Reno New Year’s Eve Sobriety Social Powwow is Back
And You’re Invited!

By: Bethany Sam, RSIC Public Relations Office

(RENO, NV.) The Reno-Sparks Indian Colony (RSIC) New Year’s Eve Sobriety Social Powwow is back! The powwow will take place this Saturday, December 31st, 6pm-1am at the RSIC Reno Gym: 34 Reservation Road, Reno, NV. You’re invited to come round dance the new year in!

For the first time since the COVID-19 pandemic began, the RSIC is able to host this important sobriety event for the entire community. RSIC community members are eager to return to the NYE sobriety dance circle and the community’s heartbeat: the drum, which carries the prayers of dancers and singers.

With the cancellation of powwows the last 2 years, it caused a huge hit to health and cultural...
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Tribal Council Meetings
GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2023 | 6PM
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2022 | 6PM

Hungry Valley Community Room
9075 Eagle Canyon Road
Sparks, NV 89441

*Public Comment Opportunity at General Council Meetings only. Next General Council Meeting, 1/11/23. If you have immediate concerns or would like to submit your public comment prior to General Council Meeting date, send email to comments@rsic.org.

DOWNLOAD THE ZOOM APP

For ZOOM Meeting ID/Password Information, Contact Public Information Officer, Bethany Sam, bsam@rsic.org or 775-842-2902

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**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**

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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.

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**January 2023 Important Dates**

**Important January Dates:**

- **Dec 31st** – New Years Eve Sobriety Powwow, RSIC Gym, Grand Entry at 6pm; Community Round Dance 12am.
  Info: 775-388-3723
- **1st** – Sunday, New Year’s Day. Happy New Years to You & Your Family!
- **2nd** – Monday, RSIC Admin Offices, RSTHC & Child Care CLOSED for New Years Holiday!
- **5th** – Thursday, Thacker Pass Court Hearing! RSIC Peaceful March to Federal Court from Mill and Golden Smoke Shop 2, 901 Golden Lane, starts at 8am; arrive courthouse at 10am.
- **6th** – Friday, UNITY Youth Council Meeting at 6pm, TLC Building
- **9th** – Monday, Washoe County Schools Resume
- **11th** – Wednesday, Tribal Council General Meeting at 6PM, HV Community Room (9075 Eagle Canyon Road, Sparks, NV)
- **17th** – Tuesday, Food Bank of Northern Nevada HV 2:30—3:30pm
- **16th** – Monday Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- **18th** – Monday RSTHC Admin Offices, RSTHC, & Child Care CLOSED for Martin Luther King Jr. Day!
- **24th** – Tuesday, Commodity Food Distribution at RSIC, 34 Reservation Rd, 8am-11:45am.
- **25th** – Wednesday, Economic Development Meeting at 6PM, HV Community Room (9075 Eagle Canyon Road, Sparks, NV)

**Please Note:**

- RSIC’s THPO/Cultural Resources Program’s “Wounded Souls—Extracting From the Land and Our Spirits” Exhibit is open, Monday—Friday, 11am-6pm & Saturday’s 11am-3pm. More Info: 775-785-1326.
- Recreation’s Youth Winter Day Camp daily, until January 6th.

**COVID-19 Stockpile:** To request PPE, call Joanna Hicks at 775 560-0941

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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

**FOLLOW US AT:**

www.rsic.org
NEW YEAR’S EVE

SOBRIETY SOCIAL POWWOW

WHEN: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2022
FREE ADMISSION
WHERE: RSIC RENO GYM
34 RESERVATION ROAD, RENO

HOST DRUM:
RED HOOP
DRESSLERVILLE, NV

HEAD STAFF:
Headman: Jack Williams
Head Lady: Leilani O’Daye
Head Teen Boy: Colson Lewis-Wyatt
Head Teen Girl: Tziavi Melendez

Sobriety Chip Giveaway, Gifts for Dancers, RSTHC Presentations & More
COME & ROUND DANCE THE NEW YEAR IN!!!

GRAND ENTRY @ 6pm
DOORS OPEN: 5PM-1AM
MC: Hank Johnson
ARENA DIRECTOR: Toby Stump
SPECIALS:
18+ Street Clothes Dance Special - Toby Stump
Men’s Traditional Special - Jack Williams
Women’s Jingle Special - Leilani O’Daye
Potato Dance Special - Colson Lewis-Wyatt
Men’s Grass Dance Special - Ayden Sampson
Hat & Boot Special - Tziavi Melendez

For More Information:
Anita Talancon 775-338-3723
Jason Stewart 775-399-2177
Antoinette Thayer 775-772-9003

Minimal COVID-19 Protocols!
Please stay home if you’re COVID positive or have ANY cold-like symptoms.
well-being to many. Indigenous people gather for powwows throughout North America to connect with other nations; sell handmade crafts, crafting materials and traditional foods; pray, sing and dance; and pass cultural practices from one generation to the next.

This alcohol and drug free event is to provide a sober atmosphere for all Native Americans and to address the stereotype America has portrayed Native Americans as drunk Indians.

Most notably, New Year’s Eve is a holiday of drinking alcohol.

The RSIC New Year’s Eve Sobriety Social Powwow began in the early 2000’s. 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 various RSIC government departments. One of these programs became a notable community event, the Annual New Year’s Eve Powwow: A Sobriety Celebration.

The idea behind the creation of the New Year’s Eve Sobriety Social Powwow is to honor all in attendance and not make it a competition powwow. It’s more of a traditional powwow. Where everyone is fed a meal (made by several community members) and all dancers receive a gift for participating.

Traditional powwows are not competition.

Nonetheless, there will be specials and small competitions sponsored by individual families. Including free raffles, sobriety chip giveaway, Tribal Health Center presentations & more. This is so the entire community can come and participate.

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 prayers are held to honor the universe, as we are all connected!

The Annual New Year’s Eve Sobriety Social Powwow doesn’t forget these teachings and honors the dancing, prayers and songs to heal our nations and continue to provide a sober, safe and fun event on the biggest drinking holiday of the year!

Conjointly with the powwow, there will vendor booths selling traditional native foods and Native American art such as beaded jewelry, abalone jewelry sets, silverwork, paintings, clothing, etc…mostly made by Nevada tribal members.

This event is organized, coordinated and facilitated by the RSIC Powwow Committee and in collaboration with the RSIC Departments and Reno-Sparks Tribal Health Center.

