screening.
- \* Call your insurance company to find out if 3-D is covered.



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 2025  
 OCTOBER 3rd & 4th

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nation. We will strive to honor his memory by living a life of integrity, showing love and kindness to others and finding the joy in the simple things.”

Chairman Melendez began his political career under the administration of former Chairman of 21 years, Lance Astor. Astor was known for his fairness, discipline and resoluteness.

In this era, the main focus for tribes across the nation were on the ongoing effects of the Indian Termination Policy and the subsequent push for tribal self-determination. Some tribes were still working to overcome the impacts of termination policies enacted in the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century, while others were actively engaged in asserting their rights and seeking greater autonomy. There was also a collective effort by tribes to regain lost lands and resources.

The 80’s saw the beginning of tribal gaming and diverse tribal economic development business plans to create a sustainable tribal economy for self-sustainability. It was an exciting time for tribes in Nevada.

With Chairman Astor’s leadership, RSIC founded its police department, tribal court, head start facility, and utilities department to provide water and sewer services. Additionally, RSIC began its smoke shop franchise endeavor; they built the tribal gym and park for the community; and the Tribal Council passed legislation to modernize their government processes.

And in 1986, the year before Chairman Melendez was elected,

RSIC purchased 1920 acres in Hungry Valley to build housing. With the vision to provide the opportunity to RSIC tribal members to revive traditional practices and more thoroughly educate the children about the environment that supported and sustained the Washoe, Paiute and Shoshone ancestors.

Melendez continued the progress and vision of the tribal leaders before him.

He was passionate about creating a self-sustaining tribal government similar to the local, state and federal agencies based on taxes. He led efforts to expand the land base of RSIC and create a unique tax system known as the “Nevada System”.

Under Chairman Melendez’s leadership, the RSIC maintained a strong and fiscally sound government. With his guidance, RSIC took advantage of its location within an urban area to create a viable economic tax base, which allowed the tribe to purchase land and attract business development to the reservation.

In an effort to diversify the Colony’s general fund from sole reliance on tobacco revenues from 6 Smoke Shops, the Colony has leased and developed its commercial sites.

In 2003, the RSIC leased land to Walmart to construct a Super Center. The sales tax revenues from the Super Center were used to secure a 2006 Bond Issue to finance the design and construction of a 65,000 square foot health center for RSIC.

Due to the magnitude of sales tax collected, RSIC prudently introduced a bill in the Nevada state

legislature to share sales tax revenue with Nevada. In 2005, the bill pass unanimously.

RSIC now has tenants that include the Mercedes Benz of Reno, Acura of Reno, Three Nations Cannabis, and over 20 locally owned and operated businesses. Revenues from the Colony’s real estate projects provide funds for the Colony’s government, which provides essential services to its members, residents and other Urban Indians.

Until his retirement, Melendez also served as the President of the Colony Enterprise Authority, which oversaw the Three Nations Management Corporation; or cannabis operations.

Furthermore, Melendez led the charge of the Nevada Native Nations Lands Act, H.R. 2455. President Barak Obama signed into law on October 7, 2016. This federal law transferred about 71,000 acres of land to six tribes in Nevada. The idea for this transfer commenced when Congressman Mark Amodei brought Indian Affairs Committee Chairman, Don Young to Nevada and the tribes discussed their need for more land. It took years of politicking to make this possible. RSIC was “landlocked” and they could not build any more houses on the original 28 acres in Reno or 1920 acres in Hungry Valley. RSIC received 13,434 adjoining acreage to its Hungry Valley land base. Melendez believed housing was just one of the many benefits the transfer of land provides.

On March 25, 2025, RSIC broke ground on Phase I construction of a \$12.3 million 25-Lot Housing Subdivision Project in Hungry Valley.



Moreover, Chairman Melendez was a true warrior and protector of land and culture. He was an activist, protesting the kitty litter plant that would have mined clay in Hungry Valley, speaking out against the freeway that goes through the RSIC, and marching against lithium mining on land of cultural and religious importance to the Great Basin Indigenous people.

Also under Melendez's administration, RSIC established the Public Relations Department. This move increased RSIC's tribal identity locally, nationally and internationally. Melendez understood in order for major stakeholders to notice RSIC, the tribe needed to participate in the media. Public Relations is a strategic communication process that builds and nurtures relationships between an organization and its diverse stakeholders. Media relations amplified RSIC's PR efforts, reaching wider audiences.

The importance of Public Relations to Melendez was to shape a positive public image and enhance RSIC's reputation for stakeholders to recognize RSIC's tribal government as a major player in the Great Basin region. He wanted to educate key government decision makers why they must include RSIC in their planning processes, considering their decisions will ultimately affect RSIC. He also saw the importance of community relations to cultivate strong ties with tribal members by using earned media to share tribal events and information. Melendez concluded consistent PR efforts forged a pathway for long-term governmental loyalty and trust.

His leadership and experience helped Nevada Tribes collaborate with partners at the Federal, State, and Local levels. Chairman Melendez was appointed to the United States Commission on Civil Rights in 2005 and was specifically appointed by Senate Majority Leader, Harry Reid. He is only the second American Indian to ever serve on the Civil Rights Commission since it was founded in 1957 by President Dwight Eisenhower. In 2010, Chairman Melendez was also appointed by Nevada Governor Brian Sandoval to the Nevada Gaming Policy Committee. In 2016, Nevada Governor Steve Sisolak appointed Chairman Melendez to the Cannabis Advisory Committee.

Chairman Melendez has held a number of national and local leadership roles throughout his career. He represented the Western Region as the Area Vice-President, three times, for the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI). He served as the Chair of the NCAI Taxation Subcommittee until his retirement and had a lifetime membership. In addition, Chairman Melendez served on the U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Tribal Advisory Committee (STAC) and the Contract Support Cost Committee as an advocate for Indian Health Care. He served on the Tribal Health Steering Committee for the Phoenix Area IHS area from 2011-2019. Chairman Melendez is a past-President and Secretary/Treasurer of the Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada. He has also received a Lifetime Achievement award from the Native American Finance Officers Association (NAFOA). He received an American Indian Community Leader of

the Year award from the Nevada Indian Commission, and the National Indian Health Service publicly honored Chairman Melendez for his significant contributions to their respective national organizations.

He graduated from Truckee Meadows Community College and attended the University of Nevada Reno. Melendez is also an Armed Forces Veteran having served in the United States Marine Corp during the Vietnam War.

Arlan is an icon in Indian Country. The Reno-Sparks Indian Colony has been blessed with a dependable and accountable leader who shown his people true balance in keeping traditional values; advocating for language & culture and the protection of land and water; while keeping Reno-Sparks Indian Colony progressive to provide a healthy economy for much needed services to tribal members & community.

He exemplified every aspect of a Chief. He was a spiritual leader who symbolized wisdom, strength and guidance. He was a jokester; a selfless, family and god loving man. He consistently lived up to his promises and character, offering unwavering commitment, reliability and loyalty.

His leadership has set an example to be followed in the future and is cherished by those who were fortunate enough to have experienced it for themselves. His legacy will live on forever in the lives he's influenced. His visionary and servitude style of leadership has proven to enhance all aspects of the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony and tribes across Turtle Island (North America).

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Photos of Chairman Arlan D. Melendez's Celebration of Life at the Grand Sierra Resort's Grand Theatre on June 26, 2025









“There is no greater evidence of progress than the building of friendships with all people” – **Chairman Arlan D. Melendez**

“Chairman Arlan Melendez will be remembered for his lifetime of service to his country, his state, and the people he cared deeply for in the communities around him. We can all learn from the example he left as a selfless leader, community builder, problem solver, and above all a good friend, father, and husband. We were lucky to have such a bold and tireless champion of Nevada for so many successful years, and we will miss him, but his legacy will not be forgotten.” – **Congressman Mark Amodei**

“As longtime Chairman, Arlan Melendez was committed to lifting up the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony, supporting friends and neighbors across northern Nevada, and advocating for the rights of Tribal communities nationwide,” **said Senator Jacky Rosen**. “Over the years, I’ve had the pleasure of working closely with Chair Melendez — a strong, tireless, and passionate leader. My thoughts are with Arlan’s family, loved ones, and the many lives he has impacted.”

