RENO, NV) On June 20, 2023, the RSIC Education Department celebrated our high school graduates, the Class of 2023. The Education Department held a Graduation Ceremony event at the Reno Colony Gym where we celebrated the High School graduates and acknowledged the Higher Education / College graduates and students promoting grade levels.

During the event, the High School graduates were presented with a Pendleton Blanket and graduation basket with items donated from other departments including Tribal Council, Human Resources, the IT Department, Legal, Enrollment, Seniors, and Planning. The RSIC Eagle Wings and RSIC Powwow Dance Groups also performed to honor graduating students. It was a wonderful evening with our community.

The Education Department was excited to hold an in-person event this year.

Congratulations to our Graduates! Thank you to all who attended this special celebration!

More photos on pages 18-19
2023 RSIC HUNGRY VALLEY COMMUNITY

CLEANUP DAY

HUNGRY VALLEY DATE CHANGE
FRIDAY, JULY 14th
8AM - 12PM

GET YOUR HOME READY!!!!

CANNOT PICK UP: TV’S, TIRES, OIL, REFRIGERATORS, MICROWAVES, ETC...

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
Call 775-785-1363 or email cstowell@rsic.org

BBQ LUNCHEON WILL BE PROVIDED BY RSIC PUBLIC WORKS

NOTICE DATE CHANGE!!!
Friday, JULY 14th

SENIOR/ELDER HOMES WILL BE A PRIORITY,
TO REQUEST AN ELDER HOME FOR CLEANUP
PLEASE CALL 775 329-2936

*Do you have an unwanted/abandoned vehicle at your residence?
Take advantage of RSIC’s FREE Abandoned Vehicle Rescue Program.
Call 775-785-1363 for more info.

DEADLINE TO REQUEST HUNGRY VALLEY
ELDER HOME FOR CLEANUP IS
WEDNESDAY JULY 12 AT 4PM
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.

4 4th of July HOLIDAY
7 Native American Heritage Night @ SF Giants
10 Head Start Enrollment Deadline at 4pm
11 Building Code Work Group Meeting 2pm
10-21 RSIC Education Summer Tutoring @ Reno 9am-11am
11 HV RSIC Ed. Summer Tutoring 9:30am-11:30pm
12 Tribal Council General Meeting, 6pm @ Reno Multipurpose Room (34 Res Rd)
14 NOTICE OF DATE CHANGE: Hungry Valley Community Cleanup, Friday July 14th, 8am-12pm. Looking for Volunteers at 775-785-1363
17-21 RSTHC Back to School Sports Physicals Well Child Check-ups, vaccinations, Optometry Exams, Dental Checks School Supplies
18 Food Bank of Northern Nevada HV 2:30—3:300
19 25 RSIC Commodity Distribution
19 Community First Aid & CPR Training RSTHC 5:30pm— 8:30pm
18 RSTHC Blood Drive 10am-1pm Conference Room
25 Commodity Food Distribution 34 Reservation Rd. Admin Bldg. 8am-11:45am
25 HV RSIC Ed. Summer Tutoring 9:30am-11:30pm
26 Tribal Council Economic Development Meeting / Colony Enterprise Authority / Enrollment Meetings, 6pm @ Reno Multipurpose Room (34 Res Rd)
28 Randy Melendez Memorial 4th Annual All-Native High School All Star Basketball Showcase Game, 5pm at Reno Gym. Aug 1- HV RSIC Ed. Summer Tutoring 9:30am-11:30pm

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.
- RSIC Tribal Elections Saturday Nov. 4, 2023 7am—7pm
- SAVE THE DATE: Numaga Indian Days Powwow & Handgames, Labor Day Weekend, September 1-3, 2023 at the Hungry Valley Powwow Grounds. More info, powwow@rsic.org or call 775-294-1740 or 775-399-2177.

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

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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Celebrated the last Monday in May, Memorial Day is the holiday set aside to pay tribute to those who died serving in the military.

The website for the United States Department of Veterans Affairs recounts the start of Memorial Day this way:

“Three years after the Civil War ended, on May 5, 1868, the head of an organization of Union veterans – the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) – established Decoration Day as a time for the nation to decorate the graves of the war dead with flowers. Maj. Gen. John A. Logan declared that Decoration Day should be observed on May 30. It is believed that date was chosen because flowers would be in bloom all over the country.”

Native Americans have served in the U.S. military in every major conflict since the American Revolution. It goes without saying that their efforts and histories of distinguished services should be recognized.

Today, there are more than an estimated 140,000 Native American veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces. Native women continue to serve at the highest per capita rates in the country.

During World War II, over 44,000 Native Americans served, including nearly 800 women. Grandma Beatrice Thayer, RSIC Tribal Member, is one of those World War II Women Veterans.

Since September 11th, almost 19% of all Native Americans have served in the Armed Forces—in comparison to an average of 14% of all other ethnicities.

