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SERVING THE RENO-SPARKS INDIAN COLONY & HV COMMUNITIES

Community Update from Chairman Daryl D. Gardipe on the recent U.S. Administration attempt to order a Federal Funding Freeze



EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

THE DIRECTOR

January 29, 2025

M-25-14

MEMORANDUM FOR HEADS OF EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

FROM: Matthew J. Vaeth, Acting Director, Office of Management and Budget *Matthew J. Vaeth*

SUBJECT: Rescission of M-25-13

OMB Memorandum M-25-13 is rescinded. If you have questions about implementing the President's Executive Orders, please contact your agency General Counsel.

(Reno, NV—January 29, 2025) - **RSIC Tribal Members and Community Members,**

This letter article is to provide an update regarding the new U.S. Administration's memorandum from the Office of Management and Budget that ordered a spending freeze on federal assistance on January 28th. Which sent all governments and organizations, especially our tribal governments, into chaos to figure out how programs will be affected.

The new U.S. Administration ordered the spending freeze to conduct a comprehensive analysis of whether the spending aligns

with President Donald Trump's recent executive orders, such as, reevaluating foreign aid spending, rolling back protections for transgender individuals, ending diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) program, the immigration crackdown and protecting the American People against invasion.

Late yesterday afternoon, Federal Judge Loren L. AliKhan for the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia put a temporary pause on the order to consider arguments from the U.S. Government and the plaintiffs in the court case who filed a restraining

order against the government to stop the funding freeze. The court case hearing was scheduled for Monday, February 3rd. The plaintiffs include state attorney generals; including Nevada's Attorney General, Aaron Ford; non-profits, public health organizations and small businesses.

Fortunately today, January 29th, we received a memo from the Acting Director of the Office of Management and Budget Matthew Vaeth stating the "federal spending freeze directive is rescinded until further notice".

Vaeth also said in a CBS News interview, "The executive orders

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 17, 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

February 2025
In-Person Meeting
Location

Hungry Valley Community Room
9075 Golden Eagle Dr.
Sparks, Nv. 89441

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.



JOIN US IN-PERSON OR BY ZOOM
For meeting info, contact Public Relations Office at
775-842-2902 or 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, 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 and PDFs of our publication are available.

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

February 2025 IMPORTANT DATES

- 5 Gear Up For Kindergarten Parent Info Night 34 Multipurpose Rm 5:30PM-7PM
- 7-8 2025 Valentine's Craft Fair 34 Multipurpose Room 10AM-6PM
- 11 Nevada Tribes Legislative Day Carson City Legislative Bldg. 9AM
- 11 Falls Prevention, Winter Safety & Health Awareness Presentation Senior Center 12PM
- 11 Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month Meet & Greet w/ Victim Services Program, 9am-11am at 34 Res Rd.
- 12 Donuts and Coffee with a Cop 9-11AM HV Community Room
- 13 Meet & Greet Education Staff 34 Multipurpose Room 5:30PM-7:30PM
- 14 Happy Valentines Day!!!
- 14 UNITY Monthly Meeting HV TLC 6PM-8PM
- 15 Tribal Council General Meeting Reno Multipurpose Room 6 PM**
- 17 President's Day RSIC ADMIN & RSTHC CLOSED**
- 20 RSIC Tribal Court Wills & Probate for SENIORS RSIC Senior Center 12:30PM-1PM
- 21 Food Bank Northern Nevada Mobile Harvest HV Parking lot 2:30-3:30 PM
- 25 Commodity Distribution 34 Admin. Bldg. 8AM-11:45AM
- 25 UNITY Arts & Crafts Day with Our Seniors 11AM Senior Center
- 26 RSIC Head-Start & Senior Program Present: How Grandparents can support Grandchildren Development & Learning Senior Center 6PM
- 26Tribal Council Economic Development Meeting Reno Multipurpose Room 6PM**

RSTHC Weekly Events

- 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:

- COVID-19 Stockpile & Assistance: To request PPE or would like to know more info about COVID-19 Assistance, call James Thomas at 775 785-1346
- ♦ UNITY Teen Food Pantry @ TLC Open to RSIC Teens/Families RSIC Employees. Supplies are limited Must Fill out NNFB Required Forms.
- ♦ Tuesdays 9AM-3PM & Thursdays 3PM-5PM
- Girl Scouts Troop 155 Every 2nd & 4th Friday each month HV Rec Center 4-5PM

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 or bharjo@rsic.org

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www.rsic.org

Office of the Chairman

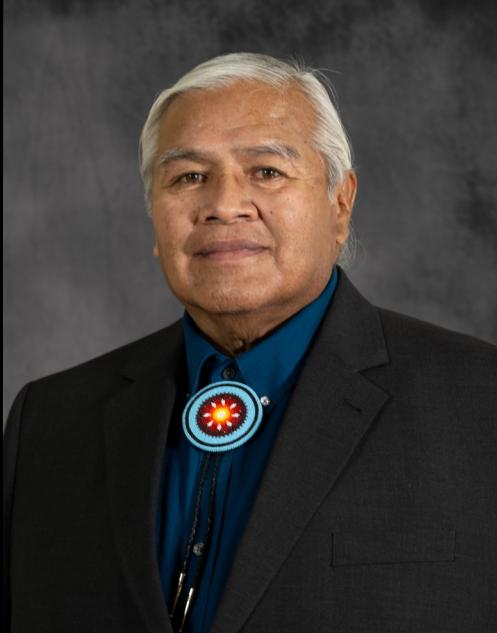
Daryl D. Gardipe

Again, I'd like to thank RSIC Tribal Members, Community Members, RSIC Tribal Council, our departments and employees for making 2024 a successful year.

As we make provisions for the Trump administration and the incursion of Executive Orders, I want to ensure our Reno-Sparks Indian Colony community the Tribal Council and I are closely monitoring and strategizing with the aid of our state and federal lobbyists, Strategies 360 and George Waters. There is a lot of uncertainty in how Trump's administration will engage tribal nations during the next four years. Nonetheless, we will be organizing to build or strengthen alliances and maintain the progress of Indian Country. Native peoples have always worked to protect our ancestral lands and waters.

RSIC has dependable political relationships supporting the protection of our rights and sovereignty. For many years, RSIC has worked diligently to gain political allies from both Republican and Democrat representatives. We will continue to foster and build political relationships to leverage RSIC's political agenda.

Additionally, the Tribal Council and I advise all Tribal Members to carry your tribal ID or Certificate of Indian Blood (CIB) with



you in light of the Trump Administration immigration sweep. There have been reports of tribal members across the nation who have been questioned about their citizenship and detained by ICE. If you need to get an updated Tribal ID, please contact our Enrollment Office at 775-785-1306.

Also, make sure to carry your state identification card or driver's license.

Now for my update to the community on what Tribal Council and I have been working on for the month of January.

Community Safety is Our #1 Priority: Tribal Council is intensely looking into all criminal matters to seek justice for all victims of crimes. We can't ignore the issues that happen in and around the colony.

In regards to the shooting on

December 18th, two suspects are incarcerated. However, the investigation is on-going.

I can't express this enough. If you witness a crime, please document what you saw to the proper authorities. This is a critical piece needed for justice.

Another Priority for 2025 is Economic Development: Tribal Council and I are tactically looking into new business ideas that will enhance and benefit RSIC to include our current land base and existing businesses.

Pete Sferrazza, RSIC Prosecutor retired on January 3rd—
Pete formerly served as the Mayor of Reno, Director of Nevada Indian Legal Services, Tribal Judge, Reno Municipal Court Judge, former Washoe County Commissioner and 3x Reno Justice of the Peace and was elected the President of the American Judges Association, the largest judicial organization in North America. Pete enjoyed serving RSIC Community any chance he got and we were lucky to have him as our prosecutor. We thank him for his service to Reno-Sparks Indian Colony.

As a contingency plan, we hired Lori Jensen as the RSIC Prosecutor prior to Pete retiring. Welcome aboard Lori.

RSIC Allocated all ARPA

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Funds—With a deadline of December 31st, RSIC worked hard and successfully allocated the rest of the APRA funds for much needed projects. I appreciate all departments who helped with the task and keeping us organized.

Housing Project moving forward: . We finally selected a contractor to start the Hungry Valley 25-lot Infrastructure Project (22 homes + 3 Lots). We happily announce Frank Lepori Construction Inc. as the contractor which will soon begin after all the official approvals and logistics are smoothed out.

Demolition of 98 Colony Road—Starting on February 10th, Advanced Installation will be starting the asbestos abatement on 98 Colony Road prior to demolition. This will take about 4 weeks. Once the abatement is finished, Q&D Construction will start the next phase of the actual demolition of the building. Please be cautious and avoid work area. The contractors will provide traffic control, temporary fencing and other safety mitigations. We will keep you informed as necessary.

Networking & Politics—RSIC hosted the 1st Quarterly Tribal Consultation meeting with NV Dept. of Health & Human Service Programs at the Tribal Health Center. We are making waves in the Tribal Health Care industry and increasing collabora-

ration with our local governments and agencies.

On January 8th, RSIC met with BIA Police-Office of Justice Services about funding. The detention monies is an ongoing issue. We have yet to figure out a solution that everyone is pleased with. I'll keep you informed as much as possible.

On January 13th, I attended the ITCN Board Meeting. A lot is happening for all Nevada Tribes. ITCN plans to hold it's 51st Convention on July 14th-18th.

On January 15th, I met with Assemblywoman Cecelia Gonzales and Secretary of State Cisco Aguilar to discuss a Legislation Bill to allow any Nevada Reservation Resident to vote in City Elections. Meaning, this bill will allow RSIC Residents the right to vote in City of Reno and City of Sparks Elections.

Another Bill to look forward to, which we've already mentioned, is the State Medicaid Amendment Plan to allow Nevada Tribal Clinics to bill for all pharmacy encounters.