“Arlan Melendez dedicated his life to the service of others. As Chairman of the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony, as a Marine Corps veteran, and as a community leader, his work was an inspiration to all of us. As friends and family gather to celebrate his life, my condolences are with Joyce and his family.” - **Senator Catherine Cortez Masto**

“Nevada mourns the loss of Chairman Arlan D. Melendez – a

marine corps veteran, a dedicated leader, and a trailblazer for tribal sovereignty an economic progress. For 32 years, Chairman Melendez faithfully led the RSIC, guiding his community with strength, vision and heart. His impact will be felt for generations. Donna and I extend our deepest condolences to his wife Joyce, his children and the entire RSIC community.” – **Governor Joe Lombardo**

“For 32 years, Chairman Melendez was a beloved and influential leader who led with kindness, empathy, and an unwavering sense of community. His leadership extended far beyond Northern Nevada as he was appointed in 2005 by Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, where he championed the rights of federally recognized tribes across the country. Chairman Melendez led not just with vision, but with compassion and an abiding commitment to unity. He once said, “There is no greater evidence of progress than the building of friendships with all people.” That spirit of friendship and understanding defined his life’s work — and it’s a legacy we should all strive to carry forward.” – **Brian Sandoval, President, University of Nevada, Reno.**

"Under Arlan Melendez's leadership, RSIC grew in sovereignty, visibility, and strength. Arlan was instrumental in building bridges between Native nations and local governments, and his legacy will continue to shape our region for generations to come," **Reno Mayor Hillary Schieve said.** "I will deeply miss his friendship and will never forget the laughter we shared. On behalf of the City

of Reno, we extend our heartfelt condolences to his family, friends, and the entire RSIC community."

“I am saddened to hear about the passing of Arlan Melendez, former Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Chairman. Many of us here at the City of Sparks have worked closely with Arlan. For many years, we have collaborated on the Truckee River Operating Agreement (TROA), and most recently, celebrated the signing of an agreement between the City and the RSIC concerning the Truckee Meadows Public Land Management Act. Arlan was a genuine advocate, was always honest and fair, and truly made a positive impact throughout our entire community. I was honored to call him my friend and I’ll miss him greatly. I send my deepest sympathies to his family, loved ones and the RSIC Community.” – **Sparks Mayor Ed Lawson**

“NCAI is deeply saddened to learn that Chairman Arlan D. Melendez of the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony has walked on. A dedicated public servant for over three decades, Chairman Melendez led his community with unwavering commitment and vision. Under his leadership, his tribe significantly expanded its land base, strengthened tribal health services, and pioneered an innovative tribal tax system known as the “Nevada system,” achievements widely recognized across Indian Country. His influence extended beyond his own Tribal Nation – for 31 years as Chairman, he not only served his people but all Native Americans, championing tribal sovereignty, economic self-determination, and the well-being of Indigenous communities. NCAI is proud to have worked



alongside Chairman Melendez in various national initiatives, as he also served as a Western Regional Vice President and co-chaired NCAI's Taxation Sub-Committee, helping to strengthen the tribal governance landscape. We extend our heartfelt condolences to the Melendez family, the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony, and all who knew and admired this remarkable leader. May Chairman Arlan Melendez's memory be a blessing, and may his lifetime of service and advocacy continue to inspire future generations." – **National Congress of American Indians**. Full statement available at <https://www.ncai.org/.../ncai-mourns-chairman-arlan-d...>

"We're saddened to hear of Chairman Arlan Melendez's passing. In 2016, NAFOA recognized Chairman Melendez's contributions to his Tribe and Indian Country with a Lifetime Achievement Award. He was a great leader and gentle man who brought great insights and wisdom to NAFOA conferences. His conversations with our 2019 Leadership Summit was especially memorable to our young alumni. NAFOA has long valued our connection to Chairman Melendez's community. Our organization was first incorporated in the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony, and it remains an important part of our history. We extend our condolences to his family and friends, the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony, and everyone who had the opportunity to know and learn from him," **stated the Native American Finance Officers Association**

"Chairman Melendez will be remembered as one of the most important and impactful leaders in

our region. He created stability, access to healthcare, and economic prosperity for the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony and everyone in our community. I am so saddened by his passing and the County is sending love to his family, friends, and community members of the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony." – **Alexis Hill, Chair of the Washoe County Commission**

Reno-Sparks Indian Colony sends their deepest sympathies and heartfelt prayers to Chairman Melendez's family during this sad time.

Chairman Arlan D. Melendez is survived by his wife Joyce, and children: Tonia George, Eric Fillmore-Melendez, Adrianna Gutierrez, Neiko Melendez and Clifford (Terri) Robinson and a loving legacy of grandchildren.

"On behalf of the Arlan D. Melendez family, we'd like to express our utmost gratitude to our entire community for your unwavering support and prayers during this difficult time. Arlan was the rock of our family and our tribe. He loved you all." – **Joyce Melendez and Family**.

**Chairman Melendez's funeral services** were held on Thursday, June 26, 2025 at the Grand Sierra Resort Grand Theatre. Over a thousand people from various walks of life attended the services. There were politicians, Nevada tribal leaders, faith leaders, RSIC tribal community and more. It was a grand celebration of life fit for an honorable, tribal leader.

At the 3-hour service, speakers remembered Melendez as a family man, beloved community member and innovative leader.

Among the government leaders who worked with Melendez over

his long political career and spoke at his funeral were U.S. Rep. Mark Amodei, Reno Mayor Hillary Schieve, former Reno Mayor Pete Sferazza, former RSIC Council member Verna Nuno; current Chairman Daryl "Doug" Gardipe and the RSIC council. U.S. Senators Catherine Cortez Masto and Jacky Rosen sent video remarks.

Stacey Montooth, executive director of the Nevada Department of Native American Affairs, also delivered comments from Gov. Joe Lombardo and Reno Sparks Tribal Health Center Director Angie Wilson.

Former Nevada Assembly Speaker and Walker Lake Paiute Tribe member John Ocegüera officiated the service.

Faith leaders including Colony Christian Fellowship Church Pastor Tim Lucas, who delivered the closing prayer, and Christian Hope Indian Eskimo Fellowship President Huron Claus from the Mohawk and Kiowa Tribes also talked about Melendez's strong relationship with his faith and involvement in the RSIC's church, including bringing his love of music to worship service and leading men's groups.

Melendez's cousin James Phoenix delivered the eulogy for the family. Dances from the RSIC Powwow Dance Group and songs from the Truckee Paiute Singers were interspersed throughout the service.

Barbara Bennett from the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe performed "Old Rugged Cross," and a slideshow and video honoring Melendez and his vision for the tribe were shown.

Though each speaker recognized Melendez's accomplishments and community work, whether it be in government, the community or church, many remembered him primarily as a friend.



**VISIT THE  
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NEVADA'S MOBILE HARVEST  
IN HUNGRY VALLEY**

**DRIVE  
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UNTIL  
FURTHER  
NOTICE**

**JULY 15, 2025  
2:30 - 3:30PM**

**NOTE THE NEW  
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MH IS NOW ON THE  
3RD TUESDAY OF  
THE MONTH  
FROM 2:30-3:30 P**

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HV GYM PARKING LOT**

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- VOLUNTEERS DISTRIBUTE BASED  
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# Commodity Food Distribution

## 2025 SCHEDULE



**Tuesday**

**July 22, 2025 8am-11:45am**

**Reno Sparks Indian Colony  
2025 Dates**

**1/28 2/25 3/25 4/22 5/27 6/24  
7/22 8/26 9/23 10/28 11/24 12/30**



**Administration Bldg.  
34 Reservation Rd.  
Reno, Nv.**

NEW CLIENTS - PLEASE COMPLETELY FILL OUT THE COMMODITY APPLICATION BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE COPIES OF INCOME, SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS AND PROOF OF ADDRESS FOR THE WHOLE HOUSEHOLD THIS WILL SPEED UP YOUR PROCESS TIME. PLEASE SEND AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE WITH A NOTE IF YOU CANNOT MAKE THE DISTRIBUTION SITE. IF NOT WE WILL NOT GIVE YOUR ALLOTMENT OF COMMODITIES TO ANYONE.