On May 29, 2023, Chairman Arlan D. Melendez, a Vietnam War Veteran, provided a Dedication ceremony. We remembered and honored all RSIC & Native American Veterans, past and present, at Reno Mountain View Cemetery and the Hungry Valley Cemetery.
JOIN US IN-PERSON OR VIRTUAL zoom

Tribal Council Meetings

GENERAL COUNCIL MEETINGS
WEDNESDAYS | 6PM

* July 12, 2023
* August 16, 2023
* September 13, 2023
* October 11, 2023
* November 15, 2023
* December 13, 2023

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/ COLONY ENTERPRISE MEETINGS
WEDNESDAYS | 6PM

* July 26, 2023
* August 30, 2023
* September 27, 2023
* October 25, 2023
* November 29, 2023
* No December Meeting

RSIC Tribal Council: Top Row (left to right): Toby Stump, Anthony Abbie, Chairman Arlan D. Melendez, Jerrold Wyatt; Bottom Row: Vice-Chairman Verna J. Nuno, Nida Harjo, Treasurer Robin M. Eagle, Jennifer Katenay, & Secretary Marlene Yarrow

Reno Multipurpose Room
34 Reservation Road
Reno, NV 89502

PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY at General Council Meetings only. July’s General Council Meeting, 7/12/23. 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.

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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For the month of June we honored our Fathers, Brothers and Uncles that all take a roll in taking care of our children with a display at 34 Reservation Road. Thank you to the RSIC Employees and RSIC Community for submitting your photos.

*Taryn Cloud Courtesy of Tanya Hernandez

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**TAKING A LOOK BACK IN TIME**

Fallon Rodeo 1984: The Fallon All-Indian Rodeo drew in 218 cowboys from Washington, Oregon Idaho, Utah California, New Mexico Arizona and Nevada. *Photo Courtesy of: The Native Nevadan VOL. XXI, No 6 August 1984

The calf scramble was a riot with kids running everywhere—until they got smart.

There’s a calf in there somewhere.

Any questions or more information on our Collections contact:
Lydia Morris-Archives Tech.: lmorris@rsic.org
Emily Bowman-Archives Tech.: ebowman@rsic.org
Phone: 775-785-1335
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Reno, NV 89502

Phone: 775-329-5162

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Download Application at: www.rsic.org
or Pick Up @ 34 Reservation Rd (Front Office)

Application Info: 775-329-2936 ext. 3257 or 3267

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RSIC and N.N Food Bank Summer Food Program

Starting Date: Tuesday, June 20, 2023
Ending Date: Friday, August 11, 2023
Times: 11:30 am – 12:30 pm

2 Locations to Serve You

RSIC Colony Tutoring Room
Hungry Valley Tutoring Room

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact
Reno Education Manager Julie Bryant @ 775-329-6114

RSIC Reno Education Building Tutoring will be held weekdays, 9am-11am, from July 10th to the 21st
If you have any questions, please contact Lynette Sam at lsam@rsic.org, Reiko Arakaki at rarakaki@rsic.org, or Faith Hernandez at jhernandez@rsic.org

RSIC Education

SUMMER tutoring

2023 Reno Education Building FROM 9AM-11AM

10 JUL ORIGAMI DAY
11 JUL ORIGAMI CONT.
12 JUL PLANTING DAY
13 JUL WORM DAY
14 JUL WELLNESS DAY
17 JUL PAINTING DAY
18 JUL CATAPULT DAY
19 JUL BOTTLE ROCKETS
20 JUL EGG DROP CHALLENGE
21 JUL BRIDGE BUILDING

27 JUN BOTTLE ROCKETS
11 JUL CATAPULT DAY
25 JUL EGG DROP CHALLENGE
01 Aug BRIDGE BUILDING

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT LYNETTE SAM AT LSAM@RSIC.ORG, REIKO ARAKAKI AT RARAKAKI@RSIC.ORG, OR FAITH HERNANDEZ AT JHERNANDEZ@RSIC.ORG

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT LOGAN MILLER AT LMILLER@RSIC.ORG, NICOLE MANDOEL AT NMANDOEL@RSIC.ORG, OR LIZETT ABRIAGA AT LABRIAGA@RSIC.ORG
The National UNITY Conference, is a five-day youth-led event to be held this year, June 29, July 3 2023, in Washington D.C., and is expected to welcome approximately 2,500 Native youth and advisors. The conference encompasses a range of activities including general sessions, regional caucuses, workshops, a career/education fair, and enjoyable evening events. Its primary objective is to provide hands-on leadership development opportunities, and it serves as the venue for the National UNITY Council's elections and annual business meeting. The conference promotes and values the voices of Native youth, encouraging them to express themselves. All activities are meticulously planned with safety as a top priority. RSIC’s UNITY Youth Council is scheduled to do a presentation on Protect Thacker Pass: Where our Ancestors Were Massacred. You Can’t Mine Your Way Out Of A Climate Crisis! We are very proud of these young leaders.
ARTOWN CULTURAL CONNECTIONS NATIVE AMERICAN CELEBRATION: PURA FE’ AND CARY MORIN OPENING ARTISTS THE MAN KILLERS

