



# THE CAMP NEWS

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SERVING THE RENO-SPARKS INDIAN COLONY & HV COMMUNITIES

## Holiday Magic, Smiles and Santa Sightings *at Reno-Sparks Indian Colony's Christmas Events*



(Reno, NV)- RSIC's holiday celebrations were full of cheer, laughter, and community spirit, and we want to send a big **thank you** to everyone who came out to celebrate with us! From festive activities to friendly faces, it was wonderful to see our community gathered together to enjoy the season.

The true stars of the events were, without a doubt, **our**

**kids**—especially when they met **Native Santa!** The giggles, wide smiles, and moments of pure excitement were priceless. Some children bravely shared their wish lists, others posed proudly for photos, and a few needed a little extra encouragement—but every moment was absolutely adorable.

Seeing our children laugh, play, and create holiday memories is

what makes these events so special. Thank you to the families, elders, volunteers, and staff who helped spread joy and made the season bright for everyone.

We are grateful for our community and wish you all a holiday season filled with happiness, warmth, and lots of smiles.

*See pages 4 & 5, for photos of RSIC's Christmas Dinner and Bingo.*





## TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

### General Council Meetings

**Wednesdays  
6 PM**

### Economic Development Colony Enterprise Meetings

**Wednesdays  
6 PM**

- **January 14, 2026**
- February 11, 2026
- March 11, 2026
- April 15, 2026
- May 13, 2026
- June 10, 2026
- July 15, 2026
- August 12, 2026
- September 16, 2026
- October 14, 2026
- Tuesday,  
November 10, 2026
- December 16, 2026

- **January 28, 2026**
- February 25, 2026
- March 25, 2026
- April 29, 2026
- May 27, 2026
- June 24, 2026
- July 29, 2026
- August 26, 2026
- September 30, 2026
- October 28, 2026
- Tuesday,  
November 24, 2026

RSIC Tribal Council: Top Row L to R  
Vice Chairman Anthony Abbie, Chairman Daryl Gardipe, Toby Stump  
Bottom Row: Jessica Castillo, Tribal Secretary Veronica Imus, Robin Eagle, Judy Miller,  
Elizabeth Dunn, Treasurer Michael Acosta

**January 2026  
In-Person Meetings  
Location:**

**Reno Multipurpose Room  
34 Reservation Road  
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.

## January 2026 IMPORTANT DATES

- 31-1 NYE Sobriety Powwow & Handgames, Reno Gym (34 Res Rd), 4pm
- 10 RSTHC's Behavioral Health Conference, Atlantis Casino, 8am-7:30pm, Info: 775-329-5162
- 14 General Tribal Council Meeting, Reno Multipurpose Room, 6pm
- 15 RSIC's 90-Year Celebration, Reno Multipurpose Room, One Day Exhibit from 1pm-5:45pm with Proclamation and Short Presentation at 6pm.
- 15 Senior Belt Making, at RSIC Senior Center, 12:30-2:30pm
- 16 Senior Belt Making, at RSIC Senior Center, 12:30-2:30pm
- 17 Happy Martin Luther King Jr. Day!! RSIC Admin Offices and RSTHC will be CLOSED in observance of the holiday.
- 20 Free Monthly Food Distribution by FBNN, HV Gym Parking Lot, 2:30pm-3:30pm
- 27 Commodity Food Distribution, Administration Bldg (34 Res Road), 8am-11:45am
- 28 Tribal Council Special Economic Development Meeting, Reno Multipurpose Rm (34 Res Rd), 6pm

### 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**

**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.

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## Office of the Chairman

### Daryl D. Gardipe

As we come to the close of this year, I want to take a moment to extend my heartfelt gratitude to our community and to each and every one of our employees.

This year brought both challenges and opportunities, and through it all, your dedication, resilience, and commitment to our people and our Tribe have been truly inspiring. Our employees have worked tirelessly to provide essential services, support our programs, and serve our members with care and professionalism. Your efforts do not go unnoticed, and they are the foundation of our continued growth and success.

To our community members, thank you for your continued trust, engagement, and support. Your voices, traditions, and strength guide us forward and remind us why the work we do matters. Together, we have shown what can be accomplished when we stand united, respect one another, and work toward a shared vision for our future.

2025 was a significant year for



RSIC. This was our 46<sup>th</sup> Tribal Election since our first historic election on February 9<sup>th</sup> 1934, nearly 92 years ago. These individuals have been called by the voice of our community to step forward into a role of service, leadership and guardianship; including a commitment to uphold the values, traditions and sovereignty that define RSIC.

I want to express our deep appreciation to our outgoing Tribal Council members, Secretary Marlene Yarrow and Council Member Cecil Wyatt. Their dedication, countless hours in meetings, thoughtful leadership, and their willingness to face difficult decisions with integrity have strengthened our tribe. Their service has left a lasting impact to the progress of our

community. We honor their work and offer our best wishes as they move forward.

The Reno Sparks Indian Colony held its first Tribal Council meeting in 1934, our government has continually confronted barriers to our inherent right to self-

governance and to the well-being of our people.

We have met challenges by standing together in unity, lifting one another up and remaining steadfast in our purpose to govern as your Tribal Council.

As the Tribal Council continues our Tribal Vision; which is “for a strong community that promotes and encourages individual spiritual, physical and emotional health to foster a long, abundant, and prosperous life; which will promote personal, family and community responsibility and prosperity”; we still carry forward familiar challenges of our past, even as new ones arise before us.

The most important responsibility of the Tribal Council, as stat-



ed in our Tribal Constitution Article VI, is “to enact legislation for the purpose of safeguarding and promoting the peace, safety, and general welfare of the members of the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony.” We are to be a Legislative Council, passing laws, ordinances and policies, and amending our Constitution and laws, and enacting new laws when needed.

We are facing a challenging political environment under the current Federal Administration evidenced by the Government Shutdown. Executive orders, such as the federal funding freeze, which temporarily froze certain federal grants and loans for tribal healthcare, education, housing and infrastructure development. Revisions to tax statutes of tribal entities and industries. Energy policy changes to encourage energy exploration on federal lands relating to oil, natural gas and mineral extraction. The reversal of the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) initiatives, which helped increase tribal representation in senior government leadership positions, it increased tribal education funds for trade and college institutions with a focus to gain native student enrollments, and expand technical education and job training programs to tribal people.

