



# THE CAMP NEWS

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September 2025

**SERVING THE RENO-SPARKS INDIAN COLONY & HV COMMUNITIES**

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Chairman Daryl D. Gardipe, DHHS Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr., RSTHC Director Angie Wilson and Senior Advisor to the Secretary on American Indian Health meet to talk about RSIC's Tribal Healthcare and support.

(Reno, NV) - Chairman Gardipe and Angie Wilson, RSTHC Director, attended the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Tribal Technical Advisory Group (TTAG) meeting in Washington, D.C. Angie serves on the CMS TTAG on behalf of the Phoenix Area tribes. The meeting highlighted the pivotal role of

collaboration and advocacy in addressing the healthcare needs in tribal communities. This meeting was particularly significant with the presence of the new CMS Administrator, Dr. Mehmet Oz, whose leadership and vision can impact the future of our tribal healthcare delivery systems.

CMS TTAG representatives

urged the federal government to uphold its trust responsibility more effectively. We called for increased transparency in funding allocations and decision-making processes that directly affect tribal health services. There was a collective call for policies that not only address immediate health needs, but also consider long-term sustaina-

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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**

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

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

**September 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  
to [comments@rsic.org](mailto:comments@rsic.org).**



**JOIN US IN-PERSON OR BY ZOOM  
For meeting info, contact Public Relations Office at  
775-842-2902 or [bsam@rsic.org](mailto:bsam@rsic.org)**

## Deadlines, Mailing List

### *The Camp News Profile*

Started in the early 1980s, *The Camp News* is the monthly publication for the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony (RSIC) community. The newsletter is produced monthly out of the RSIC Public Relations Office, and duplicated and distributed by the RSIC Administration Front Office.

### SEND US YOUR NEWS

The deadline for all print submissions to be considered for publication in *The Camp News* is 5 p.m., the second Thursday of every month.

### CONTACT OUR STAFF

E-mail your submissions to [newsletter@rsic.org](mailto:newsletter@rsic.org), [bsam@rsic.org](mailto:bsam@rsic.org) or drop off your photos and suggested articles at 34 Reservation Road, Reno, NV 89502.

### CIRCULATION

If you live outside Washoe County and would like to receive *The Camp News* via U.S. Post Office, please contact us with your mailing address.

If you have a problem with delivery, please call us at (775) 329-2936.

### ELECTRONIC EDITION

For those of you who would prefer to get an electronic version of *The Camp News* or just read it on-line, please see: [www.rsic.org](http://www.rsic.org) and PDFs of our publication are available.

If you have questions, call us at 329-2936.

## September 2025 IMPORTANT DATES

2-4 RSIC Senior Ribbon Shirt Class 12:30pm-2pm RSIC Senior Center

5 UNITY Monthly Meeting HV TLC Center 6-8PM

5 RSIC Senior Clients Day Trip to Apple Hill, Ca, 7:30am

6 Fly RC Aircraft Reno Radio Control Club 8am-12pm

**10 Tribal Council General Meeting Reno Multipurpose Rm 6pm**

16 FBNN Mobile Harvest 2:30pm-3:30pm HV Gym Parking Lot

23 Commodity Food Distribution 34 Admin Bldg, 8am-11:45am

**24 Tribal Council Economic Development Meeting Reno Multipurpose Rm 6pm**

26 Native Day Celebration, Reno Gym

27 RSIC Tribal Police hosts Public Safety Day, Info: 775-785-8776

### **RSTHC WEEKLY MEETINGS:**

- MONDAY'S @ 3pm- DUI LEVEL II,LL-X, & III

◆ TUESDAYS @ 4pm- ANGER MANAGEMENT

- 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:**

◆ *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*

*Meets every Monday Reno Senior 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).

Find the most up-to-date info on RSIC's Facebook.

If you'd like to receive RAVE Alert text messages, call/text 775-842-2902 or [bsam@rsic.org](mailto:bsam@rsic.org) or [bharjo@rsic.org](mailto:bharjo@rsic.org)

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# *Office of the Chairman*

## *Daryl D. Gardipe*

Now that school has started, I encourage everyone to participate actively in school and collaborate to enhance the learning environment. Every student, teacher and parent is vital to our collective success.

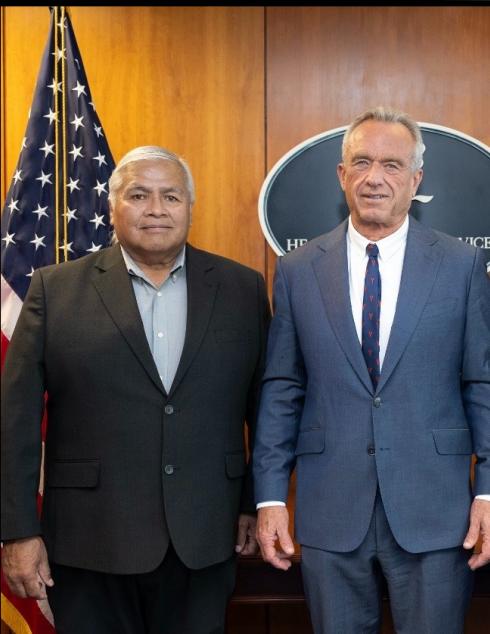
Students, please follow the bus rules. Riding a school bus is a privilege and students are expected to follow the rules and bus driver's directions. Parents must ensure their children follow these rules.

Drivers, it's also extremely important to slow down and pay attention in school zones when kids are present, especially before and after school.

### **Political Update:**

We are continuing to pay close attention to the news about the One Big Beautiful Bill Act and any political news related to tribes. We are doing our best to educate our local, state and federal representatives, while strategizing with our federal and state lobbyists, George Waters and Strategies 360. Our staff is also researching and preparing for any political changes that will affect RSIC. It's important for us to be proactive instead of reactive.

**I traveled to Washington DC for the Medicare and Medicaid Policy Committee and Centers Medicare and Medicaid Services Tribal Technical Advisory Group or TTAG from July 29<sup>th</sup> -July 31<sup>st</sup> -** Myself and Angie Wilson, RSTHC Director attended these meetings with the intent to advocate for RSIC Healthcare Services. We had the opportunity



to meet directly with Dr. OZ, Administrator of Medicare & Medicaid Services and United States Health and Human Services Secretary, Robert F. Kennedy Jr. It was a great opportunity for RSIC to be at the table with key decision makers regarding tribal healthcare. It's imperative to continue our work building relationships and educating our representatives to engage in meaningful consultation to benefit RSIC.

### **Invitation to Join the 2026 Community Health Assessment**

**Steering Committee -** Due to the work we have proudly done for tribal healthcare, I have been invited to participate and serve on the Community Health Assessment Steering Committee, which is a collaborative initiative co-led by Renown health and Northern Nevada Public Health. This committee brings together key community leaders and partners who identify and address the most pressing health needs across Washoe County. I'm pleased they

finally are including RSIC and tribal healthcare needs into their discussions.

**Advancing Tribal Healthcare Gala Celebration for the historic wins during the 83<sup>rd</sup> Legislative Session 2025:** RSTHC organized a gala celebration dinner to applaud the historic passage of SB 312, SB 97 and the State Amendment Plan, inform our tribal communities about these bills, and to recognize our State Reps, Tribal Liaisons, Lobbyists, RSTHC Staff and RSIC Leadership. Thank you to everyone who attended to celebrate these legislative wins.

Together we achieved extremely significant wins not only for RSIC, but all Nevada Tribes for generations to come.

**Committee Swearing-Ins –** Helen Uribe & Alice Wrenn were sworn-in for the Senior Advisory Committee. Denise Frank was also sworn-in to the Language & Culture Committee. Thank you for dedicating time to serve our RSIC Community. We still have some vacancies on multiple committees. I encourage you all to serve our community and apply for a committee you're interested in.

**It's Fire Season:** Please be mindful and practice fire season preparedness by following instructions from local emergency management officials. Pay attention to local weather forecast and to air quality at [www.airnow.gov](http://www.airnow.gov).

**Tips:** Never leave a fire unattended. Completely extinguish fires before sleeping or leaving. Take care when using and fueling lanterns, stoves, heaters, etc.. Manage

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vegetation, strategically plant and remove trees. NO OHV use on RSIC lands, with the exception of the OHV access way in Hungry Valley to moon rocks only.

**Reno Community Cleanup on August 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Thank you tribal members, volunteers and public works for working hard to help clear unwanted items from homes; making our environment cleaner. The Hungry Valley Community Cleanup will be on October 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Law Enforcement and Emergencies:** Progress is happening within our Tribal Police Department.. First, we have hired a new Police Sergeant and Lieutenant enhancing their capacity to serve and protect. These new officers should start in October.

Second, two of our officers are now dually sworn with the FBI Safe Trails Task Force and as Deputy U.S. Marshals. This will allow our two officers to investigate right away instead of waiting for county or federal officers to get on scene which could hinder justice for victims.

Third, we now have new MOU's with the Sparks Police Dept. and Washoe County School District Police.

As a reminder, our Tribal Police will be providing high visibility patrols during Numaga Indian Days. BIA Police and Washoe County Sheriff's will also help with patrolling this event.

Tribal Police & PIO also hosted the Missing Persons Training in partnership with Fox Valley Technical College and ITCN on August 19th and 20th. We had RSIC community members, our Victim Services, Human Services, Tribal Court, Prosecutor, Tribal Judge, Washoe Tribe Police, Washoe Tribe Human Services, Court Ad-

vocates, Owyhee Community Members and McDermitt Tribal Council and Human Services at this training. It was very informative and interactive. It included a live missing person demo to help guide participants on what how to respond to different situations when a person goes missing, including how to navigate through working with different jurisdictions and why MOU's are so important.

Our goal is to foster a culture of intervention. It's about taking care of each other, being willing to step in when the warning signs are obvious. If you witnessed a crime or suspicious activity, please document what you saw with our Tribal Police, Secret Witness or fill out a report online at [www.rsic.org](http://www.rsic.org) on the Law Enforcement website page.

**25-Lot Subdivision Project Update August 2025:** Mass grading and rough grades completed for entire site. Storm drain culverts and rip rap installed and final installation to begin. Sewer mains installed and successfully passed pressure tests. Underground water and electric mains were installed. Utility and roadway connection work scheduled for completion within the next few weeks at Eagle Canyon Drive Connection. Asphalt patch planned for completion prior to slurry seal scheduled for first week in September. NV Energy Addressing for the 25 homesites complete. Quality control testing by contractor continuing and quality assurance continues by RSIC's Construction Management company. Roadway fine grading continuing. Continuation of Many Nations north through the subdivision is to be at aggregate base level by August 27, 2025 and will be opened for use by the public traveling to the Numaga Indian Days Pow-

Wow & Hand Games. A dirt walking path will be provided at the eastside of Many Nations in the location of the sidewalks. Underground electric and communications (fiber) lines to be stubbed at each lot, as well as water and sewer service lines. House pads being graded to final elevation. Installation of curbs and sidewalks to follow the final pad installation. Playground fine grading to begin.