**For more info PLEASE call:  
Yerington Paiute Tribe Commodity Program  
775 783-0260 EXT. 2**

**or  
CELL 775 781-4856  
FAX 775 463-7856**

**or  
yptcommods@gmail.com**

**SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE!  
STAFF WILL NOTIFY YOUR TRIBE IF THERE  
ARE ANY CHANGES**



# LIBRARY ON THE GO BOOKMOBILE

Reno-Sparks Indian Colony  
1:30-3:30pm



## Upcoming Dates:

Thursday, March 20  
Thursday, April 17  
Thursday, May 22  
**Thursday, June 19**  
(Holiday- all branches closed)



For more information and to view the full bookmobile schedule, scan the QR code or visit [washoelibrary.org/bookmobile](http://washoelibrary.org/bookmobile).



Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Head Start

## Enrollment for 2025-2026 School Year Began April 1, 2025

Make your Dental and Physical Appointment now as appointments fill up fast. Let the clinic scheduler know the appointment is for Head Start.

Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Head Start offers comprehensive early childhood education services for low income families with children between the ages of 3 to 5 years from income-eligible families, including children with special needs. Families must reside on the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony or within Washoe County.

Children must be 3 years of age by August 1st.

One classroom at Hungry Valley. Two classrooms at Reno-Sparks Indian Colony. Nutritious breakfasts and lunches provided.

Transportation provided in Hungry Valley community only.

Year Round Full Day may be available to those that qualify.

For application and/or information, call 775-789-5615.

**Deadline for completed applications for the first selection to be received: by Monday, July 7, 2025 at 4:00 p.m.**

# LIBRARY ON THE GO BOOKMOBILE

Hungry Valley Community Center  
2-4 pm

## Upcoming Dates:

Wednesday, July 9  
Wednesday, August 13  
Wednesday, September 10  
Wednesday, October 8  
Wednesday, November 12  
Wednesday, December 10



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### Most Team Spirit Contest

Sport your favorite team spirit



## Senior Fun Day

August 21, 2025

10 am @ Reno Gym

Rsvp early 775-785-1349

Sorry - no children allowed



Lunch, drinks & desert

### Cake Walk

Donated cake & goodies Welcomed



Navigating Medicare



# Head Start Transition Celebrations – Hungry Valley & Reno

*Written by: Christina Jacobus, Education Director—Photos by: RSIC Public Relations*

The RSIC Education Department proudly celebrated the successful transition of our Head Start students during two meaningful ceremonies; June 5th in Hungry Valley and June 6th in Reno. These events marked an important milestone in our children's early education journey and were filled with pride, smiles, and community spirit.

We extend our sincere thanks to the speakers and performers at both ceremonies and the Head Start Parent Committees for their creativity and effort in transforming each space with beautiful decorations that made the ceremonies feel truly special. We are also grateful to the RSIC Recreation Program for providing the venue and

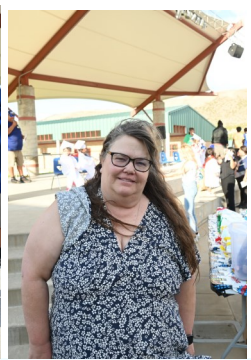
support needed to bring these events to life.

We would also like to recognize the incredible Head Start staff whose dedication, nurturing, and hard work throughout the year prepared these young learners for success. Thank you for the love, care, and commitment you bring to your classrooms every day.



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## Senior Program Menu

775-785-1349



Menu is subject to change with or without notice

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
30) Pork Chop Scalloped Potatoes 5 Way Veggies Applesauce	1) Teriyaki Chicken Brown Rice Broccoli Cantaloupe	2) Beef Hot Dog Cole Slaw California Veggies Watermelon	3) Turkey, Cheddar Sandwich Lettuce & Tomato Baked Lays Orange	4) Closed Holiday 
7) Beef Stroganoff WW Noodles Green Beans with Stewed Tomatoes Mandarin Oranges	8) Chicken Bowl Black Beans Cilantro Lime Rice Lettuce, Tomato, Cheese & Olives Apple	9) Pork Tenderloin Baby Roasted Potatoes 5 Way Veggies Honeydew	10) Turkey Chili Dark Green Salad Corn Bread Tropical Fruit	11) Pancakes Sausage Links Celery & Carrot Sticks Peaches
14) BBQ Ribs Pasta Salad Pineapple Whole wheat roll	15) Grinder Sub Turkey, Provolone Lettuce & Tomato Sun Chips Fruit Cup	16) Ground Beef Slider Sweet Potato Tots Cesar Salad Honeydew	17) Tuna Fish Sandwich Chips String Cheese Apple Slices	18) Oatmeal Boiled Egg Tomato Wedges Mix Berries
21) Beef, Bean and Cheese Burrito Zucchini Grapes	22) Egg Salad Sandwich Celery Sticks Trail Mix Watermelon	23) <b>Birthday BINGO</b> Grilled Steak Rice Pilaf Chickpea Salad Pineapple	24) Chef Salad Turkey, Cheese, Cucumber, Tomato, Egg WW Roll Pear	25) Corn Beef Hash Scrambled Eggs Sliced Peppers Banana
28) Diced Ham Macaroni & Cheese Peas & Carrots Plums	29) Salisbury Patty Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Peaches	30) Crispy Chicken Salad with Cheese Cucumber, Tomato, & Boiled Egg WW Roll Orange	31) Steak Quesadilla Spanish Rice 5 Way Veggie Mango	1% Milk Served Daily 

Your meal will be placed in a plastic bag on your doorknob, or driveway fence if you have loose dogs. Please listen for staff to honk and knock, then pick up your meal bag after they leave. Staff will return within 15-20 minutes. Meal bags that stay on the door, or fence will be taken and a "missed you" note will be left. This ensures safe temperatures of food. Please call before 10:00 am to add or cancel lunches for the day. Please tie up any dogs.









## Senior Program Activities

775-785-1349



*Activities are subject to change with or without notice*

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1 8:30 am Sparks Farmer's Market  1 pm 4 <sup>th</sup> of July decorations	2	3 	4 Closed Holiday 
7 1 pm Senior Advisory Committee Meeting	8	9 5 pm Survey BINGO @ HVRC <i>*See flyer for more info-Seniors only</i>	10 	11
14 Signs up begin for SF Giants Native American game <i>*See flyer for more info</i>	15 8:30 am Sparks Farmer's Market	16 2 pm Errand Day	17 5 pm Survey BINGO @ Sr Center <i>*See flyer for more info-Seniors only</i>	18
21 Food Pantry	22 1 pm Thrift Shopping Day	23 12:30 pm <b>BIRTHDAY</b> <b>B I N G O</b> 	24 1 pm Sr. Fun Day Decoration Pot	25
28	29 8:30 am Sparks Farmers Market	30 1 pm Paint a Pine Cone	31 1 pm Picture Painting	

~ SIGN UPS ~

*Reminder - Must be a Sr Program Client for activity participation*

San Francisco Giants tickets sign up July 14-Aug 1. Pick up ticket Aug 4-8. One ticket per client

Must come to senior center to sign and pick up your own ticket, notes or calls not accepted.

Reminder: 1 ticket per client, no holding tickets, tickets available until gone.



Senior Program  
June 4, 2025

## 2025 Farmer's Market Coupon Books Now available at Senior Center M-F 7 am – 3 pm

- ✓ Must be a Senior program client age 60 +
- ✓ One per household
- ✓ Can send a note for someone to pick up for you
- ✓ Self certification form must be completed on site
- ✓ Limited, available until gone

Questions call Darlene or Teresa at 775-785-1349 – Stop by & pick yours up today



Senior Program

Senior Program Clients – Join us for a night of fun, food & prizes

Complete your 3 year survey, enjoy free dinner & play Bingo

Surveys will be distributed on site & must be completed to play Bingo

Staff will be available to assist you with the survey - Can only participant at one event, not both

**No children or other non-program clients allowed**

### Hungry Valley Recreation Center

July 9 – Wednesday

5 – 6:30 pm Complete your survey and enjoy dinner

6:30 p.m. \*BINGO

*\*Survey must be completed to play*



### Reno Senior Center

July 17 – Thursday

5 – 6:30 pm Complete your survey and enjoy dinner

6:30 p.m. \*BINGO

*\*Survey must be completed to play*

Questions – contact Darlene at 775-785-1349





**ATTENTION**  
**RSIC Hungry Valley Community**  
**It is against the law to operate an**  
**OHV in the RSIC communities**

**RSIC LAW and ORDER CODE:**  
**Title V-Traffic Code**

**RSIC Section 5-3-424. Regulations for Off Road Operations of Vehicles**

- (a) It shall be unlawful to operate any vehicle in any manner causing excessive disturbance to land, terrain, wildlife or vegetation, unless the area is expressly designated by the Colony for such purposes.
- (b) It shall be unlawful to operate a vehicle in a restricted use area in any manner not permitted therein.
- (c) It shall be unlawful to operate a vehicle in an area where off-road use is not permitted.
- (d) **Penalty:** \$25.00 fine.