For more information, please contact RSIC Powwow Committee at 775-388-3723.
RING IN THE NEW YEAR WITH A SAFE FREE RIDE

RIDE RTC Transit Services FREE on New Year's Eve
Viaje gratis en RTC servicios de tránsito en la Víspera de Año Nuevo
6 pm - 2 am

Building A Better Community Through Quality Transportation.
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Merry Christmas & Happy New Year
TO YOU & YOUR FAMILY
RSIC WISHES YOU A SAFE, HEALTHY & HAPPY HOLIDAYS
RSIC Admin Offices & Reno-Sparks Tribal Health Center WILL BE CLOSED
December 26th & January 2nd
In observance of the Holidays

RSIC Child Care will be CLOSED
January 2nd in observance of Tribal and Federal holidays
January 16th
Lisa HV CC Supervisor (775) 785-1350
Martha Reno CC Supervisor (775) 789-5615
Reno-Sparks Indian Colony
Recycling Program Update

There are two 6-yard recycling bins available for RSIC residents and RSIC departments. The recycling bin in Hungry Valley has been moved near the Head Start Entrance and is no longer located at the TLC building. Green Solutions Recycling picks up the materials once a week on Thursdays. Please remember to place your materials inside the container, not on the ground.

**Reno Recycling Bin**
The tan recycling bin is located in Anderson Park near the green garbage dumpsters.

**Hungry Valley Recycling Bin (New Location)**
The tan recycling bin is now located near the Head Start Entrance.

**What is Recyclable Material?**
Approved recyclable materials include:

- Cardboard Products
- Paper Products
- Metal Products
- Wood
- Plastic Products
- Glass Products

Food or Hazardous Materials must never be placed in the recycling bins, including food soiled paper such as paper plates, coffee filters, and paper milk cartons.

*Questions? Please contact the Planning Department at 775-785-1363 or cstowell@rsic.org*

*Thank you for recycling!*
RSIC’s Community Christmas Dinner at Reno Gym on Dec. 20th. Santa & Mrs. Claus stopped by for a visit with all the children and tribal members. Thank you Recreation Dept. for hosting such a wonderful Christmas family dinner.
-Photos by Bethany Sam
To our Wonderful Employees:

Tis the season to let you know, that we are grateful for your hard work in helping this organization grow. Your excellent performance and dedication has made our Tribe what it is today. We wish you and your families a peaceful Holiday and a Happy New Year 2023!

Respectfully,

Chairman Arlan Melendez & RSIC Tribal Council

Photos of Employee Xmas Party at the Atlantis Casino & Resort on December 9th. Photos by: Little Buck Harjo
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ALL RSIC MEMBERS GET 30% DISCOUNT
WHAT IS PRC?

All care provided at the Reno Sparks Tribal Health Center is considered "Direct Care".

Purchased and Referred Care (PRC) is a program that covers financial costs for referrals and/or emergency services outside of the RSTHC. PRC is not an entitlement program and a referral does not guarantee the care will be paid for. If RSTHC is requested to pay, a patient must meet residency, notification, medical priority of care and use of alternate resources requirements of as required per 42 CFR 136.23, 136.24 and 136.61 in order to be eligible for PRC.

Please contact us for assistance:
Purchased and Referred Care
775-329-5162

Tia Scott, PRC Clerk, Ext #2002
Felicia Johnson, PRC Clerk, Ext #1917
RSTHC Injury Prevention Program

Participates in the Cribs for Kids Program sponsored by REMSA (non-profit community service).

This program provides Safe Sleep environment. Educate families on Safe Sleep Practices and continue to decrease sleep—related deaths.

Eligibility to receive a **play “N” pack crib**

- Parents or Caregivers are a patient of RSIC Tribal Health Center
- Expecting Mother’s before their due date or
- Infant is 0 months—5 months old
- Education Class on Safe Sleep Practices

(775) 329-5162 EXT. 1927 CALLIE SANCHEZ; INJURY PREVENTION COORDINATOR

SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT

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**CAR SEATS & COATS DO NOT MIX**

**Why not?**

Winter coats should not be worn in a car seat because that could the harness too loose to be effective in a crash.

**Huh?**

Children not securely fastened in a car seat can be ejected from the car seat resulting in serious injuries or death.

**Questions?**

Please contact Callie Sanchez, Injury Prevention Coordinator

(775) 329-5162 ext. 1927

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Your child’s bulky coat isn’t car seat safe!
Students, schools agree NV tuition waiver program for Native Americans is off to a promising start

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Brian Melendez can trace his family history back to an encampment on the land where the Reynolds School of Journalism now stands, before they were forcibly removed to make room for the old Mackay Stadium.

“Not too long ago, my great-great-grandmother gave birth where the University of Nevada, Reno football statue is currently located. That hillside was once our people’s traditional homes,” said Melendez, a citizen of the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony, who advocated for a Native American tuition waiver for years.

The construction of Nevada’s only land-grant university required the removal of tribes from their homelands and gave the university the right to fund itself through the sale of those unceded lands — a right it has to this day.

UNR is also a stronghold for the accredited teaching of the Northern Paiute language — a language tribes in Nevada are fighting to preserve. The opportunity to achieve fluency in the language of the state’s original peoples is a particular draw for tribal citizens attending the university.

Paiute culture and language has been studied by academics at Nevada universities since the institutions were established, and countless graduate degrees awarded to non-tribal students have resulted from the use and study of cultural materials housed in Nevada’s universities.

Still, less than 1% of tribal citizens attend college in Nevada, let alone graduate school, says tribal leadership. One of the largest barriers is the mounting cost of higher education.

So when the Nevada Legislature passed a law in late Spring 2021 prohibiting the Nevada System of Higher Education from charging tuition to any Native American student who belongs to a federally recognized tribe in Nevada or a descendant of an enrolled member, tribes and students rejoiced.

Native graduate students at UNR took to saying a phrase that summarized their point of view on higher education: While the bill “cannot decolonize the academy” they will work to “indigenize the academy.”

The timing of the bill’s passage left only a few months for the state’s colleges and universities to implement the program and get the word out to Native American students about the waiver in time for the 2021-2022 school year. During the first school year of implementation, $457,449 in tuition and fees were waived for 140 students, according to Nevada System of Higher Education.

As of October, 73 students have benefited from the waiver at UNR alone, accounting for about $330,000 in waived tuition this year. For the 2022-23 academic year, another 50 students have applied for the waiver.

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Education Manager News
For More Bus Safety Rules:
https://www.washoeschools.net

Dear Parents and Students,
Here is a quick reminder of a few rules on WCSD buses:
• Students must listen to the driver and follow the driver’s directions.
• Students must remain seated at all times.
• Students are not allowed to walk on the bus while the bus is in motion.
• Bullying, fighting, or foul language is prohibited on buses.

RSIC’s Education Department is Hiring!
We are looking to fill positions in both Hungry Valley and Reno!
We are looking for child care aides, cooks, and positions at Head Start!
For more information, please check out RSIC’s Human Resources

Santa Comes to Head Start!
On December 15th in Reno, and December 21st in Hungry Valley, we had a very special visit from Santa! The Head Start Children were able to visit with Santa and receive some special gift too! It was such a fun event!