**Thank you to all our Depts. and Volunteers** for organizing these events to celebrate our community during the Employee Appreciation Day, Community BBQ at Lazy 5 Park, DARE Graduation, Annual Nevada Gourd Dance Society Ceremony at Reno Gym, Reno Community Cleanup and Senior Fun Day. These events brought our community together, making positive memories.

#### ***Reminder of Upcoming Events***

**HAPPENING LABOR DAY**

**WEEKEND!** Come out to Hungry Valley August 29<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> for the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Numaga Indian Days Pow-wow & Handgames.

Tribal Police Ice Cream Giveaway on Tuesday, September 2nd.

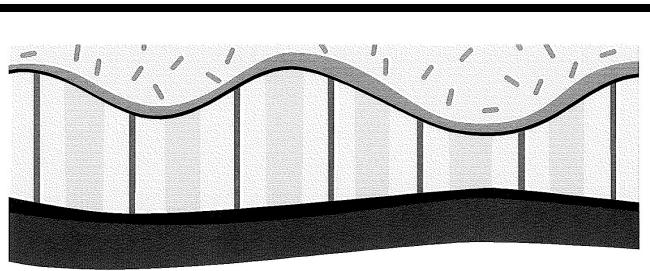
NATHPO Conference at GSR, September 8th-12th.

Native Day Celebration & Walk on Friday, September 26th. RSIC Admin Offices and RSTHC will be CLOSED in honor of this holiday.

Public Safety Day on Saturday, September 27th at Reno Gym.

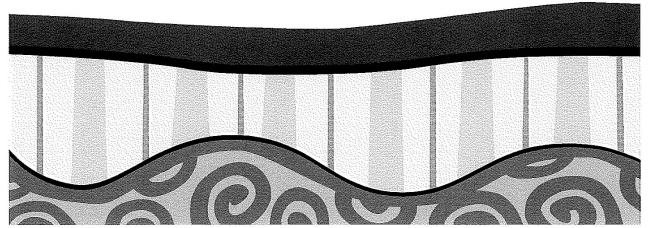
*To stay informed on events, please visit our website, [www.rsic.org](http://www.rsic.org) or read the Camp News Newsletter.*

Thank you and I hope you have a great month.



## ICE CREAM GIVEAWAY

The Police Officers will be giving out Ice cream to students from their police vehicles  
 On Tuesday, September 2, 2025  
 From 2:30pm to 4:30pm  
 At the school bus stops in Reno and Hungry Valley



## RENO - SPARKS INDIAN COLONY

MID-DAY / WEEKEND - TRANSIT ROUTE 2025

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

| DEPART<br>HUNGRY VALLEY | WINCO    | WALMART<br>PYRAMID | CLINIC   | 34       | 98       | WALMART<br>PYRAMID | WINCO    | ARRIVE<br>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 | 11:25 AM | 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,**

 **RENO-SPARKS INDIAN COLONY**  
**2025 TRIBAL ELECTIONS**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 01, 2025  
 7:00 am - 7:00 pm

**NEW VOTERS MUST TURN 18 YEARS OF AGE BY ELECTION DAY TO BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE**

PLACE YOUR VOTE FOR YOUR NEXT GENERATION OF LEADERS.  
 4 - COUNCIL SEATS ARE UP FOR ELECTION

**POLLING LOCATIONS**

|  |   |
|--|---|
| RENO - COLONY  | HUNGRY VALLEY   |
| ADMINISTRATION BUILDING<br>34 Reservation Road<br>Reno, NV 89502 | HV Gym - Lower Level<br>9055 Eagle Canyon Dr.<br>Sparks, NV 89441 |

**IMPORTANT**  
 ALL REGISTERED VOTERS PLEASE CONTACT THE RSIC ENROLLMENT DEPT., IF YOU HAVE A CHANGE OF INFORMATION  
 CONTACT THE ENROLLMENT DEPT.  
 (775) 785-1306 | 1933 Prosperity St., Reno, NV 89502

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# **IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT**

**The Enrollment Office now has Barcodes!**  
**Please come by the office for a new Tribal ID.**  
**M-F 8am -5pm**  
**775-785-1306**

**Closed for lunch from 1pm - 2pm**

  
 This is a sample of the official records of the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony. It is a document that contains the enrollment information of the member. It is a valid record of the Federal Recognition of the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony of Reno, Nevada, and is also a citizen of the United States. The document is issued by the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony and is kept in the possession of a member of the Colony.  
 34 Reservation Rd, Reno NV 89502 | 775-785-1306

  
**Reno-Sparks Indian Colony**

**RSIC EAGLE CANYON ROAD MAINTENANCE EXPECT DELAYS FOLLOW PILOT CAR SPEED LIMIT 35 MPH**

**PILOT CAR FOLLOW ME**

**SEPTERMBER 2 - 16, 2025 7AM - 5PM**

**Project Schedule**

- ✓ Aug 25 Community Center Patch Work
- ✓ Sept. 2-3 3/8 scrub seal
- ✓ Sept 4 - 5 1/2 chip seal
- ✓ Sept 8 - 11 Type III micro seal
- ✓ Sept 15 - 16 Road Striping
- ✓ Sept 11 Type III Micro Seal Community Center



Transit services will not interrupt at this time and we will pick up passenger in the entry parking lot north side of parking lot.

More Info Call Public Works 775 785-1341  
 More Info Call SNC 775 355-0420

**RSIC ENROLLMENT DEPT.**

# **CHRISTMAS W9 FORMS**

**NOTICE!**  
 WE ARE REQUIRING W9's FOR ALL TRIBAL MEMBERS INCLUDING MINORS FOR 2025 CHRISTMAS DISTRIBUTION IF YOU HAVEN'T DONE ONE THIS YEAR. NO LATER THAN NOV. 1st.



**CALL US AT : 775-785-1306**

W9's can be picked up at the Enrollment Office, Finance window, or on IRS.gov. Parents/Guardians will be responsible for signing a W9 for the minor tribal member. You can drop it off at Finance or Enrollment, email, or fax them to: [RSICEnrollment@rsic.org](mailto:RSICEnrollment@rsic.org) or 775-329-8710 (fax #)



# SILVER STATE GOURD SOCIETY

## 10TH ANNUAL GOURD DANCE AT RSIC



The Native American Gourd Dance is believed to have originated with the Kiowa tribe. Gourd dances, with their unique dance and history, are often held to coincide with a powwow.

Kiowa legend states that when a man was alone, he heard an unusual song coming from the other side of a

hill. Investigating, he found the song came from a red wolf dancing on its hind legs. After listening to more songs through the night, the next morning, the wolf told him to take the songs and dance back to the Kiowa people. The "howl" at the end of each gourd dance song is a tribute to the red wolf. The dance in the Kio-

wa language is called "Ti-ah pi-ah," which means "ready to go, ready to die."

This was a powerful ceremony. Many prayers were said and many honorings occurred. RSIC is thankful Nevada Gourd Society chooses Reno Gym to host their ceremony

bility and resilience of tribal health systems.

Dr. Oz, known for his extensive career in medicine, provided insights into how the CMS can better serve tribal populations. His approach emphasized the integration of prevention practices, utilization of AI and modern healthcare solutions, and emphasized his concerns with the cost of Medicare and Medicaid to everyday Americans.

One major area of focus was the impact of the opioid epidemic on tribal communities. Dr. Oz acknowledged the disproportionate burden this crisis places on American Indians and emphasized the need for targeted interventions. This includes not only increasing access to treatment programs, but also supporting prevention efforts that are culturally relevant and community-driven.

TTAG representatives focused on the critical discussions surrounding the trust responsibility of the federal government in ensuring the health and well-being of our tribal nations. Likewise, voiced concerns about the accessibility and quality of healthcare services, lack of IHS funding and the significant importance of the provisions and exemptions for American Indians and Alaska Natives in the newly passed “One Big Beautiful Bill”.

In addition to the CMS TTAG meeting, Chairman Gardipe and Angie Wilson were invited to a one-on-one meeting with U.S. Department of Health and Hu-

man Services (DHHS) Secretary Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. During the visit, Secretary Kennedy outlined several initiatives aimed at improving tribal health outcomes. These initiatives include increasing funding for Indian Health Services (IHS), expanding modern AI and tele-health capabilities, and enhancing mental health resources, which are critical given the high rates of mental health issues in many tribes. Chairman Gardipe and Angie Wilson advocated to the Secretary that any initiatives under the "Make America Healthy Again" campaign must include tribal collaboration to prioritize health equity in our tribal communities. At the con-

clusion of the meeting, Secretary Kennedy presented Chairman Gardipe and Angie Wilson each with a formal challenge coin, a formal recognition of outstanding work in tribal health advocacy.

In conclusion, both the CMS TTAG meeting and one-on-one meeting with Secretary Kennedy were a critical step forward in the ongoing effort to address the health disparities faced by our tribal communities.

As we move forward, it is imperative that all stakeholders remain committed to honoring the federal trust responsibility and advocating for policies that prioritize the health and well-being of our tribal populations.



Chairman Gardipe & RSTHC Director, Angie Wilson  
with CMS Administrator Dr. OZ and the TTAG Committee

# VAUGHN MIDDLE SCHOOL RECOGNIZES NATIVE AMERICAN STUDENTS IN SCHOOL REBUILD THROUGH ART, LANGUAGE & CULTURE



(Reno, NV) - Vaughn Middle School is currently being rebuilt and is on track to open in 2026. The school's principal, Amanda Lobkowicz is helping with the design of the new school and she expressed how imperative it is to include Native American culture into the design through art and language. All she knew was to have the architect firm,

TSK, reach out to RSIC get a site visit and see which walls in the new school were going to be dedicated to Native American art, language and culture.

On August 19th, Jennie Burns and Milo Perez of the RSIC Language & Culture Program, Bucky Harjo and Bethany Sam of the RSIC Public Relations

Dept. had a site visit to tour the new school and meet about dimensions and design ideas to include the Great Basin languages. There were many ideas for a design, but everyone agreed to include Lake Tahoe, Truckee River and Pyramid Lake. Currently, RSIC is working with the architect firm's graphic artist to complete.

# PUBLIC SAFETY DAY!

COME ENJOY FREE DEMONSTRATIONS! PRESENTATIONS! GIVEAWAYS!

JOIN US! SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 27TH 9AM-2PM HUNGRY VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTER






## NUMAGA INDIAN DAYS POW WOW 2025 SPECIALS

**-COMMITTEE-**  
 SWEET HEART- SPOT LIGHT  
 WOMEN'S PAIUTE BUCKSKIN & CLOTH  
 OLD STYLE WOMEN'S JINGLE  
 TEEN BOYS GRASS

**-HEAD STAFF-**  
 MEN'S CHICKEN 18+  
 WOMEN'S NORTHERN & SOUTHERN TRADITIONAL 18+

**-OUT GOING PRINCESSES -**  
 TEEN GIRLS ALL AROUND  
 YOUTH HAND DRUM  
 WOMEN'S TRADITIONAL

**-MEMORIALS -**  
 STUMP FAMILY MEMORIAL



OCTOBER 10-12, 2025  
 FRIDAY - SUNDAY  
 THE ATLANTIS CASINO & RESORT

A Gathering of Native Americans (GONA) is a 3-day, culture-based event rooted in Native values of belonging, mastery, interdependence, and generosity. It's a space to heal, connect, and strengthen our community.