Pura Fe (Tucson, Arizona) is an Indigenous activist, singer-songwriter, and storyteller known for her distinct, soulful vocals and her passion for bringing life into several musical genres. Her work as a musician has brought her around the world to do work at festivals, benefits, in classrooms, online, and in the studio. As a Native activist and cultural leader, she has done work to combat the erasure of Native culture, restore traditions, build community, fight corporate takeover of native land, and give a voice to those facing social injustice. As the founding member of the internationally renowned Native Women’s collective Unita, Pura Fe helped to create a movement throughout Indian Country, which not only empowered Native Women’s hand drum and harmony, but also built a bridge for Native music into the mainstream music scene. Unita’s unique fusion of Seventies music, cultural roots, and message has left its mark. Unita has recorded music for soundtracks, television commercials, has had platinum sales in Italy, and appeared at several events for the benefit of Indigenous Peoples and the environment. Described as “one of the best acoustic pickers on the scene today,” Pura Fe brings together the great musical traditions of America like no other. With self-taught guitar and vocals that alternately convey melodic elation and gritty world-weariness, Morris crafts an inviolable style often characterized as reeds-infused Native Americans.

EVENT DETAILS
Phone: 775.322.1538
Admission: Free
Food & beverage available
Rated: G - General Audience
More info: artown.org

Wingfield Park
2 S. Arlington Ave.
Reno, NV 89501

EVENT SCHEDULE
July 19: 7:30pm - 9pm
Gate/Door Time: 5pm

Sponsors
IGT, Waste Management, Reno Sparks Indian Colony, J Resort, Renew Health

Thanks to our sponsors:

ARTOWN ARTISTS MEET AUDIENCES: RSIC AND NMA PRESENT RUMBLE: THE INDIANS WHO ROCKED THE WORLD, WITH SPECIAL GUEST PURA FE

This revelatory documentary brings to light the profound and overlooked influence of Indigenous people on popular music in North America. Focusing on music icons like Link Wray, Jimi Hendrix, Buffy Sainte-Marie, Taboo (The Black Eyed Peas), Charley Patton, Mildred Bailey, Jesse Ed Davis, Robbie Robertson, and Randy Castillo, showing how these pioneering Native American musicians helped shape the soundtracks of our lives. Run time: 102 minutes. Presented in partnership with the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony. *** Special guest Pura Fe will be making an appearance ahead of their Cultural Connections performance, and will be joined by local Native musicians and dancers.""

EVENT DETAILS
Phone: 775.322.1538
Admission: Free
Rated: PG - Parental Guidance Suggested
More info: https://www.rumbleforsocie.com

Nevada Museum of Art
160 W. Liberty St.
Reno, NV 89501

EVENT SCHEDULE
July 18: 4pm - 8pm
Gate/Door Time: 5:30pm

Help Us Protect Thacker Pass / PeeHee Mu’Huh:
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More info at www.rsic.org or www.protectthackerpass.org

Presented by Reno-Sparks Indian Colony UNITY
Reno Rodeo
Cattle Drive 2023:
More than 300 steers make their way through Hungry Valley
(Hungry Valley, NV) - For five days leading up to the Reno Rodeo, up to 60 guests join a team of volunteer cowboys to drive 300 head of rodeo steers from Doyle, Calif. to Reno, Nev. With a special 1-night stay on the lands of the RSIC Hungry Valley Community. This year the Cattle Drive came through Hungry Valley on June 14-15, 2023.

Nights spent on Cattle Drive include gathering around the campfire singing songs, sharing cowboy poetry and forging memories that will last a lifetime. Guests travel from around the world to partake in this authentic slice of buckaroo life, many of whom return year after year.

For many, the Reno Rodeo Cattle Drive is more than a vacation; it’s a paradigm shift, a chance to see the world through the lens of a true-blue cowboy. The completion of the Reno Rodeo Cattle Drive marks the official start of the “Wildest Richest Rodeo in the West.”

RSIC is proud of this partnership.
At the July 12th General Meeting of the Tribal Council, the Regional Transportation Commission of Washoe County will provide a presentation on the Mill Street Capacity and Safety Project. This project will improve safety for pedestrian and bicyclists and will include the installation of a new traffic signal at the intersection of Mill Street and Golden Lane. Below are the main features of this project:

1. A new traffic signal will be installed at Mill Street and Golden Lane. The existing pedestrian island installed at Golden and Mill will be removed for the new traffic signal.

2. Louise Street and Redwood Place will be closed and an extension of Golden Lane will be created along with the new four-way intersection.

3. Bicycle lanes will be installed on both sides of Mill Street.

4. A raised median will be installed to prevent vehicle turning conflicts and Reservation Road will become a right-in/right out intersection.

5. A new traffic lane will be added for eastbound traffic on Mill Street. RTC will be acquiring additional ROW from properties on the south side of Mill for this purpose.

The project is in final design and construction is expected to start in 2025. For any questions on the Mill Street Capacity and Safety Project, please contact the Planning and Community Development Department at 775-785-1363 or cstowell@rsic.org.
Reno Sparks Tribal Health Center

WHAT IS PRC?