Throughout the past year, the RSIC has stood firm in advocating for our inherent rights. Our presence at the State Capitol and Washington, DC has reinforced to policymakers that the

United States holds binding trust and treaty obligations — responsibilities owed not only to us, but to all 575 federally recognized Tribes.

We are fortunate that the early goals set by our leaders—achieving self-sufficiency through land acquisition and the development of our own tribal tax base—continue to sustain us today.

This year, RSIC has increased its land base to 15,610 acres with potential economic development properties to diversify our economy even more so. We are on track with our new housing development of 22 new homes and 3 vacant lots in Hungry Valley. We are beginning architectural work for the new Justice Center on our Sunshine Lane property. Construction for the relocation of Three Nations Cannabis Dispensary Reno to Spanish Springs is underway. We are in the process of transitioning all of its 638 contracts into self-governance agreements for 2026, which will strengthen our sovereignty by granting control over how federal funding are managed and applied to community priorities. And our Health Center is thriving with the political wins of the Pharmacy State Amendment Plan, SB 97 and SB 312.

There is great uncertainty and conflict in many places across this country and throughout the world, I remain optimistic about where our Tribe stands. We have prepared wisely for times like these, and our planning has

strengthened our stability and resilience. And while we can always strive to do better, we stand on solid ground today because of the foresight, unity, and perseverance of our Tribal Council and our people.

Your Tribal Council faces an enormous responsibility as we work to meet the needs of a growing population and an ever-increasing demand for services. We must stay ahead of that demand.

I believe the message from our tribal members—and from those who stepped forward to run for Council—was heard loud and clear: we must do a better job of setting our priorities with meaningful tribal member input. We will establish priorities that truly support our people.

Every one of us shares in the responsibility—our Tribal Government and our people, young and old—to build a Reno-Sparks Indian Colony that we can be proud of. Our success depends on working together in unity, honoring our differences, and moving forward as one.

As we look ahead to the new year, I am confident that by continuing to work together, we will build an even stronger, healthier, and more prosperous Tribe for generations to come.

On behalf of the Tribal Council, thank you for all that you do. I wish you and your families a safe, peaceful, and joyful holiday season and a prosperous New Year.

~Thank you.



# RSIC Victim Services Program Reflects on 2025

## Child Abuse Awareness Event @ Tribal Health Center



Jennifer Kataney, Anissa Sabori, Mel Tuihalangingie, Lori Gutierrez, Eileen Villaseñor, Rita Imus and Marcia Wadsworth.

As the year ends, our Victim Services Program reflects on serving our clients with compassion, resilience, and dedicated support for our survivors and their families. The Victim Services Staff have been with Human Services under a new Life Change for Women grant for 11 months and in that time, we were able to provide crisis intervention, advocacy, safety plan-



MMIR Murdered and Missing Indigenous Relatives Awareness.



Participants listening to MMIR presentation by Rita Imus.



Gina Howard, Verna Melendez and Vicki Moore MMIR participants wearing red for support



Positive Indian Parenting event

ning, referrals, financial assistance, outreach, and empathy when a victim of crime reaches out for assistance.

We increased efforts in outreach and education by participating in community events, trainings, and awareness initiatives about our program to the community by creating partnerships with Law Enforcement, Tribal Health Clinic, Senior Center, Unity, Recreation, and

the Numaga Pow-wow Committee. These efforts helped reduce stigma, increase awareness of victim rights and services, and encouraged individuals to speak up and seek help when needed.

As we move into the new year, we remain committed to expanding services, strengthening partnerships, and we'll continue responding to community needs to promote healing and safety for our communities we serve.

Have a happy and healthy safe New Year from the Victim Services Staff.

- Rita Imus and Marcia Wadsworth

Here is a recap of survivors we served:

- ✦ 122 survivors
- ✦ 231 shelter nights
- ✦ 26 outreach events for the community.

Victim Services 775-329-5071  
Monday-Friday 8am-5pm





*Rita Imus and Robin Eagle sharing about*



*Robin Eagle, Rita Imus, Lori Gutierrez, and Donovan Garcia wearing Red for MMIR*



*Sexual Assault Awareness Bingo-Presentation at Tribal Health Clinic by Rita Imus*



*Marcia Wadsworth, Anissa Sabori, Rita Imus, Lori Gutierrez, and Sally*

*Staff wearing Teal in Honor of Sexual Assault Awareness Month*



*April Sexual Assault Awareness Month- Self Defense Class in HV*



*Marcia Wadsworth Victim Services Coordinator making bracelets while tabling an event at the Tribal Health*



*Domestic Violence Awareness Month- Presentation by Rita Imus*

*Staff: Eileen Villasenor, Rita Imus, Anissa Sabori, Marcia Wadsworth, Michael Acosta, and Mel Tuihalangie.*





Blessing the food—Emily Abbie



Employee Events Committee

# 2025 RSIC EMPLOYEE CHRISTMAS PARTY

at the Peppermill Resort  
Spa Casino on Dec 6th.



5 Year Award - Sharon Church, Ana Enriquez, Alean Gales,  
Lawrence Gay, Griselda Maya, Marvin Racine, Kyle Selleck



10 Year award—Stacey Burns, Tiffany Dean, Desma Calvin,  
Chev Smith, and Martha Orozco



15 Year Awards  
Lorri Chasing Crow, Diana Sanchez, and Nelva Terrell



20 Year Award - Vaidas Bunevicine, Rick Castro, Trisha Calabaza,  
Veronica Imus, and Cecil Wyatt



40 Year Award - Ramona Darrough  
25 Year Award - Pamela Kadel, and 35 Year Award - Amanda Abbie



Employee of The Year Awards  
Marge Levine, RSTHC and Lakoda Smokey, IT Dept.





This year's Christmas Party was one for the books. The theme this year was "Cowboy Christmas", and wow, there were so many cowboys and cowgirls at the Peppermill Resort Spa Casino. The ballroom was filled with laughter and Kodak moments.

Employees, this year has been a journey- full of challenges that tested us, projects that stretched us and moments that remind us why we're such a strong team. You've turned challenges into opportunities and opportunities into successes. This year, you've shown resilience, creativity and a sense of humor that kept our workplace not just productive, but genuinely enjoyable. Now that's worth celebrating.