Section 5-3-425. **Restricted Areas.** In the absence of a specific designation, all tribal lands shall be considered closed to the operation of off-road vehicles.

Types of Off Highway Vehicles (OHV): dirt bikes, mini dirt bikes, quad bikes, dune buggies and other all-terrain vehicles.

It is against the RSIC Law and Order Code to ride an OHV in the RSIC communities. OHV causes damage to the land, wildlife and terrain. OHV can also cause fires. Nevada is a high fire area. Hungry Valley community is a high fire area!



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# Beading Circle

**HUNGRY VALLEY REC**  
**EVERY TUESDAYS**  
**5:30 PM-8:00 PM**  
**HUNGRY VALLEY REC**

**Bring your own bead project**  
**or**  
**Learn a new bead project**  
**All materials provided**  
**Bring a food dish to share.**

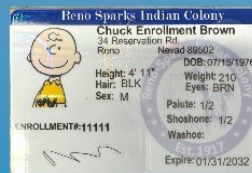
CALL FOR MORE INFORMATION  
 HV OFFICE 775-785-1338 RENO OFFICE (775)785-1321  
 EMAIL MPEREZ@RSIC.ORG SBURNS@RSIC.ORG

# UPDATE YOUR TRIBAL ID



**OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Friday**  
**8:00 am - 5:00 pm | Closed: 1pm - 2pm for Lunch**

- ✓ Tribal ID's have a eight (8) year expiration date
- ✓ RSIC Department's will no longer accept a Tribal ID without an expiration date or an expired Tribal ID.
- ✓ If you are turning 18 years old, you need an updated picture and a W9 in your name for any monetary assistance or educational purposes.
- ✓ New verbiage on the back due to the Trump Administration and birth right citizenship.



## Feed Their Summer Smiles With SUN Programs!

### AT THE RENO-SPARKS INDIAN COLONY

The Summer Food Service Program operates Monday-Friday June 9, 2025 to August 8, 2025

Breakfast: 8:30am – 9:30am Lunch: 12:30pm- 1:30pm

All children 18 years & younger are eligible to receive a free, delicious, and nutritious meals.

<b>Reno Site</b> Multipurpose Room 34 Reservation Rd, Reno NV 89502	<b>Hungry Valley</b> Education Building 9055 Eagle Canyon Road, Sparks NV 89441
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For further information, please contact Summer Foods Coordinator at 775-789-5615 X5432

Reno-Sparks Indian Colony is an equal opportunity provider



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Scan to find out about meal options and grocery benefits in your area.



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Summer 2024

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# 10 Years of Service and a Journey to the World Championships to Compete for Team USA

By, Tiffany Dean, 3 Nations Wellness Center Certified Personal Trainer

This August marks my ten-year anniversary with the Reno-Sparks Tribal Health Center, where I've had the honor of serving our Native community as a Certified Personal Trainer. Over the past decade, I've guided patients through fitness journeys that support chronic disease management, fall prevention and overall wellness, and I've been inspired every day by their resilience.

Outside of work, I am also a competitive powerlifter. This February, I competed at the Southern California Powerlifting Championships, where I earned first place in my division, qualifying me for the 2025 Powerlifting America National

Championships. At Nationals, I placed third overall in the Classic Raw 63 Kg. division and took first place in the bench press event, which earned me a spot on Team USA.

This October, I will travel to Cape Town, South Africa, to represent the United States at the IPF World Championships. I am humbled and proud to compete on the international stage, wearing the red, white, and blue and representing my country and my local community.

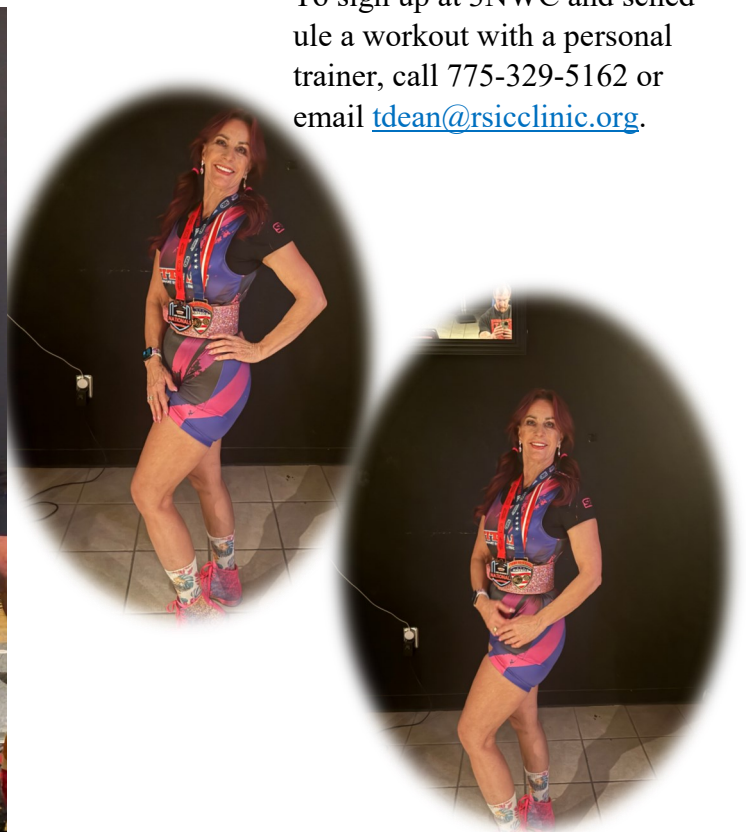
I'm also a proud mother of two accomplished adult children who have both built successful careers of their own. As a mother, a health care professional, and an athlete over 50, I hope to

inspire others to pursue their goals-no matter their age or life stage.

Being part of the Wellness Team at the Reno-Sparks Tribal Health Center has shaped me not only as a professional, but as a competitor. I bring the same mindset to the platform that I bring to my patients: discipline, patience, and the belief that no matter where you start, you can become stronger.

Reno-Sparks Indian Colony congratulates and celebrates Tiffany on her dream come true. She's an amazing trainer and her determination has earned her a spot to compete against the best in the world. We are proud of you!

To sign up at 3NWC and schedule a workout with a personal trainer, call 775-329-5162 or email [tdean@rsiclinic.org](mailto:tdean@rsiclinic.org).





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**Help Improve Tribal Transportation Safety**

The Reno-Sparks Indian Colony is working to enhance transportation safety as part of its long-range transportation planning efforts. The Planning and Community Development Department is seeking input from community members to better understand transportation challenges and identify effective solutions. We need your insights!

Tell us about the transportation safety issues you encounter—where and what problems you experience. To make participation easy, we've developed an online survey accessible on your phone, tablet, or PC. In addition to answering a few questions, you'll have the opportunity to place pins on a map to indicate problem areas, such as:

- Unsafe intersections
- Poor road conditions
- Areas with frequent traffic concerns

Your feedback is essential to creating a safer travel environment for the RSIC community. For questions or assistance, contact Larry Shoemaker in Planning at [lshoemaker@rsic.org](mailto:lshoemaker@rsic.org).

You can take the survey by going to [www.rsic.org/193](http://www.rsic.org/193) or scan the Code below



**Reno-Sparks Indian Colony  
Couriers Wanted**



Must be 13 years of age or older  
Reno OR Hungry Valley

Administration Office located at 34  
Reservation Rd. Reno, NV 89502.

Office hours: Monday - Friday  
8 am - 5 pm

**Reno rates:**

Flyers: \$25  
Camp News: \$70

**Hungry Valley rates:**

Flyers: \$40  
Camp news: \$90

Please Call  
775-329-2936 or Email  
[AHENSLEE@RSIC.ORG](mailto:AHENSLEE@RSIC.ORG) &  
[CMCCREA@RSIC.ORG](mailto:CMCCREA@RSIC.ORG)  
for more information!