All care provided at the Reno Spark 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

IMPORTANT

We want to ensure our patients receive a high-level of care, customer service and overall experience at The Reno Sparks Tribal Health Center. Please make sure your contact information is current, so our staff are able to get in contact with you for the following needs:

- Appointment reminders
- Rescheduling appointments
- Referral updates
- Patient Care information & Test Results
- General updates/weather closures

Update with Patient Registration

UPDATE - EMERGENCY ROOM AND AFTER-HOURS CARE

Emergency Room visits are for emergencies only and using it inappropriately for routine health care and other non-emergent needs can result in possible denial of payment by RSTHC Purchased and Referred Care (PRC).

Please remember to notify our Purchased Referred Care staff within 72 hours after an Emergency Room or after-hours Urgent Care visit. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have questions, we are here to support you!

Purchased and Referred Care
775-329-5162

Tia Scott, PRC Clerk, ext 2002
Felicia Johnson, PRC Clerk, ext 1917
Building Code Working Group

We need 2-3 Community Members for a Building Code working group!

First meeting:  
July 12th @ 2:00 p.m.  
Meeting once a month.

To volunteer or for more info:  
Email Candace Stowell:  
cstowell@rsic.org

Call:  
775-785-1363  
Extension - 5409
RSIC met with US Attorney Frierson to discuss crimes and prosecution on tribal lands, and how to better work together to provide justice to victims and instill safety in our community.


Apply NOW for the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Head Start Program!

The Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Head Start program is accepting applications for the 2023-2024 school year!

Enrollment deadline for completed applications is Monday, July 10th at 4:00 p.m.

Head Start offers early education services for low-income families with children aged 3-5. Children must be three by August 15th.

Head Start also provides:
- Nutritious breakfasts and lunches
- Kindergarten/school readiness skills
- Services provided to children with disabilities
- Language/Cultural Curriculum in all classrooms
- Transportation provided in Hungry Valley

For more information and to receive an application, please contact Tielynn Scott at tscott@rsic.org or at (775)785-1303 ext. 5130

"Aishe Zaa Memmo Eki"- Shoshone, "Peya mi legemme"- Paiute, "Mi we anaw win? Mihily"- Washoe

"It is good you all come.

As Christmas Distribution approaches, the Enrollment Office needs W-9's for any name changes, anyone who is turning the age of 18 by November 17, 2023, address changes, and any court documents pertaining to child custody.

The Enrollment office will accept emails, texts, and in-person drop off.

Call the office with any questions: 775-785-1306

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In July we will be declaring an emergency shortage of blood. This generally means we are at a 2-3 supply of blood for our hospitals. Hospitals in Northern Nevada use 150 pints of blood a day. 25% of our donated blood goes to cancer patients and their ongoing treatment. Your donation can save the life of a child fighting cancer, people that get into accidents, or mothers facing complications during their pregnancy. It’s blood on the shelf that save lives.

1. One blood donation can save up to three lives.

Your blood is composed of three key elements: blood cells, platelets, and plasma. Each of these components can be used to help a different patient. Red blood cells are a big help for surgery patients; platelets often go to cancer patients; and plasma is often used for trauma and burn patients.

2. There is no substitute for human blood.

We tend to assume there will be blood available when it is needed, but blood cannot be manufactured. It can only come from a person who donates it. Approximately 30,000 units of blood are used in the U.S. each day, and every 2 seconds, someone in the U.S. needs a blood transfusion. Blood shortages occur regularly and potentially can cause a delay in treatment for patients.

3. Donating blood is a volunteer activity that’s actually good for you.

It’s a great way to help your community and only takes about one hour of your time! Donating blood is one of the best gifts you can give to help patients and honor loved ones. It’s very personal, and you’ll feel amazing knowing that your donation has a direct impact on the life of a stranger in dire need. In fact, donating blood can work wonders for your mental health, too. Multiple studies reveal that helping others can reduce stress, improve your emotional well-being, reduce negative feelings and feelings of isolation, and give you a sense of belonging.

4. There’s always a need for blood donors.

One out of every 7 people who enters a hospital will need blood. And hospitals use more than 6,000 units of platelets and nearly 6,000 units of plasma daily. That means more than 10,000 people need to donate blood daily to meet patient need—yet only about 3% of Americans donate each year. As long as you are in good general health, weigh at least 110 pounds and are at least 16 years of age, you must meet eligibility requirements.

5. You’ll learn about your blood type... and more!

If you’ve ever wondered what blood type you are, donating blood is a great way to find out. You’ll also learn your cholesterol levels. Before every donation, you get a free mini-physical. A health care professional checks your pulse, blood pressure, and hemoglobin levels. Samples of your blood are tested for several diseases, including hepatitis B, hepatitis C, HIV, and Trypanosoma cruzi. This mini-physical can offer great insight into your health and potentially detect an underlying medical condition or health risk.

RSIC Farmer’s Market Coupon Book

Distribution begins June 13 - Tuesday
RSIC senior member or resident
Must be 60 years +
Senior Program client file must be up to date
Come to the Senior Center to sign up
One book per household
Must be a RSIC Senior Program Client
Income limits apply (Per household)
To sign up of for more information, call 775-785-1349

2023 Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP) Eligible Product List

Eligible Foods: Only fresh unprocessed locally grown fruits, vegetables, herbs and honey may be purchased with SFMNP coupons.