You've all worked incredibly hard, and this celebration was our way of saying thank you- not just for what you do, but who you are. May the new year bring us fresh opportunities, continued successes and just enough challenges to keep things interesting. Thank you Employee Events Committee for a memorable Christmas Party.





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

### WORKOUT CLASSES

**Monday** 8:30 – 9:30 am..... Elder Fit (Seniors 60+)  
12:15 – 12:45 pm..... Strength Training Circuits  
5:30 – 6:30 pm..... Bar Bell Technique  
5:30 – 6:30 pm..... Yoga

**Tuesday** 12:15 – 12:45 pm..... Power Half Hour (Glute Workout)

**Wednesday** 8:30 – 9:30 am..... Elder Fit (Seniors 60+)

**Thursday** 5:15 – 5:45 pm..... Weight Lifting Basics  
5:30 – 6:30 pm..... Yoga

**Friday** 12:15 – 12:45 pm..... Spin

**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.



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



# 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





# Tribal Council Swearing-In Ceremony Recap



(Reno, NV)- On Wednesday, December 10th, the community gathered to witness an important moment in RSIC's governance during the recent Tribal Council Swearing-In Ceremony. The event marked the official installation of our newly elected and re-elected Council members, who took their oath of office and reaffirmed their commitment to serve the Tribe with integrity, respect, and dedication.

Anthony Abbie, Jessica Wadsworth, Michael Acosta and Robin M. Eagle took their oath's of office to join the 46th

Tribal Council. In addition, the outgoing Council Members, Cecil Wyatt and Marlene Yarrow, were gifted Pendleton blankets to honor them for their dedication and service to RSIC. Officers were also selected and voted on at the Swearing-In Ceremony. The newly elected officers include Anthony Abbie as Vice-Chairman, Veronica Imus as Tribal Secretary and Michael Acosta as the Tribal Treasurer.

The ceremony was a meaningful reminder of our Tribe's sovereignty, traditions, and the responsibility entrusted to our

leadership. Family members, elders, and community members were present to show their support as the Council members stepped into their roles to represent the people and work toward the continued growth and well-being of the Tribe.

We thank everyone who attended and supported this special occasion. As we move forward together, we look ahead with optimism and unity, guided by our values and strengthened by the voices of our community.





# SENIOR CENTER BELT MAKING



January 15th & 16th  
12:30pm-2:30pm  
RENO-SPARKS SENIOR CENTER  
34 Reservation Road Reno NV 89502

Join us for an afternoon of creativity & connection. Make a belt to wear with your favorite outfit! When we focus on creating something tangible or expressive our brains start to release calming brain chemicals to lower the stress hormones.



**SIGN-UPS REQUIRED**  
**LIMITED NUMBER OF BELTS**  
**(775) 329-9929**  
**SENIOR CENTER**



Reno-Sparks Indian Colony  
POWOW COMMITTEE  
PRESENTS

# NEW YEAR'S EVE SOBRIETY POW WOW

Head Man: Hank Johnson  
Head Woman: Sandra Talancon  
Head Teen Boy: Cheeks Thomas  
Head Teen Girl: Powma Williams  
Host Drum: MILE POST 30  
Arena Director: Jojo Sammaripa  
MC: Jerry Bear



GENERAL INFO:  
Anita Talancon 775-338-3723  
Lorri Chasing Crow 775-560-2788  
Ramona Darrough 775-842-1385  
VENDORS:  
Bridgette Stump 775-846-5997  
Sharron Yazzie 775-750-4589

**RSIC RENO GYM**  
**34 RESERVATION ROAD**  
**RENO, NV. 89502**  
**WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 31, 2025**  
**4PM - 12:30AM**  
DOORS WILL OPEN AT 3PM

Specials:  
Men's Traditional 18+ - Headman  
Women's Traditional 30+ - Head Woman  
All Ages Fancy Shawl - Head Girl

Sobriety Chip Giveaway  
Gifts for Dancers & More  
5 Vendor Spaces Only

NEVADA'S INDIAN TERRITORY



**RenoTahoe**  
VisitRenoTahoe.com

THIS IS AN ALCOHOL & DRUG FREE EVENT

The RSIC Powwow Committee is NOT RESPONSIBLE for any damages, loss of personal property, short funded travelers, etc.  
Event Sponsored by Reno-Sparks Indian Colony, Reno-Sparks Tribal Health Center, Travel Nevada, RSCVA, & Nevada's Indian Territory



## Let's celebrate sobriety while passing cultural practices from one generation to the next at RSIC's New Year's Eve Sobriety Powwow

(Reno, NV – November 25, 2024) — RENO, NV.) Looking for a family friendly, sober NYE celebration full of tradition? Join us for the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual New Year's Eve Sobriety Powwow on Wednesday, December 31st, 4pm-12:30am at the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony (RSIC) Gym: 34 Reservation Road, Building #B, Reno, NV.

It's a FREE, FAMILY FRIENDLY event for all ages. Everyone is invited to participate, inclusive of our non-native friends.

Powwows gather people from all walks of life and this powwow focuses on sober traditions that reflect RSIC's values and goals. It brings an exciting opportunity to create memorable experiences without the influence of alcohol or substances.

In its 22nd year, everyone in attendance will welcome 2026 with drums, songs, and round-dancing; all while passing cultural practices from one generation to the next.

Traditionally, Native Americans acknowledge the New Year 2 weeks before the modern-day January 1st celebration; through the sun, mountains & stars. The old ones used astronomical observations to create calendars and the passing of time. Ceremonies, songs and



various RSIC government departments. One of these programs became a notable community event, the Annual New Year's Eve Powwow: A Sobriety Celebration.

Powwows are festive intertribal events organized by Native Americans where there's dancing, singing, drum-

ming and socializing with relatives and friends. Health benefits of powwows include strengthening cardiovascular fitness through strenuous dances and providing a positive and transformative experience that can impact mental health and self-esteem.

The RSIC New Year's Eve Sobriety Powwow celebrates and promotes sobriety as it improves physical, mental, emotional, psychological and financial health while cultivating healthier personal relationships.