Thank you to everyone who helped make Santa’s visit extra special!

Education Committee
The Education Committee is looking to recruit two new members. We meet monthly, usually the 2nd Monday of each Month. Please see flyer in the Camp News or call 775-329-6114 for more information.
**Commodity Food Distribution**

Reno Sparks Indian Colony
Tuesday January 24, 2023 8am - 11:45am
Administration Bldg.
34, Reservation Rd.
Reno, Nv.

- NEW CLIENTS - PLEASE COMPLETE AND SUBMIT 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: *Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Commodity Program*
775-785-0260 Ext. 2 or Cell: 775-781-4856
Fax: 775-463-7856 or uptcommod@msn.com

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

**Earn Your High School Equivalency Certificate**

**Orientation and Pretests**
- January 3-January 5
- 9:00am-11:30am
- Hungry Valley Education Building

**Classes**
- January 9 until completion
- Monday-Thursday 9:00-11:30am
- Hungry Valley Education Building

***$100 incentive upon completion and passing all portions of the test for RSIC Tribal Members and 477 clients

Presented by:
Reno-Sparks Indian Colony 477 Program and Northern Nevada Literacy Council
For more information:
Gaylene Williams
gwilliams@rsic.org
775-329-6114

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**Exact Cash Please**

Also, Please Note........
Housing Payments MUST BE SEPERATE from Water, Loan and/or Garbage Payments

*Thank You, Finance Staff*
er at UNR, said Daphne Emm Hooper, the school’s director of Indigenous Relations.

Since the waiver passed, UNR has seen a 13% increase in Native American undergraduate students and a 3% increase in graduate students.

“Part of it is that we’re seeing more graduate students coming in,” Hooper said “It created access to additional funding. Graduate students don’t have access to as much financial aid. The waiver applies towards graduate courses, I think that’s why we are seeing more Native students seeking out more advanced degrees.”

‘This has been life-changing’

Alyssa Sweet, 20, a descendant of the Lovelock Paiute Tribe, is still an undergraduate at the Truckee Meadows Community College in Reno, Nevada. Last year, 24 students at the community college benefited from tuition waiver amounting to about $30,000 in fees waived.

Next semester, Sweet is transferring to UNR now that she has more stable funding for her educational goals of becoming an elementary school teacher.

“The only reason I’m able to go to the university is because of this waiver,” Sweet said. “And it’s because I’m Native. It makes me feel good about who I am.”

Before the tuition waiver, Sweet could only afford to attend about two classes a semester at Truckee Meadows Community College, a story she’s seen repeated by other Native students.

“Without the fee waiver I honestly would have had to drop out this semester. I’ve been having a lot of financial issues and I can’t rely on most help,” Sweet said. “This has been life-changing for me just because I can rely on something else, something I know that’s going to be there.”

The process of confirming Sweet’s eligibility with records of her family’s tribal enrollments has been complicated, she said. A lack of communication and coordination between higher education and tribes has made navigating the waivers requirements difficult. Still, she says the process led her to reconnect with the Lovelock Paiute Tribe and she’s taken steps to enroll as a citizen of the tribe.

“I think that it’s really important for the school administration to have the knowledge and know how to help us with it or always have someone we can ask. I feel like there should be more resources,” Sweet said.

Higher education administrators in Nevada agree that as awareness of the fee waiver grows so will the number of Native students applying.

More than one NSHE institution has added additional staff and programs to provide wrap-around supports for Native American students since the tuition waiver was passed.

Native American student advocate at Truckee Meadows Community College, Delina Trottier, is one of those newly hired staffers. Her outreach was the reason Sweet first found out about the tuition waiver.

“Since August, I’ve been reaching out to the Native American student population and encouraging them to look at the waiver and seeing if they meet the requirements or if they need any help applying,” Trottier said.

She’s also a student at the University of Nevada, Reno and a citizen of the Onion Lake Cree Nation in Saskatchewan, Canada. But for the last 10 years she’s called Pyramid Lake in Nevada home.

“One day my daughter will get to utilize this waiver,” Trottier said.

Many Native students had some awareness of the tuition waiver through their

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50th Annual Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada Conference 2022 at the Grand Sierra Resort Casino.

Chokecherry Designs Fashion Show at Lex Night Club to include Supaman, PBR Bullrider Dakota Louis, Ray Champ & DJ Element.

With a few of our very own RSIC Women Models: Alisha Numan, Stacey Burns, Lorri Chasing Crow, Gina Featherstone, Randa Deluna, Rinna George, Clarissa Mashburn, and RSIC Makeup Artist, Emily Bowman.

Way to represent ladies!
**End Cervical Cancer in Indian Country**

**What is cervical cancer?**

Cervical cancer is a disease where abnormal cells grow on the cervix.

![Diagram of female reproductive organs]

**What can I do?**

**GET VACCINATED**
The human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine is recommended for everyone ages 9-26 to protect against HPV cases that lead to 9 out of 10 cervical cancers. Learn more at: AICAF.org/hpv

**PRACTICE SMART SEX**
Use protection and talk with your sexual partners: anyone who has ever had anal, vaginal or oral sex can get HPV.

**QUIT SMOKING**
Smoking weakens the immune system, making it harder for the body to fight HPV infection. Learn more at: AICAF.org/quit

**GET SCREENED**
Cervical cancer is highly curable when detected and treated early.

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**Screening Tests**

- **PAP TESTS** look for cell changes on the cervix during a pelvic exam. Regular Pap tests are the **ONLY** effective way to find cancer early
- **HPV TESTS** look for HPV that can cause cell changes that may lead to cervical cancer

**When should I get screened?**

- **21-29**
  - Pap test every 3 years

- **30-65**
  - Two options:
    - 1) Continue Pap test every 3 years OR
    - 2) Pap test AND HPV test every 5 years

- **65+**
  - Talk to your health care provider

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**American Indian women are nearly 2X more likely to develop cervical cancer than white women.**

**American Pap? Don’t panic!**

An abnormal Pap test is not a diagnosis of cervical cancer. Follow up with your health care provider to discuss your screening results and recommendations.

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American Indian Cancer Foundation

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AmericanIndianCancer.org
JANUARY IS CERVICAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

TEN THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT HPV AND CERVICAL CANCER

HPV IS COMMON
Most sexually active individuals have HPV at some point. At any time there are approximately 79 million people in the U.S. with HPV.

DIFFERENT TYPES
Some types of HPV can cause genital warts while some other, different types are linked to cervical cell changes that, if not detected early, can increase a woman’s risk for cervical cancer. HPV also causes some cancers of the penis, anus, vagina, vulva, and throat. HPV infections are usually harmless, though, and most are cleared naturally by the body in a year or two.