# Legal / Public / Job Announcements

## Recruitment for committee / boards

### Proposed Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Multipurpose Justice Center in Reno, NV

**Notice of Availability - Draft Environmental Assessment:** In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Department of Justice (DOJ) Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) has completed a draft Environmental Assessment (EA) evaluating the potential environmental impacts of the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony proposal to build a multipurpose justice center to improve tribal justice services (the proposed action). NEPA requires that federal agencies consider the effects of a proposed action and any reasonable alternatives on the human environment. This draft EA evaluates the potential impacts that would result from the implementation of the proposed action as compared to the No Action alternative.

The draft EA is available upon request. Please send an email request to [info@clarkgroupllc.com](mailto:info@clarkgroupllc.com). The draft EA will be provided in electronic format unless a hard copy is specifically requested.

**Project Title:** Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Multipurpose Justice Center

**Project Proponent:** BJA

**Project Location:** 2 Sunshine Lane, Reno, Nevada 89502

**Purpose of the Proposed Action:** The purpose of the project is to improve tribal justice services for the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony by replacing the existing buildings for the Tribal Court, Tribal Police, and Human Services with a new, purpose-built justice center to address critical safety and space concerns. The current facilities are outdated, too small, and unsafe, no longer meeting the operational needs of the tribe and posing risks to both the community and staff. The new justice center would provide modern, secure, and efficient spaces designed to support public safety, judicial processes, and overall community well-being.

**Proposed Action Description:** The proposed action considered under this draft EA is to install three distinct buildings: one housing the police department, one serving as the courthouse, and another dedicated to the human services department. Together, the buildings would encompass approximately 15,792 square feet, with the police department occupying 4,704 square feet, the courthouse spanning 7,056 square feet, and the human services department covering 4,032 square feet. The project site is currently a vacant lot that was previously developed but has since been cleared following the demolition of existing structures in recent years. Site preparation would require trenching to install water and wastewater infrastructure and may also involve trenching for the installation of underground power utilities. Since the property is currently undeveloped, there are no existing parking facilities; however, the project would include the creation of approximately seventy parking spaces. Upon completion, the facility would serve as a centralized hub for public safety and community services for the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony.

**Public Comments:** BJA is accepting comments on this EA from July 1, 2025, through the end of the day of July 31 2025. Comments should be submitted by email to [info@clarkgroupllc.com](mailto:info@clarkgroupllc.com), or mailed to The Clark Group LLC, 137 Elm Street, Montpelier, VT 05602.

**Date of Posting:** July 1, 2025



### RECRUITMENT FOR HOUSING ADVISORY BOARD

THE RENO-SPARKS INDIAN COLONY HOUSING DEPARTMENT IS SEEKING (5) NEW HOUSING ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS. RSIC ENROLLED MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED SUBMIT A LETTER OF INTEREST, STATING YOUR NAME AND CONTACT INFORMATION, TO RSIC TRIBAL HEADQUARTERS OFFICE AT 34 RESERVATION ROAD.

PLEASE SEND IN A LETTER OF INTEREST TO:  
Reno-Sparks Indian Colony  
ATTN: Tribal Administrator Office / Housing  
34 Reservation Rd  
Reno, NV 89502

ANY QUESTIONS? PLEASE CONTACT THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT AT (775) 785-1300



### RENO-SPARKS INDIAN COLONY ★ EDUCATION DEPARTMENT – Language & Culture Program

401 Golden Lane, Reno, NV 89502 • Mailing Address: 34 Reservation Road, Reno, NV 89502  
Phone: (775) 785-1321 • Fax: (775) 785-8767

### Recruitment for (5) Language & Culture Advisory Committee Members

The Language & Culture Advisory Committee is currently seeking five (5) *RSIC Tribal Members* to serve on the Language & Culture Advisory Committee.

Committee members will be appointed by the RSIC Tribal Council and shall serve a term of 2 years.

If interested in becoming an LCAB member, please submit a letter of interest to:

Reno Sparks Indian Colony  
Language & Culture Program  
34 Reservation Rd.  
Reno, NV 89502

If you have any questions or concerns,  
please feel free to contact the Language & Culture offices at 775-785-1321



# Legal / Public / Job Announcements

## Recruitment for committee / boards

### Fire Destroys Home: Melendez Family in Need



The Melendez Family — **Neiko, Natalia, and Nyelli** — are facing an unimaginable tragedy. Just two days after laying their beloved patriarch to rest, they lost their home in a devastating fire at 56 Reservation Road in Reno, NV. The cause of the fire is still under investigation, but the damage was total. Firefighters did all they could, but only about a dozen precious photos and a small amount of clothing could be saved.

Now, in the midst of grieving a profound family loss, Neiko, Natalia, and Nyelli must also begin the difficult journey of rebuilding their lives from nothing. **We are reaching out to ask for your help in supporting them through this painful time.** Any donation, no matter the amount, will go directly toward helping them with immediate needs and starting over. Your kindness and generosity mean more now than ever.

Donate at: <https://gofund.me/eb05ad00>

**Numaga Indian Days Pow Wow**

**2025 Princess Contest**

**August 28th - 6:00pm - Hungry Valley Gym**

**Miss Numaga - Ages: 13-17**  
**Jr. Miss Numaga - Ages: 7-12**  
**Pageant Categories: Tiny Tot Numaga - Ages: 2-6**

**Apply by Aug 1st**

- Public Speaking
- Show case a Traditional Talent
- Exhibition Dance Style
- Each contestant will be required to sell Raffle Tickets

**For more info \* applications, contact the Numaga Pow Wow Committee: [powwow@rsic.org](mailto:powwow@rsic.org)**

### RECRUITMENT FOR ENROLLMENT COMMITTEE

The Reno-Sparks Tribal Enrollment Committee is recruiting to fill a vacancy for one (1) **RSIC Enrolled Tribal Member Representative**.

The Enrollment Committee shall consist of seven (7) members of Paiute, Shoshone or Washoe Indian blood who satisfy the membership criteria as set forth in Article II of the Constitution and Bylaws and any ordinances that may affect the membership of the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony.

The Enrollment Committee members meet once a month, usually on the first Monday, and are provided a monthly meeting stipend for participation. The Committee meets at the Enrollment Office conference room.

The members are appointed by the Tribal Council and shall serve a four (4) year term.

If you are interested in being a member of the Enrollment Committee, please submit a letter of interest to:

Reno-Sparks Indian Colony  
**Tribal Administrator's Office**  
cc: Enrollment Committee  
34 Reservation Road  
Reno, NV 89502

*For more information, please call 775-785-1306.*

May 06, 2025



### RECRUITMENT FOR RSIC POWWOW COMMITTEE

#### Notice to Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Enrolled Members

The Reno-Sparks Indian Colony **Powwow Committee is seeking up to three (3) RSIC Enrolled Members** who are interested in serving on the Committee. Any interested RSIC Enrolled Member, may complete the application and submit their signed letter of interest to:

**Reno-Sparks Indian Colony**  
**Attn: Tribal Administrator / Powwow Committee**  
**34 Reservation Road**  
**Reno, NV 89502.**  
*\*No emails will be accepted.*

The Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Powwow Committee consists of no fewer than four (4) and no more than seven (7) members. Each member shall hold office until his/her term expires, or until he/she resigns or is removed from office in accordance with the Bylaws and Standing Rules for Committees and Advisory Boards of the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony. Committee Members are appointed by Tribal Council.

The Standing Rules for Committees and Advisory Boards of the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony were revised and adopted by the Tribal Council on 10-31-2012, Resolution No. 2012-RS-53. Rule No. 8, states – Each person appointed as a member of a committee or advisory board shall not sit on more than two committees or advisory boards at a time; this is combined, meaning that if a person sits on a committee and an advisory board, that person has reached the limit under this rule. The only exception is if a person sits on an intermittent board, such as the Election Board; in that instance the person is subject to the limit of this provision but can sit as a member of one intermittent committee or advisory board. A person can only serve as the Chair of one committee or advisory board at a time, including an intermittent committee or advisory board.

The Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Powwow Committee Application is included with the Recruitment Notice.