We hope you and your family can make the time to swing by our sober event.

This event is organized by the RSIC Powwow Committee and sponsored by Reno-Sparks Indian Colony, Reno-Sparks Tribal Health Center, Travel Nevada, Reno-Sparks Convention Visitors Authority and Nevada's Indian Territory. For more info, please contact RSIC Powwow Committee at [powwow@rsic.org](mailto:powwow@rsic.org).

prayers are held to honor the universe because we are all connected.

*The annual New Year's Eve Sobriety Powwow does not forget these teachings and honors the dancing, prayers and songs to heal our nations. Continuing to provide a sober, safe and fun event on the biggest drinking holiday of the year.*

Alongside the powwow, there will be Indigenous artists selling handmade beadwork, native-style clothing, traditional foods, and more.

No one will get bored! All powwow attendees will be able to partake in free raffle door prizes, the sobriety chip giveaway, cake walks, & more.

The RSIC New Year's Eve Sobriety Powwow began in 2003. The RSIC community was experiencing an increase in drug abuse and a committee was formed, the Drug Elimination Task Force (DETF). The DETF provided work programs for the



VICTORY OUTREACH RENO

Starting the New Year in Revival — Let's Go!

Evangelist

Tim Rabara

2 DAY REVIVAL

REVIVAL

Join us for a special two-day revival  
from Friday, January 16th to Sunday, January 18th

For more information, call 775-359-1504  
155 Glendale Ave, Sparks, NV



FREE MONTHLY FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Food Bank of Northern Nevada's  
Mobile Harvest at RSIC!

HUNGRY VALLEY GYM PARKING LOT

DRIVE  
THROUGH  
UNTIL  
FURTHER  
NOTICE

JANUARY 20, 2026  
2:30 - 3:30PM

PLEASE NOTE:  
FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS  
ARE ON THE  
3RD TUESDAY OF  
EACH MONTH FROM  
2:30-3:30 PM.

SCHEDULE MAY  
CHANGE DUE TO  
HOLIDAYS.

LIMIT ONE DISTRIBUTION PER WEEK



2026  
HEART 2

Heart  
MONDAY | JAN | AT 6PM  
26TH

VO RENO PASTOR'S WIFE  
Sylvia Gonzales





# Commodity Food Distribution

## 2026 SCHEDULE



**Tuesday**  
**January 27, 2026 8am-11:45am**

**Reno Sparks Indian Colony**  
**2026 Dates**

**1/27 2/24 3/24 4/21 5/26 6/23**  
**7/28 8/25 9/22 10/27 11/23 12/22**



**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



## **INTRODUCING**

## **HUMAN SERVICES**

## **DEPARTMENT**

## **VAN DRIVER**

**UPON REFERRAL BY**  
**RSIC STAFF ONLY:**

Transportation services, for any RSIC program clients.

For more info contact  
[mgaray@rsic.org](mailto:mgaray@rsic.org)

Or Call: 329-5071 ext. 1309



**RENO-SPARKS INDIAN COLONY**

## **CAP AND**

## **GOWN ORDERS**



**HAVE A GRADUATING SENIOR? RSIC'S 477**  
**PROGRAM PAYS FOR CAP AND GOWN**  
**EXPENSES. WE ARE NOW ACCEPTING**  
**EARLY ORDERS.**

REACH OUT TO 477 CASE MANAGER BECCA LARA TO FILL OUT THE APPLICATION FOR THE CAP AND GOWN. MUST BE A CURRENT OR NEW 477 CLIENT, BE RSIC ENROLLED, OR BE ENROLLED IN A FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED TRIBE AND LIVING ON RSIC LAND.

**\*477 DOES NOT PROVIDE REIMBURSEMENTS FOR A CAP AND GOWN THAT IS ALREADY PAID FOR\***

**BECCA LARA**  
**RLARA@RSIC.ORG**  
**775-329-6114 X 5132**







## Senior Program Activities

775-785-1349

Activities are subject to change with or without notice



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<div style="border: 1px solid orange; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">           *Call and cancel your meal delivery, if you are coming to Activities, thank you 775-785-1349         </div>			1) Closed Holiday No meals Delivered or served 	2)
5) 1 pm Senior Advisory Committee Meeting	6) 	7) 	8) 	9) 
12) 	13) 	14) 	15) *12:30 pm Belt Making Class 	16) *12:30 pm Belt Making Class
19) Closed - Holiday No meals delivered or served 	20) Food Pantry	21) 	22) *12:30 pm Birthday BINGO 	23) 
26) 	27) 	28) 	29) 	30) 

### Senior Mocassin Class with Language and Culture Program

Jan 10 Saturday 10 am – 4 pm @

Jan 17 Saturday 10 am – 4 pm @

Jan 24 Saturday 10 am – 4 pm @

Lunch provided for Senior participants

– No children please –







## Senior Program Menu

775-785-1349

Menu is subject to change with or without notice



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
*Call before 10 am to cancel your meal delivery 775-785-1349			1) Closed Holiday <i>No meals Delivered or served</i>	2) Cream of Wheat Muffin Cheese stick Banana V-8
5) Hamburger Lettuce, tomato, cheese Salad Strawberries	6) Salmon Wild rice 5Way vegetables Tropical fruit	7) Chicken Enchilada casserole Zucchini with corn Pears	8) Tomato Soup Grilled Cheese Cantaloupe	9) Pancake Sausage Link Baby Carrots Banana
12) Chicken Alfredo with penne pasta Brussel Sprouts Pineapple	13) Spaghetti with meat sauce Green Salad Peaches Roll	14) Meatball Sub with Marina Steamed Carrots Apple Sauce	15) Alice Springs Chicken Tomato & basil pasta Asparagus Honeydew	16) Oatmeal Boiled Egg Mixed berries V-8 juice
19) Closed - Holiday <i>No meals delivered or served</i>	20) Pork fried rice, Peas, carrots cabbage & onions Pineapple Fortune cookie	21) Chicken salad sandwich Lettuce tomato Coleslaw Grapes	22) BINGO Roast beef gravy Brown rice Corn Fruit Cocktail	23) Steak & scramble eggs Tomato wedges Pear
26) Beef, bean & cheese burrito 5 Way vegetables Orange wedges	27) Pork Chop Cheesy garlic noodles Green beans Applesauce	28) Teriyaki Chicken bowl Brown rice, onion, broccoli, carrots Pears	29) Chili Beans Cesar salad Corn bread Apple slices	30) Denver scramble, bell peppers, onions Wheat toast Peaches

**Delivery time is between 10:30 am – 1:00 p.m. Please make sure you are home or cancel delivery for that day.**

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*



# Legal / Public / Job Announcements

## Recruitment for committee / boards



### 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 (1) Language & Culture Advisory Committee Members

The Language & Culture Advisory Committee is currently seeking five (1) **RSIC Tribal Members** to serve on the Language & Culture Advisory Committee.