Washoe County School District selected James Phoenix, Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribal Member, as the new School Board Member. Congratulations James Phoenix! We know you will serve the entire community well while advocating for our tribal communities and tribal student needs.

Tri-Basin Cultural Committee and Law & Order Commit-

tee—I'm please to announce we swore-in 2 new members to the TBCC: Janice Stump and Trisha Calabaza. And 2 new member to the Law & Order Committee, Verna Nuno and Janice Sanchez. Thank you for dedicating your valuable time to serve our community on these important committees.

The New Years Eve Sobriety Powwow & NYE Open

Games—We hosted another successful powwow in conjunction with Open Hand Games organized by Winston Sam. There were many people who attended both events. It was also great to see our community encourage and support sobriety. The Sobriety Chip giveaway was highlight. Thank you RSIC Powwow Committee, Tribal Health Center, Winston Sam and volunteers for organizing events that people look forward to each year.

Reminder of RSIC Closures:

On February 17th, RSIC Admin Offices and Reno-Sparks Tribal Health Center will be CLOSED for Presidents Day.

Medical Needs: Please pre-plan care especially your pharmacy needs.

For upcoming events, please be visit our website and view our event calendar at www.rsic.org, Stay informed by RSIC's newsletter, website and RSIC's social media.

Thank you and I hope you have a great February.

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



We will resume regular business hours
Tuesday February 18, 2025



Reno-Sparks Indian Colony



RSIC RESIDENTS!

There are current reports of scammers impersonating TMWA utility workers to get inside RSIC Homes.

DO NOT LET THEM INSIDE YOUR HOME & PLEASE CALL 911 TO REPORT

SCAM  **ALERT**

TMWA says these people are not affiliated with their agency, and that they would never come to your home unannounced and ask to test the water.

In the event they need to take a sample from a home, it is their practice to collect it from an outdoor faucet. Legitimate TMWA employees will have proper ID and drive cars clearly marked with the TMWA logo.

Truckee Meadows Water Authority urges residents to remain cautious and report any suspicious activity or people to local law enforcement as well as TMWA's customer service team at (775) 834-8080.

RSIC sends notices to homes when a scheduled service is happening. RSIC also has its own Utilities Dept. & does not use TMWA for any services on Colony lands.

PLEASE BE AWARE OF THESE SCAMMERS.



Notice from RSIC TRIBAL COURT

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

The Tribal Law and Order Code can be found on the RSIC website: www.rsic.org, under the Tribal Court Department.

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

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

Advocates:

- Enrico Castillo (775) 785-8775 ext. 5
- Christian Luna (775) 785-8775 ext. 4

Tribal Court Bailiff:

- Cameron Kramer is (775) 785-8775 ext. 6

Truancy Officer:

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

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.

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issued by President Trump on funding reviews remain in full force and effect and will be rigorously implemented by all agencies and departments. This action should effectively end the court case and allow the government to focus on enforcing the President's order on controlling federal funding."

We recognize the immense impact that this order had for our tribal community. All tribal nations rely on federal funding to address essential needs including public safety, healthcare, education, housing, social services, and the basic needs of our most vulnerable citizens.

As we make provisions for the Trump administration and the incursion of Executive Orders, the Tribal Council and I are closely monitoring and strategizing with the aid of our federal lobbyist George Waters, who's in Washington D.C., and our state lobbyist, Strategies 360. Our main concern is the government trust responsibility to tribal nations.

At this moment, Reno-Sparks Indian Colony is organizing to build and strengthen alliances to maintain the progress of Indian Country. We're committed to the protection of our tribal sovereignty and we will be writing to and meeting with our Congressional leaders; both Republican and Democrat; to ask them to take action and make decisions in support to continue to fulfill the United States treaty & trust obligations to Reno-Sparks Indian Colony and all tribal nations.

The RSIC Finance Office is compiling a financial report for Tribal Council to assess exactly what programs will be affected if the federal funding freeze is reinstated. The Tribal Council and I are also working on a contingency plan; for both short-term and long-term; to provide continued funding for all RSIC tribal programs and services for as long as possible.

Additionally, in light of the Trump Administration's immigration sweep, we advise all Tribal Members to carry your tribal ID or Certificate of Indian Blood (CIB); plus your state identification card or driver's license; with you at all times. There have been a couple reports of tribal members across the nation who have been questioned about their U.S. citizenship and some have been detained by ICE. If you need to get an updated tribal ID, please contact our Enrollment Office at 775-785-1306.

Message from Reno-Sparks

Tribal Health Center: The Reno Sparks Tribal Health Center relies on federal funding to address essential healthcare needs for the Reno Sparks Indian Colony and extended Urban Indian patient population. Rest assured, that the RSTHC is prepared and will continue to provide essential health services without interruption. Through the past two years the clinic has strengthened its operations and sustainability models to ensure we are prepared to continue our mission as our main priority.

While the clinic's grant funding was impacted, the Tribal Council and clinic leadership team has implemented measures to keep

our grant funded staffing and grant deliverables intact. The clinic has implemented planning measures internally to ensure critical and essential healthcare will not be interrupted.

We understand that patients may have also experienced the temporary shutdown of the Nevada Medicaid portal and/or access to care. We have been advised that all 50 State Medicaid Portals have been reopened at this time. We appreciate the advocacy of Governor Lombardo to the White House on the critical needs of our Medicaid beneficiaries and the planning effort of the State of Nevada to address the critical issues.

While future Executive Orders and impacts may be unknown at this time, it is important that all our members and extended patients understand that we are in direct contact with our Tribal Liaisons with the Nevada Division of Health Care Financing and Policy, otherwise known as Nevada Medicaid. In addition, RSTHC continues to network with our colleagues at the National Indian Health Board and Indian Health Services Phoenix Area Office.

Let me assure you, the Tribal Council and I will be advocating in the best interest of our tribal members and community.

We understand the uncertainty these changes may cause. RSIC Tribal Council and I want you to know we are exploring every avenue to address this situation effectively. We will provide updates and information as it becomes available. Let's work together to create solutions.

RSTHC Art Sculptures Cleaned and Restored

(Reno, NV—January 28, 2025) - The Water Jug and Eagle Tree art sculptures located at the Reno-Sparks Tribal Health Center (RSTHC) were cleaned about two weeks ago. Preservation Arts of Oakland, California was commissioned by RSTHC to complete the project. The Eagle Tree was cleaned and polished by hand by the Preservation Arts team. The Water Jug needed repair due to the firehose used as Tule reeds stretching; which caused the tan hose color to show; and materials becoming loose over time. The reeds were repainted and color-matched to the existing paint; restoring the Water Jug to its original glory. Preservation Arts is an art curator that works with public and private art galleries and governmental entities to clean and restore works of art. Jim Dolan of Belgrade, Montana was commissioned by RSIC in 2005 to create these two RSTHC sculptures and the three obelisks outside that light at night. The art pieces represents RSIC's vision for a strong community that promotes and encourages individual spiritual, physical and emotional health to foster a long, abundant, and prosperous life. The Water Jug not only represents water of life and healthy choices, but also the Creation Story of the Great Basin People. The Eagle Tree reminds us to pray, because the Eagle will help carry our prayers to Creator.



DONUTS AND COFFEE WITH A COP!



JOIN THE RSIC TRIBAL POLICE
FOR DONUTS, COFFEE AND CONVERSATION!



HUNGRY VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTER
9075 EAGLE CANYON DRIVE

FEBRUARY 12, 2025
9:00AM— 11:00AM

RENO SPARKS INDIAN COLONY

COURIERS WANTED 2025



Must be 13 years or older
Reno & Hungry Valley

RSIC Front Office is
looking for
community members
to deliver flyers to
Reno & Hungry Valley.

Administration office located
at 34 Reservation Rd Reno,
NV 89502
Office hours 8am-5pm
Mon-Fri

Reno Rates:
Flyers: \$25
Camp News: \$70

Hungry Valley Rates:
Flyers: \$40
Camp News: \$90

You can stop by the Administration Office to pick up a contract or
contact us either by phone or email nrivers@rsic.org

775-329-2936

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Your Year of
Creativity

- ✓ Design a mural inspired by your community.
- ✓ Plan a nature walk for you and your friends.
- ✓ Find new ways of expressing yourself.

Let your imagination lead the
way as you try new things. Find
your inspiration and discover a
different side of yourself.

Be a Girl Scout

girl scouts
of the sierra nevada

Join Girl Scouts Today!

Girl Scout troop 155 meets every 2nd & 4th
Friday at the Hungry Valley Rec Center from
4:00-5:00pm starting Sept. 13th

Girl Scouts earn badges related to STEM,
outdoors, entrepreneurship, and life skills
while making new friends.

Scan the QR code or visit gssn.org/CLT
to fill out the permission slip.

For questions or concerns email
girlscoutshelp@gssn.org



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)



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

DRIVE
THROUGH
UNTIL
FURTHER
NOTICE

**2/18/25
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

February 25, 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**



Senior Volleyball continues; even though Wali has moved on to her next adventure; thanks to Vanessa Williams and Joseph Cano or RSTHC Behavioral Health.

Balancing the mental, spiritual, physical, and emotional needs of our elders through chair volleyball. Participants are able to assess their overall balance of mind, body, spirit, and relation to the present before and after the activity to see which parts of their lives need a little more attention. Behavioral Health staff are there for support and resources to keep the participants as well balanced as possible. More information at 775-329-5162.



Pablito,

YOU DID IT SON!!

Congratulations on your graduation from Milan Institute as a Medical Assistant! Your hard work and determination has paid off and we are so proud of you. Now go forth and make a difference in this world! I love you so much son, you've made your mama very proud! Your grandma Cookie would've been just as proud!!