Non-Eligible Foods: eggs, butter baked goods, jams/jellies, salsa, nuts, flowers, potted herbs and potted vegetables, etc., are not authorized for purchase with SFMNP coupons

SFMNP Coupons are good at local and surrounding NV Farmer Market locations.

CONGRATULATIONS RSIC GRADUATES!

RSIC High School Graduates
- Aaryn Chavez
- Ayden Sampson
- Makayla Ondelacy
- Tokala Chasing Crow
- McKenzie Stump
- Triston O’Daye
- Tzaivi Melendez
- Angelice Smith
- Teanna Shaw
- Alonso Raudales
- Carolyn Sanchez
- Shayleen Malone
- Terrance Fellows
- Tristan Keo
- Macario Padilla
- Carlos Ortero Jr.
- Tyranny Thomas
- Justin Melendez
- Brina Chavez
- Isaiah Salas
- Lyndsie Mauwee

RSIC Higher Education Graduates
- Allex Abbie
- Glennys Tobey-Wasson
- Michael Acosta
- Joelle Coffman
- Jessica O’Daye
- Avory Wyatt
AVORY WYATT

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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.
Reminder: Activities are for RSIC Senior Program Clients
Farmers Market Coupon Books for Eligible Clients
RSIC’s COVID-19 Declaration of Emergency is Terminated!

Resolution No. 2023-RS-49

RESOLUTION OF THE
RENO-SPARKS TRIBAL COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony (“RSIC” or “Colony”) is as a Federally recognized Indian Tribe organized under Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934; (48 Stat. 984, 24 U.S.C. 476) 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 By Laws to, among other matters, to enact legislation for the purpose of safeguarding and promoting the peace, safety, and general welfare of the members of the Colony; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, RSIC Chairman Melendez, along with the President of the United States, declared an emergency pursuant to Sec. 501(6) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121-5207; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization (“WHO”) advised that the novel coronavirus caused COVID-19 virus was highly contagious, and spread through respiratory transmission, and direct and indirect contact with infected persons and surfaces; and

WHEREAS, in November 2020, the RSIC began distributing COVID-19 prevention supplies based on the WHO advisory that transmission occurs through both droplet and airborne transmission; and

WHEREAS, the number of COVID-19 cases has fallen dramatically since February 2022 and the number of hospitalizations related to COVID-19 has substantially declined; and

WHEREAS, through the combined efforts of the RSIC and other local government and health care providers, the Tribe is now prepared to effectively manage and treat COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, other governmental entities have ended their emergency declarations; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the RSIC Emergency Declaration regarding COVID-19 issued on March 13, 2020 is hereby terminated effective the date of adoption of this resolution. The following programs and policy are hereby lifted and/or ended:

- Return to Work Policy;
- Employee Mandatory Vaccine Policy;
• Administrative Leave and Pay for Employee COVID-19 cases;
• COVID-19 Quarantine Housing;
• Weekly Testing and Mask Mandate for those Unvaccinated Employees who had been granted a Request for Accommodation;
• Vaccination Booster Payments (ending 12/31/2023);
• Human Resource Workflow for COVID-19 Positive Testing and Reporting;
• All RSIC Personnel Policies specific to COVID-19 Testing and Reporting;
• Human Services COVID-19 food and financial support for RSIC members; and
• Unified Command established for COVID-19 Mitigation.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Reno-Sparks Tribal Council hereby authorizes the RSIC Tribal Chairman or his authorized designee to execute any and all required documents and take such further action as may be necessary to implement this Resolution.

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned Secretary of the Reno-Sparks Tribal Council, hereby certify that the Tribal Council, composed of nine (9) members, of whom five (5) constitutes a quorum, and of which nine (9) were present at a duly called meeting convened and held on the 14th day of June, 2023, and that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by a vote of seven (7) for, zero (0) against, and two (2) abstentions, pursuant to authority contained in the Constitution and Bylaws of the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony.

MARLENE YARROW, Secretary
Reno-Sparks Tribal Council
(Reno, NV) On June 24, 2023 the RSTHC held their 1st Annual Summer Health Fair. All RSTHC Departments each had their own booths to provide an opportunity for all Native Americans to learn more about their specific services. As well as outside agencies with services specifically for Native Americans.

It was a fun, family friendly event with DJ Black Pearl, Raffle Prizes, Natalie’s Indian Tacos, Ping Pow Poom Shaved Ice, and beadwork from Daras, Cherish, and Christy.

The mission of the Reno Sparks Tribal Health Center is to advance the physical, mental, social, and spiritual health of American Indians and Alaska Natives to the highest level. Under the provisions of a Title V Self-Governance Compact, The Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Title V Compact with the Indian Health Service allows the Reno Sparks Indian Colony to administer individual programs and services the IHS would otherwise provide.