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

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

RSIC Tribal Administrators Office  
Attn: Language & Culture Committee  
34 Reservation Road  
Reno, NV 89502

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



### 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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### 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  
34 Reservation, Reno, NV 89502  
Phone: (775)-785-1341 • [www.rsic.org](http://www.rsic.org)

### EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE NOTICE OF MEETING

**When:** January 19, 2026

**Time:** 5:30PM

#### **Location:**

Reno Sparks Indian Colony  
Education Building #D  
34 Reservation Road, Building #D  
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.*



# Legal / Public 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, Raquel Ayanna Thomas, who is a member of the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony, has filed a Petition in the Reno-Sparks Tribal Court, Case No.CV-NC-2025-0050, praying that said Court enter an Order changing the present legal name of Raquel Ayanna Thomas, to the name of Raquel Ayanna Begay, 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 20th day of October, 2025.

/S/  
Jennifer Shaw,  
Clerk of Court Assistant  
Reno-Sparks Tribal Court

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

FILED

NOV 06 2025

Time: 9:34 AM

By: Clerk of Court

IN THE MATTER OF: ) Case No.: CV-PR-2025-0036  
THE ESTATE OF )  
LINDA LEE WADSWORTH ) NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
Decedent. )

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed and qualified by the Reno-Sparks Tribal Court on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2025 as Administrator of the estate of LINDA LEE WADSWORTH, 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: November 5, 2025

  
JENNI WADSWORTH-Administrator

### 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

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## 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)



# Legal / Public / Job Announcements

*Recruitment for committee / boards*



## Notice from RSIC TRIBAL COURT

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

*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.

### RENO-SPARKS INDIAN COLONY



## Tribal Court Information for RSIC Communities

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

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

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

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

Public comment is allowed at the meetings.

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

## ATTENTION

New Hours For Probation

# Anthony Clevenger Adult Probation Officer

Will be available to meet with you earlier in the week

NEW HOURS  
7:00 AM – 4:00 PM  
MONDAY – FRIDAY

### RENO-SPARKS INDIAN COLONY TRIBAL COURT

1900 Prosperity Street | Reno, Nevada 89505 | 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*





# What do the “Holiday Blues” look like?

*Submitted by: RSTHC’s Prevention Outreach Program*

We are well into the holiday season and for some of us it is an exciting time of decoration, traditions, and gatherings, but for some of us it can be the opposite. The holidays can be a time when some people are reminded of loss (a loved one, a pet, a job, a huge life change, etc.). This sadness, stress, irritability, and/or loneliness associated with this time of year is sometimes referred to as the “Holiday Blues”. The Holiday Blues are different than a clinical diagnosis of depression because it is temporary and caused by things that are associated with the holidays. These added stressors can be from: pressure to plan the perfect gathering, buying the perfect gift, finance strain due to traveling, chaotic schedules, distances between

friends and family, grief, over-buying gifts impacting finances, recent loss, and taking on new responsibilities for increase in income.

What could Holiday Blues look like? Pay attention to how you have been lately. Do you seem to be irritated, sad, “not right”, tense, worried, tired, unmotivated, feeling down, not enjoying things that you normally do, withdrawn? Tips:

1. Don’t overcommit yourself.
2. Don’t overspend. Set a budget.
3. Get enough sleep. Start a sleep routine.
4. Eat in moderation. Don’t stress eat.
5. Connect to friends and family and reach out if you need

to.

6. Disconnect and enjoy the quiet if you need to.
7. Seek support if your feelings are intense.
8. Focus on small joys and gratitude.

If your feelings seem to continue past the holiday season, please seek help from mental health professional. The Reno-Sparks Tribal Health Center Behavioral Health Department is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday from 8:00am-5:00pm and on Wednesdays from 8:00am-12:00pm. You can make an appointment by calling (775) 329-5162 ext. 2031 or coming in-person to the department.

*Sending love to all who are:*



Feeling stressed



Grieving a loss



Feeling lonely or separated from loved ones



Battling a physical or mental illness



Struggling in some way



Feeling anxious

Reno-Sparks Tribal Health Center  
Behavioral Health  
(775) 329-5162 ext. 2031





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# Behavioral Health

CONFERENCE 2026

January 10, 2026

8:00am-7:30pm (meals will be provided)

Atlantis Casino

Adverse Effects  
of Mental  
Health on Native  
Youth & Adults

Working with  
LGBTQ+

Overdose  
Awareness

Narcan Training

Behavioral  
Health  
Prevention

Coping, Grief,  
Self-Care, &  
Medication

Sobriety Coin  
Ceremony

Comedy Show



Dr. Art Martinez, PhD



Lynsie Dunn, CPC



Kasey Nicholson

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please use  
the QR code  
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questions  
about this  
event, please  
call  
(775) 329-5162  
ext. 2009



# GONA 2025 Recap

## Building Community, Culture, and Connection

### Have you heard of GONA?

The Gathering of Native Americans (GONA) is a culturally based community event that brings people together to **strengthen cultural identity, promote healing, and support wellness**. It's a safe space for sharing stories, building relationships, and planning for a healthy future.

### Why it Matters

- Strengthen cultural identity and pride
- Promotes healing from historical and intergenerational trauma
- Encourage youth leadership and positive community engagement
- Builds stronger relationships between generations
- Supports substance use prevention and overall wellness



**91%** Felt a greater sense of culture



**91%** Will use what they learned in their everyday life



*"I really enjoyed this GONA. I appreciated learning about the structure of GONA and approaches taken. It was very eye opening how historical trauma was discussed and how we move on/process it."*



In October, RSIC brought together nearly 200 youth, elders, and families for the inaugural Gathering of Native Americans (GONA). Together we shared stories, learned cultural teachings, reflected on healing, and strengthened our sense of belonging as a community.