Love,

Mom, Thomas, Denise, Joseph, Maya, Nak, Gugu, Carlos, Martha, Keith, Grandpa Pablo and all your cousins



I-R Backrow: Jalei Moody, Aycia Dressler, Billie Jean Guerrero, Wyatt Mauwee, Sienna Mauwee, Karianna John.
Front Row: Selena Marvin, Virginia Tom, Ziggy Marvin, Skyla Tom

On January 2, 2025, Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Education staff packed the vehicles with kids and headed to Pyramid Lake to explore the museum. It was no ordinary visit. It was a scavenger hunt. Students and chaperons teamed up searching the various displays for artifacts that matched the pictures they were given. They had to identify each picture of an artifact by their Paiute (Numu) name. After completing that part of the exercise, they wandered the displays looking for answers to cultural and historical questions on the three tribes, the Paiute, the Shoshone and the Washoe. The fun of the hunt engaged everyone. The group left, having learned a bit more of the Paiute history, its culture and practiced the Paiute Language. The event ended with a stop for pizza!

Our sincere thanks to the Pyramid Lake Museum's Director, Billy Jean Guerrero for being our guide, for Maureen Williams for coordinating the event, for UNITY staff support and all the education chaperons.



RSIC TRIBAL ARCHIVES

Preserving the Past to Ensure the Future

Taking a look back in history in the month of February..

Feb. 9, 1934- Six Members seated as “temporary Tribal Council” to plan for organization and work with the Bureau for Indian affairs to draft a Constitution & Bylaws for the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony. Elected: Cleveland Cypher (Paiute), George Houten (Paiute), Thomas Ochiho (Paiute), Harry Sampson (Paiute), Jack Mahone (Washo), George McGinnis (Washo) and Willie Tondy (Washo)

February 1942– Hastings Pancho-Chairman, made house numbers for each of the homes on the Colony so that the people doing business could find homes.

February 1, 1970, 55 years ago construction started on new Reno-Sparks Neighborhood Facility Building, 34 Reservation Road, Reno Colony. Construction awarded to Hancock & Hancock. Construction was completed in September and the building was dedicated September 11, 1972 .



Reno-Sparks Neighborhood Facility Building. Circa 1980

RSIC Tribal Archives contact:
Trisha Calabaza-Tribal Archivist or Lydia Morris-Archives Tech.
Phone: 785-1335 | Email: tcalabaza@rsic.org



New Refill Services

Leave Message/Phone Refill

- New refill line - call (775) 334-0413 or call (775) 329-5162 and use extension 1699
 - Option #1 = enter your prescription number
 - DO NOT ENTER THE R OR N at the end of the number
 - Option #3 = leave a message for the Pharmacy Staff

Pharmacy Staff

- To talk to someone inside the Pharmacy Call (775) 329-5162 and use extensions 2032, 1994, 1993, or 2004.

Phone App Refills

- Download the RefillPro App by scanning one of the below QRs.



- Once Downloaded put (775) 329-5162 for the Pharmacy phone number

- Order Refills tab

- Option #1 = enter your prescription number
 - DO NOT ENTER THE R OR N at the end of the number
- Option #2 = Scan the Barcode on your prescription bottle.

New Text Alerts

- Receive texts when

- Medications are ready to pick up
- Medications are due to refill

- SIGN UP by Talking to a Pharmacy Staff Member

New Prescription Labels



- **Red Box** = Prescription number. The Letter at the end is not part of the prescription number, it just indicates if the prescription is new or a refill. N = new script/renewed script and R = refilled script.
- **Green Box** = The Number of Refills left for this medication.
- **Black Box** = Refills on this medication are good until this Date.
- **Blue Box** = Barcode used to scan in RefillPro app to order refills on the app

RSIC TRIBAL COURT WILLS & PROBATE

FEBRUARY 20, 2025 FROM 12:30 PM TO 1:00PM

For RSIC Seniors

Will be hosted at the RSIC Senior Center -Reno

Presented by the RSIC Tribal Court

Come learn about drafting a Will and ask any questions that you may have on what makes a valid will.



DONUTS AND COFFEE WITH COPS AND SENIORS!



JOIN THE RSIC TRIBAL POLICE AND THE SENIOR PROGRAM FOR COFFEE AND CONVERSATION!



RSIC SENIOR PROGRAM

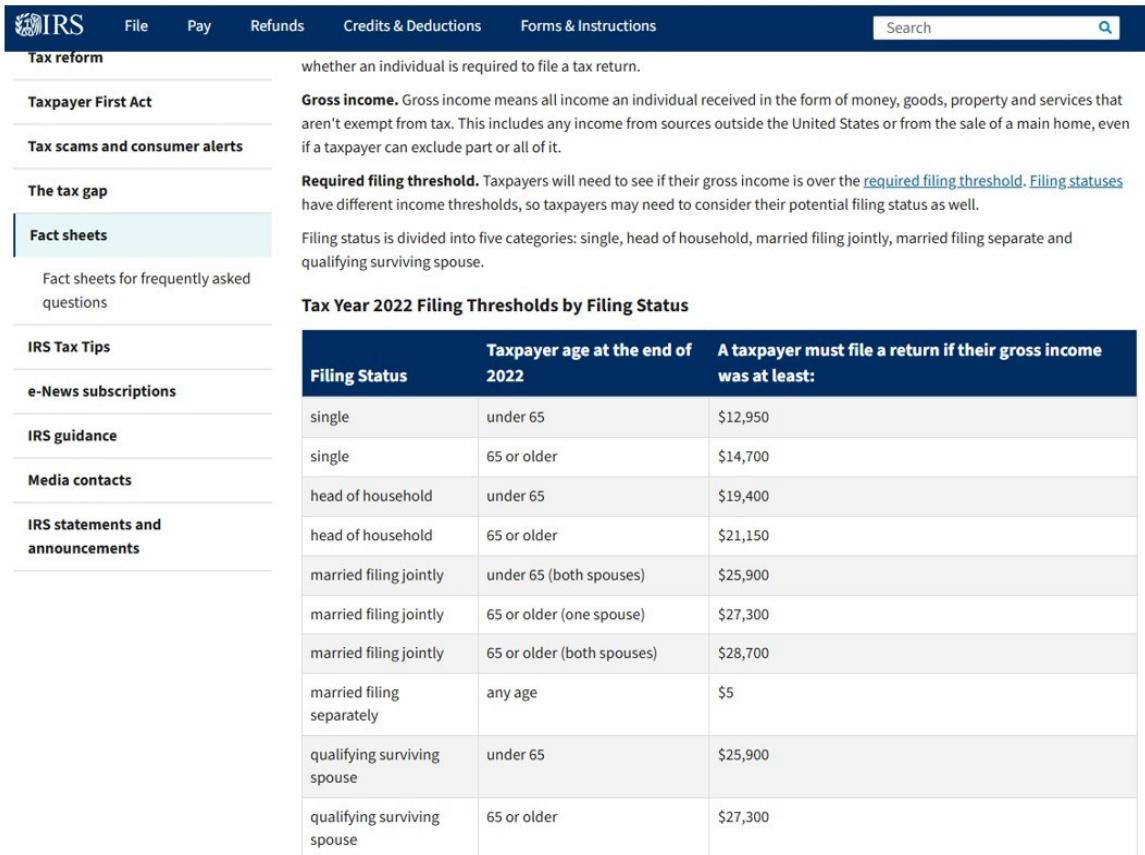
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FEBRUARY 27, 2025

9:30AM— 11:30AM

2024 Tax Return Chart

“Are you required to file”



The screenshot shows the IRS website with a sidebar on the left containing links to various tax-related topics. The main content area displays a table titled "Tax Year 2022 Filing Thresholds by Filing Status".

Filing Status	Taxpayer age at the end of 2022	A taxpayer must file a return if their gross income was at least:
single	under 65	\$12,950
single	65 or older	\$14,700
head of household	under 65	\$19,400
head of household	65 or older	\$21,150
married filing jointly	under 65 (both spouses)	\$25,900
married filing jointly	65 or older (one spouse)	\$27,300
married filing jointly	65 or older (both spouses)	\$28,700
married filing separately	any age	\$5
qualifying surviving spouse	under 65	\$25,900
qualifying surviving spouse	65 or older	\$27,300

Self-employment status. [Self-employed individuals](#) are required to file an annual return and pay estimated tax quarterly if they had net earnings from self-employment of \$400 or more.

Discounted or Free preparation for Senior's

AAPR 2025 Tax Preparation

Discounted or Free for Seniors

~ Appointment required ~ To make appointment

Call: 775-525-0636

Online: aarp.org/findtaxhelp

Location @ Sparks Library

1125 12th St, Sparks, NV 89431



FOOD BANK
OF NORTHERN NEVADA

FY2024
IMPACT REPORT

Sustaining Community.
Sharing a Table.

Nourishing Hope.