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# Legal / Public / Job Announcements

## Recruitment for committee / boards



Reno-Sparks Indian Colony  
Planning and Community Development Department  
1937 Prosperity St  
Reno, NV 89502  
775-785-1363

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### Preliminary Approval of Residential Land Lease

On June 25, 2025, the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Tribal Council gave preliminary approval of a residential land lease for:

Applicant: Veronica Rodarte  
Address: 80 Colony Road, Reno, NV 89502

If you object to this preliminary approval, submit a written statement to the Planning and Community Development Department and the Tribal Council Secretary, including detailed reasons for the objection please. The written statement must be emailed or delivered to the Planning and Community Development Department **and** the Tribal Council Secretary:

Planning and Community Development Department Director  
1937 Prosperity Street, Reno, NV 89502  
775-785-1363 or [estowell@rsic.org](mailto:estowell@rsic.org)

Tribal Council Secretary  
34 Reservation Road, Reno, NV 89502  
[mvarrow@rsic.org](mailto:mvarrow@rsic.org)

Written objections to this preliminary approval must be submitted to the Planning and Community Development Department and Tribal Council Secretary by: 4:00 p.m. on Friday, July 25, 2025.

If you have any questions concerning this residential land lease, please contact Janeen Powers, Realty Specialist, at 775-785-1363 ext. 5402 or [jpowers@rsic.org](mailto:jpowers@rsic.org)



Reno-Sparks Indian Colony  
Planning and Community Development Department  
1937 Prosperity St  
Reno, NV 89502  
775-785-1363

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### Preliminary Approval of Assignment of Residential Land Lease

On June 25, 2025, the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Tribal Council gave preliminary approval of an Assignment of Residential Land Lease for:

Applicant: Jeremy Baker  
Address: 180 Many Nations, Sparks NV 89441

If you object to this preliminary approval, submit a written statement to the Planning and Community Development Department and the Tribal Council Secretary, including detailed reasons for the objection. The written statement must be emailed or delivered to the Planning and Community Development Department **and** the Tribal Council Secretary:

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Reno, NV 89502  
775-785-1363

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Applicant: Jada Sam  
Address: 130 Morning Dawn Lane, Sparks NV 89441

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Planning and Community Development Department  
1937 Prosperity St  
Reno, NV 89502  
775-785-1363

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Applicant: Rihana Rosales  
Address: 250 Fancy Dance Drive, Sparks, NV 89441

If you object to this preliminary approval, submit a written statement to the Planning and Community Development Department and the Tribal Council Secretary, including detailed reasons for the objection. The written statement must be emailed or delivered to the Planning and Community Development Department **and** the Tribal Council Secretary:

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# Notice from RSIC TRIBAL COURT

RSIC Tribal Court is located at  
1900 Prosperity Street, Reno, Nevada 89502  
Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00p.m.  
Court is open from 12 - 1:00 p.m.

The Tribal Law and Order Code can be found on the RSIC website: [www.rsic.org](http://www.rsic.org), under the Tribal Court Department.

*Please use the door at the north end of the building, during the lunch hour. As the Court Administrator will be assisting the public and answering phones at that time.  
For filing documents, court hearings and meeting with court staff, please use the doors located at the south end of the building, where the Court Clerk's office is located, (next to the courtroom).*

Dana Thomas Court Clerk: (775) 785-8775 ext. 1  
Jeraldine Magee Court Administrator: (775) 785-8775 ext. 2

The Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada, Court of Appeals, hears all appeals that arise from the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony, Tribal Court. Their office is located at 10 State Street, Reno, NV 89501. Their phone number is (775) 355-0600

**Advocates:**

- Enrico Castillo (775) 785-8775 ext. 5

**Adult Probation Officer:**

- Anthony Clevenger (775) 785-8775 ext 3.

**Tribal Court Bailiff:**

- Vacant

**Truancy Officer:**

- Tanya Hernandez is (775) 785-8775 ext. 9

If you have any questions regarding the duties and responsibilities of court staff, please contact the Tribal Court Administrator, Jeraldine Magee.

## RENO-SPARKS INDIAN COLONY



### Tribal Court Information for RSIC Communities

The Law and Order Committee (LOC) meets the first Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. Meetings are held at the Tribal Court.

Committee Members are: Justina Santana, Chair, Nida Harjo, Vice-Chair, Lolita Thomas, Member, Janice Sanchez, Member, Verna Nuno, Member.

The purpose of the LOC shall be to review, evaluate and make recommendations to change the existing Law & Order Code and ordinances of RSIC in conjunction with the RSIC and By-Laws and the Indian Civil Rights Act, to insure due process within the jurisdiction boundaries of the RSIC.

The Committee's goals for 2025 are to work with appropriate staff to include Title II, Civil Procedures and Healing to Wellness Court Ordinance into the RSIC Law and Order Code.

Public comment is allowed at the meetings.

RSIC TRIBAL COURT  
1900 PROSPERITY STREET  
RENO, NV 89502  
775 785-8775

## ATTENTION

New Hours for Probation

**Anthony Clevenger  
Adult Probation  
Officer will be  
available to meet  
with you earlier  
during the week**

**OLD  
WAYS  
WON'T  
OPEN  
NEW  
DOORS**

NEW HOURS  
Time 7:00 A.M. – Time 4:00 P.M.  
Monday – Friday



Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Tribal Court  
1900 Prosperity Street | Reno, NV 89502 | 775-785-8775 ext 3 | [www.rsic.org](http://www.rsic.org)

Please contact Anthony to schedule appointment if you have been ordered to meet with the Probation Officer by the Tribal Court Judge

# The Nevada Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and the Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW)

*are urging Nevadans to take steps to prevent exposure to hantavirus following two recently confirmed cases.*

As warmer weather arrives, people will be more active in areas such as sheds, barns, trailers,

garages, and cabins where deer mice have nested or left droppings. NDOW reminds the public to

be cautious in these areas or other structures that may have been closed up during the winter months.

Hantavirus Pulmonary Syndrome (HPS) is a rare but serious respiratory disease caused by

exposure to the droppings, urine or saliva of deer mice, which are widespread throughout

Nevada. Symptoms typically begin with fever, fatigue and muscle aches, and later may include

headaches, chills and gastrointestinal issues. While HPS can be deadly, early detection and

prompt medical treatment can greatly improve the chances of recovery.

“We urge people to be aware of any signs of rodent activity and to take precautions to reduce the risk of exposure to hantavirus,” said Melissa Bullock, State Medical Epidemiologist. “Anyone

who has been in contact with rodents, nests or droppings and subsequently develops symptoms

consistent with hantavirus pulmonary syndrome should see a health

care provider immediately.”

DHHS and NDOW recommend the following steps to reduce the risk of hantavirus exposure::

- Clean safely
- Air out enclosed spaces by opening windows and doors for at least 30 minutes before cleaning.
- Avoid stirring up dust by not sweeping or vacuuming. Instead, spray contaminated areas with disinfectant (such as a 10% bleach solution), let it soak for 5-10 minutes, and then wipe up with disposable materials.
- Wear gloves and a well-fitted N95 mask when cleaning areas with signs of rodent activity.
- Keep areas clean and free of clutter or food sources.
- Eliminate attractants and hiding places
- Seal all food containers for pets, livestock, or bird feeders.
- Secure garbage in containers with tight-fitting lids.
- Clear overgrown vegetation and remove clutter such as woodpiles and

brush.

- Do not compost or remove compost piles that may attract rodents.
- Use rodent/mouse deterrents
- Seal gaps, cracks, or holes in structures to keep mice out.
- Repair screens on windows and doors.
- Ensure garage doors and other entrances are tightly fitted with no gaps.
- Block access to crawl spaces, under patios, and other vulnerable areas using wire mesh or hardware cloth.
- Repel rodents by putting natural products such as predator urine, ammonia, vinegar, or coffee grounds along fence lines and exterior areas.
- Consider installing motion-activated sprinklers to deter rodents and other wildlife.

More information about hantavirus can be found online from the Nevada Office of State

Epidemiology at <https://nvose.org/diseases/hantavirus-pulmonary-syndrome/>.





## Reno-Sparks Public Safety/Law Enforcement 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Collectors Show

Saturday, May 2, 2026 – 7:00 am to 2:30 pm

Sponsored by the  
Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Police Department

### Location:

Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Gym  
34 Reservation Road  
Reno, Nevada 89502

60 tables

Awards for top four displays

All proceeds will go to the  
RSIC Police Cadets and RSIC Police programs



Questions: Chief Jarrod Nunes

(775) 530-1173

Email: [JNunes@rsic.org](mailto:JNunes@rsic.org)

### WCSD Attendance Information

The attendance office works with students, families, stakeholders, teachers, administrators, and staff to support good attendance habits. Here are some tools to help arrange an absence or report an absence.