This event gave us space to look at where we've been, celebrate who we are, and talk about where we want to go. We're already planning for 2026 programming, including Youth GONA 2026, and we welcome ideas from the community.



**96%** Felt a strong sense of community



*"Powerful and great information to take back to my family and community- excited to attend next year!"*

*"10/10 it was my first GONA and it was an experience that I will cherish."*



If you have questions or suggestions, please reach out to:

Joseph Cano,

Native Connections Project Director  
(775) 329-5162 ext. 7972

### Belonging. Mastery. Interdependence. Generosity.



### What our community says about GONA



*"This was an amazing event and I hope that it can be something that happens every year."*

In our community, GONA brought together 144 youth, elders, and families to share stories, learn cultural teachings, and support one another. The event strengthened trust, hope, and belonging.



Funded by SAMHSA through the Native Connections Tribal Behavioral Health





## Beading Circle

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

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

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

### FUTURE CHAMPS WANTED!



**RENO WARRIORS BOXING CLUB IS OPEN**

**📍 1925 Prosperity Street, Reno, NV 89502**

**📞 Contact: Ruth Sampson – (775) 530-7835**

**📞 Contact: Willow Yarrow – (775) 530-6496**

**👤 Ages 8–17 Welcome! No Experience Needed**

**Train like a warrior. Think like a champion.**

Whether your child wants to build confidence, stay active, or learn discipline through sport—Reno Warriors is ready to help them grow.

#### **✳ WHAT WE OFFER:**

- Youth boxing classes & training
- Experienced coaches
- Safe, supportive environment
- Skill-building, fitness & fun
- Flexible scheduling – days and times of operation vary

#### **💬 A Message from Ruth Sampson:**

"We're proud to reopen our doors to the youth of the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony. Boxing teaches more than punches—it builds character, confidence, and community. Come visit us and see how your child can thrive!"

9/23/2025

### REQUIREMENTS FOR VALID WILLS AND PROBATE OF WILLS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



### ATTENTION

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

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



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

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

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

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

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







## FAFSA INFORMATION NIGHTS

- Are you a new or continuing College student?
- Do you need help with applying for the FAFSA?
- Do you have specific questions about the FAFSA?

Have your questions answered by Financial Aid officials from the University of Nevada, Reno and the Truckee Meadows Community College.

Hungry Valley Education Building  
Thursday January 8<sup>th</sup> 2026  
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Reno Multipurpose Room  
Thursday January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
5:30- pm - 7:30 pm

Questions? Call or email  
Jose Sanchez- Higher Ed. Coordinator  
jsanchez@rsic.org  
775 329-6114

Reno Sparks Indian Colony



In Observance of

# MLK

MARTIN LUTHER  
King Jr. Day

RSIC AMIN & RSTHC

**WILL BE CLOSED**

**MONDAY JANUARY 19, 2026**

"So even though we face the difficulties of today and tomorrow, I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream. I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal."

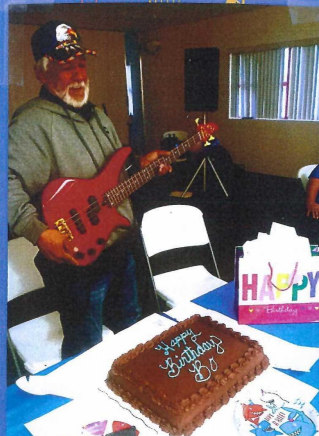
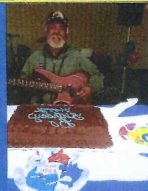
I HAVE A DREAM

WILL RESUME REGULAR  
BUSINESS HOURS  
TUESDAY JANUARY 20, 2026

## Birthday Party

WILBUR  
BEGINS

Not Luck:  
Salad, Desert  
Hungry VALLEY.  
MIKE  
300 7812



Reno Sparks Indian Colony HV  
Recreation Center  
Saturday, 01/03/2026 at 1p.m. - 5p.m.  
Bo and the Burning Guitar Band

## Christmas Tree Safety



As you deck the halls this holiday season, be fire smart. A small fire that spreads to a Christmas tree can grow large very quickly.



### PICKING THE TREE

- Choose a tree with fresh, green needles that do not fall off when touched.



### PLACING THE TREE

- Before placing the tree in the stand, cut 2" from the base of the trunk.
- Make sure the tree is at least three feet away from any heat source, like fireplaces, radiators, candles, heat vents or lights.
- Make sure the tree is not blocking an exit.
- Add water to the tree stand. Be sure to add water daily.



### LIGHTING THE TREE

- Use lights that are listed by a qualified testing laboratory. Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of light strands to connect.
- Never use lit candles to decorate the tree.
- Always turn off Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to bed.



## After Christmas

Get rid of the tree after Christmas or when it is dry. Dried-out trees are a fire danger and should not be left in the home or garage, or placed outside against the home.

Check with your local community to find a recycling program. Bring outdoor electrical lights inside after the holidays to prevent hazards and make them last longer.

## FACTS

- Almost one third of home Christmas tree fires are caused by electrical problems.
- Although Christmas tree fires are not common, when they do occur, they are more likely to be serious.
- A heat source too close to the tree causes more than one in every five of the fires.



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Reno-Sparks Indian Colony  
HUMAN SERVICES  
**CRISIS RELIEF PROGRAM**

On the third Wednesday of each month, Case Manager Meleseini Tuihalangie (Mel) will be available at the TLC office to provide assistance to Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Tribal Members and their families residing in Hungry Valley during times of emergency.

The Crisis Relief Program offers a range of essential services tailored to meet your needs:

**\*\*Services Available:\*\***

- Emergency Financial Assistance for:
  - Rent
  - Utilities
- Payments (including notice periods of 10 days or 48 hours)
  - Food and Household Necessities
  - Emergency Shelter
  - Bus Passes
- Resource Connections: Information regarding local and Tribal resources.