Reno Sparks Indian Colony Youth League

	Total Pounds Distributed: 43,276.92 pounds	Total People Served: 1,437	Total Households Served: 410
	Partnership Beyond Pounds: Mobile Harvest		
Oasis User? YES	Percentage of Fresh Produce: 56% of total pounds		

UNITED HAND IN HAND AGAINST HUNGER



Monthly Meeting
HUNGRY VALLEY
TRANSITIONAL LIVING CENTER

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

TRIBAL YOUTH GAIN
12-24 SELF-WORTH
BUILD LEADERSHIP AND INNER
SKILLS 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 or Call (775) 329-2936 ext. 3218

FEBRUARY UNITY UPCOMING EVENTS

05	PANN PARENT INFO NIGHT 34 Reservation Road 5:30pm - 7pm Multipurpose Room UNITY providing childcare
07-08	VALENTINE'S CRAFT FAIR 34 Reservation Road 10am - 6pm Fri & Sat UNITY Indian Taco concession
11	NV TRIBES LEGISLATIVE DAY Carson City NV Legislative Building 9am Van leaves Reno at 8am sign ups required
13	MEET & GREET EDUCATION STAFF 34 Reservation Road 5:30pm - 7:30pm Multipurpose Room UNITY Booth
14	UNITY MONTHLY MEETING HV Transitional Living Center 6pm - 8pm Transportation and Dinner provided
25	SENIOR CRAFT ACTIVITY EVENT Senior Center 11:00am sign ups required FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL (775) 329-2936 EXT. 3218 OR EMAIL REAGLE@RSIC.ORG

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



Talking Circle

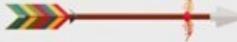
w/ MICHELLE JIM-KATENAY
CADC-S, LMSW, CSW-I

MONDAYS
4:00pm-5:00pm

For more information please call
(775) 329-5162 ext. 2014 or email
mkatenay@rsicclinic.org

RSTHC Behavioral Health

RENO SPARKS TRIBAL HEALTH CENTER
MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION



MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION & MEDICATION DELIVERIES



RSTHC is happy to announce that we are open for patient transport to your scheduled appointments.

Transport is limited to persons residing in Reno, Sparks, North Valleys, and Hungry Valley without other means of transportation.

To schedule a ride or medication delivery please call
(775) 329-5162 ext. 7714

We require a minimum of 24 hrs notice but encourage you to schedule as soon as you can.

Wheelchair accessible.

Red Road



Service
Spiritual Awareness
Perseverance
Justice
Forgiveness
Humility
Willingness
Integrity
Courage
Faith
Hope
Honesty

RSTHC Behavioral Health

During these meetings you will have the opportunity to listen to others and share your experience, strength, and hope.

These meetings will focus on creating new thought patterns, new attitudes, and new feelings about yourself and not on "fixing" other people

FRIDAYS 4:00 PM

LOCATION: Behavioral Health Conference Room

For more information call:
(775) 329-5162 ext. 2014

Reno-Sparks Indian Colony
Education Department



504 Plan
School Evaluation
Behavioral Issue
What are my rights as a Parent/Guardian?
IEP Meeting
Can someone go with me?
Speech or other types of therapy
What assignments is my child missing?

Meet the newest member of RSIC's Education Department,
Susan Zeiter
Student Family Support Advisor
Assisting Families With A Child Who Has An IEP or 504 Plan

SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT PLEASE CALL:
OFFICE: (775) 329-6114 EXT. 5131 OR CELL: (775) 224-2764

February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness



Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month (TDVAM) is observed every February, and it's a time to raise awareness about the prevalence of dating violence among Native American youth. This month focuses on educating communities about types of abuse, offering resources, and promoting healthy relationships. Native American youth often face unique challenges that can make teens more vulnerable to violence, including historical trauma, intergenerational cycles of abuse and lack of resources for support.

What is Teen Dating Violence (TDV) :

- ◆ TDV is a type of intimate partner violence that impacts millions of young people in the US.
- ◆ TDV can take place in person or online.
- ◆ TDV can be physical, sexu-

al, psychological, stalking, and digital abuse

- ◆ Physical Abuse: Hitting, kicking or using force to hurt a partner
- ◆ Sexual Abuse: Forcing/ Attempting to force partner to partake in a sexual act when a partner does not or cannot give consent.
- ◆ Psychological Abuse: Verbal and or nonverbal communication used to harm a partner mentally or emotional, to gain power and control.
- ◆ Stalking: Repeated and un-

wanted attention by current or former partner that causes fear.

- ◆ Digital Abuse: Posting or sharing sexual pictures without consent, online harassment.

These resources can help provide support, education, and advocacy for Native teens. If you need more information or have any questions, feel free to reach out to Human Services.

StrongHearts Native Helpline:

This helpline provides assistance to Native teens, parents, and advocates in navigating unhealthy or abusive relationships. They offer a 24/7 chat and phone service. 1-844-762-8483 or visit their website.

Crisis Support Services of Nevada: Call or text 988

National Teen Dating Abuse Helpline: 1-866-331-9474 Text LOVEIS to 22522

Love is Respect:

www.loveisrespect.org provides resources for young people to prevent unhealthy relationships and intimate partner violence.

RSIC Human Services Victim Services Program: 775-329-5071

Healthy Relationships	Unhealthy Relationships
Mutual Respect	Disrespect
Trust	Control
Honesty	Dishonest
Compromise	Intimidation
Problem Solving	Hostility

FEBRUARY IS TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

This is an issue that impacts everyone - not just teens - but their parents, teachers, friends and communities as well.

Wear Orange on Tuesday, February 11th to show your support and by using the following hashtags on social media. #RespectThat #Wearorangeday

Meet and Greet Victim Services Program with Human Services

Tuesday, February 11th

9:00am-11:00am

Multi Purpose Room
34 Reservation Road

snacks and self-care activity provided





Senior Center Menu

775-785-1349



HELLO
February
→

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3) Pork Chop Pasta Salad Applesauce	4) Salisbury Patty over brown rice Carrots Grapes	5) Turkey Chili Side Salad Tropical Fruit Cornbread	6) Chicken Enchilada Casserole Zucchini Mix Mango	7) Cereal Yogurt Carrot & Celery Sticks Apple
10) BBQ Chicken Rice Pilaf Broccoli Peaches	11) Pork Tenderloin Egg Noodles Peas & Carrots Pineapple	12) Clam Chowder Dark Green Salad Cantaloupe	13) BINGO day Steak Baby Potatoes Asparagus Orange	14) Ham & Cheese Croissant Sandwich Sliced Peppers Banana
17) Holiday Closed - No meals delivered or served 	18) Taco Salad Bowl Lettuce, Tomato, Olives, Cheese Corn Chips Kiwi	19) Chicken Fajita Bell Peppers Onions Spanish Rice Pears	20) Beef Chili Dog Green Beans Apple Wedges	21) Biscuit & Sausage Gravy Tomato Wedges Fruit Cocktail
24) Philly Cheese Steak Hoagie Sweet Potato Tots Grapes	25) Turkey Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Honeydew	26) Pork Fried Rice Peas & Carrots Pineapple Fortune Cookie	27) Chicken and Dumplings Soup ½ Turkey Sandwich Lettuce Tomato Mandarin Oranges	28) French Toast Sausage Links Celery Sticks Mix Berries

Reminder - Menu is subject to change or cancel without notice

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



Senior Center Activities
775-785-1349



2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3)	4)	5)	6)	7)
AARP 2025 Tax Preparation - FREE				
Call to make appointment 775-525-0636 or online; aarp.org/findtaxhelp				
10)	11) 11 am Presentation “Falls and Winter Safety” RSTHC Health Ed Spec & Community Health	12) 10 am Chair Volleyball at Reno Gym	13) 11 am “Medicare” RSTHC Presentation 11:30 am Blood Pressure Checks 12:30 pm Birthday BINGO	14) 11 am “HAPPY Valentine’s DAY”
17)	Closed - Holiday No meals delivered or served	18) Food Pantry	19) 11 am Elder Abuse Awareness Presentation and Bingo With RSIC Human Services	20) 12:30 pm Probate Presentation With RSIC Tribal Court
24)	25) 9 am Commodities at 34 Res. Rd.	26) Evening Presentation 6 pm “How Grandparents can support Grandkids, Development and Learning” RSIC Headstart & Education Light dinner & door prizes for attendees	27) 9:30 am Meet & Greet “Donuts & Coffee with our Tribal Officers” Chat, ask questions, concerns, safety, etc. With RSIC Tribal Police	28)



FALLS PREVENTION, WINTER SAFETY & HEALTH AWARENESS PRESENTATION

Date: February 11th

Time: 12:00 PM

Location: Senior Center

Presented by RSTHC Community Health Dept

**Join us for an informative presentation on staying safe
and healthy during the winter months.**

Topics include:

Falls Prevention: Tips to stay steady on your feet
and avoid slips and falls.

Winter Safety: How to protect yourself from cold
weather hazards.

Health Importance: Staying active and maintaining
good health through the season.



How Grandparents can support Grandchildren development and learning

February 26th, 2025

Wednesday

6:00 p.m.

RSIC Senior Center

This presentation is for all parents and
Grandparents who are interested in learning

More about how to care for children with
special needs in Head Start and navigating
the WCSD system.

Gina Howard, M.Ed.—Disabilities Advocate,
RSIC Head Start



*Sponsored by
RSIC Head-Start
& Senior Program*

Door Prizes

Light Dinner provided

Adults only—No children please as this
is a learning event for Grandparents

Thank you!

Washoe County School District Board of Trustees Appoints James Phoenix, 1st Pyramid Lake Tribal Member to serve on School Board

Press Release from WSCD



James Phoenix was publically sworn-in to the WSCD Board of Trustees by Arlan D. Melendez, former RSIC Tribal Chairman, on January 28, 2025. Phoenix also took a group photo with Little Buck Harjo, Verna N. Nuno, Arlan D. Melendez, and Alicia Wadsworth.

Reno, NV (January 14, 2025)

—At a special meeting of the Washoe County School District (WCS) Board of Trustees, Trustees appointed James “JJ” Phoenix, the 1st Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribal Member, to represent District C, following the resignation of former trustee Joseph Rodriguez who was elected to serve on the Sparks City Council. Following his selection, Trustee Phoenix was immediately sworn in and took his place on the Board for the first regular public meeting of 2025.

At the regular public meeting following the appointment of Trustee Phoenix, trustees re-elected Trustee Elizabeth “Beth” Smith to serve as president of the Board for 2025.

Trustee Adam Mayberry was elected to serve as vice president of the Board, and Trustee Alex Woodley was elected to serve as clerk. Each of the votes was unanimous.