OPEN TO: **YOUNG ADULTS AGES 18-24, PARENTS, ELDERS, CULTURAL LEADERS, EDUCATORS, MENTORS, AND ALL COMMUNITY MEMBERS.**

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED  
 LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE  
 REGISTRATION OPEN UNTIL SEPT 19, OR UNTIL FULL.

#### WHAT TO EXPECT

- TRADITIONAL TEACHINGS, STORYTELLING & CULTURAL ACTIVITIES
- YOUTH-LED SESSIONS, PEER CONNECTION & COMMUNITY DISCUSSION
- RAFFLE PRIZES, DOOR PRIZES & SHARED LAUGHTER

#### SCHEDULE OVERVIEW

FRIDAY & SATURDAY: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM  
 SUNDAY: 9:00 AM – ~3:30 PM  
 MIDDAY BREAK: AROUND NOON

REGISTER HERE!



## WIND TALKERS

A NATIVE YOUTH FLUTE GROUP  
 NATIVE CONNECTIONS PROGRAM




LEARN TO PLAY A TRADITIONAL FLUTE AND CONNECT WITH YOUR ROOTS

#### Biweekly Flute Sessions

Mondays

Kickoff: August 25, 2025, | 5:30 – 7:00 PM

Location: Reno-Sparks Tribal Health Center

Sessions alternate between:

Reno: 5:30 – 7:00 PM

Hungry Valley TLC: 6:00 – 7:30 PM

Upcoming Dates:

Sept 8 – Hungry Valley

Sept 22 – Reno

Full schedule provided upon sign-up.



For sign-ups, scan QR code or contact  
 jocano@rsicclinic.org  
 775.329.5162 Ext. 7972

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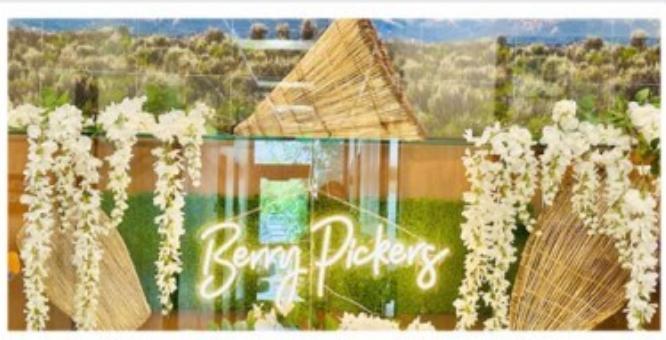
# Berry

The summer berry season is in full harvest. The first berry of the season to gather are buckberries. Buckberries are in remote locations and often harder to harvest in the hot July days. Many crops are found in the Yerington area. Buckberries are made into jam and a delicious pudding.

Elderberries are next to harvest. A healthy elderberry bush will grow 4 to 5 crops. The first crop is for the animals and the next crops are harvested by everyone. Elderberries are made into a delicious jam and spread over pan bread or home-made biscuits. Elderberries are high in antioxidants and have been considered our native medicine for many years.

Another berry we consider medicine, and a sacred food source is chokecherries. Chokecherries are gathered once the berries turn a dark maroon color. Chokecherries are gathered and put into a jam and pudding.

If you are interested in learning more about our summer berries or would like an opportunity to gather berries, please call the RSIC Language & Culture Program (775)785-1338. The staff would like to take small groups of community members out to gather or would like assistance cleaning the berries.

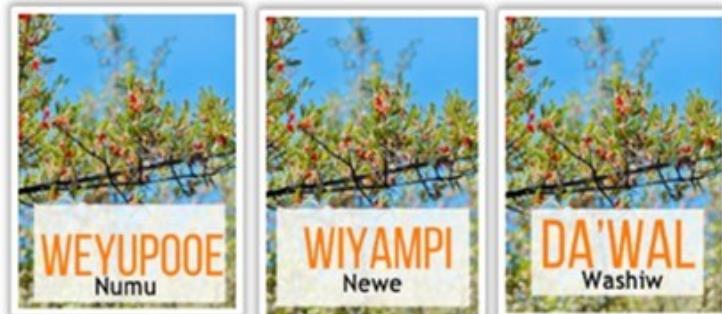


Summer berry display at 34 for the month of July.



Summer youth workers helping create berry display. L-R  
Aycia Dressler, Jalei Moody, Jayla Ramirez

Language & Culture worker's first  
gathering of 2025.



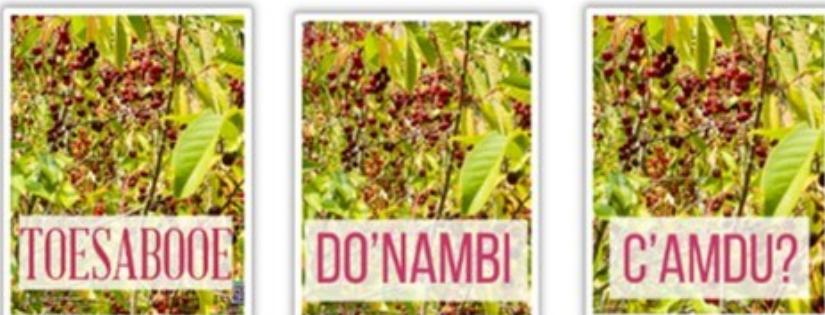
### Buckberry

Buckberries are one of the first berries to harvest. They usually are ready to pick in the early summer, the month of July. They are a beautiful orange color. Elders tell us to gather early in the morning as the weather can be very hot in the late afternoon, and the berries get sticky in the heat. You need to wear a long sleeve shirt and jeans as the buckberry bush has sharp barbs that protect the fruit from birds and animals. You can prepare a delicious pudding, tea and jam with the berries.



### Elderberry

Elderberry is a medicinal plant that our native people have gathered and consumed in the Great Basin area. It can grow in multiple crops. The elder berry grows in small purple clusters. Its branches are light weight due to the corked centers. Southern Paiutes core the branch and cut down the middle of the branch to create a clapper stick. Used in hand games and circle dance singing. You can prepare the elderberry in a jam, tea or syrup. Modern medicine has deemed the elderberry a super food. High in anti-oxidants. Elderberry has been prepared as a ~~gummie~~ or syrup and taken to boost immunity.



### Chokecherry

Chokecherry is harvested once the berries are nice and dark. It is a natural astringent, if eaten right off the plant it will suck the moisture right out of your mouth. Chokecherry is prepared in a pudding, tea or jam. The seeds can be ground up and consumed for sickness. The chokecherry berry can also be used as a natural dye. Once boiled it has a beautiful maroon color. The branches are very strong and durable, they are used to frame baby cradle boards.

**PABA TUKA**  
TRADITIONAL FOOD FEAST

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF TRADITIONAL FOODS AND GREAT COMPANY

SAVE THE DATE  
OCT 18<sup>TH</sup>  
4PM TO 6PM

GOOGLE FORMS LINK:  
INTEREST FORM

PLEASE RSVP USING THE GOOGLE FORMS LINK



**Washiw Langauge Class**

**Wednesdays**

**6pm**

**Reno Education Tutoring Room**

**Bring food dish to share**

Instructor: Rose Lundy

FIRST CLASS BEGINS  
MONDAY 5/19/25



**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.

## 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

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



On Thursday August 27, 2025, the DARE Graduation was held for Recreation's Summer Day Camp at Reno Gym. The DARE Program was headed by RSIC Tribal Police Officer, Angelo Hafala throughout the summer. Hafala was great with the kids and each participant learned valuable life skills to "SAY NO TO DRUGS". DARE, which stands for Drug Abuse Resistance Education, is an educational program designed to prevent drug misuse, gang membership, and violent behavior, primarily targeting young people. Founded in Los Angeles in 1983 through a partnership between the LAPD and the Los Angeles Unified School District, the DARE program aims to equip students with skills to resist peer pressure and make safe choices.

Inspiring words were made by Chairman Daryl Gardipe, Eric Hoshizaki Tribal Judge, Rita Imus and Marcia Wadsworth Victim Services, Bethany Sam PIO, Amanda Wilbur Prosecutor, Jarrod Nunes Tribal Police Chief, and Duane Sherman TA. Each DARE participant were presented with certificates and a goodie bag and all celebrated with pizza and cake for a job well done.





## RSIC SENIOR FUN DAY



## TEAM SPIRIT



Another year in the books with the Senior Fun Day that was held at the RSIC Gym August 21, 2025.

Seniors from Walker River, Yerington, Fallon, Pyramid Lake, Carson, and Reno Sparks Indian Colony.

The day began with a cake walk followed by a welcoming from Chairman Gardipe and Senior Program Director Darlene Gardipe.

Lunch was served with the help of UNITY members to each of the Seniors and desert cake made by none other than

Juanita Sampson, what a treat  
that was!

Once the tables were cleared then it was time to see which Senior had the most team spirit as each who chose to represent their team paraded in a circle and the one with the most cheer got selected. 3rd place went to Thalia Dick, 2nd went to the Raiders couple Jacquie and Lanny Quetone and 1st place went to Ivy Sanchez .

Soon after everyone was seated was they waited for their BIN-GO numbers to be selected and called out by Vic Sam. It was-

n't long before the gym was echoing with excited winners hollering BINGO and collecting their prize!

It has always been good to see our elders get together and mingle, catch up on past times remembering their younger days, laughing and chuckling as they spoke. Every story was priceless.

Thanks to all the volunteers that made the day go smoothly and to our chef's from Public Works Marvin Racine and Angel Melendez.



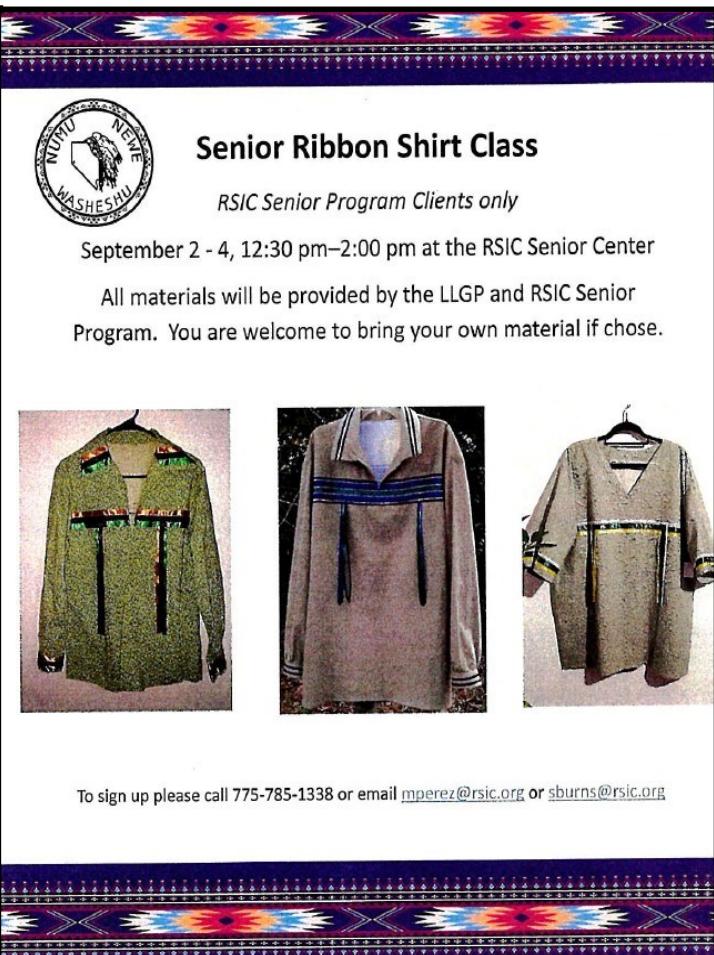
**RSIC Senior Center Clients**  
**September 5 – Friday**  
**Apple Hill, CA - day trip**

**7:30 am leave Reno Senior Center**  
**~ Taking sign up now – limited seats ~**  
 Approximately a 2-hour drive to Apple Hill, CA.