HUMAN SERVICES

3rd Wednesday Each Month  
9 am to 12 pm and 1pm to 5:00 pm at  
Transitional Learning Center (TLC)  
105 Loop Road  
Sparks, NV 89441  
CONTACT MELESEINI TUIHALANGIE  
AT 775-329-5071, EXT. 1305  
&

**SCHEDULE YOUR APPOINTMENT.**



**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 & Marissa**

**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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RENO-SPARKS INDIAN COLONY

**COURIERS  
WANTED**

For flyer delivery service in 2026!

Rules

- Must be 13 years or older
- If a minor guardian signature required

Email:

anhenslee@rsic.org  
cmccrea@rsic.org

Call: (775) 329-2936



Rates

- Reno:
  - \$25 for Flyers
  - \$70 for Camp News
- HV:
  - \$40 for Flyers
  - \$90 for Camp News

**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

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







## AFTER-SCHOOL TUTORING

RENO-SPARKS INDIAN COLONY  
EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

Tutoring is a team effort—when students and tutor work together, great things happen

*Tutors are not:*

- ❖ A homework machine
- ❖ A miracle worker
- ❖ Classroom teachers, but they are great helpers and mentors

### 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:

### ONE-ON-ONE SUPPORT JUST FOR YOU!

- Support your learning journey
- Help you set and achieve goals
- Encourage your independence and confidence
- Celebrate your progress and give helpful feedback

RSIC RECREATION PROGRAM PROVIDES STUDENTS TO AN



## After School Program

Van Pickup @Bus Stops

4:00pm

Van Drop Off

5:30pm

**Enjoy Fun Activities after a long day of school!**

**Snacks will be Provided**



For more Information Please Call HV Recreation (775)785-1360



## HV Tutoring hours

Monday

Middle/High  
tutoring 2:30-3:30  
K-12 3:30-5:00

Tuesday

Middle/High  
tutoring 2:30-3:30  
K-12 tutoring 3:30-5:00

Wednesday

Middle/High  
hours 1:30-2:30  
K-12 tutoring 2:30-4:30

Thursday

Middle/High  
tutoring 2:30-3:30  
K-12 tutoring 3:30-5:00

Please remind students to be prepared and ready to learn!

Friday

Pyramid lake  
tutoring day  
from 9:00-3:30

Please note the middle and high school will have tutoring at their schools; dates are tentative. Transportation is provided afterwards

Any Questions contact Anyone at HV Education Lori, Nicole, Logan or Lizett @ 775-785-1310 or email lsmith@rsic.org



# WASHIW



**Washiw Language Class**  
**Wednesdays**  
**6pm**

**Reno Education Tutoring Room**  
**Bring food dish to share**



Instructor: Rose Lundy

## RSIC 25-26 AFTER-SCHOOL TUTORING SCHEDULE



WHERE:  
RENO EDUCATION BLDG.D

PHONE:  
775-329-6114

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MIDDLE SCHOOL 2:30 - 3:30	MIDDLE SCHOOL 2:30 - 3:30	MIDDLE SCHOOL 2:30 - 3:30	MIDDLE SCHOOL 2:30 - 3:30	PYRAMID LAKE JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL
HIGH SCHOOL 3:30-4:45	HIGH SCHOOL 3:30-4:45	HIGH SCHOOL 3:30-4:45	HIGH SCHOOL 3:30-4:45	1 <sup>ST</sup> SESSION 10:00- 12:00
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 4:00- 4:45	ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 4:00- 4:45	ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 4:00- 4:45	ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 4:00- 4:45	2 <sup>ND</sup> SESSION 2:00-4:00

### SERVICES :

- All students have access to healthy snacks and drinks,
- Access to computers and printers,
- One-on-One assistance available by appointment.

### Academic Support Staff

Lynette Sam, K-12 Tutor  
Daisy Nuanes, K-12 1 on 1 Tutor  
Susan Zeiter, Student/Family Support Advisor  
Emily Guzmán, K-12 Education Advisor

TRANSPORTATION: DEPART AT 4:45PM

MANDATORY TRANSPORTATION FOR STUDENTS WHO LIVE ACROSS E.2<sup>ND</sup> STREET, UNLESS A NOTE IS PROVIDED AND SIGNED BY A PARENT/GUARDIAN



# CELEBRATING OUR HEAD START STARS!!!

## *Christmas Programs in Reno and Hungry Valley*

Our Head Start children truly shined during their Christmas performances in Reno and Hungry Valley! From singing and dancing to big smiles and brave moments on stage, they filled the room with joy and holiday cheer. Especially when Santa came for an early visit. Each child did an amazing job, and we couldn't be more proud of their hard work and confidence.

We would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our Head Start staff for making these wonderful performances possible. Your dedication, creativity, and patience helped guide our children every step of the way. The love and encouragement you provide were clearly seen in every song, movement, and smile.

Thank you to our talented Head Start kids for spreading holiday magic, and thank you to our incredible staff for nurturing, teaching, and celebrating our children every day. Together, you made this holiday season extra special for our families and community.

*Photos are from the Reno Head Start Christmas Program on December 9th at the Reno Gym and the Hungry Valley Head Start Christmas Program on December 10th at the Hungry Valley Education Center.*









# CELEBRATING OUR ELDERS THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

## 2025 Senior Program Christmas Luncheon & Bingo







(Reno, NV)- Our Senior Elders Program Christmas Bingo and Luncheon was a joyful and heartwarming celebration filled with laughter, fellowship, and holiday cheer on December 17th at the Reno Multipurpose Room. It was truly special to see our elders gathered together, sharing smiles, and stories during a delicious meal enjoyed in good company. Followed by friendly competition during bingo.

These moments remind us how important it is to honor and spend time with our elders, whose wisdom, traditions, and experiences continue to guide our community.

We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to the Senior Program staff for their hard work and dedication in organizing such a wonderful event. And to the volunteers from the UNITY Youth Program, Archives Dept., Public Works and Public Relations. Your care, thoughtfulness, and commitment ensured our elders felt welcomed, appreciated, and celebrated throughout the day.

Thank you to our elders for joining us and to our amazing staff for making this holiday gathering memorable. We wish everyone a season filled with warmth, joy, and good health.



# Phishing attacks through email and how to use critical thinking skills to identify and defend against them

*Submitted by RSIC's I.T. Dept.*

## Phishing Awareness - Emails

This article is about Phishing attacks through email and how to use critical thinking skills to identify and defend against them.