“I am grateful that my colleagues have selected me to continue leading the Board, as we work together to serve and elevate one another, our students, families, and staff members,” said President Smith. “I am so proud of what we have accomplished as a team over the past two years, with historic pay raises for our staff that enable us to attract and retain high quality team members, impressive academic achievements for our students, and the selection of our outstanding Superintendent Joe Ernst, which I believe

has launched an era of stable leadership for our district. I look forward to the year ahead.”

Trustee James “JJ” Phoenix is representing District C, which is comprised of North Valleys and Spanish Springs communities, as well as Natchez and Gerlach. He was unanimously appointed by the Board of Trustees to fill the vacant District C seat. He is the first WSCD Board Member to be an accredited member of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe.

James “JJ” Phoenix grew up and resides in the Reno Sparks area, specifically upon the Pyramid Lake Paiute Indian reservation. He is a public servant, veteran, and parent. He, his children, and family all graduated from Washoe County

Continued from page 26 schools, and he considers Washoe County his home. He is a retired Reno Police Officer and retired Nevada Army National Guard Lieutenant Colonel with more than 25 years of military and police officer experience.

Trustee Phoenix has a strong passion for the community. He has served as Chairman of the Board of Education for the Pyramid Lake Jr./Sr. High School, Chairman of the Pyramid Lake Tribal Council, and has served on the Tribal Council. He is the Co-Chair of the Veterans Committee for the National Congress of American Indians and serves as a member of the Nevada Local Justice Reinvest-

ment, coordinating the council for Washoe County.

Trustee Phoenix looks forward to representing the families in his District. He plans to be a transparent voice to and for the WCSD Board of Trustees to better serve and engage with his constituents. His interests include ensuring equality for all students and families within WCSD and to be a role model in the community who demonstrates a “Can Do” attitude.

Trustee Phoenix welcomes constituent communication and feedback. Please feel free to contact him with your thoughts or concerns at any time.

Contact “JJ” Phoenix by email

at James.Phoenix@washoeschools.net

Chairman Gardipe Quote:

“Congratulations on your appointment Trustee Phoenix,” Chairman Gardipe stated. “We value your expertise and service to our tribal students and families. We know you will advocate to meet WCSD’s 5 goals for all students. Which are a strong start for every child through early education, increasing student voice and advocacy, a sense of safety and belonging, academic growth and achievement and empowering all learners for their future, including career and technical education. Wishing you the best in your new role.”

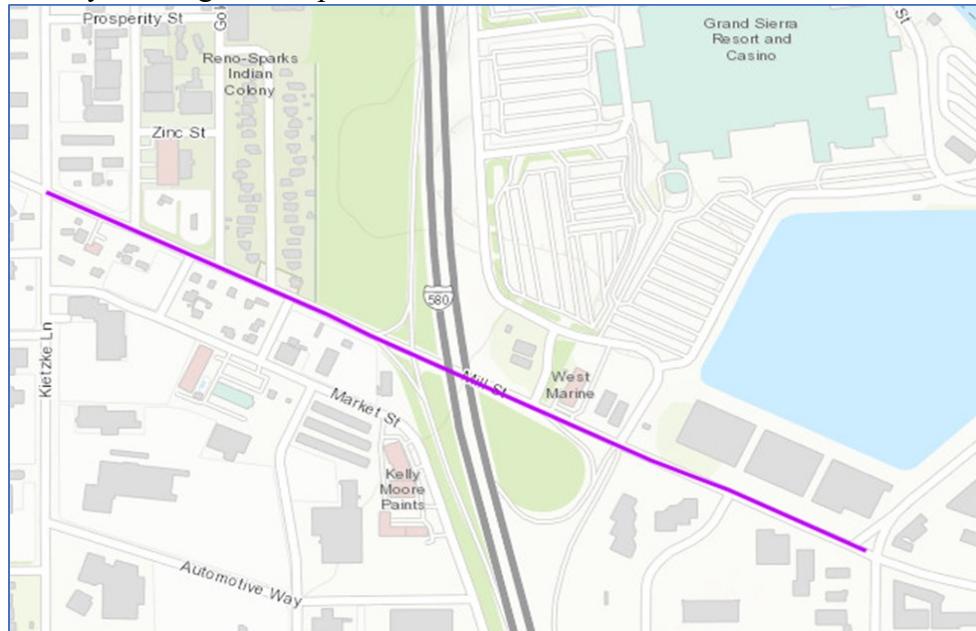
Update on Mill Street Capacity and Safety Project

The Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) has completed final design for the Mill Street Capacity and Safety Project and has advertised the project to the contracting community for bids. Construction is anticipated to begin in April 2025. The project extends from Yori Avenue to Terminal Way, adding roadway capacity, easing congestion, and improving safety for all users along Mill Street. A new signalized intersection will be installed at Golden Lane and Mill Street, providing a new consolidated connection to Market Street. Truckee Meadows Water Authority is performing waterline replacement work between Kietzke Lane and Sunshine Lane in advance of the RTC Project.

RTC and its selected contractor will present additional information including planned construction phasing and traffic impacts at an RSIC community meeting to be held in March. More details about this community meeting will be provided

soon.

For any questions concerning the Mill Street project, please contact the RSIC Planning and Community Development Department at 775-785-1363 or planning@rsic.org



Legal / Public / Job Announcements

Recruitment for committee / boards

Public Notice

On December 16, 2024, the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony THPO/Cultural Resource Program received a grant from the Department of Interior's (DOI) National Park Service (NPS) Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) in the amount of \$161,000.00 to renovate the windows and door at the Field Matron's Cottage.

The Field Matron's Cottage is the current Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO) and Cultural Resource Program's building that is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The 925-square-foot cottage was constructed ca. 1926, and a modern addition was built at the rear (north end) of the building, comprising 294 square feet. Stylistically, the Field Matron's Cottage follows a regional architectural type called Stewart Vernacular.

Please contact the RSIC THPO/Cultural Resource Program at (775) 785-1326 if you have any questions, comments or concerns regarding the renovation to this historic building.





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



THE RENO-SPARKS INDIAN COLONY IS A TRIBAL RECOGNIZED INDIAN TRIBE AND THEREFORE SUBJECT TO SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY. THIS CALLS ENTITLED TO THE TRIBE'S JURISDICTION ARE AGREEING TO THEIR CIVIL AND CRIMINAL JURISDICTION IF APPLICABLE.

ELDER FITNESS CLASS

Join the 3NWC staff for an hour of exercise every Tuesday from 9:00-10:00am at the Hungry Valley Recreation Center. Starts May 7, 2024.



WHAT WE OFFER

- Chair Exercises
- Resistance Band Exercises
- Body Weight Exercises
- Aerobic Exercises
- Strength Training

For more information contact: 3NWC at 775-329-5162

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Tri Basin Cultural Committee Recruiting for 1 Member

Want to learn more about OUR ancestral past and Traditional Cultural Properties? Want to learn about the Great Basin People's history and cultural items, as well as PROJECTS that may affect them?

Join the RSIC Tri Basin Cultural Committee (TBCC)!

The TBCC is an advisory board to the RSIC Cultural Resource Program/Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO). The RSIC Cultural Resource Program/THPO is active in reporting, commenting, reviewing, assisting, & monitoring Federal, State, Tribal, and local agencies on their potential impacts to Native American Cultural Resources.

Please submit a letter describing your interest in joining the TBCC to the RSIC THPO at 34 Reservation RD. Reno NV

**ACCEPTING LETTERS OF INTEREST
UNTIL August 16, 2024.**

TBCC members are required to attend 12 paid meetings per year which requires field site visits & your review and comment on projects.

For more information or if you have questions contact **Michon R. Eben** (RSIC THPO/Cultural Resource Manager) or **Sierra Rambeau** (THPO Assistant/Oral Historian) at (775) 785-1326.

The RSIC Tribal Historic Preservation Office is supported by a grant from the Department of Interior National Parks Service



Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Senior Advisory Committee Is seeking 1 new member

The Senior Advisory Committee encourages RSIC enrolled seniors (55 or older) to become a member of the SAC. Please submit a letter of interest, stating your name and contact information to: Tribal Headquarters, 34 Reservation Road, Reno, NV 89502, Attention: Tribal Administrator's Office. The tribe's standing rules for committees and advisory boards apply to this position. The Committee meets the first

Monday of the month. You must be an active participant in the meetings and other SAC sponsored events and be available for any additional meetings. The term is for two years.



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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 four (4) 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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Reno-Sparks Indian Colony
34 Reservation Road
Reno, NV 89502



URGENT – APPLY TODAY

MUST FILL (2) ELECTION BOARD VACANCY – MEETINGS ARE THE FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH

The Reno-Sparks Indian Colony (RSIC) is accepting letters of interest from qualified candidates to fill a couple of vacancies for the Election Board (Board). The Board will review candidate letters of interest then nominate selected individuals to the RSIC Tribal Council for approval. The term of appointment is two years. Members of the Board typically meet at 6:00 p.m. for one hour, with the exception of Tribal Election Day, once a month and are compensated at the rate of \$75.00 per meeting as prescribed by the Tribal Council.

QUALIFICATIONS

Candidates shall meet the minimum qualifications:

- Ability to work positively under team concept with community.
- Self-motivated, energetic, responsible, and reliable.
- Understanding of the history, culture, and aspirations of the RSIC community.
- Strong communication skills, orally and in writing.
- Adhere to the Standing Rules for Committees and Advisory Boards of the RSIC.

Preference will be given to:

- Persons with the time and flexibility to attend and participate at Board meetings.
- Persons with the time and flexibility to prepare for and work on Tribal Election Day.

In addition, eligible candidates must be able to complete a pre-employment drug screening and criminal background check.