VACCINATION
HPV vaccines can help prevent infection from both high risk HPV types that can lead to cervical cancer and low risk types that cause genital warts. The CDC recommends all boys and girls get the HPV vaccine at age 11 or 12, but vaccination is available through age 26. The vaccine produces a stronger immune response when taken during the preteen years. For this reason, up until age 14, only two doses are the vaccine are required. Young women and men can get the vaccine up to age 26, but for those 15 and older, a full three-dose series is needed.

TRANSMISSION
HPV is usually passed by genital-to-genital and genital-to-anal contact (even without penetration). The virus can also be transmitted by oral to genital contact, although this probably occurs less often. Studies show that male condoms can reduce HPV transmission to females, although condoms only protect the skin they cover.

TESTING
A Pap test can find cell changes to the cervix caused by HPV. HPV tests find the virus and help healthcare providers know which women are at highest risk for cervical cancer. A Pap/HPV co-test is recommended for women 30 and over. One HPV test has been approved for use as primary cervical cancer screening for women age 25 and older, followed by a Pap test for women with certain results.

TREATMENT
There’s no treatment for the virus itself, but healthcare providers have plenty of options to treat diseases caused by HPV.

RELATIONSHIPS
It can take weeks, months, or even years after exposure to HPV before symptoms develop or the virus is detected. This is why it is usually impossible to determine when or from whom HPV may have been contracted. A recent diagnosis of HPV does not necessarily mean anyone has been unfaithful, even in a long-term relationship spanning years.

PREGNANCY
Pregnant women with HPV almost always have natural deliveries and healthy babies—it’s very rare for a newborn to get HPV from the mother.

THE EMOTIONAL SIDE
It can be upsetting when HPV is first diagnosed, but remember that having HPV is normal! It doesn’t mean that anyone did something wrong, just that like most others they were exposed to a common infection. There are 1.4 million new HPV infections in the U.S. each year alone.

FINDING SUPPORT
The American Sexual Health Association and the National Cervical Cancer Coalition have online support communities at Inspire.com that connect patients, partners, and caregivers. These are safe places where thousands of users find the information and support they need.

National Cervical Cancer Coalition
A program of the American Sexual Health Association

LEARN MORE AT
WWW.ASHASEXUALHEALTH.ORG
WWW.NCCC-ONLINE.ORG
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Please tie up your dogs during delivery times 10 am-1 pm. Staff will not enter yards with loose dogs. COVID 19 Reminder: your meal will be in a plastic bag and placed 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 removed and a “missed you” note will be left. This ensures safe temperatures of food.
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Activities are subject to change or cancel without notice.
Older Adults are at High Risk for Severe RSV Infection

Respiratory syncytial virus, or RSV, is a common virus that affects the lungs and breathing passages.

RSV infections can be dangerous for certain adults. Adults at highest risk for severe RSV infection include:

- Older adults, especially those 65 years and older
- Adults with chronic heart or lung disease
- Adults with weakened immune systems

Each year, it is estimated that between 60,000–120,000 older adults in the United States are hospitalized and 6,000–10,000 of them die due to RSV infection.

Severe RSV infection

When an older adult gets RSV infection, they typically have mild cold-like symptoms including runny nose, sore throat, cough, and headache. But RSV can sometimes lead to serious conditions such as:

- Pneumonia (infection of the lungs)
- More severe symptoms for people with asthma
- More severe symptoms for people with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) (a chronic disease of the lungs that makes it hard to breathe)
- Congestive heart failure (when the heart can't pump blood and oxygen to the body's tissues)

Older adults who get very sick from RSV may need to be hospitalized. Some may even die. Older adults are at greater risk than young adults for serious complications from RSV because our immune systems weaken when we are older.

How to protect yourself and loved ones

RSV circulation starts in the fall and peaks in the winter. If you are at high risk for severe RSV infection, or if you interact with an older adult, you should take extra care to stay healthy:

- **Wash your hands often**
  Wash your hands often with soap and water for 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer. Washing your hands will help protect you from germs.

- **Keep your hands off your face**
  Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands. Germs spread this way.

- **Avoid close contact with sick people**
  Avoid close contact, such as kissing, and sharing cups or eating utensils with people who have cold-like symptoms.

- **Cover your coughs and sneezes**
  Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. Throw the tissue in the trash afterward.

- **Clean and disinfect surfaces**
  Clean and disinfect surfaces that people frequently touch, such as doorknobs. When people infected with RSV touch surfaces and objects, they can leave behind germs. Also, when they cough or sneeze, droplets containing germs can land on surfaces and objects.

- **Stay home when you are sick**
  If possible, stay home from work, school, and public areas when you are sick. This will help protect others from catching your illness.

Scientists are working to develop vaccines

There is no vaccine to prevent RSV infection yet, but scientists are working hard to develop one. If you are concerned about your risk for RSV, talk to your doctor.

www.cdc.gov/rsv
RSV in Infants and Young Children

Respiratory syncytial virus, or RSV, is a common virus that affects the lungs and breathing passages.

Each year in the United States, an estimated 58,000–80,000 children younger than 5 years old are hospitalized due to RSV infection. Those at greatest risk for severe illness from RSV include:

- Premature infants
- Infants, especially those 6 months and younger
- Children younger than 2 years old with chronic lung disease or congenital (present from birth) heart disease
- Children with weakened immune systems
- Children who have neuromuscular disorders, including those who have difficulty swallowing or clearing mucus secretions

Early Symptoms of RSV
RSV may not be severe when it first starts. However, it can become more severe a few days into the illness. Early symptoms of RSV may include:

- Runny nose
- Decrease in appetite
- Cough, which may progress to wheezing or difficulty breathing

Call your healthcare provider if your child is having difficulty breathing, not drinking enough fluids, or experiencing worsening symptoms.

Severe RSV Infection
Virtually all children get an RSV infection by the time they are 2 years old. Most of the time RSV will cause a mild, cold-like illness, but it can also cause severe illness such as:

- Bronchiolitis (inflammation of the small airways in the lung)
- Pneumonia (infection of the lungs)

One to two out of every 100 children younger than 6 months of age with RSV infection may need to be hospitalized. Those who are hospitalized may require oxygen, IV fluids (if they aren’t eating and drinking), and/or mechanical ventilation (a machine to help with breathing). Most improve with this type of supportive care and are discharged in a few days.

Medication for Babies at High Risk
There is a medicine that can help protect some babies at high risk for severe RSV disease. Healthcare providers usually give this medicine (called palivizumab) to very premature infants and young children with certain heart and lung conditions as a series of monthly shots during RSV season. If you are concerned about your child’s risk for severe RSV infection, talk to your child’s healthcare provider.