We'll stop at High Hill Ranch where you can walk around visiting vendors and enjoy the Fall scenery, maybe catch a fish. Various up and down small inclines and the weather in the mountains can be a little chilly.

Wear good walking shoes and bring light jacket.  
 Lunch and dessert will be provided  
 If time permits, quick stop at Boa Vista Farm for more yummies.  
 Return to reno approximately 4 pm. Could be longer depending on traffic.

Call or stop by to sign up or ask questions - 775-785-1349

**Senior Ribbon Shirt Class**  
*RSIC Senior Program Clients only*

September 2 - 4, 12:30 pm–2:00 pm at the RSIC Senior Center

All materials will be provided by the LLGP and RSIC Senior Program. You are welcome to bring your own material if chose.



To sign up please call 775-785-1338 or email [mperez@rsic.org](mailto:mperez@rsic.org) or [sburns@rsic.org](mailto:sburns@rsic.org)



**You're Invited!**  
**SENIOR FUN DAY**  
**CIRCUS**  
 at the  
 Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribal Gym

**SEPT 18<sup>TH</sup> 2025**

**11 AM TO 2 PM**

**PLEASE RSVP EARLY 775.507.1886 OR 775.493.8283**  
 SORRY NO CHILDREN

**WEAR CIRCUS ATTIRE FOR THE COSTUME CONTEST**

*Come for the fun, stay for The Magic!*

**GAMES PRIZES FOOD FUN!**



**SEPTEMBER 2, 2025**  
 9AM - 2PM AT RENO TOWN MALL

**SENIOR FEST 2025**

**RESOURCES** **MUSIC** **FOOD**

HEALTH SCREENINGS | FLU SHOTS | ENTERTAINMENT  
 TO RESERVE TABLE SPACE CALL 775-233-4654  
 VISIT SENIORSPECTRUMNEWSPAPERS.COM



## What Is Digital Abuse?

Digital abuse refers to the use of technology—like smartphones and social media to harass, monitor, threaten, or control someone. It's often a form of **control**, where someone restricts another person's freedom through digital means. This can happen in romantic relationships, friendships, or even within families.

### Common Forms of Digital Abuse

- **Cyberbullying:** Repeated, targeted harassment online.
- **Tech-facilitated control:** Monitoring someone's location, messages, or social media activity.
- **Online sexual exploitation:** Manipulating or coercing young people into sharing explicit content.
- **Peer-to-peer violence:** Abuse or threats from classmates or friends via digital platforms.
- **Data misuse:** Exploiting personal information for manipulation or commercial gain.

### Emotional and Psychological Impact

- Increased anxiety, depression, and feelings of isolation.
- Risk of self-harm or suicidal thoughts.
- Damage to self-esteem and trust in relationships.
- Failing grades, mood swings, worrying

### How to Protect Young People

- **Education:** Teach them about healthy digital boundaries and how to recognize abuse.
- **Open communication:** Encourage honest conversations about their online experiences.
- **Secure devices:** Help them manage privacy settings and report abusive behavior.
- **Support systems:** Ensure they know where to seek help—whether from parents, schools, or online safety organizations and RSIC Victim Services

***Victim Service advocates are available Monday-Friday 8am-5pm 775-329-5071***





## Senior Program Menu

775-785-1349

*Menu is subject to change with or without notice*



| Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday   |
|--|---|---|---|--|
| 1) Closed<br>Holiday<br>Labor Day  | 2) BBQ Ribs<br>California<br>Veggies<br>Plum  | 3) Taco salad<br>with beef, black<br>beans lettuce,<br>tomato, cheese &<br>olives<br><br>Fruit cup  | 4) 2 meals delivered<br>Club sandwich,<br>turkey, bacon<br>lettuce tomato &<br>cheese<br>Sun Chips<br>Diced melon<br>Trail Mix                    | 5) 8 am Apple<br>Hill Day Trip<br><u>Meal delivered on</u><br><u>Sept 4</u><br>Cereal<br>Boiled Egg<br>Banana<br>V-8 juice |
| 8) Chicken, peas,<br>carrots and gravy<br>over mashed<br>potatoes<br>Orange wedges                           | 9) Pork fried<br>rice with peas<br>carrots and<br>onions<br>Fortune Cookie<br>Pineapple                 | 10) Chili macaroni<br>with beef, onions,<br>red and green bell<br>peppers<br>5 Way veggies<br>Pears | 11) Bagel<br>pepperoni and<br>sausage pizza<br>Zucchini mix<br>Apple  | 12) Steak, egg and<br>cheese burrito<br>Sliced bell peppers<br>Fruited yogurt  |
| 15) Chicken<br>Salad on green<br>leaf lettuce<br>Whole Wheat<br>Crackers<br>Carrot raisin<br>salad<br>Grapes | 16) Tomato<br>vegetable soup<br>½ Grilled<br>cheese<br>sandwich<br>Fruit cocktail                       | 17) <i>Birthday Bingo</i><br>Beef & bean taco<br>with lettuce,<br>tomato, cheese<br>Orange          | 18) Shrimp<br>Tacos with corn<br>tortilla, coleslaw<br>topping<br>Mango salad<br>with cucumber<br>and red onion<br>with lime cilantro<br>dressing | 19) Oatmeal<br>Carrot & celery<br>sticks with ranch<br>Berry Mix<br>V-8 juice  |
| 22) Chicken<br>teriyaki bowl with<br>broccoli, brown<br>rice<br>Pineapple                                    | 23) Egg salad<br>sandwich<br>lettuce, tomato<br>Caprice salad<br>With cucumber<br>and tomato<br>Peaches | 24) Beef stew<br>with vegetables<br>Green salad<br>Pan bread<br>Tropical Fruit                      | 25) Turkey Wrap<br>with lettuce,<br>tomato, cheese<br>Sun chips<br>Apple wedges<br>with Peanut<br>butter  | 26) Closed holiday<br>   |
| 29) Pork chop<br>Garlic butter<br>noodles<br>Cauliflower<br>Applesauce                                       | 30) Spaghetti<br>with meat<br>sauce<br>Asparagus<br>Diced pears   |   | 1% milk served<br>daily   |  |

Your meal will be placed in a plastic bag on your doorknob, or driveway fence if you have loose dogs. If you do not have a gated fence, tie up loose dogs so staff are able to deliver your meal, or your meal will be undelivered. Staff will honk and knock, leave your meal and 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. Reminder to call to cancel your meal if not going to be home. You are welcome to stop by the center to pick it up also. *Thank you*



## Senior Program Activities

775-785-1349

*Activities are subject to change with or without notice*



| Monday                                 | Tuesday  | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday   |
|--|--|---|---|--|
| 1)<br>Closed -<br>Holiday Labor<br>Day | 2) 9 am Senior<br>Fest<br>11 am Senior<br>Advisory<br>Committee<br>Meeting               | 3)<br>  | 4)<br>12 pm Food<br>Bank at Clinic  | 5)<br>8 am Apple Hill<br>Day Trip – must<br>sign up,<br>seats<br>limited<br> |
|  | 12:30–2 pm Ribbon Shirt Class at the senior center, see flyer                            |   |   |  |
| 8)                                     | 9)<br>8:30 am Sparks<br>Farmers Market   | 10)   | 11)<br>12 pm Food<br>Bank at<br>Clinic<br>  | 12)  |
| 15)<br>Food Pantry<br>                 | 16)<br>8:30 am Sparks<br>Farmers Market<br><br>2:30 pm HV gym<br>food bank drive<br>thru | 17) 12 pm Planning<br>Transportation<br>survey presentation<br>12:30 pm<br><br> | 18)<br>8:30 Leave Reno<br>Fallon Sr. Fun<br>Day, theme<br>“Circus Fun”<br><i>Must sign up</i><br><br>12 pm Food<br>Bank at Clinic<br> | 19)<br>  |
| 22)                                    | 23)<br>8:30 am Sparks<br>Farmers Market  | 24)   | 25)<br>12 pm Food<br>Bank at Clinic<br>   | 26) Closed holiday<br>   |
| 29)                                    | 30) <b>Last Day</b><br>8:30 am Farmers<br>Market trip                                    |   |   |  |

**REMINDER** *Farmer's Market Coupon Books EXPIRE September 30 Spend your books before or on 9/30.* This helps to continue the program for all elders, Thank you

September 12) Apple Hill, Placerville, CA – Meet and leave senior center at 7:30 am return 4 pm estimate. Bring walking shoes, light jacket, spending money, Lunch will be provided.

September 18) Fallon Senior Fun Day “Circus” theme – Meet and leave senior center at 8:30 am, estimated return 3:30 pm. Bring light jacket, lunch provided.



## VISIT THE FOOD BANK OF NORTHERN NEVADA'S MOBILE HARVEST IN HUNGRY VALLEY

DRIVE  
THROUGH  
UNTIL  
FURTHER  
NOTICE

SEPTEMBER 16, 2025  
2:30 - 3:30PM

NOTE THE NEW  
DATE!  
MH IS NOW ON THE  
3RD TUESDAY OF  
THE MONTH  
FROM 2:30-3:30 PM

WHERE:  
HV GYM PARKING LOT

LIMIT ONE DISTRIBUTION PER WEEK



### PLEASE NOTE:

- EACH FAMILY (NOT PERSON) RECEIVES ONE DISTRIBUTION
- CLIENTS MAY PICK UP FOR UP TO 3 FAMILIES NOT PRESENT
- VOLUNTEERS DISTRIBUTE BASED ON WHAT FBNN STAFF WRITES ON WINDSHIELDS