APPLICATIONS & QUESTIONS

If you wish to be considered for this vacancy, please submit your letter of interest to:

**Tribal Administrators Office
Attn: Election Board
By mail or hand delivery: 34 Reservation Road, Reno, NV 89502**

If you have any questions regarding this opportunity, please contact:

Tanya Hernandez, Chairperson
By e-mail: thermander@rsic.org or by phone: (775)785-8775

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Recruitment for committee / boards



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 Public Safety/Law Enforcement Collectors Show

(Formerly Silicon Valley Collectors Show)
Saturday, April 26, 2025 – 8:00 am to 3:00 pm

Sponsored by the
Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Police Department

Location:

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

50 tables

Awards for top three displays

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



Questions: Chief Jarrod Nunes
(775) 530-1173
Email: JNunes@rsic.org



Recruitment Language & Culture Advisory Committee Members

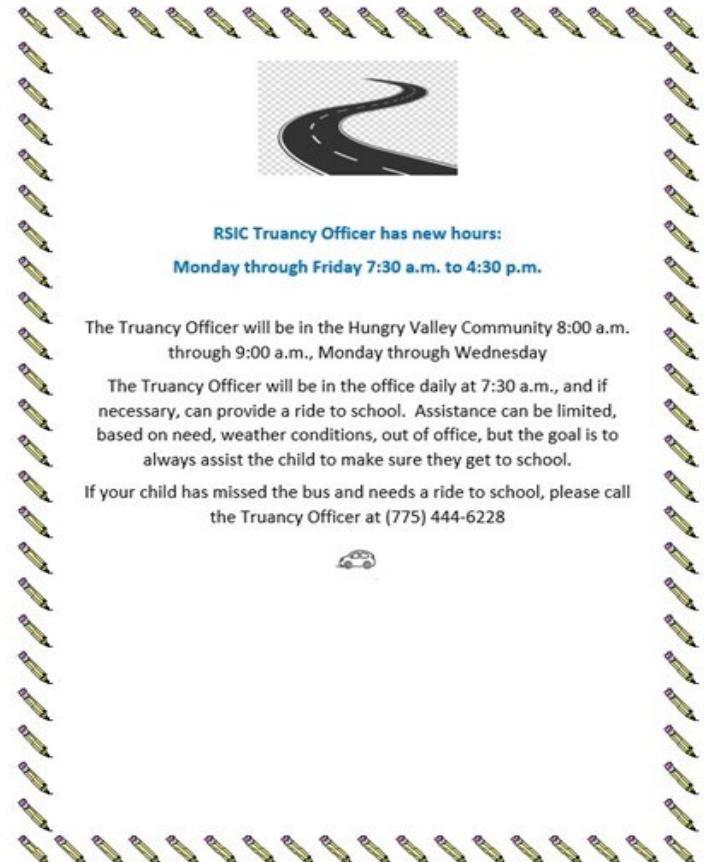
The Language & Culture Advisory Committee is currently seeking (1) RSIC Tribal member to serve on the Language & Culture Advisory Committee.

Committee member 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 an letter of interest to:

Reno Sparks Indian Colony
Tribal Administrator's Office
34 Reservation Road, Reno, NV 89502

If you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact the Language & Culture offices at 775-785-1365



RSIC Truancy Officer has new hours:

Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The Truancy Officer will be in the Hungry Valley Community 8:00 a.m. through 9:00 a.m., Monday through Wednesday

The Truancy Officer will be in the office daily at 7:30 a.m., and if necessary, can provide a ride to school. Assistance can be limited, based on need, weather conditions, out of office, but the goal is to always assist the child to make sure they get to school.

If your child has missed the bus and needs a ride to school, please call the Truancy Officer at (775) 444-6228





DUI LEVEL II, II-X, & III

WEEKLY

Mondays 3:00-4:00 PM



- ✓ MAKE POSITIVE CHANGES TO YOUR HIGH-RISK DRIVING BEHAVIORS
- ✓ LEARN HOW ALCOHOL & OTHER DRUGS AFFECT DRIVING ABILITY
- ✓ EXAMINE YOUR SUBSTANCE ABUSE PATTERNS
- ✓ EXPLORE THE LINK BETWEEN THOUGHTS, FEELINGS & BEHAVIOR
- ✓ DEVELOPE A PLAN FOR CHANGING YOUR IMPAIRED DRIVING BEHAVIOR

For more information
(775) 334-0989
or
(775) 329-5162 EXT 7785



PATH TO A BETTER YOU



Substance Abuse Outpatient Group Level I

- Psychoeducation to identify factors that compel problematic use and/or continued use.
- Skill development to learn how to enhance the skills necessary to break free of addictions.

When: Wednesdays

Time: 10am-11:30am

PROGRESSION NOT PERFECTION

If you would like more information or
have questions please call
(775) 329-5162 ext. 2014



"Harnessing the power
of change"



ANGER MANAGEMENT

TUESDAYS AT 4:00PM

For more information,
please call the Behavioral
Health Department
775-334-0989

OR
775-329-5162 extension 7785

THE BENEFITS

Knowing Your Triggers

Learn to identify what
sets you off or
worsens your anger

Communication Skills

Learn how to express
feelings and needs
assertively
(not aggressively)

Respond Instead of React

Calm yourself down



DOMESTIC

VIOLENCE

Intervention Group



FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE GROUP OR TO
GET SIGNED-UP, PLEASE CALL:

(775) 334-0989

or



(775) 329-5162 ext. 7785

THREE NATIONS WELLNESS CENTER

WORKOUT CLASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY

12:15-12:45 PM - F.I.T. (FUN INTERVAL TRAINING) WITH WALI

TUESDAY

12:15-12:45 PM - POWER HALF HOUR WITH MICHELLE

WEDNESDAY

12:15-12:45 PM - STEP WITH WALI

THURSDAY

12:15-12:45 PM - BEND & EXTEND STRETCHING WITH TIFFANY

FRIDAY

12:15-12:45 - SPIN WITH MICHELLE

→ NEW GYM HOURS ←

MONDAY 8:00-7:00PM

TUESDAY 8:00AM-7:00PM

WEDNESDAY 8:00AM-1:00PM

THURSDAY 8:00AM-7:00PM

FRIDAY 8:00AM-5:00PM

STARTING 1/2/2024



CLASSES ARE FIRST COME FIRST SERVE

FOR ANY QUESTIONS CALL 3NWC AT 775-329-5162



What happens on Diabetes Thursday?

Provider Visit

Annual Lab Work

Foot Exam

Meet with a Dietitian and Exercise Trainer

Receive a food recipe with all of the ingredients

After your visit you will receive a call from the Dental and Optometry Depts. If necessary.

RENO SPARKS TRIBAL HEALTH CENTER

1715 Kuenzli Street
Reno, NV 89502

DIABETES THURSDAYS

TAKE CONTROL OF YOUR DIABETES TODAY

Call (775) 329-5162 Ext. 1958 / 1989 to schedule a Diabetes Thursday appointment.

ENROLLMENT OFFICE

W9 UPDATES | ALL ENROLLED TRIBAL MEMBERS

Please make sure to update any address or name changes to our office for YOUR records. This is also for all Tribal Members who are minors.

Any Tribal Member turning 18 years old will need a new W9 in their name and signature for any education or monetary assistance.

← →

W9's are available in the Enrollment Office, Finance, or IRS.GOV

Phone: 775-785-1306 | Fax: 775-329-2781

Jessica Castillo, Enrollment Officer | email: jcastillo@rsic.org

or

Josephine Astor, Enrollment Assistant | email: jastor@rsic.org

98 Colony Road approved for demolition, starting in March 2025

By: Michael Ondelacy, RSIC Director of Commercial Property Management



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In March of 2024, the Tribal Council approved the demolition of the old Tribal Administration and Finance building located at 98 Colony Road. This project will be funded by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and is scheduled to start on February 10th, 2024. The demolition project will be done in two phases: 1) asbestos abatement and 2) building demolition.

Sato Environmental Consultants produced the environmental report which provides the technical specifications for asbestos abatement for

demolition. The asbestos abatement will be completed by Advanced Installation prior to Q&D Construction performing the building demolition.

It will take up to four weeks to complete the asbestos abatement. The building demolition will start after post abatement visual and air clearances to verify that designated abatement items have been removed.

The future land use designation for 98 Colony Road is proposed

to remain Community Facilities in the draft 2040 Comprehensive Plan. Until a long-term use is identified and approved by Tribal Council, the lot where the old Administrative and Finance building is located will remain vacant. The long-term use may include a new Community Facility building that would include Archives and Records.

Please be cautious during this abatement and demolition pro-

ject. Avoid approaching and/or crossing work areas. The contractors will provide traffic control, temporary fencing, and other safety mitigations.

Contact my office with any questions that you may have. 775 785 1363 ext. 5405 or email: mondelacy@rsic.org

-Michael Ondelacy, Director of Commercial Property Management

*Forever in our
Hearts*



BLAIRE "DUETSET" BROWN
01/31/1999 - 01/21/2025

February 6, 2025
Reno Sparks Indian Colony Gymnasium
34 Reservation Road
Viewing: 10:00-11:00 am | Service: 11:00-1:00 pm
Burial: Wadsworth Cemetery
Dinner: RSIC Gymnasium (after burial)

FOOD DONATIONS ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED

Celebration of Life
Trenton Dale Paddy



08/24/1988 - 01/13/2025
Walton's funeral home
2155 Kietzke Ln 12pm - 4pm
FRIDAY, JANUARY 31st

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
Aryana Collier-Christy
September 23, 2000 - January 19, 2025



Saturday February 8, 2025
SERVICES WILL BEGIN AT 11:00 AM
RENO SPARKS INDIAN COLONY GYMNASIUM
34 RESERVATION RD RENO, NV
BURIAL - HUNGRY VALLEY CEMETERY
DINNER WILL BE HELD BACK AT RSIC GYMNASIUM AFTER BURIAL
FOOD DONATIONS WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED

If I could write from *Heaven*
this is what I'd say,
Please don't miss me too much,
I'm with you throughout your day.
You may not see or hear me,
but if you're quiet and still,
You may just **FEEL MY PRESENCE**;
because, in Heaven, there is free will.
Don't worry for the day,
it will come and go as planned,
Enjoy each moment you are given,
keep worry from your hand.
Keep sorrow to a minimum;
For if Heaven you could see,
You'd know I'm **SAFE AND HAPPY**,
I did not cease to be.
Moments in time are brief,
until we'll be together again,
as *Eternity lasts forever*,
our lives, they have no end.