The RSTHC’s dedicated team of highly-trained clinicians offer a wide range of services include: adult medicine, pediatrics, mental health services, basic laboratory services, comprehensive dental care for children and adults, substance abuse services, pharmacy, eye care, nutrition, diabetes care, home visitation and injury prevention services.

RSTHC is grateful to everyone to attended the 1st Annual Summer Health Fair.

To learn more about RSTHC, call 775-32-2936 or visit www.rsic.org
DUI CLASS
Level II, II-X, & III

- 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
- Develop a plan for changing your impaired driving behavior

**All in-person participants are required to wear a mask. Please call the following number to sign-up**
(775) 334-0989 or (775) 329-5162 ext 2010

ANGER MANAGEMENT
Tuesdays at 4:00 PM
Masks are mandatory for all in-person classes
Please call to sign up
775-334-0989 or 775-329-5162 extension 2010

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 CLASSES
Thursdays 4:00-5:30 PM
Masks are mandatory for all in-person classes
Please call to sign up
(775) 334-0989 or (775) 329-5162 ext. 2010

PATH TO A BETTER YOU
Substance Abuse Outpatient Group
-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
JOIN US FOR A

COOKING CLASS

JULY 18TH AT 6:00 PM

Contact Kristie Messerli, RD CDEES or Faye Floyd, Program Assistant to sign up @ 329-8162

FIRST AID & CPR
COMMUNITY TRAINING

Heartsaver courses prepare students for the most common types of first aid emergencies and equip them with CPR skills for adults, children & infants

Learn Lifesaving Skills
Join Us Today and Get Certified!

Wednesday, July 19th
5:30-8:30pm

Reno-Sparks Tribal Health Center
Must be an employee of RSIC or a patient of RSTHC
To Sign up, Call or Email Ceira 775-785-1354 ext. 2015
or Gina at 775-329-5162 x 1949
csampilson@rsic.org, gfeatherstone@rsicclinic.org

TE-MOAK TRIBE
SOCIAL POW-WOW

July 29, 2023
South Fork Arbor
Lee, Nevada

Nalyawi (handames) and Hubejo (Old Lady) Card Games will be allowed.
Come and enjoy the day by socializing and spending time with your friends, families and relatives!

HOST DRUM: GHOST CANYON
ALL DRUMS ARE WELCOME AND WILL BE GIVEN A DRUM PAY FOR THE DAY!

Sponsored by:
Te-Moak Tribe Training & Technical Assistant Program/Grant

VENDORS FOR ARTS & CRAFTS BOOTHS ARE WELCOME FREE OF CHARGE!

The Te-Moak Tribe supports all Native American artists and offers this opportunity for all Native American Artists to show and sell your art work.
** Please fill out a vendor form if you are planning to have a booth.**

Contact Information: Susan Zazueta
Te-Moak Tribe Administration Office
825 Railroad Street Elko, Nevada 89801
(775) 738-6111 or 775-777-6987 (cell)

**Vendor Forms can be picked up at the Te-Moak Tribe’s Administration Office at the address listed above or you can request one by email to you at this email address: temoakadm1994@outlook.com

THIS IS A SOCIAL POW-WOW ONLY!

TE-MOAK TRIBE OF WESTERN SHOSHONE

Te-Moak Tribe Social Pow-Wow
July 29, 2023
Art & Craft Vendor Application

Date: __________________________
Name: __________________________ Phone: __________________________
Address: __________________________ __________________________
Group/Business Name (If Applicable): __________________________
Signature of Vendor: __________________________

All Vendors must supply their own tables, chairs, and shade for their booth.

Deadline to receive Vendor Applications will be July 26, 2023. Any applications received after this date will not be allowed a spot.

Email your form back to Susan Zazueta at temoakadm1994@outlook.com. They can also be Mail or drop it off at the Te-Moak Administration Building at 825 Railroad Street, Elko, Nevada, 89801. Any questions please contact Susan Zazueta at 775-738-6111 or 775-777-6987 (cell)
**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

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**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
RSIC Abandoned Vehicle Rescue

Do you have unwanted, unloved, and downright grumpy old vehicles making a home in your yard?

We’d like to adopt them in an effort to find them a forever home!

If you happen to have more than one of these vehicles taking up space, it could be costly to you to let them stay with you instead of letting them go, which is the humane and eco-friendly thing to do.

If these vehicles don’t find loving homes, they face a rather unfortunate fate. They may end up towed away, which can result in significant fines and fees falling upon their previous owners. So, by rehoming your vehicles, you not only save yourself from potential headaches but also extend a helping hand to these unloved four-wheeled friends.

Ready to rehome? Please contact us before July 1, 2023 to take advantage of this free rehoming offer! Contact the RSIC Planning Department:

Call 775-785-1363

Or email:  smartell@rsic.org
Legal / Public / Job Announcements

Recruitment for committee / boards

Reno-Sparks Indian Colony
Senior Advisory Committee
Is seeking 2 new members

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 the Senior Center. 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. If you have questions, please contact Darlene Gardipe, Senior Program Manager at 775-758-1349.

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.