# Commodity Food Distribution

## 2025 SCHEDULE



Tuesday  
September 23, 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

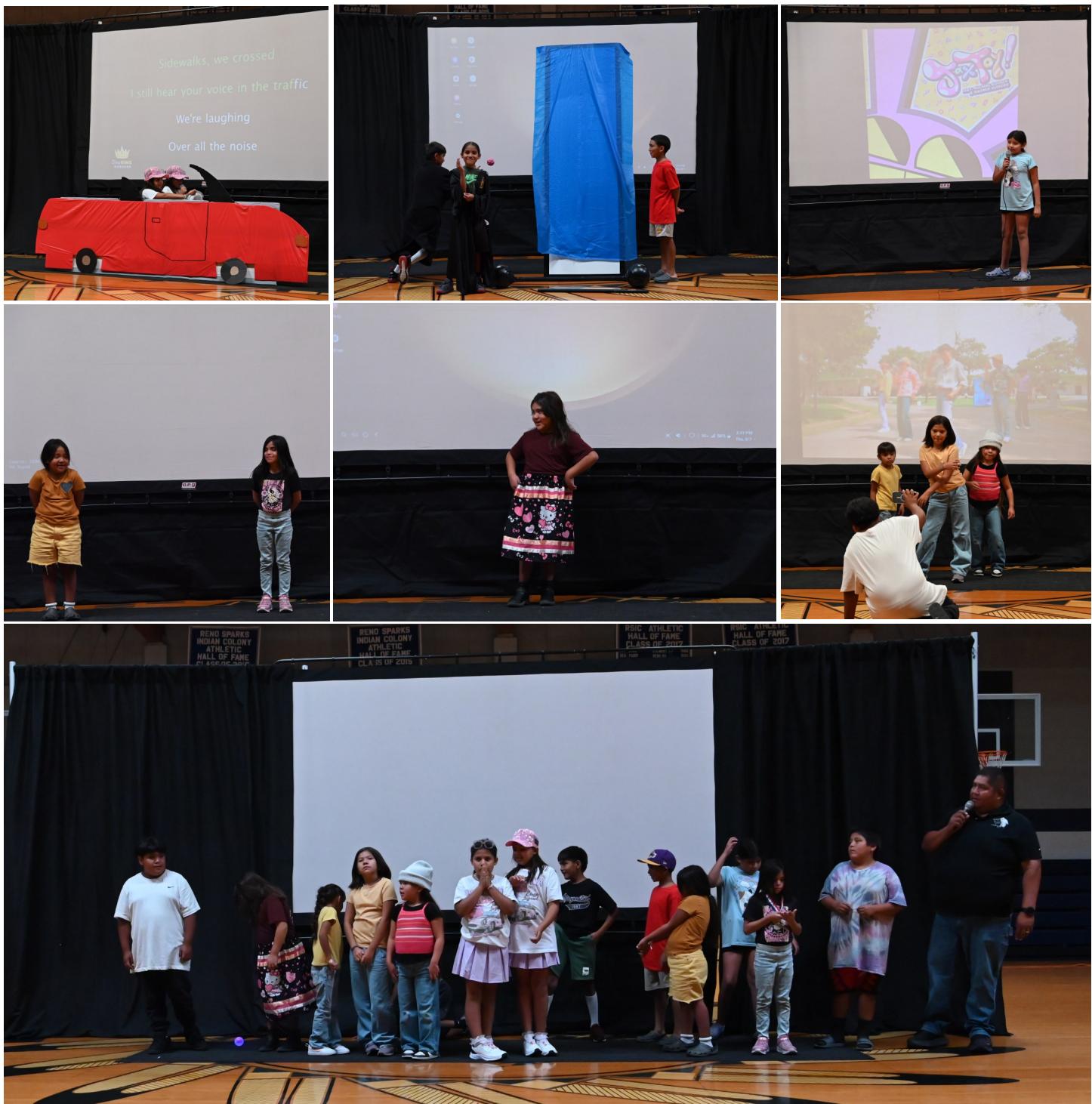
THIS WILL SPEED UP YOUR PROCESS TIME.  
PLEASE SEND AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE WITH A NOTE IF YOU CANNOT MAKE THE DISTRIBUTION SITE.

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



## RSIC Summer Day Camp Talent Show

The RSIC Summer Day Camp came to close with DARE Graduation and an awesome talent show at the Reno Gym, 7, 2025.

There were a couple of sing acts a magic show, and three dance performances that turned the afternoon into a rez style Native

Americans Got Talent. There was no one winner as they all performed superbly well that had you sitting on the edge of your seat act after act.

We definitely cannot forget the stage hands that made sure each act was set up and ready to go

with each performance. Between each act by Donovan Lauzet and Keith Jim. Performers were Zoey Pete, Karsyn Wadsworth and Shanoah Calvin, TT Quartz and Jenna Jayme, Keja Jim and Kellie Arias, also Selena Marvin and Amaya Salas.

**NORTHERN NEVADA**

# GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN

RECEIVE FUNDS FOR CHILDCARE!

- AGE 55 AND OLDER
- NORTHERN NV RESIDENT
- RAISING GRANDCHILD OR OTHER RELATIVE UNDER 18 WITHOUT PARENTS IN HOME
- CHILDREN NOT LEGALLY ADOPTED OR IN FOSTER CARE

Easy application and approval process, contact us to apply today! No income requirements. Must have proof of guardianship, temporary situations ok.



**(775) 753-7352**

[ADMIN@ELKOFRC.ORG](mailto:ADMIN@ELKOFRC.ORG)

## 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



**WE'RE HIRING**

### RSIC Human Resources UPDATE

#### Job Spotlight

| Position Title  | Department           | Salary Range                  | Status            |
|---|----------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| Language Specialist Teacher                           | Education            | \$19.09 - \$23.48 DOE         | Full Time Hourly  |
| Youth Mentor Assistant                                | Education            | \$15.71 - \$19.32 DOE         | Full Time Hourly  |
| Head Start Teacher Assistant                          | Head Start           | \$16.49 - \$20.28 DOE         | Full Time Hourly  |
| Head Start Teacher                                    | Head Start           | \$21.05 - \$25.89 DOE         | Full Time Hourly  |
| Housing Accountant                                    | Housing              | \$67,454.40 - \$82,960.40 DOE | Full-time; Salary |
| Maintenance II  | Housing              | \$20.05 - \$24.66 DOE         | Full Time Hourly  |
| Administrative Assistant                              | Human Services       | \$18.18 - \$22.36 DOE         | Full Time Hourly  |
| Fleet Technician                                      | Public Works         | \$22.10 - \$27.18 DOE         | Full Time Hourly  |
| Landscape Works                                       | Public Works         | \$17.32 - \$21.30 DOE         | Full Time Hourly  |
| Dental Assistant (2)                                  | Tribal Health Center | \$21.05 - \$25.89 DOE         | Full Time Hourly  |
| Radiologic Technician / Scheduler / Medical Assistant | Tribal Health Center | \$21.05 - \$25.89 DOE         | Full Time Hourly  |
| Activities Coordinator                                | Seniors Program      | \$17.32 - \$21.30 DOE         | Full Time Hourly  |
| Emergency Services Manager                            | Tribal Police        | \$61,318.40 - \$75,413.40     | Full-time; Salary |

To see all job postings and apply, scan the QR Code or go to [www.rsic.org/jobs](http://www.rsic.org/jobs)

Or apply in person @ the Human Resource Department - 34 Reservation Road

#### EMPLOYEE CENSUS:

As of July 31, 2025, the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony (RSIC) has a total of 432 active employees. Among these individuals, 267 are identified as Native American, representing 62% of the workforce, included in this number are the 163 members of the RSIC Tribal community.



## THE ABC'S OF SALVATION



### ADMIT

Admit you are a sinner and have made mistakes.



### BELIEVE

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



### 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)*





## Monthly Meeting

HVTLC

105 LOOP ROAD SPARKS, NV 89441

"IMAGINE WITH ALL YOUR MIND.  
BELIEVE WITH ALL YOUR HEART.  
ACHIEVE WITH ALL YOUR MIGHT!"

TRIBAL YOUTH 12-24 GAIN SELF-WORTH  
BUILD LEADERSHIP SKILLS AND INNER STRENGTH

BUILD LASTING FRIENDSHIPS  
CONTRIBUTE TO MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR COMMUNITY

LET YOUR VOICES BE HEARD

Dinner and transportation will be provided.

For more info or to sign-up for transportation please contact Robin M. Eagle at [reagle@rsic.org](mailto:reagle@rsic.org) or Call (775) 329-2936 ext. 3218

## 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!

OPEN TO RSIC TEENS / FAMILIES RSIC EMPLOYEES SUPPLIES ARE LIMITED MUST FILL OUT NNFB REQUIRED FORMS

**TEEN FOOD PANTRY**  
OPEN FOR WALK-INS

TUESDAYS 9:30AM-3:30PM  
THURSDAY 2:30-4:30  
HV TRANSITIONAL LIVING CENTER  
105 LOOP ROAD SPARKS, NV 89441  
LIMITED DELIVERIES ARE AVAILABLE  
FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL ROBIN M. EAGLE  
@ (775) 329-2936 EXT. 3218



## September 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS

**SEP 05** UNITY MONTHLY MEETING  
6:00 PM HUNGRY VALLEY  
TRANSITIONAL LIVING CENTER

**SEP 06** RC CLUB EVENT  
8:00 AM HUNGRY VALLEY  
CONTACT HV EDUCATION

**SEP 26** NATIVE DAY CELEBRATION  
UNITY STEW & FRYBREAD  
RENO GYM

**SEP 27** RSIC SAFETY DAY  
UNITY INDIAN TACO BOOTH  
HV RECREATION & GYM

For more info contact Robin M. Eagle @ [reagle@rsic.org](mailto:reagle@rsic.org) or (775) 329-2936 ext. 3218

# Legal / Public / Job Announcements

## Recruitment for committee / boards

Posted 8/15/2025



This vacancy announcement will be open until filled.

All interested participants will be invited to fill out an application and attend a Health Board meeting for introductions.

This vacancy announcement will be open until filled.

### EXECUTIVE HEALTH BOARD RECRUITMENT

The Reno-Sparks Tribal Health Center is recruiting for one (1) RSIC Representative for the Executive Health Board.

The Executive Health Board voting membership consists of five (5) Reno-Sparks Indian Colony residents who are members, and two (2) representatives from the Urban Indian population, for a total of seven (7) voting members.

The Executive Health Board members meet once a month, usually on the 3rd Monday, and are provided a monthly meeting stipend for participation. The members are appointed by the Tribal Council and shall serve a term for a four-year period.

If you are interested in being a member of the Executive Health Board, please submit a written letter of interest to:

RSIC Executive Health Board  
Reno-Sparks Tribal Health Center  
1715 Kurentz Street, Reno, NV 89502.  
Phone: 329-5162 ext. 1901

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IN THE RENO-SPARKS TRIBAL COURT  
IN AND FOR THE RENO-SPARKS INDIAN COLONY  
WASHOE COUNTY, RENO, NEVADA

FILED  
Reno-Sparks Tribal Court  
AUG 21 2025  
Time: 2:58 am  
By: Clerk of Court *LJ*

IN THE MATTER OF: )  
THE ESTATE OF )  
EDWINA HARDIN ) Decedent.  
Case No.: CV-PR-2024-0043  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed and qualified by the Reno-Sparks Tribal Court on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2025 as Executor of the estate of EDWINA HARDIN, deceased.

All creditors having claims against the estate are required to file the claims with the Clerk of the Reno-Sparks Tribal Court within 90 days after the mailing or the first publication of this notice.

Only those claims so represented may be paid by the estate.