Reno Sparks Indian Colony sends our deepest and most heartfelt prayers and sympathies to the families and friends of Trenton Dale Paddy, Aryana Collier-Christy and Blair "Duetset" Brown. We thank the Creator for the time we shared with them.

February

3NWC

Phone: (775) 334-4353

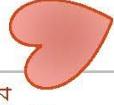
Email: devyncox@riscclinic.org

Gym Hours:
M: 8am – 7pm
TU: 8am – 7pm
W: 8am – 1pm
TH: 8am – 7pm
F: 8am – 5pm



2025

Team Weight management weigh-ins every Thursday & Friday at RSTHC

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	Strength Training Circuits 12:15 – 12:45	3 Power Hour (Glutes) 12:15 – 12:45 pm	4 Spin Class 12:15 – 12:45 pm	5 Cooking Demo: 11 am RSTHC Food Pantry: Noon Weight Lifting Basics 5:15 – 5:45pm	6 Spin Class 12:15 – 12:45 pm	7
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RSIC EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

AFTER-SCHOOL ACADEMIC SUPPORT

NEW

TIMES AND DAYS

Check It Out!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Middle School 2:30-3:30 High School 3:30-4:45 No Elementary School	Middle School 2:30-3:30 High School 3:30-4:45 Elementary School 4:00pm – 4:45pm	Middle School 2:30-3:30 High School 3:30-4:45 No Elementary School	Middle School 2:30-3:30 High School 3:30-4:45 Elementary School 4:00pm – 4:45pm	Pyramid Lake Jr/Sr High School 1 st Session 10:00am – 12:00pm 2 nd Session 2:00pm – 4:00pm

WHERE: RENO EDUCATION PH: 775-329-6114

- Students are provided a healthy snack
- One-on-One Assistance (Appointment Only)**
- Computers/Printers

Academic Supporters

Aiyana Isham, K-12 Advisor
Susan Zeiter, K-12 Student/Family Support Advisor
Lynette Sam, K-12 Education Tutor

Transportation Available

Reno Colony Only
Depart Bldg. @4:45pm

RSIC IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY SERVICE PROVIDER AND EMPLOYER

Meet the RSIC Reno Education Advising Team



Aiyana Isham

Hello! I am honored to introduce myself as the new Reno Education for the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony. As a proud member of the Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California, and having grown up on the Dresserville Colony, I am deeply committed to working with the community here and it's future. I graduated from the University of Nevada, Reno with a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice in 2021, and I am currently pursuing my Master's degree, which I will complete in May 2025.

I am very eager to work here and to support our students in achieving their educational goals. I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to all the families for your patience during my transition into this position. Your support means a lot to me, and I am excited to collaborate with you to ensure the best possible educational experience for our children.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns!

775 329-6114 ext. 7924 or 775 399-1919
email: aisham@rsic.org

Susan Zeiter

Hi, my name is Susan Zeiter, and I am the new Reno Student Family Support Advisor at RSIC's Reno location. I have over 20 years experience in helping families advocate for their child's unique needs. I am here to help you through the maze of special education. Special Education has its own unique language, rules, timelines and laws. It is easy to get lost in the paperwork, consent forms, reports and deadlines, while you are busy raising your children. Let me help you with getting through the complexities of the process while you focus on the needs of your child. When a child with a disability has the services they need in the classroom, they are more likely to stay engaged in school which makes your life a little bit easier. I have an office in Building D, Monday-Friday, 8AM-5PM. Feel free to call me anytime with your questions. No question is insignificant. The number of calls you can make to me are limitless. I look forward to working with you and your family.

775 329-6114 ext. 5131 or 775 224-6724
email: szeiter@rsic.org



Enrollment

OPENING HOURS

MON - FRI 8:00 TO 5:00
 CLOSED FOR LUNCH 1PM - 2PM
 SAT & SUN CLOSED

EMAIL: RSICEnrollment@rsic.org

775 - 785 - 1306

UPDATE YOUR TRIBAL ID



OFFICE HOURS:
MONDAY - FRIDAY
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

- ✓ Tribal ID's have a four (4) year expiration date
- ✓ The new Chairman's signature is on the back
- ✓ If you are turning 18 years old, you need an updated picture and a W9 in your name for any monetary assistance or educational purposes.
- ✓ RSIC Department's will no longer accept a Tribal ID without an expiration date or an expired Tribal ID.
- ✓ Update your name change or information w/Enrollment.

GEAR UP FOR

KINDERGARTEN

PARENT
INFO NIGHT

PRESENTATION - STEAM ACTIVITIES - Q&A

HOSTED BY PINECREST ACADEMY OF NORTHERN NEVADA,
 RSIC HEAD START. & RSIC EDUCATION

FEBRUARY 5TH
5:30 - 7:00PM

MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM - 34 RESERVATION RD.

FOOD WILL BE PROVIDED

CHILDCARE WILL BE PROVIDED BY RSIC UNITY



RENO EDUCATION TUTORING ASSISTANCE

RENO EDUCATION BLDG. D *** MORE INFO 775-329-6114

STARTING TUESDAY AUGUST 27, 2024

EVERY TUESDAYS/THURSDAYS

Elementary School
 Arrival: 4:00pm
 Departure: 4:45pm

Middle School
 Arrival: 3:00pm
 Departure: 4:00pm

High School
 Arrival: 2:45pm
 Departure: 3:45pm

TUTORING ROOM * COMPUTER ROOM



- ✓ Homework Help
- ✓ Reading Groups
- ✓ Individual Help
- ✓ Computer Room/Printer
- ✓ Laptops
- ✓ Snacks Provided

- ✓ Attendance Incentives
- ✓ Language/Culture Visits
- ✓ RSIC Presenters
- ✓ Transportation
- (Reno Colony Only)
- ✓ Lots of FUN

All times are allotted for each grade to assure academic needs are being met. If the student needs more time, RSIC Education Department will stay on site until student(s) is finished.

AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING

for all K-12 students

HOMEWORK AND
READING SUPPORT

SNACKS AND
TRANSPORTATION
PROVIDED

STARTING 08/19
MONDAY TO THURSDAY
3PM - 5PM.
 @ HUNGRY VALLEY EDUCATION

CONTACT LSMITH@RSIC.ORG
 OR L MILLER@RSIC.ORG



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TERM: 2024 - 2028

**Serves as a RSIC
Representative Member on
the RSIC Executive
Health Board.**

"Being a member of the Executive Health Board I am looking forward to the development of expansion of quality service and care."



RSTHC spotlight

DARLENE GARDIPE

My name is Darlene Gardipe, I am currently serving as the Vice-Chair of the Executive Health Board. I have seen many changes to the clinic and staff during the time I have been on the board. The health board strives to keep an open line of communication between the community and the staff of the clinic.

As a health board member, we are continuously working toward achieving a better understanding of the policies and procedures that will improve healthcare for our families and community. One of my goals is to help provide input to the clinic director and staff on programs and services and promote community awareness on issues that affect our community.

I am honored to be a member of the EHB and will continue to be an active participant. I am grateful for the opportunities provided as a member to become educated on policies, procedures and other areas. I am very proud of the many achievements and recognition our clinic and staff have received.

I believe we expect quality healthcare, well maintained facilities and efficient, culturally aware and approachable staff to provide services to all of us who use the clinic and services that are provided.

A program to close insurance gaps for Native Americans has gone largely unused

BY: JAZMIN OROZCO RODRIGUEZ | KFF HEALTH NEWS - JANUARY 23, 2025



Angie Wilson, director of the Reno-Sparks Tribal Health Center, led an effort in collaboration with Nevada Health Link, the state's health insurance marketplace, to create a tribal sponsorship program that allows tribes to purchase health plans for community members.

A few years before the covid-19 pandemic, Dale Rice lost a toe to infection.

But because he was uninsured at the time, the surgery at a Reno, Nevada, hospital led to years of anguish. He said he owes the hospital more than \$20,000 for the procedure and still gets calls from collection agencies.

“It can cause a lot of anxiety,” Rice said. “I can’t give you what I don’t have.”

Rice, 62, was born and has spent his life in Nevada. He said he fell through a gap in the tribal health care system because he lives 1,500 miles from the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation home area in eastern Kansas, where he’s an enrolled member.

He receives primary care at the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony trib-

al health clinic in Nevada, but structural barriers in the federal Indian Health Service left him without coverage for specialty care outside of the clinic. Rice might have been eligible for specialty services referred by his tribe’s health system in Kansas, but he lives too far from the tribe’s delivery area to utilize [the tribal health program](#) that helps pay for services outside of the IHS.

“I shouldn’t need to move to Kansas City to be fully covered,” Rice said.

A new tribal sponsorship program [rolled out last year](#) in Nevada is aimed at getting tribal citizens like Rice covered and protecting them from incurring debt for uninsured care. It allows tribes to buy health insurance through the state’s Affordable

Care Act marketplace for people living in their service area, including Native Americans from other tribes.

Tribal leaders and Nevada officials say the sponsorship model increases access to coverage and care for tribal citizens and their families by allowing them to seek medical care outside the tribal health care system.

A few dozen tribes have moved to set up the insurance programs since the ACA authorized them more than a decade ago.