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.
Tri Basin Cultural Committee

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 APRIL 14, 2023.

All TBCC members must be enrolled members of the RSIC & abide by the RSIC Standing Rules for Committees & Advisory Boards and Statement of Confidentiality. TBCC members are required to attend 11 paid meetings ($75 per meeting) 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.
F.I.T.  
FUN INTERVAL TRAINING 
FITNESS CLASS

MONDAYS  
12:15-12:45PM

GET UP & GET MOVING...

Three Nations Wellness Center  
1715 Kunezzi Street Reno, NV 89502

Masks are required & please follow CDC guidelines.  
Call Walita for more info at 775-334-0936

KETTLEBELL CONDITIONING

Tuesdays  
12:15 - 12:45  
@ 3NWC

Questions? Contact Stacy or Christian at  
329-5162

Sponsored by the RSIC Diabetes Program

MARTIAL ARTS

IS BACK AT

TO SIGN UP:  
CALL 775-626-7577  
OR EMAIL  
EVOLUTIONMA.ACADEMY@GMAIL.COM

4048 SPARKS BLVD # 100  
SPARKS, NV 89436

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OPEN TO PATIENTS OF RSTHC  
ALL AGES

INCLUDES CLASSES,  
UNIFORMS, AND  
TESTING FEES

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- QUESTIONS -  
CALL 329-5162  
WALLIX1947 OR STACY X1945

the 2023 Diabetes Eyeglasses Program

Keep TWO Diabetic Checkups in RSTHC Medical in 2023 as well as your Annual Diabetic Eye Exam and you are eligible for eyeglasses through the RSTHC Diabetes Program.

Schedule your Diabetic Eye Exam directly through RSTHC Optometry  
329-5162

*Must use insurable vision insurance first, one pair of glasses per year

Questions? Call Stacy 329-5162 x 1945

Sponsored by the RSIC Diabetes Program
If you would like to report a student who is Truant

RSIC Truancy Officer,
Tanya Hernandez, has a new cell number 775-144-6228
the Truancy Officer can also be reached at 775-785-8775 ext. 9
RSIC’s Reno Community Cleanup Day!

On June 9, 2023, RSIC’s Public Works, Planning Department, Community and Employee Volunteers gathered and dumped over 100 cubic yards of trash. We thank all who participated, especially those who volunteered to cleanup elders’ homes. It was a successful event and we look forward to Hungry Valley’s Community Cleanup Day on Friday, July 14, 2023 from 8am-12pm. Volunteers are still needed. To sign up a Hungry Valley elder home for clean up, call 775-329-2936.
**Tribal Resolutions on Brain Health**

American Indian & Alaska Native Resource Center for Brain Health Webinar Series

Register Today!

Featuring:

Twila Martin Kehahlah, M.Ed; MFA (Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians)

Chandra Wilson, MSW, NPAIH (Klamath, Modoc, Yahoolkin Paiute)


**Traditional Native Foods & Brain Health**

American Indian & Alaska Native Resource Center for Brain Health Webinar Series

Register Today!

Featuring:

Heidi Robertson, MPH (Community Health Consulting, LLC)


**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

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(RENO, NV) — Lithium Nevada Corporation has filed a lawsuit against Protect Thacker Pass and seven people for opposing the Thacker Pass lithium mine.

The lawsuit is similar to what is called a “Strategic Lawsuit Against Public Participation,” or SLAPP suit, aimed at shutting down free speech and protest. The suit aims to ban the prayerful land defenders from the area and force them to pay monetary damages which could total millions of dollars.

“This lawsuit is targeting Native Americans and their allies for a non-violent prayer to protect the 1865 Thacker Pass massacre site,” said Terry Lodge, attorney working with the group. “These people took a moral stand in the form of civil disobedience. They are being unjustly targeted with sweeping charges that have little relationship to the truth, and we will vigorously defend them.”

The lawsuit targets Dean Barlese, respected elder and spiritual leader from the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, Dorece Sam from the Fort McDermitt Paiute-Shoshone Tribe, Bhie-Cie Zahn-Nahtzu (Te-Moak Shoshone and Washoe Tribes, enrolled member of the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony), Bethany Sam from the Standing Rock Sioux and Kutzadika’a Paiute Tribes, Founding Director of Community Rights US Paul Cienfuegos, and Max Wilbert and Will Falk of Protect Thacker Pass, which is also named in the suit.

They are charged with Civil Conspiracy, Nuisance, Trespass, Tortious Interference with Contractual Relations, Tortious Interference with Prospective Economic Advantage, and Unjust Enrichment.

As part of the lawsuit, Lithium Nevada has been granted a Temporary Restraining Order which restricts the defendants and “any third party acting in concert” with them from interfering with construction, blocking access roads, or even being in the area. The accused parties are not involved in planning further protest activity at the mine site.

Regardless, these allegations are alarming to the Great Basin Native American communities who believe their religious practices are protected by the American Indian Religious Freedom Act of 1978. The lawsuit’s language places fear in the hearts of Native American people who want to pray and visit their ancestors’ gravesites.