RSV in Very Young Infants
Infants who get an RSV infection almost always show symptoms. This is different from adults who can have few or no symptoms with RSV infection. In very young infants (less than 6 months old), the only symptoms of RSV infection may be:

- Irritability
- Decreased activity
- Decreased appetite
- Apnea (pauses in breathing more than 10 seconds)

What you should do if your child is at high risk for severe RSV infection
RSV season in most regions of the U.S. starts in the fall and peaks in the winter. If you have contact with an infant or young child, especially those who were born prematurely, have chronic lung or heart disease or a weakened immune system, you should take extra care to keep the infant healthy by doing the following:

- Wash your hands often
- Keep your hands off your face
- Avoid close contact with sick people
- Cover your coughs and sneezes
- Clean and disinfect surfaces
- Stay home when you are sick

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JOIN OUR TEAM!!!

ELECTION BOARD HAS VACANCY TO FILL FOR THE 2023 TRIBAL ELECTION

The Reno-Sparks Indian Colony (RSIC) is accepting letters of interest from qualified candidates to fill several 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 after 5 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 no later than 4 p.m. on Monday, January 9, 2023 to:

Tribal Administrator 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:
Ramona Darrough, Chairperson
By e-mail: rdarrough@rsic.org
By phone: (775)785-1300
own social networks, but didn’t know where to start or how to apply, said Trottier. Soon she was receiving steady emails from students seeking guidance.

“I used to be a student at Truckee Meadows and they didn’t have this position,” said Trottier. “I was kind of timid and shy to even ask for help when I needed it. I’m trying to be that person I needed when I went to TMCC,” Trottier said.

Connecting with tribal leaders and arranging information meetings and tours with high school students has helped bridge a gap between tribes and the community college, said Trottier.

“There’s a lot of interest from the tribes,” Trottier said.

Karin Hilgersom, the president of Truckee Meadows Community College, said she hopes to grow the program and connect with more tribal nations through public higher education.

“This important fee waiver also started a series of events over the past year that strengthened our relationship with tribes and their representatives. In May 2022, I was honored to award Arlan Melendez, Chairman of the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony and TMCC alumnus, with our President’s Medal,” Hilgersom said. “We are proud of these efforts and are dedicated to serving all students with accessible, affordable educational opportunities.”

As of December, 16 students at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas have benefitted from the free tuition waiver. Most of those students are undergraduates. Zack Goodwin, UNLV’s executive director of financial aid and scholarships, said he suspects the waiver will encourage more of those same students and others across Nevada to apply to eventually more costly graduate programs.

We did have more people applying for it than we did in its initial year,” said Goodwin. “I think the word is pretty much out at this point.”

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If you’d like to know more about RSIC’s Higher Education Department can help you understand this waiver, please contact Jose Sanchez, Higher Education Coordinator at 775-223-1402 or jsanchez@rsic.org.

Lawana’s Renewal

My husband, Eddie Martinez and I renewed our Wedding Vows on August 27th, 2022. We have been married 25 years. We would like to thank everyone who attended and thanks to all of you for the lovely gifts. A special thanks to Chairman Melendez for officiating the renewal. Everyone had a wonderful time dancing and eating. Thank you all again!

- Lawana and Eddie Martinez
Have Kids Ages 9 or Under?
Make Your Opinion Count!

The Children’s Cabinet, a non-profit organization here in Nevada, is conducting a brief online survey about child care and financial aid for parents. If you have children in child care, are looking for child care options, or want to know more about subsidy programs that can pay for child care, please scan the QR code below with your phone camera and take our survey.

You will automatically be entered to win one of ten $50 Visa gift cards!

Scan QR Code to Start Survey Now

This project is supported with funding from the Administration for Children and Families Child Care and Development Fund through a subaward agreement with the Nevada Division of Welfare and Supportive Services Child Care and Development Program.

The Mountain Lions! Register your child to be a part of the new Multicultural Education every child needs!

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**All in-person participants are required to wear a mask. Please call the following number to sign-up:**

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- (775) 329-5162 EXT 2010

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**Anger Management**

**Tuesdays at 4:00PM**

Masks are mandatory for all in-person classes.

Please call to sign up:

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- **Knowing Your Triggers** — Learn to identify what sets you off or worsens your anger
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**Thursdays**

4:00-5:30 PM

Masks are mandatory for all in-person classes.

Please call to sign up:

- (775) 334-0989
- OR
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**Path to a Better You**

**Substance Abuse Outpatient Group**

- Psychoeducation to identify factors that compel problematic use and/or continued use.
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When: Wednesdays

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URGENT: As Court Ruling Nears, Thacker Pass Sacred Sites Are Already Being Damaged

Tribal Chairman: “It’s Our Responsibility to Protect Sacred Sites”

By: Max Wilbert, Will Falk, Michon Eben & Bethany Sam

(RENO, NV) - The Thacker Pass Lithium Mine in northern Nevada is headed back to Federal Court on January 5th as the lawsuits against the project near completion, but project opponents are raising the alarm that Lithium Nevada Corporation has already begun work on the proposed mine.

Lithium Nevada’s workers at Thacker Pass have begun digging test pits, bore holes, dumping gravel, building fencing, and installing security cameras where Native Americans often conduct ceremonies. Lithium Nevada also conducted “bulk sampling” earlier this year, and may be planning to dig dozens of new test pits across Thacker Pass. They are claiming this work is legal under previous permits issued over a decade ago. But Tribes and mine opponents, including the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony and Summit Lake Paiute Tribe, disagree.

They point to language in the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Thacker Pass Lithium Mine that says, “Authorization of [the mine] will terminate the [earlier permits].” The Federal permit for Thacker Pass was approved on January 15th, 2021.

Will Falk, attorney for the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony explains: “Lithium Nevada told the government and the American public that it would terminate the older permits upon BLM's approval of the Thacker Pass Project. Now they are going back on their word, it appears they are lying to get a head start on building the Thacker Pass mine, and the BLM is allowing them to get away with it.”

Thacker Pass, known as Peehee Mu’huh in Paiute, is a sacred site to regional tribes whose ancestors lived in the area for thousands of years, and were massacred there on at least two occasions.

Michon Eben, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer at Reno-Sparks Indian Colony, says the site is incredibly important to Native American history. “Peehee Mu’huh is a sacred place where our ancestors lived and died. We still go there to pray, gather food and medicine, hunt, and teach our youth about the history of our people.” Eben and the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony are currently hosting an exhibit on the impacts of mining on Native people of Nevada.

Tribal members have stated in court filings that, because of the history of battles and massacres on the site, Thacker Pass is as significant to their culture as a site like Pearl Harbor is to
American history. Arlan Melendez, Chairman of the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony, understands the importance of battle and massacre sites as both a Native American and as a U.S. Marine Corps veteran.