Dated: 8-21-25 *Clint Hardin*  
Clint Hardin-Executor



### 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 LCA 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

### IN THE RENO-SPARKS TRIBAL COURT IN AND FOR THE RENO-SPARKS INDIAN COLONY RENO, WASHOE COUNTY, NEVADA

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Petitioner, Jessica Irene Castillo, who is a member of the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony, has filed a Petition in the Reno-Sparks Tribal Court, Case No. CV-NC-2025-0026, praying that said Court enter an Order changing the present legal name of Jessica Irene Castillo, to the name of Jessica Irene Wadsworth, which is the name Petitioner desires to have.

Notice is hereby given that any person having objection to the aforesaid change of name shall file written objection, showing cause why the Petition should not be granted, with the Reno-Sparks Tribal Court, 1900 Prosperity Street, Reno, NV, within ten (10) days after publication of this notice.

Dated this 14<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2025.

  
Dana Thomas,  
Court Clerk  
Reno-Sparks Tribal Court  
Phone: 775-785-8775 ext. 1

### IN THE RENO-SPARKS TRIBAL COURT IN AND FOR THE RENO-SPARKS INDIAN COLONY RENO, WASHOE COUNTY, NEVADA

Notice is hereby given that the Petitioner, Jonathan David Hernandez Arrivallaga, Jr. who resides on the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony, has filed a Petition in the Reno-Sparks Tribal Court, Case No. CV-NC-2025-0032, praying that said Court enter an Order changing the present legal name of Jonathan David Hernandez Arrivallaga, Jr., to the name of Jonathan David Wadsworth-George, which is the name Petitioner desires to have.

Notice is hereby given that any person having objection to the aforesaid change of name shall file written objection, showing cause why the Petition should not be granted, with the Reno-Sparks Tribal Court, 1900 Prosperity Street, Reno, NV 89502, within ten (10) days after publication of this notice.

Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2025.

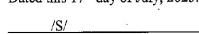
  
Dana Thomas, Court Clerk  
Reno-Sparks Tribal Court  
1900 Prosperity Street, Reno, NV 89502  
Tel: (775) 785-8775 Fax: (775) 329-8153

### IN THE RENO-SPARKS TRIBAL COURT IN AND FOR THE RENO-SPARKS INDIAN COLONY RENO, WASHOE COUNTY, NEVADA

Notice is hereby given that the Petitioner, Xavier Wadsworth-George Arrivallaga who resides on the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony, has filed a Petition in the Reno-Sparks Tribal Court, Case No. CV-NC-2025-0033, praying that said Court enter an Order changing the present legal name of Xavier Wadsworth-George Arrivallaga to the name of Xavier Wadsworth-George, which is the name Petitioner desires to have.

Notice is hereby given that any person having objection to the aforesaid change of name shall file written objection, showing cause why the Petition should not be granted, with the Reno-Sparks Tribal Court, 1900 Prosperity Street, Reno, NV 89502, within ten (10) days after publication of this notice.

Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2025.

  
Dana Thomas, Court Clerk  
Reno-Sparks Tribal Court  
1900 Prosperity Street, Reno, NV 89502  
Tel: (775) 785-8775 Fax: (775) 329-8153

### IN THE RENO-SPARKS TRIBAL COURT

IN AND FOR THE RENO-SPARKS INDIAN COLONY Reno-Sparks Tribal Court

WASHOE COUNTY, RENO, NEVADA

AUG 18 2025

Time: 10:45 am  
By: Clerk of Court 

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6 IN THE MATTER OF: ) Case No.: CV-PR-2025-0021  
7 THE ESTATE OF )  
8 ) NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
9 MARGARET C. HARJO )  
10 Decedent. )  
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13 Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed and qualified by the  
14 Reno-Sparks Tribal Court on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2025 as Executor of the estate of  
15 MARGARET HARJO, deceased.  
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17 All creditors having claims against the estate are required to file the claims with the  
18 Clerk of the Reno-Sparks Tribal Court within 90 days after the mailing or the first publication  
19 of this notice.  
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21 Only those claims so represented may be paid by the estate.  
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23 Dated: 08-18-2025   
24 Nida Harjo-Executor  
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### 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 \*EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

34 Reservation Road, Reno, NV 89502  
Phone: (775) 329-6114 • Fax: (775) 785-9161

#### RECRUITMENT FOR (2) RSIC ENROLLED TRIBAL MEMBERS TO SERVE ON THE EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Reno-Sparks Education Advisory Committee is recruiting two (2) RSIC Enrolled Tribal Member Representatives to fill a vacancy on the Education Advisory Committee.

The Education Advisory Committee voting membership consists of five (5) Reno-Sparks Tribal or community member who has an interest in the committee, age 18 years of age and older, who is not employed by the Education Department.

The Education Advisory Committee members meet at least once a month, currently on the second Monday, and are provided a monthly meeting stipend for participation. The Education Advisory Committee meets at the Education Building's conference room in Reno for September. The Education Advisory Committee will alternate each month and meet in Reno in September and then meet at the Hungry Valley Education Building for October. This meeting rotation will continue to alternate in Reno and Hungry Valley through the duration of the Education Advisory Committee's meetings.

The members are appointed by the Tribal Council and shall serve a term for a four-year project.

If you are interested in being a member of the Education Advisory Board, please submit a letter of interest to:

Reno-Sparks Indian Colony  
Attn: Tribal Administrator / Education Advisory Board  
34 Reservation Road  
Reno, NV 89502

*For more information, please call 775-329-6114*



## 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 5:00 p.m.  
Court is open from 12 - 1:00 p.m.

*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

#### 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

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.

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

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

# 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*

## 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**

# 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 August 27, 2025, the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Tribal Council gave preliminary approval of a residential land lease for:

Applicant: Stephen Johnson

Address: 70 Reservation 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 [cstowell@rsic.org](mailto:cstowell@rsic.org)

Tribal Council Secretary  
34 Reservation Road, Reno, NV 89502  
[myarrow@rsic.org](mailto:myarrow@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 Thursday, September, 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 August 27, 2025, the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Tribal Council gave preliminary approval of an Assignment of Residential Land Lease for:

Applicant: Rinna E. Wadsworth-George

Address: 28 Reservation 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. 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 [cstowell@rsic.org](mailto:cstowell@rsic.org)

Tribal Council Secretary  
34 Reservation Road, Reno, NV 89502  
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If you have any questions concerning this assignment of 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 Residential Land Assignment

On August 27, 2025, the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Tribal Council gave preliminary approval of a residential land assignment for:

Applicant: Adam Delorme

Address: 62 Reservation 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  
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### Education Department Memo



#### EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE NOTICE OF MEETING

September 15, 2025

Time: 5:30PM

Reno-Sparks Indian Colony  
Education Department Building D  
34 D Reservation Road  
Reno, NV 89502  
Education Department Conference Room

The Education Advisory Committee Meeting is open to the public. We encourage parents, guardians, and community members to attend and share your voice. Your input helps shape educational programs and services that directly benefit our Native youth.

# 50 Years of Gay American Indians (GAI)

*Founded in San Francisco in the mid-1970's, was the first organization in the United States dedicated to supporting LGBTQ+ Native Americans, providing a space for social connection, activism, and cultural preservation. (Press Release from GAI)*

GAI was initially organized by Two Spirit pioneers **Randy Burns (Kooyoe Tukudu / Pyramid Lake Paiute)** and **Barbara Cameron (Hunkpapa Lakota)**.

In an era when mainstream spaces failed to consider the unique cultural and political needs of Native peoples, GAI emerged as a sanctuary—a space not only for social connection but also for queer political activism and indigenous cultural reclamation. From its inception, the group taught that possessing both masculine and feminine traits—the “two spirits”—was a gift, an asset that provided wider insights into human emotion and community well-being rather than a mark of sin or deficiency.

Responding to historical injustices and the layered oppressions that Native queer people endure—both through systemic racism and Christian homophobia—GAI celebrates the traditional roles of Two-Spirit individuals.

## Major Milestones in GAI's History

● **1975:** GAI was established in response to the exclusion of Native people from both mainstream LGBTQ+ spaces and Indigenous communities that often viewed homosexuality as a colonial influence.

● **1970s–Early 1980s:** GAI members took bold visibility actions by marching in San Francisco's **Gay Freedom Day Parade** together as a group, ensuring that queer Native

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voices were seen and heard. By marching, GAI fostered solidarity among Native LGBTQ+ individuals, creating a space for cultural pride and mutual support.

● **1984:** The **GAI History Project** was launched to document oral histories and traditions of same-sex relationships and gender variance in Indigenous tribes.

● **1987:** GAI played a crucial role in addressing the **AIDS crisis** among Native Americans, founding the **Indian AIDS Project** and the **American Indian AIDS Institute** to provide resources and support.

● **1988:** GAI published *Living the Spirit: A Gay American Indian Anthology*, a groundbreaking collection of fiction, poetry, and essays by Two-Spirit individuals, along with a list of 133 tribal terms for Two-Spirit identities.

● **1992:** GAI members met with the **American Anthropological Association** to push for the use of "Two-Spirit" in scholarly works, instead of the colonial term "berdache."

● **2005:** GAI co-founder Randy Burns (Pyramid Lake Paiute) recognized as a Grand Marshal at the San Francisco Pride Parade.

● **2010:** GAI partners with **Burning Man** collective **Comfort & Joy** to launch an annual food drive for the **Pyramid Lake Paiute Reservation** that is still in operation today. Taking place

each August, this food drive feeds hundreds of Native people, offering vital resources to tribal communities by activating networks of mutual support.

● **2019-2025:** GAI members help launch new groups inspired by Two Spirit teachings to serve the greater good with innovative projects, including the **Northern Nevada Two Spirit Society**, **Native Solidarity Project**, and **Two Spirit Queer Alliance**.

## Important Cultural Contributions

In the mid-1980s, GAI expanded its cultural archive by collaborating on seminal publications. Notably, **1988 saw the publication of *Living the Spirit: A Gay American Indian Anthology***—a groundbreaking collection that celebrated Native queer narratives and re-claimed indigenous terminologies. This anthology was not their sole contribution; over the years, GAI's names and influence have been woven into many academic works on Native queer identity, including books like Gregory Smithers' 2023 title **"Reclaiming Two Spirits."**

These texts not only documented historical and personal journeys but also provided counterpoints to coloni-

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al narratives that had long stigmatized sexual and gender diversity in Native cultures.

**Health, Activism, and Healing:** GAI played a critical role during the AIDS crisis by mobilizing support networks, addressing health disparities, and advocating for culturally relevant care. Importantly, GAI's healing mission extended well beyond healthcare. By teaching members that being in touch with both masculine and feminine qualities was a source of strength, the organization helped many overcome the trauma of religious child abuse. This was achieved by reframing the damaging messages of religious dogma: instead of viewing gender fluidity as shameful, GAI celebrated it as a unique source of insight—a way to connect with one's community and even serve as a mediator, healer, and spiritual guide.

GAI's work has had a **profound impact** on both Two-Spirit and the Broader LGBTQ+ Community

● **Cultural Reclamation:** By reminding both Native and non-Native queer people that embracing all aspects of their identity is a source of power, GAI has helped

countless individuals heal from the scars inflicted by religious abuse and colonial oppression.

● **Educational Contributions:** Through their archive of publications—from *Living the Spirit* to references in academic books like *Reclaiming Two Spirits*—GAI has contributed richly to academic and cultural discourses that reclaim Indigenous narratives.