- Starting in the 2025-26 school year, parents can report their student's absence using the Infinite Campus Parent Portal.
- The new tool allows families to report scheduled or unscheduled absences, as well as inform school staff that their students are late or leaving early.
- It sends a notification to the attendance staff to approve/deny/request more information.
- This new tool will reduce the number of calls due to attendance and streamline the absence reporting process.
- Parents are still able to call in to report absences.

Adult family members are responsible for monitoring student attendance and progress using Infinite Campus Parent Portal.



Congratulations to all of the 2025 Graduates



The WCSD first day of school is August 11, 2025, for grades 1-12. Kindergarten students will start on August 18, 2025. Mater Academy's first day will be August 11, 2025.

The Truancy Officer will continue to provide rides to school when school resumes. Please call 775-444-6228. The work hours for the Truancy officer is 7:30 am – 4:30 pm.

# HAPPY SUMMER VACATION!

## REQUIREMENTS FOR VALID WILLS AND PROBATE OF WILLS

BY: ENRICO O. CASTILLO, TRIBAL COURT ADVOCATE, RSIC

The Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Ordinance 56 Part 1, also known as Probate Ordinance, and Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Ordinance 56 Part 2, also known as Wills Ordinance came into full force and effect of law on the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony on August 14, 2019.

In order for a Will to be valid, the person executing a Will also known as the Testator must be at least 18 years old and of sound mind. A person of sound mind has the mental capacity to make decisions and understands the consequences of those decisions.

Except for a Holographic Will, a Will executed in the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony shall be in writing, signed by the Testator or by an attending person at the Testator's express direction, attested by at least two (2) competent witnesses over the age of 18 years and of sound mind, who subscribed their names to the Will in the presence of the Testator.

A Holographic Will is a Will in which the signature, date and material provisions are written by the hand of the testator. Such Wills are invalid if there is any printed or other information on the Will which is not in the hand of the testator.

Every custodian of a Will shall deliver the Will to the Tribal Court **within 30 days** after receipt of information that the Testator is deceased. Any Will custodian who fails or neglects to do so shall be liable for damages sustained by any person injured thereby.

A Petition to Probate the Will and for Letters Testamentary shall be filed with the Tribal Court by the named Executor in the Will within 30 days of the death of the Testator. If no Executor is named, any Interested Party may file a Petition to Probate the Will and for Letters Testamentary within 30 days of the death of the Testator.

To assure compliance with the requirements of a valid Will and proper filing of a Petition for Probate of Wills with the Tribal Court, contact a Tribal Court Advocate who may assist RSIC enrolled tribal members and residents in drafting and execution of Wills as well as filing of a Petition to Probate the Will and for Letters Testamentary.

A Tribal Court Advocate may also assist Interested Parties who are enrolled RSIC tribal members in filing a Petition for Administration of Estate if a Decedent died leaving an estate without a Will. A Decedent means a person who has died leaving a property that is subject to administration by the Court.



FIRST CLASS BEGINS  
MONDAY 3/19/25



## YOGA CLASSES



MONDAYS & THURSDAYS  
START AT 5:30 PM  
LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM

Please arrive on time out of courtesy  
for our instructor. No registration  
required.

# RENO - SPARKS INDIAN COLONY

MID-DAY / WEEKEND - TRANSIT ROUTE 2025

**WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY, & SUNDAY**

DEPART HUNGRY VALLEY	WINCO	WALMART PYRAMID	CLINIC	34	98	WALMART PYRAMID	WINCO	ARRIVE HUNGRY VALLEY
8:30 AM	8:45 AM	9:00 AM	9:20 AM	9:25 AM	9:30 AM	9:55 AM	10:10 AM	10:25 AM
10:40 AM	10:50 AM	11:00 AM	11:20 AM	<b>11:25 AM</b>	12:05 PM	12:30 PM	12:50 PM	1:10 PM
1:25 PM	1:40 PM	1:55 PM	2:15 PM	2:20 PM	2:25 PM	2:50 PM	3:10 PM	3:30 PM

## REMINDERS

*11:25 AM BUS STOP, ALL PASSENGERS MUST EXIT BUS FOR DRIVER LUNCH.  
SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS TRANSIT DOES NOT STOP AT CLINIC.*

***ATTENTION ALL PASSENGERS, TRANSIT IS ON A SET SCHEDULE,***

2025

# Summer Reading Club

**Kids, come put in some reading time**

**@ Reno Education and earn a pizza party!**

**\*\*Must accumulate a certain amount of "reading time"  
to attend pizza party**

**When: Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays,  
9am to 11am**

**(through the duration of summer break)**

**Where: Reno Education Building, Tutoring Room**

For any questions or concerns, please, call Daisy at 775-329-6114 or email: [dnuanes@rsic.org](mailto:dnuanes@rsic.org)





## THE ABC'S OF SALVATION

### **A** ADMIT

Admit you are a sinner and have made mistakes.

### **B** BELIEVE

Believe that Jesus is God's Son, died on the Cross for you, and rose up from the grave on the third day.

### **C** CONFESS

Confess Jesus as the Lord of your life. And commit yourself to a life of following Jesus, and serving others.

(Romans 3:23; John 1:12; Romans 10:9)



## RSIC LIBRARY ANNOUNCEMENT

We welcome you to visit the HV Library & join the fun!  
We have new books for all ages, movies, board games  
Playstation games & VR.

We hope to see you soon,  
Natalie & Klarissa

LIBRARY HOURS  
(HV Rec. Center)  
Mon.-Thurs. 11am-8pm  
Fri. 9am-6pm  
Sat. 9am-3pm



Contact Natalie Smith (775) 334-0904 EXT. 7918

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## Education will be hosting activity days during summer break

Days: Every Tuesday and Thursday (unless directed otherwise)

Time: 9 to 11 (unless directed otherwise)

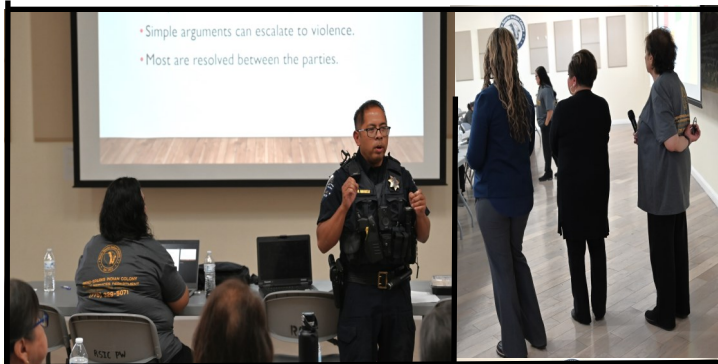
Place: Tutoring Room (Reno)

For any questions, please, call daisy @ 775-329-6114, or email at [dnuanes@rsic.org](mailto:dnuanes@rsic.org)





# Elder Abuse Awareness Event

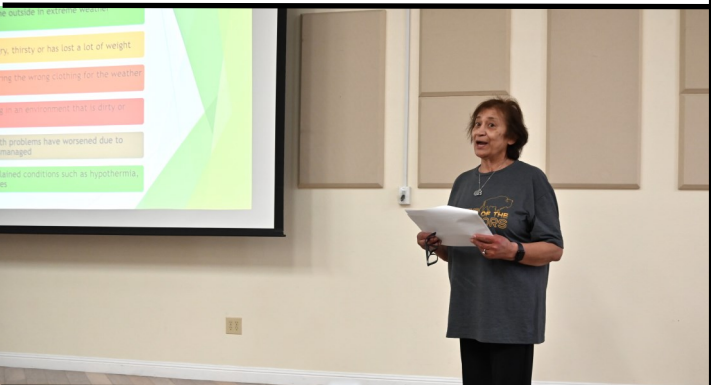


On Tuesday, June 17th, the RSIC Human Services Department and Victim Services Program hosted an Elder Abuse Awareness Event at the Reno Multipurpose Room.

The theme for this year is “Be Bold, Age with Attitude” to honor the strength, wisdom, and resilience of our older adults who deserve to be protected from abuse and discrimination.