“As tribal leaders, it’s our responsibility to protect and honor our sacred places,” says Melendez. “Throughout US history, tribes have always been set up to lose in the US legal system against BLM. This Lithium Mine stands in the way of our roots and it’s violating the religious freedoms of our elders, our people.”

The Reno-Sparks Indian Colony represents RSIC Enrolled Tribal Members who are descendants of the McDermitt Paiute & Shoshone Tribe or descendants of Paiute-Shoshone ancestors who prayed and lived in the area prior to colonization. RSIC also represents its employees and residents who are McDermitt Enrolled Tribal Members.

Falk, the Tribal attorney, says that Lithium Nevada’s construction activities at Thacker Pass are also violating tribal consultation rights.

“The Reno-Sparks Indian Colony and Summit Lake Paiute Tribe are still engaged in consultation with the BLM about the September 12, 1865 massacre site, a site that will be completely destroyed by Lithium Nevada’s mine if this project is built,” Falk says. “It’s hard to believe a government agency is consulting in good faith when they are already allowing the site to be harmed.”

Shelley Harjo, a tribal member from the Fort McDermitt Shoshone Paiute Tribe and an employee of the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony, has called the planned destruction of Thacker Pass “the biggest desecration and rape of a known Native American massacre site in our area.”

The upcoming January 5th hearing in Reno’s Federal Courthouse will be the final oral argument in the ongoing lawsuits against the Thacker Pass mine. Mine opponents are planning a march and rally outside. Plaintiffs, including the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony, Burns Paiute Tribe, four environmental organizations, and local rancher Edward Bartell, have alleged numerous violations of the law, and Judge Miranda Du is expected to issue her opinion in the case within days or weeks of the January 5th hearing.

“No matter what happens in court on January 5th, Thacker Pass is being destroyed right now and that threat will be ongoing,” says Max Wilbert, co-founder of Protect Thacker Pass. “We have to stop that.”

Lithium Nevada claims that its lithium mine will be essential to producing batteries for combating global warming, and the Biden administration has previously indicated some support for Thacker Pass. Opponents of the project have called this “greenwashing,” arguing that the project would harm important wildlife habitat and create significant pollution. They say that electric cars are still harmful to the planet.

**Thacker Pass Timeline:**

✦ January 15, 2021 — Due to “fast-tracked” permitting under the Trump Administration, the Bureau of Land Management releases a Record of Decision approving the Thacker Pass mine less than a year after beginning the Environmental Impact Statement process. On the same day, Max Wilbert and Will Falk established the Protect Thacker Pass camp.

✦ February 11, 2021 — Local rancher Edward Bartell files a lawsuit (Case No. 3:21-cv-00080-MMD-CLB) in U.S. District Court alleging the proposed mine violates the Endangered Species Act by harming Lahontan Cutthroat Trout, and would

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Honorable Elder & World War II Veteran, Grandma Beatrice Thayer, donated her flag she received from the Hawaii Governor Josh Green on the USS Missouri for the 75th Pearl Harbor Anniversary on December 7th, 2020.

Grandma Beatrice Thayer donated this flag to RSIC's Veteran's Memorial at Reno-Sparks Tribal Health Center on the 77th Pearl Harbor Anniversary December 7th, 2022 at the age of 96 years old. You can view at the Reno-Sparks Tribal Health Center during regular business hours.

RSIC’s Tribal Council & RSIC Veteran’s Committee thanks Grandma Beatrice Thayer for her service and generous donation. It’s and honor to have you in our lives.
IN THE MATTER OF: 
THE ESTATE OF EILEEN F. DALE, 
Decedent.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been duly appointed and qualified by the above-entitled Court on the 28th day of September, 2022, as Executor of the Estate of Eileen Dale, deceased.

All creditors having claims against said estate are required to file same, with the proper vouchers attached with the Executor’s Attorney within ninety (90) days after the first publication of this notice.

Claims must be presented to Executor’s Attorney at the following address:
Norman Allen
P.O. Box 10808
Reno, NV 89511

Cell Number: (775) 813-3947
Dated this 10th day of October, 2022.

SIGNATURE

By: ________________
Eileen Horton, Executor

SIGNATURE

By: ___________________
Norman Allen, Attorney for Executor

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RECRUITMENT FOR LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Notice to RSIC Enrolled Members

The Law & Order Committee is currently recruiting for four new members. Appointments made to the Committee are for a four-year term and members are appointed by the Tribal Council. The Committee, pursuant to the bylaws, are scheduled to meet the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

The Committee shall be compensated at a rate approved by the Tribal Council.

The Standing Rules for Committees and Advisory Boards of RSIC has been revised and were adopted by the Tribal Council on 10-31-2012, Resolution No. 2012-RS-53. All Committee members must abide by these rules. Please see the Tribal Administrator’s Office for a copy of the Standing Rules.

Any interested RSIC enrolled member may submit their applications to the Tribal Administrator’s Office located at 34 Reservation Road.

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RECRUITMENT FOR
RENO-SPARKS INDIAN COLONY POWWOW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Notice To Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Enrolled Members

The Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Powwow Committee is seeking two (2) 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 the Powwow Committee Chairman at 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 TRIBAL HEALTH CENTER
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MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION & MEDICATION DELIVERIES

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

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To schedule a ride or medication delivery please call (775) 329-5162, exts., 1921, 1926, 1940.

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

Wheelchair accessible.
Resolution No. 2022-RS-172

Resolution of the Reno-Sparks Tribal Council

WHEREAS, the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony ("RSIC" or "Colony") is a Federally recognized Indian Tribe organized under Section 18 of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934; (48 Stat. 944, 25 U.S.C. 476d) as amended, to provide certain rights of home rule and to be responsible for the general welfare of its membership; and

WHEREAS, the Reno-Sparks Tribal Council ("Council") is empowered under Article VI, Section 1 of the Tribal Constitution and Bylaws, to, among other matters, enact legislation for the purpose of safeguarding and promoting the peace, safety, and general welfare of the members of the Colony; and

WHEREAS, the Colony wishes to protect the RSIC community from violence and criminal activity and has enacted laws and ordinances to further this objective; and

WHEREAS, the Colony enacted Ordinance No. 52 to provide an administrative hearing process that ensures due process and authorizes the exclusion of RSIC members and unwanted outsiders from the Colony; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has determined that is in the best interest of the Colony to exclude RSIC Tribal Members who are involved in incidents that present a clear and present danger to the safety of the Colony and after following the due process mechanisms detailed in the Ordinance, including an administrative hearing on the record, have determined to take this action; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Reno-Sparks Tribal Council hereby resolves the RSIC Tribal Member Joel Christy from the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony for the period of three years effective as of the date of the enactment of this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any threats or acts of violence, vandalism or any other threats or intimidation from Mr. Christy or his extended family, friends or supporter to RSIC Tribal Council Members, RSIC staff or Colony Members will not be tolerated and may result in an extension of the duration of the exclusion and may subject Mr. Christy to disqualification from the Tribe; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Mr. Christy is expected to abide by all federal, state and tribal laws and display traits and habits of being a good Tribal member and citizen that may be taken into account to shorten the length of the exclusion should the RSIC Tribal Council determine to do so; and