“It’s not widespread,” said Yvonne Myers, an ACA and Medicaid consultant for Citizen Potawatomi Nation Health Services in Oklahoma.

Native American adults are enrolled in Medicaid [at higher rates](#) than their white counterparts and have long faced worse health outcomes, higher incidences of chronic disease, and shorter life expectancy. Many rely on the IHS, a division within the Department of Health and Human Services responsible for providing care to Native Americans, but the agency is chronically underfunded.

In Nevada, tribes can sponsor their community members’ health coverage through aggregated billing, a method for paying the premiums for multiple individuals in a single monthly payment to the insurer. Another part of the *Continued on page 42*

Washoe County School District Attendance information from RSIC Truancy Officer

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

- Starting in the 2022-23 school year, parents can report their student's absence using the Infinite Campus Parent Portal.
- The new tool allows families to report scheduled or unscheduled absences, as well as inform school staff that their students are late or leaving early.
- It sends a notification to attendance staff to approve/deny/request more information.
- This new tool will reduce the number of calls due to attendance and streamline the absence reporting process.
- Parents are still able to call in to report absences.

Adult family members are responsible for monitoring student attendance and progress using the IC Parent Portal.



WCSD PHONE AWAY & LEARN TODAY new pilot policy for cell phones.

Here is a reminder of the new pilot policy for **PHONE AWAY & LEARN TODAY** which will start on January 6, 2025.

The primary purpose is to reduce distractions, increase instructional time, enhance student focus, and foster better in-person interactions. Cell phones can often disrupt learning environments, and misuse can negatively impact students' behavior, well-being, and ability to learn. Students are allowed to use their phones before school starts and after school ends, but they must put their phones away during class time. Phones are generally not allowed during lunch or break unless instructed otherwise by school staff for educational purposes or in special circumstances. Schools are supported in enforcing stricter regulations if cell phone use is deemed to disrupt the instructional process or normal school operations. The goal is to encourage more social interaction and physical activity during these times.

Also, another reminder that the RSIC Truancy Officer has new hours – 7:30 am to 4:30 pm is out driving in Reno and Hungry Valley to provide transportation to students who have missed the bus the Truancy Officer can be reached at 775-444-6228.

Don't Believe the Hype: Flushable Wipes Can Damage Plumbing



Are you someone who isn't a fan of regular toilet paper? You wouldn't be the first! Many people want their bathroom experience to be more than basic. We like to think that most people are environmentally conscious and want to do what's best for the ecosystem, and that doesn't include wet wipes.

While flushable wipes can create the more luxurious experience you're looking for, they can seriously damage your plumbing and sewer lines. How? Mr. Rooter Plumbing of Memphis is here to drop some knowledge and protect your pipes from serious issues you might—literally—pay for later.

Why Are Flushable Wipes Labeled "Flushable" If They're Harmful to Plumbing?

That's a great question! A 2016 study by the [NYC Department of Environmental Protection](#) found that about 1-4% of flushable wipes are actually flushable. And those that fall outside of the "flushable" category will pass through toilet drains safely. However, the problem comes when they reach sewers.

When you have a good quality flushable wipe, it will dissolve similarly to conventional tissue paper and pose little threat to your plumbing. If you purchase wipes that are a bit more durable, they won't break down easily and could clog sewer lines or find their way into wastewater treatment plants.

Various U.S. cities have sued manufacturers over false advertising of their flushable wipes. In December 2018, [Procter & Gamble settled a lawsuit against](#) its brand Charmin Freshmates flushable wipes for falsely marketing that their wipes are safe to flush. As some manufacturers have advertised, these wipes might be safe to flush, but they certainly aren't safe on pipes or sewer lines.

How Flushable Wipes Damage Your Plumbing

They Don't Dissolve like Traditional Toilet Paper

In 2019, researchers at Ryerson's Urban Water Center at Ryerson University in Ontario, Canada, tested 23 [flushable wipes](#). The products were tested for dissolvability, and the results were slightly, yet not slightly, shocking. Only two out of the 23 tested actually dissolved, but only partially. None of the samples completely disintegrated, which tells us that almost any flushable wipe you flush could stay intact all the way to your local water treatment plant. Why? Because they're usually made out of synthetic materials like plastic and polyester, so they're more resilient than toilet paper.

They Clog Sewer Pipes & Drains

Because most wipes don't fully disintegrate, they've been causing problems for mid-south plumbing for years. In 2014, officials reported that flushable wipes were [burning through the city's \\$13 million environment maintenance budget](#).

Additionally, if the clog happens in the private sewer line in your home (before it reaches the connection to city underground pipes), you're responsible for the removal and repair costs. This service could be extremely expensive, depending on the extent of the clog and if repairs require invasive measures like digging up a slab or mining drywall.

They Can Cause Waste Backups

If you've had the misfortune of dealing with clogged toilets and wastewater backups, you're likely a frequent flushable wipe user. Some wet wipes may easily pass or dissolve inside toilet drains, but they could be an issue for sewer lines. Most sewer lines rely heavily on gravity to pass water, so any obstructions or disruptions to that natural process could force bacteria-ridden water to back up and reenter your home.

REF: MR. Rooter Plumbing

for more information Visit <https://www.mrrooter.com/reno-sparks/>

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program includes collaboration between Nevada Health Link, the state health insurance marketplace, and tribes to certify staffers at tribal health clinics so they can enroll community members in health plans. Program officials also said they are committed to providing further education to tribes about the accommodations available to them under the ACA.

Health agencies in Washington state and Nevada have helped set up tribal sponsorship programs. Independently, tribes in Alaska, Wisconsin, Idaho, Michigan, Montana, and South Dakota have rolled out individual programs, as well.

It's already making a difference for Native American patients in Nevada, said Angie Wilson, tribal health director for the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony and an enrolled member of the Pit River Tribe in California. Wilson said patients have shown up at her office in tears because they couldn't afford services they needed outside of the tribal clinic and were not eligible for those services to be covered by the IHS [Purchased/Referred Care program](#).

The Reno-Sparks Indian Colony, [with more than 1,330](#) members in 2023, is one of two tribes that participate in Nevada's tribal sponsorship program and aggregated billing. Russell Cook, executive director of Nevada Health Link, said he expects more tribes to come aboard as the agency works to build community trust in tribes

often wary of government and corporate entities.

The Fort McDermitt Paiute and Shoshone Tribe, with a reservation that spans Nevada's northwestern border, was the first tribe to pilot the program. There are about [125 households on the reservation](#).

As of December, 30 tribal members had been enrolled into qualified health plans through Nevada Health Link as part of the tribal sponsorship program, according to state officials, and more than 700 of those enrolled through the state marketplace self-reported American Indian and/or Alaska Native status for last year.

Through sponsorship, tribes may use their federal health care funding to pay the premium costs for each participating person. That, combined with cost-sharing protections in the ACA for American Indian and Alaska Natives enrolled in marketplace health plans, means beneficiaries face very low to no costs to receive care outside of tribal clinics. The [American Rescue Plan](#) also expanded eligibility for premium tax credits, making purchasing a health plan more affordable.

Because sponsorship in some tribes isn't limited to enrolled tribal citizens, it can help the whole community, said Jim Roberts, senior executive liaison for intergovernmental affairs with the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium and an enrolled member of the Hopi Tribe in Arizona.

Since Alaska [first allowed sponsorship in 2013](#), Roberts said, it has not only increased the access to care for Native Americans but also significantly lowered the costs of care, "which is equally as important, if not for some tribes more important."

In Washington state, where sponsorship in ACA plans began in 2014, [12 of 29 tribes participate](#).

Cook said the state exchange is seeing interest in the part of the sponsorship program that trains staff at tribal clinics to become certified exchange representatives, a role similar to that of a navigator who helps inform people about health coverage options.

He said the agency is working on a marketing campaign to spread awareness among Native Americans in the state about the sponsorship program. It will include translating resource guides and other materials from the agency into [Native languages spoken in the state](#), such as Northern and Southern Paiute, Washoe, and Western Shoshone.

Cook said he's surprised more states haven't taken the initiative to create sponsorship programs in collaboration with tribes.

Nevada Health Link patterned its approach by looking at Washington state's program, Cook said. Since launching its own program, the Nevada agency has been approached by officials in California who are exploring the option.

But leaders like Wilson are concerned that under the Trump ad-

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ministration the enhanced tax credits for ACA marketplace enrollees implemented during the pandemic will end. The credits are set to expire at the end of this year if Congress doesn't act to extend them. Without the credits, nearly all people enrolled through the marketplace will see steep increases in their premium payments next year.

If tribal citizens or other community members become ineligible for the premium tax credits, that could jeopardize the tribe's financial ability to continue sponsoring health plans, Roberts said.

"Whatever side of the fence people fall on, it does not take away that there's a federal trust responsibility by the United States of America to its First Nations people," Wilson said.

Wilson, who has been an advocate for sponsorship since the ACA was approved in 2010 and led the effort to establish the program in Nevada, said she is happy with the tribal sponsorship program but wishes it would have happened sooner.

"We've lost so much in Indian Country over time," she said. "How many more Indian people could have gotten access to care? How much more of a difference could that have made in sustaining health care for tribes?"

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REMSA HEALTH SAFETY SEATS COMMUNITY OUTREACH 2025



When **SATURDAY,
March 22, 2025**

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Appointments available online
Monday through Friday
www.remsahealth.com/outreach

Time
10:00am - 1:00pm
or the first 30 cars

Location
Reno-Sparks Indian Colony
1715 Kuenzli Street
Reno, NV 89502

Hosted By



Contact Information
Nellie Martinez, Safety Seats CPST-I, (775) 353-0806

Women Veterans Conference March 8, 2025



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Valentine's Craft Fair

February 7th & 8th

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**34 Reservation Road Reno, NV
(Off 395/580 So. Freeway)
Glendale or Mill Street exits**

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