The awareness event informed the community on what Elder Abuse is, from emotional abuse, physical abuse, social abuse, property abuse, survival abuse and legal abuse. They also had guest speakers. Tribal Police Officer, Angelo Hafalla did a presentation on Domestic Violence and NV Attorney General’s Office provided a presentation on Elder Scams.

It was a very informative event and the elders enjoyed learning how to better protect themselves.







## Secretary of State, Francisco "Cisco" Aguilar visits RSIC

On June 16th, Secretary of State Francisco Aguilar and his Tribal Outreach Coordinator, Cal Boone a Walker River Paiute Tribal Member, visited Reno-Sparks Indian Colony. Tribal/State relationships are a longstanding priority of the Secretary. The purpose of his visit was to learn more about Nevada's Tribes, specifically about RSIC, our history and current initiatives. He sat down with Chairman Gardipe at 34 Reservation Road and discussed our Legislative wins and plans for the future. After a quick tour of RSIC's Administration buildings, Bethany Sam and Bucky Harjo of RSIC's Public Relations Office, took him on a tour of the Reno-Sparks Tribal Health Center. Angie Wilson, RSTHC Director, also had an opportunity to meet directly with the Secretary of State and advocate on behalf of the RSTHC. Cisco enjoyed his visit.

### Open Gym Exercise Hours



#### HEALTH CENTER PATIENTS AND EMPLOYEES AGES 13 & UP

Monday	8:00am – 7:00pm
Tuesday	8:00am – 7:00pm
Wednesday	8:00am – 1:00pm
Thursday	8:00am – 7:00pm
Friday	8:00am – 5:00pm

Three Nations Wellness Center  
1715 Kuenzli Street – Reno, NV  
(775) 334-4305

**Children or teenagers (6-17)** need to have a parent or guardian sign a parental consent form, emergency contact form and a physical activity waiver before they are permitted to exercise.

**Patients and Employees (18-69)** need to fill out a physical activity waiver and PAR-Q before they are permitted to exercise.

**69 years old +** need to have a physical activity waiver signed and a doctor's release before they are permitted to exercise at the Three Nations Wellness Center.

#### WORKOUT CLASSES

<b>Monday</b>	12:15 – 12:45 pm.....	Strength Training Circuits
<b>Tuesday</b>	12:15 – 12:45 pm.....	Power Half Hour (Glute Workout)
<b>Wednesday</b>	12:15 – 12:45 pm.....	Spin
<b>Thursday</b>	5:15 – 5:45 pm.....	Weight Lifting Basics
<b>Friday</b>	12:15 – 12:45 pm.....	Spin



# RSTHC's Pancake Drive-Thru Breakfast

*In Honor of Men's Health Awareness Month*







# HUNGRY VALLEY

## HANDGAMES

AUGUST 29TH-31ST 2025

FRIDAY 08.29.25

SATURDAY 08.30.25

SUNDAY 09.31.25

BONE-HOG

MAIN

3-MAN

1ST PLACE \$1000

1ST PLACE \$8000

1ST PLACE \$1800

GUARANTEED

GUARANTEED

GUARANTEED

SINGLE ELIMINATION

\$150/TEAM

SINGLE ELIMINATION

REGISTRATION

REGISTRATION 1-3PM

REGISTRATION

6-7PM

KIDS GAME AT 12PM

1-2PM

\$50/TEAM

MATERIAL GAME AFTER

\$75/TEAM

KIDS GAME

DRY CAMPING AND SHOWERS AVAILABLE NO DRINKING OR DRUGS ALLOWED

COMMITTEE DECISIONS ARE FINAL CALL JADA SAM FOR MORE INFO 775-235-3389

BRING CHAIRS AND BLANKETS IT GETS COLD



Host Drum:  
**SHOWTIME**  
(Pine Ridge, SD)

## 37th Annual NUMAGA INDIAN DAYS 2025

LABOR DAY WEEKEND  
August 29th-31st, 2025

Nevada's Largest Powwow  
HUNGRY VALLEY, NV  
18 miles North of Reno



PAIUTE CHIEF NUMAGA  
Translated is "Giver"  
Known for choosing peace for the  
Paiute People & advocating to stop the  
destruction of their aboriginal lands.

## Powwow & Handgames

FREE ADMISSION  
Family Friendly Event  
Open to the Public

**DRUM CONTEST:** 1ST - \$7000  
2ND - \$5000  
(\$18,000 Total Purse) 3RD - \$4000  
CONSOLATIONS - 2 @ \$1000 each  
\*Non-Contest Day Pay

MEDIA Bethany Sam  
REQUESTS: 775-842-2902  
Email: bsam@rsic.org

Reno Sparks Indian Colony  
Powwow Grounds  
501 Many Nations Rd.  
Sparks, NV 89441  
775-329-2936

**HEAD STAFF:** MC: Kalen SunRhodes  
AD: Leo Eagle Speaker  
Host Drum: Showtime  
Head Judge: Brand White Eyes  
Head Woman: Lillian Shakespeare-Largo  
Head Man: Trevor Jim  
Featuring: Bear Sounds

Grand Entry Times Friday 7pm  
Saturday 1pm & 7pm  
Sunday 12pm

### SPECIALS:

- ~ Spotlight: Sweet Heart Dance
- ~ Women's Paiute Buckskin and Cloth
- ~ Old Style Women's Jingle
- ~ Teen Boys Grass
- ~ Chicken Dance Special - Head Man, Trevor Jim
- ~ Women's 18+ Northern & Southern Traditional - Head Woman, Lillian Shakespeare-Largo
- ~ Youth Hand Drum Contest - Tiny Tot Princess, Audrina Yellowhair & Family
- ~ Teen Girls All Around - Jr. Miss Numaga, Winona Jim & Family
- ~ 18+ Women's Traditional - Miss Numaga, Jessey Dewey & Family

### ACTIVITIES:

- Princess Pageant ~ Thurs. Aug 28th
- 3 Nations Wellness Fun/Run Walk Info: ~Devyn Cox, 775-329-5162 ext. 1945
- Strong Man Competition & Horse Shoe Tournament Info: 775-329-4930
- Handgame Tournament Info: ~Jada Sam: 775-235-3389
- Youth Hand Drum Contest - Tiny Tot Princess, Audrina Yellowhair & Family
- Teen Girls All Around - Jr. Miss Numaga, Winona Jim & Family
- 18+ Women's Traditional - Miss Numaga, Jessey Dewey & Family

DRY CAMPING / SHOWERS AVAILABLE!!  
HOST HOTEL INFO: TBA

MORE INFO: [www.rsic.org](http://www.rsic.org)

@RSICPowwow

@rsictribe

@rsic\_tribe

**NUMAGA POWWOW COMMITTEE**  
Bridgette Stump (VENDORS): 775-846-5997  
Anita Talancon: 775-338-3723  
Lorri Chasing Crow: 775-560-2788  
Sharon Yazzie: 775-750-4589  
Email: powwow@rsic.org

RSIC Powwow Committee is NOT RESPONSIBLE for any damages, loss of personal property, short funded travelers, etc.  
Event Sponsored by Reno Sparks Indian Colony & Reno Sparks Tribal Health Center  
3 NATIONS, 1 TRIBE - WASHOE, PAIUTE, AND WESTERN SHOSHONE



Numaga Indian Days Royalty 2024-2025  
Tiny Tot Princess: Audrina Yellowhair  
Junior Miss Numaga: Winona Jim  
Miss Numaga: Jessey Dewey



Reno-Sparks Indian Colony in Collaboration with Artown Present:



# THE HALLUCI NATION



Multi Award Winning DJ's and Producers from Six Nations



**NATIVE AMERICAN CELEBRATION**

**JULY 9TH 2025**  
**AT RANCHO SAN RAFAEL PARK, RENO NV**  
**7:30-9PM**  
**FAMILY EVENT WITH FREE ADMISSION**

The Halluci Nation, is a Canadian electronic music group who blend instrumental hip hop, reggae, moombahton and dubstep-influenced dance music with elements of First Nations music.

**Gate opens at 5pm come early to set up your low beach chairs or blankets and check out local Native artists and vendors.**

**Food and drinks available for purchase from Men Wielding Fire and Super Swirl or bring a picnic lunch. Remember to bring WATER.**

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