● **Visibility & Representation:** GAI helped **revive and reclaim Two-Spirit identities**, ensuring that Indigenous LGBTQ+ people were recognized within both Native and queer spaces.

● **Health & Social Support:** GAI's AIDS activism provided **critical resources** for Native communities, addressing gaps in mainstream LGBTQ+ healthcare.

● **Healing LGBT Religious Trauma:** GAI has helped countless Native & non-Native LGBT people heal from religious trauma by reminding them that being queer is a source of insight, and talent to be used for the greater good, not anything shameful.

● **Political and Social Advocacy:** Participation in early gay parades

on Polk Street and leadership roles as grand marshals in later San Francisco Pride Parades underscored GAI's commitment to raising the visibility of Native queer struggles and triumphs.

● **Intersections with Broader Movements:** The group's influence on organizations like BAAITS, which produces the annual **Two Spirit Powwow**, and non-native academics like Harry Hay and Will Roscoe (amongst countless others), have helped expand the queer cultural and political landscape across North America in many ways.

### **The Traditional Role of Two-Spirit People and Its Modern Relevance**

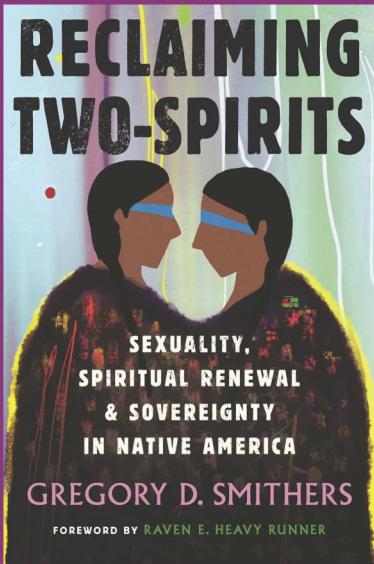
Many traditional Native American cultures appreciated the special role Two-Spirit people played in their societies. They were essential figures—seen as those possessing a masculine/feminine “double vision” that informed multifaceted roles as healers, negotiators, mediators, and spiritual facilitators who could “go between” the physical and spiritual worlds.

Two Spirit leaders were entrusted with the care of the community: officiating weddings, naming children, facilitating adolescent rites of passage, leading ceremonies and resolving conflicts. This role was rooted in a deep understanding of balance, empathy, and human nature that often comes with being queer.

Today in **2025**, GAI's Two Spirit teachings remain extremely relevant.

At a time when queer communities continue to grapple with both historical trauma and contemporary challenges, GAI reminds us all that having masculine and femi-





# BOOK CLUB

**SEPT 9** Read to Page 19

**SEPT 16** Read Pages 20-48

**SEPT 23** Read Pages 49-81

**SEPT 30** Read Pages 85-107

**OCT 7** Read Pages 108 - 144

**OCT 14** Read Pages 147 - 194

**OCT 21** Read Pages 195 - 246

**7:30 PM** **TUESDAYS (PST)**

**ZOOM** **MEETING ID: 823 7518 2849**  
**PASSCODE: 2025**

nine spirits in one person creates an expanded capacity for empathy, leadership, and understanding. Now, the Two Spirit teaching that being queer—or embodying dual spirits—can enhance creative innovation, inform problem-solving and inspire community service is more relevant than ever. GAI encourages gay, lesbian and transgender people to reject the shame imposed by intolerant religions and to use their unique queer talents for the greater good of our shared communities.

### *Looking to the Future: A 50th-Anniversary Celebration*

The legacy of GAI is not confined to the past.

**Myk Mendez**, a Two Spirit Indigenous advocate and beadwork artist from the Shoshone-Bannock Tribe, was honored with the **"Emerging Rural Two Spirit Leadership" award** by Gay American Indians (GAI) in recognition of his groundbreaking work launching a new Two Spirit Conference in Elko, Nevada. This award recognizes rural Two Spirit advocates using the strength, creativity, and insightful perspectives of queer identities to benefit their

communities through art, education, mediation, and social support.

As the founder of **Marvelous Beads**, Myk has long been dedicated to preserving Indigenous arts, running free beading clubs and youth workshops to pass down traditional skills. His latest initiative—the **Elko Two Spirit Conference**—marks a significant step forward in education, representation, and community building.

This honor was presented at **GAI's 50th anniversary celebration on June 27, 2025, in San Francisco**, highlighting how young leaders like Myk are **bringing GAI's mission into the future**, forging new paths for advocacy, cultural preservation, and visibility.

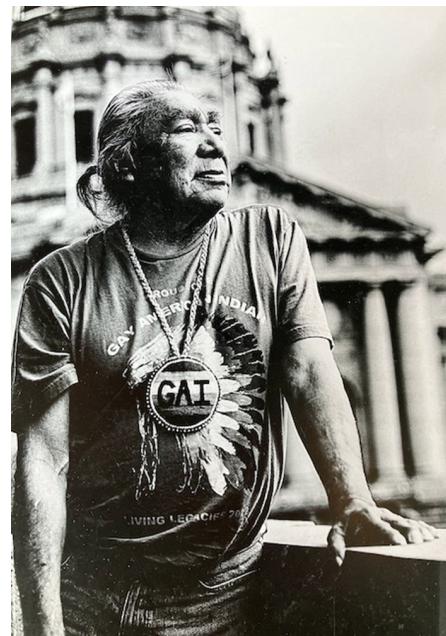
### *An Enduring Legacy*

GAI's long history is a testament to the power of community, of reclaiming sacred truths that being queer—particularly as embodied by the Two-Spirit identity—is not only a natural expression of human diversity but also a profound resource for deeper insight and communal leadership. This vision continues to inspire both established activists and emerging leaders,

ensuring that the journey toward healing, understanding, and communal strength endures well into the future.

**In summary**, from its origins in 1975 to its ongoing celebration and renewal in 2025, GAI has forged a multifaceted legacy with lasting impact. GAI has provided healing from oppressive religious doctrines, celebrated the unique assets of possessing both masculine and feminine spir-

its, and helped redefine leadership roles both within Native communities and the broader LGBTQ+ movement. With dynamic events, published literature, and cultural celebrations—and by honoring the next generation of Two-Spirit leaders—GAI's story remains one of hope, resilience, and transforma-



tive advocacy.

**MORE INFORMATION:** Contact GAI co-founder **Randy Burns** (Pyramid Lake Paiute) at 650-359-6473 or email [native.solidarity.project@gmail.com](mailto:native.solidarity.project@gmail.com)



# FLY RC AIRCRAFT

HUNGRY VALLEY EDUCATION AND THE RENO RADIO CONTROL CLUB INVITE THE RSIC COMMUNITY OUT FOR A MORNING OF AIRCRAFT FLYING



OPEN TO EVERYONE | BREAKFAST & LUNCH PROVIDED  
FLIGHT DEMOS | GIVEAWAYS | PARTNERED FLYING

06 SEPT 2025 | 8 - 12 PM

TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED  
RENO RC CLUB, CO HWY 202  
SPARKS, NV 89441



TO SIGN UP CONTACT LOGAN MILLER | LMILLER@RSIC.ORG, (775) 785-1310

## Education Department Services & Johnson O'Malley (JOM) Program

A big thank you to all RSIC programs who generously donated raffle prizes for the Backpack Event—your support helps make these community events possible! This year, the Education Department provided more than 200 backpacks to students and collected over 100 surveys to help guide improvements in our programs and services.

The Washoe County and Pyramid Lake schools have officially started the 2025–26 school year, and RSIC Education is proud to continue our strong partnerships with Sparks area schools—Jessie Hall, Shaw Middle School, and Spanish Springs High School—while also strengthening our involvement with Roger Corbett Elementary and Vaughn Middle School to ensure more RSIC support in classrooms. We are also developing an MOU with Pinecrest Charter School to expand collaboration this year.

Student support services have grown, with our tutoring program returning to a full after-school schedule. We are working with WCSD Transportation to bring a community-wide transportation safety training and partnering with Pyramid Lake School to host a High School Career Fair in October.

### Did you Know the 477 Johnson O'Malley (JOM) Program can help you with Educational Services for your Student!

The JOM program provides supplementary financial assistance to meet the educational needs of eligible Native American students ages 3–21 who attend Washoe County Schools. JOM Educational Support Services can include items required for participation in school or school-related activities. Restrictions: Funds generally cannot be used for expenses unrelated to academic or cultural benefit (e.g., general athletic fees, unrelated field trips)

To qualify, a student must:

1. Be enrolled in WCSD;
2. Be age 3 (by Dec. 31) through grade 12; and
3. Meet one of the following:
  - o Be an enrolled member of the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony;
  - o Be an enrolled member of a federally recognized tribe and an RSIC resident; or
  - o Be at least ¼ degree Indian blood descendant of a member of a federally recognized tribe and an RSIC resident.

WONDERING HOW TO HELP YOUR STUDENT WHO MAY BE ON AN IEP OR OTHER SERVICES HAVE THE BEST YEAR EVER ???

*The key is*

*to partner with The Student Family Support Advocate who has the knowledge and experience of successful educational advocacy, and creating relationships with district administration and staff.*

- ★ Listens to your concerns, and formulates a plan for educational success.
- ★ Seasoned advocate with a track record of securing IEPs that create the kinds of instruction that enables academic success.
- ★ Success in creating 504 and behavioral plans that actually provide practical supports.
- ★ A resource for services, referrals, and educational supports.
- ★ Focused on cultivating relationships with school administrators and teachers, creating a team focused on positive student- outcomes.
- ★ Provides 1-1 tutoring tailored to your student's needs.

**RSIC's Education Department + Susan Zeiter =  
a more successful school year for your child.**

*Susan Zeiter, Student Family Support Advisor*

**RSIC's Education Department**

[szeiter@rsic.org](mailto:szeiter@rsic.org)

Office: 775-329-6114, ext. 5131. Cell: 775-224-2764



## Reno-Sparks Indian Colony 477 PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

The RSIC 477 PROGRAM IS HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE  
THAT WE WILL BE PROVIDING SERVICES IN  
HUNGRY VALLEY BEGINNING IN SEPTEMBER!



**477 Case Manager Becca Lara will be providing intake appointments for Supportive Services, Indian General Assistance (IGA), Youth Services, and Adult Education/Higher Education.**

Becca will be in the Education Building in Hungry Valley every Friday (hours may vary based on client needs). Clients are **REQUIRED** to make an appointment ahead of time as walk-ins will not be taken.

**To make an appointment with Becca please call or email at:** **Cell: 775-386-4291** **Email: rlara@rsic.org**





## 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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## AFTER-SCHOOL TUTORING

RENO-SPARKS INDIAN COLONY EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

STUDENTS—ARE IMPORTANT!