The case references instances of non-violent prayer and protest that took place on April 25th, and a prayer camp named after Ox Sam (survivor of the 1865 massacre and ancestor of Dorece Sam and Dean Barlese) which was established at Thacker Pass on May 11th. On June 8th, that camp was raided and dismantled by police. One young...
indigenous woman was arrested and transported to jail inside a pitch-black box. In the aftermath of the raid, a ceremonial fire was extinguished, sacred objects were put in trash bags, and tipi poles were broken.

The American Indian Religious Freedom Act states that it is “the policy of the United States to protect and preserve for American Indians their inherent right of freedom to believe, express, and exercise the traditional religion of the American Indian…including…access to sites.”

**Dorece Sam, President of the Native American Church of the State of Nevada:**

“I take my grandkids to Peehee Mu’uh to teach them to pray for our unburied ancestors whose remains are scattered there, to collect our holy plants, to hunt and fish, and to collect medicinal herbs. The ancestors who were killed at Thacker Pass have never been given the proper prayers for their spirits. Lithium Nevada is desecrating our unceded lands and our ancestors’ resting places.”

**Dean Barlese, respected elder**

“ Imagine seeing children, elders, and women with their bellies purposefully cut open and their intestines scattered across the desert at Thacker Pass after the September 12, 1865 Paiute-Shoshone Massacre by the U.S. Cal-

and spiritual leader from the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe:

“The Indian wars are continuing in 2023, right here. America and the corporations who control it should have finished off the ethnic genocide, because we’re still here. My great-great-grandfather fought for this land in the Snake War and we will continue to defend the sacred. Lithium Nevada is a greedy corporation telling green lies.”

**Bethany Sam:**

“**Lithium Nevada is a greedy corporation on the wrong side of history when it comes to environmental racism and desecration of sacred sites. It’s ironic to me that I’m the trespasser because I want to see my ancestral land preserved.”**

**Paul Cienfuegos:**

“**“Virtually every single accusation against us is a lie, and of course the corporation’s leaders know this. But our actions have scared”**

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Reno-Sparks Indian Colony
2023 Tribal Elections
Saturday November 4, 2023
Polling Times
7:00 A.M. - 7:00 P.M.

New voters must turn 18 yrs. of age by election day to be eligible to vote

Place your vote for your next generation of leaders.
4 - Council seats & the Chairman seat will be up for election

Polling Locations

Reno
Tribal Administration Building
34 Reservation Road
Reno, Nevada 89502

Hungry Valley
Hungry Valley Gymnasium
9055 Eagle Canyon Drive
Sparks, Nevada 89441

IMPORTANT
All registered voters please contact the RSIC enrollment department if you have a change of information.

Contact: Jessica Castillo, Enrollment Officer
P: (775) 785-1306 | 34 Reservation Rd., Reno, NV 89502
them, so they are lashing out against classic nonviolent direct-action tactics. And this is yet another prime example of why we need to dismantle the structures of law that grant so many so-called constitutional ‘rights’ to business corporations, like access to the courts.”

Max Wilbert, Protect Thacker Pass:

“Around the world, a land defender is killed every two days. Murdering activists is hard to get away with in the United States, so corporations do this instead. This lawsuit is aimed at destroying the lives of people nonviolently defending the land. But we’re not giving up. There are millions of people opposing this mine, and this fight will continue.”

Will Falk:

“I’ve been involved in directly petitioning the courts for two years to enforce tribal rights to consultation without success. Now Paiutes and Shoshones are being sued for peacefully defending the final resting places of their massacred ancestors. Lithium Nevada is just another mining corporation bullying Native Americans once again. This pattern has got to stop.”

Lithium Nevada corporation has been locked in legal battles since 2021, when four environmental groups, a local rancher, and several tribes sued the Federal Government to attempt to overturn the permits for the mine. The suits allege failures of consultation, violation of endangered species law and water laws, and dozens of other infractions. The most recent filing in an ongoing Federal Court case brought by three local tribes was filed on Friday, arguing that Lithium Nevada needs to halt construction while it consults with tribes about the Thacker Pass massacre sites. The 9th Circuit Court of Appeals in California will hear oral arguments in other cases later this month.

The news comes as Lithium Nevada’s parent corporation, Lithium Americas, has been implicated in four alleged human rights violations and environmental crimes related to their lithium mining operation in Cauchari-Oloroz, Argentina.

The defendants are seeking attorneys to join the legal defense team, and monetary donations to their legal defense fund. You can donate via credit or debit card, PayPal (please include a note that your donation is for Thacker Pass legal defense) at www.protectthackerpass.org.
RSIC RECREATION
PRESENTS
ALL NATIVE HIGH SCHOOL
ALL STAR SHOWCASE
RANDY MELENDEZ MEMORIAL

July 28, 2023
RENO SPARKS INDIAN COLONY GYM
34 RESERVATION RD.
RENO, NEVADA
DOORS OPEN 5:00PM - TICKET: $5 - SENIORS FREE
BOYS GAME: 6PM & GIRLS GAME 7:30PM

NATIVE AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL
THE MOST ELITE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT IN NEVADA