Resolution No. 2022-RS-173

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any threats or acts of violence, vandalism or any other threats or intimidation from Mr. Phoenix or his extended family, friends or supporter to RSIC Tribal Council Members, RSIC staff or Colony Members will not be tolerated and may result in an extension of the duration of the exclusion and may subject Mr. Phoenix to disqualification from the Tribe; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Mr. Phoenix is expected to abide by all federal, state and tribal laws and display traits and habits of being a good Tribal member and citizen that may be taken into account to shorten the length of the exclusion should the RSIC Tribal Council determine to do so; and

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned Secretary of the Reno-Sparks Tribal Council, hereby certify that the Tribal Council, composed of nine (9) members, of which five (5) constitute a quorum, and of which eight (8) were present at a duly called meeting convened and held on the 16th day of November, 2022, and that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by a Roll Call vote of eight (8) for, zero (0) against, and zero (0) abstentions, pursuant to authority contained in the Constitution and Bylaws of the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony.

[Signature]
Marlene Yarrow, Secretary
Reno-Sparks Tribal Council

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[Signature]
Marlene Yarrow, Secretary
Reno-Sparks Tribal Council
LEGAL / PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECRUITMENT FOR
EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Reno-Sparks Education Advisory Committee is recruiting three (3) RSIC Enrolled Tribal Member Representatives to fill a vacancy on the Education Advisory Committee.

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

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

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

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

Education Advisory Board
Education Department
34 D Reservation Road

RECRUITMENT FOR
HEAD START POLICY COUNCIL

The Reno-Sparks Head Start Policy Council is recruiting two (2) elected parent representatives. One (1) parent representative must be from Reno Head Start Classroom A and one (1) parent representative must be from Reno Head Start Classroom B.

The Policy council consists of three (3) elected representatives, one from each classroom, and two (2) representatives from the RSIC community, one (1) from Reno-Sparks and one (1) from Hungry Valley.

Parent representatives shall be elected by the local center’s parents for a term of one year. The community representatives will be elected by Head Start parents.

If you are interested in being a member of the Head Start Policy Council, please submit a letter of interest to:

Head Start Policy Council
34 A Reservation Road
Reno, NV 89502

For more information, please call 775-789-5615
cause irreparable harm to springs, wet meadows, and water tables.

- February 26, 2021 — Four environmental organizations (Basin and Range Watch, Great Basin Resource Watch, Wildlands Defense, and Western Watersheds Project) file another lawsuit (Case No. 3:21-cv-00080-MMD-CLB) in U.S. District Court, alleging that BLM violated the National Environmental Policy Act, Federal Land Policy Management Act, and other laws in permitting the Thacker Pass mine.

- June 24, 2021 — The National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), the oldest and largest national organization of American Indian and Alaska Native tribal governments, calls on the Department of the Interior to rescind the permits for the Thacker Pass project.

- Spring and Summer 2021 — Rallies, protests, and prayer runs take place in Orovada, Winnemucca, Reno, Carson City, and at Thacker Pass. More than 100 mine opponents gather at Thacker Pass to commemorate the 156-year anniversary of a September 12, 1865 massacre of at least 31 Northern Paiute men, women, and children committed by the 1st Nevada Cavalry. Thousands of people visit the site.

- July 19, 2021 — The Reno-Sparks Indian Colony and Atsa koodakuh wyh Nuwu (People of Red Mountain) files a successful motion to intervene in Federal District Court (Case No. 3:21-cv-00080-MMD-CLB) alleging that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) violated the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) in permitting the planned lithium mine.

- August 2, 2021 — Burns Paiute Tribe files a motion to intervene on the side of tribal plaintiffs (Case No. 3:21-cv-00080-MMD-CLB).

- September 15, 2021 — Bureau of Land Management accuses Will Falk and Max Wilbert of trespass for providing bathrooms to native elders at Thacker Pass, fining them $49,890.13.

- October 8, 2021 — Eighteen native elders from three regional tribes request a BLM permit for their ceremonial camp. The BLM does not respond.

- November 29, 2021 — The Reno-Sparks Indian Colony files an amended complaint in federal court alleging major previously unknown violations of the law. In January, Judge Miranda Du rejects the amended complaint because she wants to make a final decision on the case within a few months (note that the case has now continued for another calendar year).

- February 11th, 2022 — Winnemucca Indian Colony files a motion to intervene in the lawsuit on the side of plaintiffs, claiming that BLM’s contention that they consulted with the Tribe is completely false. Judge Du rejects this motion shortly afterwards with the same reasoning used above.

- April 4th, 2022 — Reno-Sparks Indian Colony files a Motion for Discovery Sanctions alleging that the BLM has been disobeying court orders and making “reckless, false statements” in a deliberate attempt to abuse the justice system and limit judicial oversight. Judge Du agrees with RSIC, but rejects the motion on a technicality.

- August 2022 — BLM “discovers” five new historic sites at Thacker Pass and for the first time acknowledges the September 12, 1865 massacre took place, but continues to reject tribal expertise.

- September 2022 — Lithium Nevada Corporation begins digging up portions of Thacker Pass for “bulk sampling” despite consultation still being ongoing between the Bureau of Land Management and regional tribes over cultural sites.

- October 2022 — Dozens of mining activists from four continents visit Thacker Pass as part of the Western Mining Action Network biennial conference.

- January 2023 — Judge Miranda Du will listen to oral arguments on Jan 5th. A Peaceful March will be led by RSIC to the Reno Federal Court Building. See flyer for more details.

For more info: Michon Eben, RSIC THPO at 775-785-1326.
WANTED

RENO AND HUNGRY VALLEY COURIERS
FOR 2023

MUST BE 13 YEARS OR OLDER

RSIC Front office is looking for
Community Members to deliver
Flyers to Reno and Hungry Valley’s
Communities. Applications can be
Picked up in the Administration office.