- All students are provided educational support and activities
- A healthy snack and drink
- Access to computers and printer
- One-on-One assistance available (by appointment only)
- Transportation:

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- Support your learning journey
- Help you set and achieve goals
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# 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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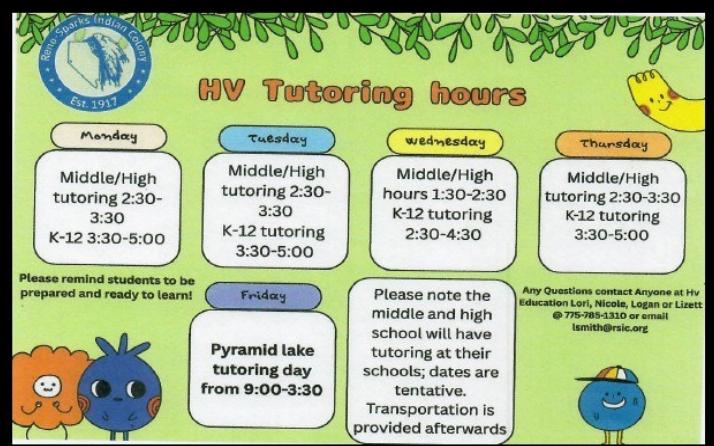
## RSIC 25-26 AFTER-SCHOOL TUTORING SCHEDULE

Where:  
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Phone:  
775-329-6114



| Monday   | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday   |
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| Middle School<br>2:30-3:30<br>High School<br>3:30-4:45<br>Elementary School<br>4:00-4:45 | Pyramid Lake<br>Jr./Sr High School<br>1 <sup>st</sup> Session<br>10:00-12:00<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> Session<br>2:00-4:00 |





# NUMAGA 3 MILE WALK/RUN

3 Mile Walk/Run through Hungry Valley. Bring your little ones and family to partake in this event.

## WARRIOR RUN

We are bringing back the Warrior Run for those die hard runners. This route is 7.4 miles in the desert. The trail and a turn around point will be marked for you to reach and the start and finish will be the same point.

**HUNGRY VALLEY AMPHITHEATER  
SPARKS, NEVADA  
SATURDAY, AUGUST 30, 2025**

### *Schedule of Events*

- Registration begins at 7:30am
- Warrior Run begins at 8:00am
- 3 Mile Walk/Run begins at 8:30am

Light refreshments will be provided after your walk or run. T-shirts will be provided for the first 150 participants.

For more information contact:  
Sarah Beverly [sbeverly@rsicclinic.org](mailto:sbeverly@rsicclinic.org) or  
Daniel Thayer [dthayer@rsicclinic.org](mailto:dthayer@rsicclinic.org)

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RENO SPARKS INDIAN COLONY RECREATION PROGRAM

# STRONGMAN COMPETITION 10AM

SAT.  
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30

BOTH EVENTS  
FREE  
ENTRY



EVENT  
REGISTRATION  
OPEN  
@9:30AM

# HORESHOE TOURNEY

\* doubles  
only

10:30AM

Both RSIC Recreation sponsored events will be held outside the Hungry Valley Recreation Center  
9075 Eagle Canyon Drive

THE RSIC RECREATION PROGRAM WILL BE SERVING BBQ HAMBURGERS/HOTDOGS FOR PARTICIPANTS & SPECTATORS

THIS IS A DRUG & ALCOHOL FREE EVENT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE RSIC NUMAGA POWWOW  
FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 775-329-4930 OR 775-895-9571



# HUNGRY VALLEY HANDGAMES

AUGUST 29TH - 31ST 2025

FRIDAY 08.29.25

BONE-HOG

1ST PLACE \$1000

GUARANTEED

REGISTRATION

6-7PM

\$50/TEAM

SATURDAY 08.30.25

MAIN

1ST PLACE \$8000

GUARANTEED

REGISTRATION 1-3PM

KIDS GAME AT 12PM

MATERIAL GAME AFTER

KIDS GAME

SUNDAY 09.31.25

3-MAN

1ST PLACE \$1800

GUARANTEED

REGISTRATION

1-2PM

\$75/TEAM

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

# Get a Glimpse of our Indigenous World at Nevada's Largest Powwow & Handgames hosted by Reno-Sparks Indian Colony

*Thousands expected for international known event held in Hungry Valley, NV*



**(Reno, NV)**- We invite you to come dance with us and get a glimpse of our Indigenous world at Nevada's Largest Powwow & Handgames hosted by Reno-Sparks Indian Colony (RSIC). Each Labor Day weekend, RSIC hosts its' internationally acclaimed Numaga Indian Days Powwow and Handgames; or traditional gambling.

The 37th annual event, will be held August 28<sup>th</sup> – August 31<sup>st</sup> in Hungry Valley (501 Many Nations Road, Sparks, NV 89441; 7 miles past Spanish Springs High School on Eagle Canyon Drive). This is an alcohol and drug free event.

Numaga Indian Days is open to the public. Everyone is welcome to attend. You can even try powwow dancing during the inter-tribal songs or play in an open handgame and gamble a little bit.

As the living lineage of the original caretakers of this land; the Washoe, Paiute and Western Shoshone Tribes; RSIC is proudly or-

ganizing this culturally important gathering of nearly 10,000 attendees throughout the weekend to honor Paiute Chief Numaga. As well as, highlight RSIC to the public.

This *FREE, FAMILY FRIENDLY* event attracts champion Native American dancers from all 574 federally recognized tribes and First Nations People of Canada. Famous powwow singers and drummers who will contend for the victory title in the drum contest with a total purse of \$18,000 in cash prizes. Additionally, professional handgame players or traditional gamblers battling bones to

cash in \$8000 dollars during the main tournament on Saturday.

Dancers and Drummers will be competing all weekend long. Whoever has the most points at the end of powwow will be named the Champion within their individual categories. Women: Fancy Shawl, Jingle Dress & Traditional dances. Men: Fancy Bustle, Grass Dance and Traditional dances. Teens and youth also compete and the ti-nytots, 0- 5 year olds, get daily prizes for dancing.

The host drum group this year is SHOWTIME. SHOWTIME is a Northern-style powwow drum group from the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation one of the Lakota Tribes in South Dakota. The group has attracted talented singers from numerous tribes across the states. SHOWTIME singers won the World Class Singing Champion title at the Gathering of Nations powwow in 2022 & 2024. They are recording artists and very famous in the powwow circuit.

Host drum is the lead drum and they perform songs during key ceremonial moments throughout the powwow, including the Grand Entry, Flag Song, Veterans Songs, and

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Honoring Songs. Basically, they are on-call the entire powwow weekend.

Besides the memorable powwow entertainment, over 50 vendors will be selling Indian Tacos, traditional native food, stunning hand-crafted silverwork, beadwork, baskets and other American Indian art.

You can visit the Rib-Cook Off and then come to the powwow or check us out on your way back from Burning Man.

Bring your own chairs (bleacher space limited), shade canopy, water, and cash for vendors. Be prepared for warm, dusty weather during the day and cold evenings. Dry camping is also available at powwow grounds with showers provided.

The international Numaga Indian Days offers an educational opportunity to promote positive cultural identity and share the beauty of indigenous peoples practices with the greater community. Our tribal community is gratified to share our culture through competitive dance, song, arts, handgames (traditional gambling or social guessing game) and food.

#### Timelines:

##### **Friday, August 29th**

The Grand Entry will start at 7pm, on Friday, August 29th. Grand Entry is when all dancers enter the arbor. Competition dancing will start around 8pm and last until about 10pm-11pm.

##### **Saturday, August 30th**

Saturday's 1<sup>st</sup> session/day session Grand Entry will be at 1pm, August 31st. Competition dancing will start around 2pm and last until about 5pm-6pm. Signature event of the Paiute Dress Special will be around 3pm.

Saturday's 2<sup>nd</sup> session/evening session Grand Entry will restart at 7pm, with competition dancing starting around 8pm. Highlight event is the Spotlight Special for Sweetheart Couples Dance Off. Spotlight will begin around 9:30pm with more competition dancing afterward. Evening session will close around 11pm.

#### **Sunday, September 1st**

Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, Grand Entry will be at noon. Competitions begin around 1pm and last until about 5pm.

#### **HANDGAMES OR TRADITIONAL GAMBLING -**

- ◆ Friday, August 30th - 2-man Tourney, 6pm-7pm (1st place \$1000)
- ◆ Saturday, August 31st - Kids Game, Sticks vs. Material Game, 1pm
- ◆ Saturday, August 31st - Main Tournament, 1pm-3pm (1st place \$8000)
- ◆ Sunday, September 1<sup>st</sup> - 3-Man Tournament, 1pm -2pm (1st place \$1800)
- ◆ OPEN GAMES ALL WEEK-END

#### **ABOUT CHIEF NUMAGA (1830-1871)**

The powwow is named after Chief Numaga, the famous Paiute Chief, known for peace. Numaga translated to the English language, means "Giver / Generous Leader."

His successful peace negotiations before and after the Battle of Pyramid Lake helped set a precedent for future disputes.

Numaga repeatedly chose peace when he could, but always remained a fierce warrior. Facing severe threats to his people by invading miners and ranchers after

silver was discovered in the Comstock Lode near Carson City, NV and gold in Sierra Mountains, he led his people to victory in the Battle of Pyramid Lake (1860). The newcomers assaulted the Paiutes and destroyed their food sources.

Throughout his lifetime, Numaga was a visionary leader and had the courage to advocate on behalf of all native people over the loss of habitable land, food sources, traditional spiritual teachings and culture.

Numaga has a documented history of trying to preserve the destruction of our aboriginal lands. Numaga called the pine nut groves "the Indian's orchards" and asked colonizers to collect fallen timber instead of cutting down healthy trees.

Unfortunately, Numaga's early advocacy for Mother Earth fell on deaf ears. It is astonishing that indigenous people continue the same fight today with decisions to desecrate Mother Earth for profit. This is why we honor Chief Numaga.

For more information about Numaga Indian Days Powwow and Handgames go to [www.rsic.org](http://www.rsic.org) or please contact Bethany Sam, Public Relations Officer at 775-842-2902 or [bsam@rsic.org](mailto:bsam@rsic.org).





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

**August 29th-31st, 2025**  
**LABOR DAY WEEKEND**

**37th Annual**  
**NUMAGA INDIAN DAYS 2025**

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

**FREE ADMISSION**  
**Family Friendly Event**  
**Open to the Public**



**PAUITE CHIEF NUMAGA**  
Translated is "Giver"\*\*\*  
Known for choosing peace for the  
Paiute People & advocating to stop the  
destruction of our aboriginal lands.

# POWOW & Handgames

**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
- ~ Teen Girls All Around- Jr. Miss Numaga, Winona Jim & Family
- ~ 18+ Women's Traditional - Miss Numaga, Jessey Dewey & Family
- ~ Women's 18+ Northern & Southern Traditional - Head Woman, Lillian Shakespeare-Largo
- ~ Youth Hand Drum Contest - Tiny Tot Princess, Audrina Yellowwhair & Family
- ~ Handgame Tournament Info: 775-329-4930
- ~ Strong Man Competition & Horse Shoe Tournament Info: 775-329-4930
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**DRUM CONTEST:**  
**(\$18,000 Total Purse)**  
**CONSOLATIONS - 2 @ \$1000 each**  
**\*Non-Contest Day Pay**

## 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

## 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
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## NUMAGA POWWOW COMMITTEE



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Numaga Indian Days Royalty 2024-2025  
Tiny Tot Princess: Audrina Yellowhair

Junior Miss Numaga: Winona Jim

Miss Numaga: Jessey Dewey