Phishing emails is a type of spam email that uses social engineering in which a cybercriminal poses as a trustworthy colleague, acquaintance, or organization to lure you into providing sensitive information or network access. If successful, this technique could enable the cybercriminal to gain initial access to a network and affect your organization. The result can be a data breach, data or service loss, identity fraud, malware infection, or ransomware.

## Stay Alert and Think Critically

If you receive an email and something just doesn't seem right about it to you, always go with that feeling and start critiquing the email. Firstly, DO NOT take any action regarding the email like replying to it, clicking on any links, or opening any attachments. Ask yourself the following questions about the email:

*Am I expecting this email?*

- The first sign of a potential phishing email is that it is unexpected or out of the blue. Start using caution immediately with such emails. Most of the time such emails could be harmless

spam where a legitimate sender is just trying to get in contact with someone to gain business.

Always be cautious when you receive suspicious communications or messages that seem designed to create panic. The cybercriminal's goal in these interactions is to reduce or impede your critical thinking skills so that you will make hasty, rash, or ill-informed decisions. Be very suspicious of any message that seems to imply urgency or ask you to perform unusual tasks for known people such as your manager or boss.

*Is the sender someone I'm familiar with?*

- If the sender is someone you are familiar with, but the communication seems suspicious, use an alternate means of communication to validate it like talking directly to them or sending a separate email to them, rather than responding to a message supposedly sent by them.

*Does the email match the sender?*

- A clear sign of a phishing attempt is when the actual email address does not match who the sender claims to be. For instance, an email from

John Smith from ABC company asking to review an attached invoice showing an email address of [10002387@gmail.com](mailto:10002387@gmail.com), would be a prime example of phishing.

By thinking critically about these messages, you can more easily spot red flags and avoid becoming a victim of phishing attacks.

## What to do next?

If you suspect an email is an actual phishing attempt, or just aren't sure, contact the IT Help Desk by emailing [HelpDesk@rsic.org](mailto:HelpDesk@rsic.org), or by calling (775) 785-1313 or extension 7960.





# RSIC TRIBAL ARCHIVES

*Preserving the Past to Ensure the Future*

## *Honoring Our Roots as We Approach the 90th Anniversary of the RSIC Constitution*

As the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony prepares for the 90th Anniversary of our Constitution in 2026, our community is experiencing something powerful: a moment of remembrance, gratitude, and connection. This upcoming milestone is more than a date on a calendar—it is a celebration of the families, leaders, whose sacrifices built the foundation we stand on today.

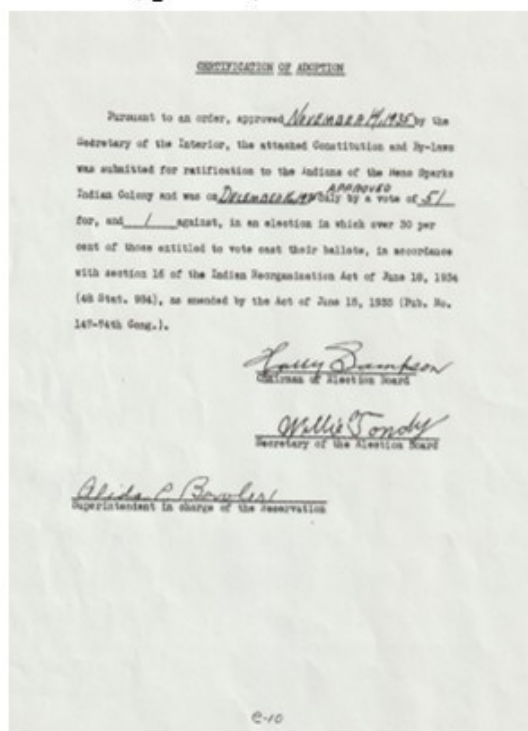
Before the Constitution was adopted in 1936, our people lived through decades of challenge and resilience. From the early 1900s through the 1930s, Washoe, Paiute, and Shoshone families created a home here despite limited resources and shifting federal policies. Those early homes—many built with their own hands—became places of ceremony, laughter, protection, and community. They shaped our identity long before any official document did.

When our leaders gathered to form the Constitution, they did so with a collective hope, that our children and grandchildren would one day stand stronger than they ever could. Their voices became the roots of our modern government, our programs, and the community support system that continues to uplift RSIC today.

As we move into the final months leading up to the anniversary, staff and community members are working together on a historical timeline and exhibit that reflects who we are. This upcoming celebration is not only about honoring the past; it is about acknowledging the determination that carried us this far, and the unity that will guide us forward.

We invite the community to reflect with pride and gratitude as we prepare for a year of honoring our history, our elders, and the generations to come.

More information to come on the celebration that will take place January 2026.



RSIC Tribal Archives & Records  
15A Reservation Road | Reno, NV 89502  
775-785-1335



CELEBRATING



1936 90 2026

Year's

Join Us

as the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony marks it's  
90th Anniversary of the Tribal Constitution.

Witness the Chairman's Proclamation, a pictorial time line of the Colony's  
expansion, and view historical videos.

Thursday  
January 15, 2026 at 6PM  
Reno Multipurpose Room  
34 Reservation Road  
Reno, NV. 89502

One Day Exhibit Open from 1pm-5:45pm  
Light refreshments will be served



Maude  
Sampson  
1949-1950



William B.  
Coffey  
1950-1951



Frank  
Morgan  
1951-1952



John  
Dressler  
1958-1962



Tellavin  
Eben  
1964-1966



Effie  
Dressler  
1966-1968



George  
Kane  
1968-1969



Lance  
Astor  
1969-1990



Robert  
Shaw  
1990-1992



Arlan D  
Melendez  
1992-2023



Daryl D.  
Gardipe  
2023-Present



Dave  
Christy  
1948-1949



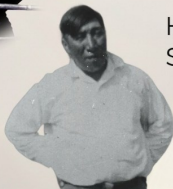
Connie  
Hunter  
1945-1948  
1954-1956



Willie  
Astor  
1943-1945  
1952-1954



Hasting H.  
Pancho Sr  
1942-1943  
1950-1950  
1956-1958



Harry  
Sampson  
1934-1942