Administration office is located at
34 Reservation Rd, Reno NV 89501 Bld. A
Office Hours Monday-Friday 8am-5pm

Contact us at (775)329-2936 or by email at
LPLASCENCIA@RSIC.ORG or at AHENSLEE@RSIC.ORG
CAMP NEWS DELIVERY CONTRACT

Name of Individual: ___________________________ Phone: ___________________________

Address: ___________________________ LOCATION: ___________________________

MONTH OF DELIVERY (Circle One)

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PLEASE READ EACH LINE & INITIAL *:

- Final payment for delivery of the newsletter (if delivered) & flyers will be processed when the contract agreement has been fulfilled at the end of the month. A check will be issued the 2nd week of the following month and the pick-up location is at the Finance Department. *
- I agree to distribute the Camp News & Flyers for the month I have selected above.
- I agree to pick-up the Camp News & Flyers by 5pm and deliver the same day/evening.
- I understand that failure to deliver camp news/flyers the same day will result in a penalty fee of $15.
- The Admin Office will not deliver camp news or flyers to my home or work, NO EXCEPTIONS!!
- I agree to have a working home phone or mobile number where I can be reached (Message phone or family phone will not be accepted).
- I understand if I cannot be reached by the number given for camp news & flyer delivery, the Admin Office will replace me without notice after several attempts to contact me.
- I understand that it's my responsibility to pick-up camp news & flyers, the admin office will not hold or give the camp news/flyers to anyone but you or your parent/guardian.
- I understand that the camp news/flyers must be inserted into the white boxes provided by Housing.
- I understand that there will be no deliveries to a home with vicious or loose dog(s).
- I shall not hold the RSIC responsible for any claims of injury, damage, and/or dog bites incurred by the person while delivering the Camp news and flyers.
- I understand that no one under the age of 13 will be allowed to deliver without an adult present.
- I understand that if the Admin Office receives several complaints, I will be removed w/o warning and I will not be eligible to deliver until the following year.
- I understand I may only sign-up for camp news & flyer delivery twice within a year.
- I understand that family residing in the same household is only permitted to sign-up twice within the same year (this includes; wife, husband, child/ren or anyone else who resides in the home)

Date: ___________________________ Print: ___________________________ Sign: ___________________________

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Month Assigned: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________

Approved by: ___________________________ Community: ___________________________

REVISED 06/02/2021
Teen Group
13-17 year olds
Group is for those who:
- Feel “upset” or “bad” and don’t know why
- Feel like you are on an emotional rollercoaster
- Seem to dwell on the negative
- Feel alone or misunderstood
- Tend to worry excessively or seem anxious
- Having trouble communicating with family, peers, teachers

DBT Skills Group with
DR. LAURA NIELSEN
Mondays
From 4:00 – 5:30PM
Behavioral Health
(775) 329-5162 ext. 2014

COVID-19 Vaccines for Adults

COVID-19 is still around and there’s no way to know how it will affect you. It’s important to get vaccinated.

COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective, and can prevent serious illness, hospitalization, and death from COVID-19. It is recommended that all eligible ages stay up to date on their COVID-19 vaccines, which includes getting booster doses when eligible. The vaccines are your best protection against COVID-19.

COVID-19 Vaccines are Safe & Effective
As of July 2022, over half a billion doses of COVID-19 vaccines have been safely administered to adults, children, pregnant persons, and people with underlying health conditions in the United States. We know that COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective because they:
- Were developed using science that’s been around for decades
- Meet standards for safety, effectiveness, and quality
- Are the most monitored in history

Common Side Effects

Pain at Inoculation Site
Fever / Headache
Tiredness
Chills
Body aches
Nausea / Dizziness

NOTE: Severe side effects, such as blood clots, have been reported to occur and are taken extremely seriously by healthcare officials. Talk to your healthcare provider if you have questions.

To find a vaccine site near you:
Talk to your healthcare provider

Call 1-800-424-5586
Visit NHCAsHelpLine.org
Enter your Zip Code to find a vaccine site near you

COVID-19 Vaccine for Kids

There is no way to know how COVID-19 will affect your child, even if they do not have underlying health conditions. Just like adults, children can get very sick and experience long-term complications from COVID-19. The vaccines help prevent your child from getting very sick or being hospitalized from COVID-19.

Getting your child vaccinated against COVID-19 can provide you with greater confidence for them to participate in childcare, school, and other activities.

Things to Know

COVID-19 vaccines can be taken with other routine vaccines.
Children under 12 receive a smaller dose than teens and adults.
Children who had COVID-19 should still get vaccinated.

Common Side Effects
Hello! My name is Jaime Garcia. I grew up in Hungry Valley and worked as a medical assistant at RSTHC for 6 years! I recently became a licensed esthetician and I currently work at Humble Bee Sugaring Studio. I work out of a building called Sola Salons on Kietzke Lane. I offer hair removal with the ancient technique known as sugaring. I also shape, tint and wax brows. I also offer lash lifts. I absolutely love my job and enjoy what I do. If you are in need of my services or know of anyone, please come see me! If you have any questions, I’d be happy to answer them! Thank you and hope to see you all soon! - Jamie
COVID-19 VACCINE & BOOSTER INCENTIVE

$1000 1ST VACCINE SERIES
$500 FOR EACH ELIGIBLE BOOSTER
(MONOVALENT OR BIVALENT)

* MUST SUBMIT COMPLETE COVID-19 VACCINE RECORD CARD SHOWING ALL COVID-19 SHOTS

AVAILABLE TO:
RSIC TRIBAL MEMBERS OF ALL AGES
Please note: CDC approved boosters for ages 5+
Application Deadline is December 30, 2023

Schedule Your COVID-19 Vaccine Today!
RSTHC
1715 Kuenzli Street
Reno, Nv. 89502
Phone: 775-329-5162
RSTHC will advise which COVID-19 vaccines & boosters you're eligible for.

GET YOURSELF VACCINATED NOW FOR YOUR SAFETY AND OTHERS.
Download Application at: www.rsic.org
or Pick Up @ 34 Reservation Rd (Front Office)
Application Info: 775-329-2936 ext. 3257 or 3267
PEACEFUL MARCH
JANUARY 5, 2023
RENO, NV
FROM 8AM - 3PM

This Peaceful March is Grounded in Native American Spiritual Prayer
Come with a Clean Heart, Mind, Body & Spirit

8:00 am at
RSIC Smoke Shop 2
901 Golden Lane

1.6 miles

10:00 am at
Bruce R. Thompson Courthouse
400 S Virginia St.
Peaceful demonstration 10am-3pm

Oral arguments will be heard on January 5th regarding the Thacker Pass
Litigation Case.

LET'S DEMONSTRATE OUR SOLIDARITY TO
PROTECT PEEHEE MU’HUH/THACKER PASS

Plan accordingly for weather. Watch your food, warm drink & water intake.
Lunch & warm drinks will be provided.

Contact:
Michon (775) 785-1326
Bethany (775) 842-2902

Sign Making Event on January 3,
2023 from 6-8pm at Reno PLAN
Office: 1475 Terminal Way Suite C2

Progressive Leadership Alliance of Nevada
www.planevada.org
(504) 400-3113

Great Basin
Resource Watch
(775) 741-1931

People of
Red Mountain
peopleofredmountain@gmail.com